



General Assembly

Europäische Gesellschaft für Herbologie
European Weed Research Society
Société Européenne de Malherbologie

EWRS Secretary

Dr. Lammert Bastiaans

Ref.: **Minutes** of the
46th EWRS General Assembly 2019

At: **Hotel Casa, Amsterdam, the Netherlands**

On: **Sunday, June 30, 2019, 16.15-17.00**

Board members present: Neve, Salonen, Post, Mennan, Ulber, Cirujeda, Bastiaans

GA-46.1 Opening by the President
Neve opens the meeting and welcomes everyone.

GA-46.2 Report of the Board

- Neve reports on the status of the new web-site that is under construction (CPU, Ede, the Netherlands) and the appointment of a communication officer (Camilla Moonen). They have made a good start.
- Neve mentions that the Board has decided to propose an Honorary membership to Jon Marshall, the former Editor in Chief, as a recognition for his great contribution to the Society, his Editorship and the many courses he provided on scientific writing. The proposal is unanimously accepted by the General Assembly. Jon will be informed and asked for a suitable moment to more officially grant him the Honorary Membership.

GA-46.3 Report of the Scientific Committee

- Mennan, the scientific secretary, provided information on the scheduled activities of the various Working Groups and on the developments regarding the EWRS-Symposium 2021 in Athens.
- Working Group activities
There are a lot of activities and meetings scheduled for the upcoming year. EWRS will also be represented at the IWSS in Bangkok. Subsidies are made available to early career scientists. Two courses, organized by the EWRS, will be provided in connection to the IWSC.
- Some of the Task Forces are closed, since their mission has been completed (e.g. revitalising the EWRS-conference and communication). The TF on visibility is still active and the TF on education is transformed into a Working group, that will be led by Lena Ulber.
- The organisation of the EWRS-Congress in Athens-2012 has started. Salonen (Vice-president) and Mennan (Scientific Secretary) have visited the location and the local organizing committee.

GA-46.4**Report of the Treasurer**

- Post, the Treasurer of the Society, presents the Society Financial Report 2018. The income, mainly composed of the journal Weed Research and the membership fee, exceeded the expenses, resulting in a positive result of € 1613. An amount of € 21.316 was transferred to the Foundation, otherwise this positive result would have been even larger.
- The Foundation balance reduced from € 736.720 to € 727.014. This negative result was mainly due to a value decrease of the portfolio. This is only temporarily and the situation in fact has already recovered (June 2019). Over a longer period, the anticipated profit is around 3.2% per year. However, this result is fluctuating from year to year.
- After Voting the Society Financial Report 2018 was accepted.
- Finally, Post presented the Society Budget for 2020. The General Assembly approves the budget and approved that the membership Fee is not increased and is kept at the same level.

GA-46.5**Report of the Membership Officer**

- The total membership on June 2019 is 447. Members who cancel their membership will be contacted and asked to provide feedback on their experiences with the Society and the reason for cancellation of the Membership.
- The EWRS privacy policy will be put on the website. When members visit the new website for the first time, they will be asked to read the policy and approve it.

GA-46.6**Report of the Editor of Weed Research**

For the time being, Neve replaces Hatcher. We are looking for a new Chairman of the Editorial Board. Alison Haughton is installed as the new Editor in Chief. She is taking over from Jon Marshall.

GA-46.7**Any other Business**

Neve thanks Ulber, Rueegg and Gerowitt, who will step down as Board members at the end of the year, for their commitment and contribution to the Society. Ulber mentions she enjoyed the period and looks forward to her new contribution to the Society, as the new leader of the WG Education and Training.

Curijeda mentions that she was invited to an event on edible weeds. They had produced nice t-shirts. She proposes that the Society could also do more on marketing, to increase the visibility of the Society. This might already be relevant for Bangkok.

GA-46.8**Next General Assembly**

- 47th General Assembly 2020
Proposed to organise this in April in conjunction with the WG meeting in Ede, the Netherlands.

GA-46.9**Closing**

Neve closes the meeting and thanks the members for their attendance.