



The European Association
of Fisheries Economists

MINUTES OF THE VIIIth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Rosas, Spain.
2nd April 1996.**

Present

Mr. P Rodgers	President
Mr. O. Flaaten	Vice-President
Mrs Z. Bakela	Secretary
Dr. J. P Hillis	Rapporteur (latter part of meeting)
Mr. W. P. Davidse	Acting Rapporteur.

and about 35 members and associate members

Owing to delayed arrival of the Rapporteur, Mr. W P. Davidse kindly agreed to act in that capacity for the meeting and this was accepted.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were read. In discussion, Mr. Rodgers referred to the remark of Mr Spagnolo during the last meeting as to the need for regular publication of the Bulletin twice yearly. He also stated that he would heartily welcome ideas and offers for contributions to the Bulletin. A reference to the remarks of Mr. Bailly and Mr. Dunn regarding individual membership should be omitted as it in fact applied only to corporate membership. The minutes were agreed and signed by the President.

Matters arising from the Minutes

Mr Schmidt stressed that the Association should evaluate progress with respect to the registration of the EAFE, as to whether it should remain under the French Law or change to EU registration Mr. Bailly stated that this was not an urgent The minutes are most important for EAFE in this respect Mr. Rodgers concluded that this issue must be considered and offered to provide a report for next year's meeting.

Mr. Muir made a plea for a five years' programme for EAFE (a point which had been raised by Mr. Carlton at the previous AGM) Mr. Rodgers answered that the Association has a three year tenure of office rule for officers.

Mr. Bailly announced that the next EAFE Conference would be organised by the Brest University and the Economic School of Rennes and requested leave to delete his name as an organiser.

Mr. Schmidt asked for a clear structure of the AGM in advance of the Conference

Presidential address

Mr. Rodgers stated that efforts would be made to stimulate corporate membership and therefore the documentation of the EAFE would have to be improved. The first economic report of the EAFE had been an important step in this respect and more information will be provided in the ensuing reports. The EAFE identity can also be enhanced by the holding of workshops and Mr. Rodgers mentioned three workshops (in Greece on Aquaculture, and at Rennes and Edinburgh) held last year to attract industry representatives.

Treasurer's report

The cash receipts of EAFE exceeded the payments in 1995 so that a surplus remained. The publication of only one Bulletin was one reason and another was that payments were effected later than in previous years.

Professor R. Franquesa stressed that conference fees should be paid in local currency. The ECU amount could be added in brackets. Mr. Rodgers pointed out that Hans Frost had negotiated an arrangement for the membership fee to be paid in one's own currency, though the amount is defined in ECU. Payment by Visa card is not desirable, since bankcharges are high. Mr. Muir made a plea for a future fee of 100 ECU.

Mr. Flaaten explained that the accounts of the EAFE are included in the auditing of the accounts of Sydjsk University and that the financial statement of EAFE presented no problems.

Mr. Muir asked for an annual financial budget Mr. Rodgers answered that there was now a three years' plan, but it was not available due to last half years' absence of Mr. Vestergaard in the USA. The Treasurer undertook to provide an annual budget next year.

There were no objections to the accounts of 1995 and Mr. Rodgers concluded that the financial report was approved by the general meeting.

Election of officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President	P. Rodgers	C.S Schmidt	W. Smit
Vice-President	O. Flaaten	P. Rodgers	
Treasurer	H. Jorgensen	P. Rodgers	
Secretary	Z. Bakela	P. Rodgers	
Rapporteur	J.P. Hillis	P. Rodgers	W. Davidse

All the candidates were elected.

Future conferences

Mr. O Flaaten explained that as the 1998 IIFETT conference would be held in Tromso which would make it difficult to hold the 1999 EAFE conference and annual general meeting there.

Mr. Bailey gave some information on the 1997 EAFE annual conference and general meeting in Brittany. he stated that the conference is planned for end of March/April 1997 in the small historic city of Quimper, in the Finisterre area of Brittany. There will be a scientific review of papers and abstracts should be sent in early. It will be a three day conference with excursions to a main fishing port.

Subjects of the conference will be:

- Regulation of access to resources and conflicts of users
- Market aspects of seafood products
- Aquaculture and fishing activities in coastal zone management

Finally, two announcements were made on future workshops. one to be held in Athens on coastal zone management and on bio-economic modelling in Edinburgh on 23-24 September 1996.

Any other business

Mr. Rodgers stressed the need for an annual economic report. The EAFE has a Conservation and Management Standing Commission which could stimulate the writing of an annual economic report under the pressure of a workshop. Mr. Schmidt emphasised a proposal for a concerted Action by Mr. Knud Munk of the EU Commission that includes some form of economic report. Professor Franquesa commented that this proposal regarded the evaluation of management system rather than the economic state of the fisheries. Mr Rodgers explained that the economic report intended to describe the state of a fishery, whereas a concerted action ought to go deeper. The EAFE is very suited for

the making of an economic report since it is a broad organisation. Mr. Hillis made a plea for a long term approach in an economic report by discounting benefits of different future scenario's Mr. Rodgers concluded that it was reasonable for different groups to try to compose economic reports on EU fisheries, and there might be some competition. To move forward on this subject is more important.

Mr , Bailly gave information on a financial economic textbook, to be published in the autumn of 1996. Comments on it are welcome and will be possibly included in the second edition.

The President thanked the representatives of the Cofradias of Rosas who hosted the Annual General Meeting and all those present for their participation and he closed the meeting

J. P. Hillis,
Rapporteur

Philip E. Rodgers,
President.