



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR MILITARY ETHICS IN EUROPE (EURO-ISME)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

HELD AT THE INFANTRY ACADEMY, TOLEDO, SPAIN

ON TUESDAY, 15 MAY 2018

A list of members attending is at Annex A

AGENDA

- 1 **Opening / Ouverture / Beginn at/à/um 1645hrs,**
Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'Ordre du Jour / Annahme der Tagesordnung
Designation of election scrutineers / désignation d'une commission / Einsetzung einer Wahlkommission
- 2 **(Re)Election of Members of the Board of Directors**
(Ré-)Election des Membres du Conseil de Direction
(Wieder-)Wahl der Mitglieder des erweiterten Vorstands
- 3 **Report of the Board / Rapport du Bureau / Geschäftsbericht des Vorstands.**
- 4 **Report of the Treasurer / Rapport du Trésorier / Bericht des Schatzmeisters**
- 5 **Announcement of the results of the elections**
Annonce des résultats des élections
Bekanntgabe der Wahlergebnisse
- 6 **Any Other Business**
- 7 **Closing remarks by the President**
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Item 1 – Opening remarks

As president, Benoit Royal welcomed members to the 2018 AGM.

Adoption of the agenda

John Thomas presented the agenda for approval; this had been circulated in advance to all members.

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

Appointment of election scrutineers

Daniel Messelken and Kristina Tonn volunteered to act as scrutineers for the BoD elections. This was unanimously approved..

Item 2 - (Re)Election of the Members of the Board of Directors

(Ré-)Election des Membres du Conseil de Direction

(Wieder-)Wahl der Mitglieder des erweiterten Vorstands

As he was standing as a candidate in the elections, John Thomas vacated the Chair and handed over to the President of the association, Benoit Royal for this item. Benoit Royal announced that for the 2018 BoD elections five posts are available and seven members have been duly proposed and seconded. The candidates are, in alphabetical order:

Jovan Babic

Michaël Dewyn

Paul Ertl

Boris Kashnikov

Michael Robillard

Manfred Rosenberger

John Thomas

Each candidate had been given the opportunity to provide a written election statement in advance of the AGM. The statements which had been provided by 6 of the 7 candidates had been circulated to members. Each candidate was given the opportunity to give a short oral address to the AGM.

All members were invited to cast their votes for up to 5 candidates. Ballot papers were then collected and counted by the scrutineers.

Item 3 - Report of the Board / Rapport du Bureau / Geschäftsbericht des Vorstands.

John Thomas and Ted van Baarda (Executive Directors) delivered the Board of Directors' report on behalf of the Board. They emphasised the following points:

John Thomas announced that the new agreement with **Foundation Charles Leopold Mayer** has been signed and provides financial stability for the Association for the next 3 years. John Thomas went on to express his thanks to the Foundation for their support and encouragement.

Institutional member workshops are an important new initiative for the Association. These workshops are planned and organised by institutional members themselves. Successful workshops on the European Code of Conduct were organised by ZEBIS in Hamburg and Zentrum Innere Führung in Koblenz last year. A further workshop on the theme of 'The Enhanced Soldier' is being organised by CREC St Cyr for 2018. Euro-ISME is also participating in a NATO workshop on 'Moral Health and Military Decision Making' later this year.

The BoD is keen to support these workshops as they allow valuable opportunities for high level professional networking on relevant and topical themes.

External relations

Members of the Boards of Directors of APAC ISME and NA ISME were attending this AGM and they were warmly welcomed.

APAC ISME is now a fully independent association. There is no requirement for Euro-ISME to provide further advice. We wish APAC ISME every success and we hope to maintain a close working relationship with them, as they develop their own identity and priorities.

We retain good communications and a close relationship with NA ISME and we hope to build further on this.

Support to Colombia has been taken over by King's College London as part of a formal contract. Euro-ISME was pleased to have helped in facilitating this relationship, to which KCL is devoting resources beyond those available to Euro-ISME. The Colombian authorities are aware that Euro-ISME will listen very sympathetically to any requests for help they feel we might be able to provide. The idea of a S America ISME remains on the table and we remain happy to provide advice, if we are requested to do so.

It has proved very difficult to make the aspiration for an Africa-ISME a reality. A number of initiatives have been tried, involving national and regional entities, but none of these have so far borne fruit. We will remain alert for and pursue any possible future opportunities which we identify.

Firm connections are made have been made with NATO, ICRC and the EU. Special thanks are due to Ted van Baarda for pursuing these connections so vigorously.

Students Prize

The BoD is very pleased with the way in which the new students' prize, which is now in its second year, is developing. A prize jury, which is completely independent of the BoD adjudicates on the submitted theses and thanks are due to the members of the jury for the time and care they devote to this work.

The winning theses have been of exceptionally high quality. The BoD attaches special significance to this work as it provides tangible public encouragement and recognition to younger military officers and civil servants and to their academies.

The intention is that the winning theses will be published in the form of a biannual journal by Brill/Martinus Nijhoff. This will ensure a wide distribution within academic circles. Ted van Baarda reported that a contract with Martinus Nijhoff could be signed within a few weeks.

All winning theses will be published in French and English, and possibly German. The theses will also be published online, via subscription and be available in all major libraries.

Hard copies of this year's winning theses will be available at the next year's conference. Unfortunately, printing lead times have made it impossible for the theses to be available at this year's conference.

Complaints commission

A complaints commission with comprehensive terms of reference has been created to ensure that any complaints against members or officers of the Board concerning violations of integrity can be investigated thoroughly and impartially, and to ensure that all those involved have the opportunity to make their case.

To date, there have been no allegations of misconduct for the commission to investigate.

Annual Conference

It is very pleasing to report that the popularity of our annual conferences is growing and the number of submissions is increasing year on year.

One consequence of this is that the programme committee and the BoD will have to look carefully at the criteria for submission of papers for the 2019 conference. A wide variety of factors will have to be taken into account if presenters are to be given reasonable opportunities to present their work. The fact that there were five parallel break-out sessions in Toledo, rather than the usual three, needs further evaluation by the programme committee. Another consequence concerns the size of our conferences. At the Toledo conference, there were approximately 120 participants, in contrast to the usual 100. Consideration will be given to the question whether we need to put a ceiling on the number of participants. [Note: see also the discussion under Any Other Business.]

9th Annual Conference 2019

The topic of the 2019 conference will be: *'The uneasy relationship between loyalty, military discipline and expressing dissent.'*

Venue of the conference: *National Defence Academy, Vienna*

Dates of the conference: *22-24 May 2019*

Euro-ISME is very grateful to the national Defence Academy in Vienna for agreeing to make its facilities available to us.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

New EU regulations for the control and retention of personal data will come into force on 25 May. The regulations will cover all EU countries, but extend to include data held on all EU citizens, irrespective of where they live.

In line with the requirements of GDPR, Euro-ISME has formulated and published a new privacy policy. All those on whom we hold personal data have been asked if they wish to opt in to remaining in contact with us.

Item 4 - Report of the Treasurer / Rapport du Trésorier / Bericht des Schatzmeisters

The relevant figures for the 2017 profit and loss account and the 2018 forecast are attached in the Annexes. The Treasurer expressed her satisfaction with the financial situation of the organisation. The members approved her financial account for the year 2017, January – December 2017.

Item 5 - Announcement of the results of the elections

Annonce des résultats des élections

Bekanntgabe der Wahlergebnisse

Daniel Messelken, on behalf of the scrutineers, announced that there were 44 votes cast, 42 in the room, 2 sent by email. Those elected to the BoD are, in alphabetical order:

Jovan Babic

Michaël Dewyn

Paul Ertl

Manfred Rosenberger

John Thomas

On behalf of the Board, John Thomas congratulated the successful candidates, and thanked those who were unsuccessful for their willingness to stand.

Item 6 - Any Other Business

Paul Schulte proposed that all presenters should send a copy of their submissions for the conference to Dropbox (or similar), in order for participants to know how to choose the panels they wish to attend.

Ted van Baarda confirmed this idea has been considered by the programme committee. However, this year there were 81 submissions in a wide variety of formats. For example, some presenters sent complete, whereas others sent only the briefest of synopses.

Daniel Messelken suggested that much more specific guidelines should be available online and that consent should be sought to make the synopses available via Dropbox.

Shannon French also that suggested collection of abstracts be available before the Conference.

On behalf of the programme committee, Ted van Baarda acknowledged that more specific guidance was needed. This might also help to prevent last minute cancellations by presenters (which had been a more significant issue this year) who had been overly speculative in their application to give a presentation.

A number of further suggestions were made concerning the format of submissions and the potential need for greater selectivity. All these factors will be taken into account by the programme committee before the next BoD meeting and will be taken into account when issuing the formal call for papers for the annual conference of 2019.

George Willkes stressed the value of such exchanges at the AGM, and thanked the BoD for its willingness to engage with members.

Daniel Messelken reminded everyone to subscribe to and to submit content for the newsletter that will be sent 3 or 4 times per year. This will be an important means of keeping in touch with all those who are interested in our work.

Item 7 - Closing remarks of the President

Mot de Clôture du Président

Schlußbemerkungen des Präsidenten

Benoit Royal announced that at our next conference in Vienna, he will be in office for seven years; he will resign in Vienna as President of the organisation. Benoit Royal closed the meeting by thanking all those present for their participation and interest.

J H S Thomas
Executive Director

T A van Baarda
Executive Director

**ANNEX A TO
EURO-ISME
AGM MINUTES
DATED 15 MAY
2018**

MEMBERS ATTENDING THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ser	Family Name	First Name	Representing (where applicable)
1	Royal	Benoit	
2	Thomas	John	
3	van Baarda	Ted	
4	Ruffo de Calabre	Marie des Neiges	
5	Revue	Magdalena	
6	De Boisboissel	Gerard	
7	Germain	Eric	
8	Michelsen	Leif	Norv.Mil.Chaplaincy
9	Muller	Markus	ZentrumInnereFuehrung
10	Bock	Veronika	Zebis
11	Tonn	Kristina	
12	Elssner	Thomas	
13	Schulte	Paul	
14	Metwally	Mohamed	
15	Robillard	Michael	
16	Henschke	Adam	
17	Whetham	David	KCL
18	Lango	John	
19	Glazebrook	Patricia	
20	Wilkes	George	
21	Babic	Jovan	
22	Stanar	Dragan	
23	French	Shannon	Inamori Center
24	Cui	Yan	
25	Gugerel	Stefan	Inst. Of Religion and Peace
26	Kashnikov	Boris	
27	Hude	Henri	CREC StCyr
28	Peperkamp	Lonneke	
29	Dewyn	Michael	
30	Ellner	Andrea	
31	Kemp	Marissa	
32	Mompeysson	Patrice	
33	Ertl	Paul	
34	Rosenberger	Manfred	
35	Steinhoff	Uwe	
36	Messelken	Daniel	