

Board meeting – 29th June 2020, 11:00 a.m. CEST, MS Teams

Minutes

Participants

Board: Hans Renes (HR), president, Sebastian Eiter (SE), treasurer, minutes;

Enlarged board: Martina Slamová (MS), Zdeněk Kučera (ZK)

Agenda

- I. Minutes of previous board meeting
- II. PECSRL 29th and GA
- III. Other news
- IV. Date and time for next board meeting

I. Minutes of previous board meeting

- The minutes of the board meeting on 11th May 2020 were adopted.
Alexandra may circulate them to all members.

II. PECSRL 29th session and GA

- The session originally planned for September 2020 is currently postponed to September 2021 (cf. e-mails and website).
- HR: If the Polish colleagues agree to postpone the 30th session from 2022 to 2023, “odd” years may become a new regularity. If they insist on 2022, the 29th session might be advanced to spring 2021.
- We will evaluate on the next board meeting whether the Eucaland GA, incl. board elections, should be held online according to schedule, or be postponed to the next PECSRL session. HR (will retire from university in February 2021) could agree to prolongate his presidency up to one year, dependent on next PECSRL session.
- **Clarification after the board meeting:**
- According to our statutes, the GA has to be held every two years (§13 (5)). Therefore, we cannot postpone it to 2021. Nevertheless, with regard to the exceptional health situation, which imposes virtual meetings instead of physical ones, we refer to §13 (9):
(9) At the request of ¼ of the members or at request of the Executive Board, a Members’ Assembly can also take place “on-line”. The procedure shall be defined at a prior Members’ Assembly, and recorded in the minutes.
The board requests to organise the GA online in October. The GA will be prepared at the online Board Meeting on 7th of September. Invitations with a link to participate via Teams will be send out with agenda 4 weeks in advance. Preliminary agenda:
 1. Opening by Hans Renes, Alexandra Kruse and Sebastian Eiter
 2. Welcome of members including member statistics
 3. Confirmation of new members
 4. Report on activities following the last GA 2018 in Clermont-Ferrand (France) including research, publication, calls
 5. Next activities
 6. Organisation
 7. Miscellaneous

Do you have further items to add to the agenda?

III. Other news ("Tour de table")

- Bénédicte seems busy with the online map on hay-making structures. MS and SE have recently sent contributions. Therefore, we added a new menu item, where the maps will be published one after the other: <https://eucaland.net/eal-maps>
- MS is working on several projects closely related to Eucaland themes.
MS has been employed as a researcher at the PoliRural project since 1. April 2020 at the Rural Parliament in Slovakia (Vidiecky parlament na Slovensku in Slovak) in frame of the project Horizon 2020: PoliRural; Future Oriented Collaborative Policy Development for Rural Areas and People Funded under: H2020-EU.3.2.1.3. The EU-funded PoliRural project will provide a comparative assessment of challenges facing rural areas and people, as well as measures adopted by regional actors to tackle them. It will bring together decision-makers, experts and rural inhabitants and will use advanced policy simulation tools to better understand and tackle regional challenges, ultimately making rural areas and professions more attractive and livable for established populations and recent or potential newcomers. Read more at: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/818496>
<https://polirural.eu/>
Duration: 1.6.2019 - 31.5.2022
Currently, two case studies were elaborated for the Pilot of Slovakia. These good practices present successful business strategies of small entrepreneurship entities doing business in the countryside, particularly related to agriculture and agri-tourism.
- ZK has worked on finalizing a few more articles from the 2018 PECSRL special session. The articles were published in AUC Geographica:
Skowronek, E., Brzezińska-Wójcik, T., Stasiak, A., & Tucki, A. (2020). The role of regional products in preserving traditional farming landscapes in the context of development of peripheral regions – Lubelskie Province, Eastern Poland. AUC Geographica, 55(1), 49-65.
<https://doi.org/10.14712/23361980.2020.1>
Albert, K. (2020). Introducing historical landscape in the cultural heritage conservation through the example of the Tokaj wine region in Hungary. AUC Geographica, 55(1), 112-122.
<https://doi.org/10.14712/23361980.2020.8>
- HR has been busy with grading and (online) teaching; manuscript work currently put on hold.
- SE has recently received login credentials to access the bank account; not tried them yet.
- MS will publish soon an article on vineyards in Slovakia: "The Vineyard Landscapes - History and Trends of Viticulture in Case Studies from Slovakia." in "Pirineos. Revista de Ecología de Montaña" a Spanish CCC journal (<http://pirineos.revistas.csic.es/index.php/pirineos>)
- Upon the call from the EUCALAND member Lena Athanasiadou, ZK and AK are involved in developing a joint research project proposal under the JPICH funding scheme. EUCALAND might be possibly involved as associated partner.
- ZK is working on the members' data base
- HR: Recently the new Journal of European Landscapes was launched. A short article on the FEAL-project by Bénédicte, Alexandra and Martina will be published soon.

IV. Date and time for next board meeting

- 07/09, 11:00 a.m. CEST (agreed on previously): SE sends invitation via MS Teams.

Meeting ended: 11:20 a.m.