**ESEE BOARD MEETING - Leipzig**

**Date:** June 5th 2007  
**Time:** 11 am – 4.30 pm

**Present:** Arild Vatn, Sigrid Stagl, Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska, Ines Omann, Janne Hukkinen, Esther Velazquez, Karen Refsgaard, Felix Rauschmayer, Paula Antunes, Vincent Moreau, Jouni Paavola.

**Apologies:** Roldan Muradian, Unai Pascual, Christian Rammel.

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1. OVERVIEW FROM PRESIDENT (Arild)

- Introductions by all present
- Welcome to old and new members
- Membership management has much improved and we can now look to increase membership
- Conferences are important and we also look towards having more local activities, although we are not strong enough for this yet. Country contacts will be important for this.
- We will need to discuss the future of the newsletter.
- In terms of the relationship to the ISEE, it is good that there was an opportunity to feed into the ISEE presidential election process.
- In the ISEE meeting in India there was a discussion about a membership campaign. The possibility of cheaper conference fees was discussed, and the possibility of giving people cheaper membership for the second part of the year was also considered.

2. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING IN EDINBURGH 2006 (Wendy)

Minutes from the 2006 ESEE board meeting were discussed. Action points that are carried forward have been included in the table of action points above.

3. FINANCES (KAREN)


b. The new bank

Karen discussed the move to a new bank, and that the ESEE may be able to provide information on the Society for the banks newsletter, and may be able to get funding for the Society from the bank. **ACTION: Karen to follow-up on opportunities with the bank.**

c. The requirement to audit the ESEE accounts was discussed. **ACTION: Arild agreed to contact Karl Eric Shultz to ask him to be the auditor.**
d. Next year is was agreed that the Society should have a budget and proposed items for spending for discussion at the board meeting **ACTION: Karen to devise a ESEE budget for 2008.**

e. If anyone wants to go to a regional society meeting ESEE maybe able to fund it. The person could look into how that society runs its business and conference and report back to the ESEE. **ACTION: Arild will send an email to set out the offer to fund board members to go to regional societies conferences on a fact finding mission.**

4. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

There was general support for the system of yearly committee plans.  
**ACTION: Arild to send out an email to ask for plans before Christmas**

4a. CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS COMMITTEE (SIGRID)

The main task of the committee is to make sure the conferences happen.

**ESEE 2009 conference update**

The 2009 conference will be held at the University in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and organized by Andrea ??????. However, he will need support from the ESEE conference committee.  
**ACTION: Sigrid to check clashes of conference dates with summer school dates.**

**ESEE 2011conference**

It is possible that the ESEE 2011 can be in Turkey. A decision on this to be made next year.

**ISEE 2010**

Barcelona may be interested in hosting ISEE 2010.  
**ACTION: Arild to talk to Barcelona about hosting ISEE 2010**
**Student prize**
Unai, Janne and Sigrid evaluated papers for the prize.
The rules will be made clear for this process for future conferences and prizes. This should be an ongoing thing for future conferences. It may be worth having 2 or 3 prizes to represent differences in the society
In 2007 the prize will be 200 Euro plus 3 years membership.
**ACTION:** Karen to pay the membership through the website.

**Other issues**
One idea for future conferences may be to bring in school children to conferences. Maybe this could be a small grant application to the Bank.

**Should thematic meetings be organized between the conferences?**
The conference and meetings committee will revisit this possibility in future years. In the meantime, making use of symposiums within existing conferences is a good way to get members of the society together and promote the ESEE to others.

**4b. PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS (INES)**
Main work of this committee is to support the newsletter, website and electronic newsletter.

There is a problem of funding of the website and the newsletters as the current funding stream ends at the end of this year.

**Electronic newsletter**
Ines proposes 4 electronic newsletters a year which she could produce as long as she received more help from board members.

**ACTION:** Arild will allocate hot topics and editorials and email board members

Local information for the newsletter and website could come from **COUNTRY CONTACTS**. Jouni has a list of potential country contacts and will draft a page on the role of the country contacts which could be put on the website.
The role will be: 1. to recruit more members, 2. to provide info to the newsletter, 3. to dissemination of information.

**ACTION:** Jouni to draft a page on the role of country contacts

One person in the board should be the main contact for a number of country contacts

The country boards at the ESEE conference should be noted and useful

**ACTION:** Felix to pass information on people from each country who came to the conference to Ines and Jouni

2 lists of members should be used for the newsletter. Lapsed members should have a note at the top saying (you have not renewed etc). Full members who get the newsletter with no strings attached. **ACTION:** Ines to ensure there is a reminder at the top of the newsletter for lapsed members to renew.

**Paper newsletter**

Ines discussed the problems of creating the newsletter, including the lack of support from ESEE members. It was agreed that Paula get the next newsletter ready in time for the ISEE in Kenya, and would ask people early on to contribute.

Cost is around 800 Euro’s for printing and posting

**ACTION:** Paula to get next paper newsletter prepared for Kenya.

**Website**

Funding the website may become a problem. 2-3,000 Euros is needed to run newsletter and website together. It was agreed to give SERI an amount of money to cover the cost of the e-newsletter and the website (presumably from ESEE funds), but to look into funding options for the future.

**ACTION:** Karen to look into possibilities of obtaining funding from the new bank

**Dissemination**
There is a fair bit of material on the ESEE now including leaflets, flyers, newsletters, posters, publications etc. We should all try to disseminate these more widely.

**ACTION:** Ines will look into creating a password protected storage area on the website where such things can be stored and easily accessed by all board members.

**ACTION:** Board members should take material to conferences etc for dissemination.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE (PAULA)**

Not too much has happened with this committee due to lack of time.

Summer schools – themes still running til 2009. But what next

a) Hali’s proposal has been submitted

b) The possibility of piggybacking the ESEE websites into projects closely associated with ESEE, such as Hali’s proposal might be considered.

c) The possibility of developing a more formal PhD programme was discussed.

There may be 2 ways to move activities forward in the Education committee:

1. use places where there are already activities going on
2. Themes style proposals, or other activity linked to conference

Next summer we need to think of what to do next.

Paula agreed to look at who is teaching Ecological Economics in Europe and put it on the website. What definition of ecological economics should be used?

**ACTION:** Identify teaching in Ecological Economics and out it on the website - Paula

**FUNDRAISING AND MEMBERSHIP (JOUNI)**

(see committee plan attached)
There are currently 234 members. It has been agreed with Marsha that she will provide (to whom? Jouni?) an updated membership list quarterly.

**Update on membership and membership campaigning**
There are still ambiguities between lists and things that need to be resolved. Jouni and Karen need to sort this out
Multi year membership proving popular

**ACTION:** Karen and Jouni will check out the differences between 2 recent lists

**ACTION:** Marsha must make sure it is possible to identify student members.

**PROMOTION**
One task is to make sure that existing members renew
One way to promote ESEE to potential new members is to use existing email lists that board members have and send out promotional emails with intro to ESEE and encouragement to join.

**FUNDRAISING**
Board members should promote personal contacts
Board members should consider sources of funding
We have to be very specific about what people will fund e.g. student prize, overseas students places, summer schools, but we need to be happy with the association. We should focus on funding for the student prize, funding for Ljubljana and, funding students to come to conferences.

**ACTION:** Karen to find out what ISEE do to get basic funding.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES (VINCENT)**
There are currently 10-15 student members. The student camp at Leipzig was very good with 40 participants. This was run by a committee set up ad hoc via the conference organizers. A fee of 25 Euros charged. Costs absorbed by main conference. There is interest in a similar thing again. Would the ESEE sponsor such an event? For example, a 3 day event where students share...
work/ideas in a very informal setting. A similar thing in Ljubljana should be supported and organized.

What advantages to students get for being a member?

Vincent’s term of office runs out this year,

**ACTION: Student elections need to be held. Wendy**