



**Minutes:** 18th General Members' Meeting  
**To:** Members  
**Date of Meeting:** Friday, 1 June 2007, 9.30 a.m.  
**Location:** Corinthia San Gorg Hotel  
 St. Julians, Malta

**Chairman:** Prof. Manfred Pohl

**Voting Participants:**

Walter	Antonowicz	Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Melanie	Aspey	The Rothschild Archive
(Maria	Sienkiewicz	Barclays Bank plc)
Anna	Cantaluppi	Compagnia di San Paolo
Piet	Clement	Bank for International Settlements
Catherine	Dardignac	Société Générale
Ton	de Graaf	ABN AMRO Bank N.V.
Pierre	de Longuemar	BNP Paribas
Ingrid	Elferink	ING Group
(Moir	Lovegrove	The Baring Archive, ING)
Edwin	Green	HSBC Holdings plc
Herman	Harder	SNS Bank
Pamela	Hunter	C. Hoare & Co.
Vappu	Ikonen	Bank of Finland
Leif	Jacobsson	Sveriges Riksbank
Eleni	Kefala	Bank of Greece
Janez	Krevs	Bank of Slovenia
René	Link	Banque Centrale du Luxembourg
Juan Carlos	Martinez Oliva	Banca d'Italia
Gérassimos	Notaras	National Bank of Greece
Roger	Nougaret	Crédit Agricole SA
Jirí	Novotný	Czech National Bank
Luís de Abreu	Nunes	Banco de Portugal
(Fatíma	Dias	Millennium bcp)
Romulus	Palade	National Bank of Romania
Nadina	Paphitou	Bank of Cyprus
Anders	Perlinge	SEB
Francesca	Pino	Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A.
Viliam	Polakovič	National Bank of Slovakia
Stella	Santi	Central Bank of Cyprus
Belhi	Sari	Türkiye İş Bankası A.Ş.
Roman	Schremser	European Central Bank
(Nikolay	Nenovsky	Bulgarian National Bank)
(Friedrich	von Metzler	B. Metzler seel. Sohn & Co.)
Lorans	Tanatar Baruh	Garanti Bank
Gabriele	Teichmann	Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Cie.
Marián	Tkáč	National Bank of Slovakia
Victor E.	Tortell	Bank of Valletta plc
Maria Teresa	Tortella	Banco de España
Kęstutis	Vanagas	Bank of Lithuania
Jan	van der Meer	Rabobank Nederland



Marc (Dominique	Van Pottelberghe Van Hove	KBC Bank and Insurance Holding Company Fortis )
Robert U. (Hans-Ulrich	Vogler Doerig	UBS AG Credit Suisse Group)
Josephine	Zammit	Central Bank of Malta
Ulrike	Zimmerl	Bank Austria Creditanstalt

Those names shown in brackets have appointed the person above to vote in their absence

#### **Non-Voting Persons in Attendance:**

Catherine	Eagleton	Individual Member of the EABH
Piet A.	Geljon	Individual Member of the EABH
Marnie	Giuranna	EABH e.V.
Peter	Hertner	EABH e.V. - Deputy Chairman
Nikiforos	Orphanos	Bank of Cyprus
Manfred	Pohl	EABH e.V. - Deputy Chairman
Ivan	Ribnikar	Bank of Slovenia
Adrian Edward	Tschoegl	Individual Member of the EABH

#### **Opening**

Professor Manfred Pohl, Chairman, welcomes everybody to the 18<sup>th</sup> General Members' Meeting of the European Association for Banking and Financial History e.V. He states that in accordance with the Articles of Association a quorum has been constituted.

He introduces Peter Hertner, Professor of Economic and Social History at the University of Halle-Wittenberg, and Deputy Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council, who will answer any questions the assembly may have about the academic programme. He points out that Prof. Gerald D. Feldmann – Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council – is prevented from attending the General Members Meeting this year due to health reasons; moreover he introduces Dr. Luis Nunes, the Treasurer of the Association, who will guide the members through the EABH's financial figures, as well as Ms. Marnie Giuranna, Secretary General of the EABH during Mrs. Gabriella Massaglia's leave.

The Chairman is also pleased to welcome Prof. Gérassimos Notaras, who will provide the audience with the Auditor's report.

Professor Pohl welcomes also the other Auditor, Mrs. Gabriele Teichmann. He expresses to her as well as to Edwin Green and Maria Teresa Tortella his heartfelt thanks for the support they have given to the EABH since its early years. All of them have stepped down from the Academic Advisory Council, giving space to new colleagues. He expresses the wish that they will stand for re-election again in 2009, after the rotation period of two years.

Before starting with the first point on the meeting's agenda, Professor Pohl welcomes the EABH's newest corporate member attending the General Members' Meeting for the first time: Mr. Kestutis Vanagas, Bank of Lithuania

Before proceeding, he reminds the members that each member bank has one vote only and that, if there is more than one representative of the same bank, only one has the right to vote, as indicated in the participant list. He informs the participants that the Treasurer - Dr. Nunes - will vote as a representative of Banco de Portugal but he will not



vote when it comes to releasing the Board of Management from responsibility. Moreover he himself will not vote at all this year since he retired officially from Deutsche Bank on 31 May 2007 and thus he does not represent this institution anymore.

### **1. Financial Report**

The Chairman thanks Dr. Luís Nunes for the very thorough and comprehensive financial report prepared and asks him to provide the audience with his comments. Dr. Nunes describes the financial situation of the EABH.

(Please see Financial Report provided in the Interim Report)

To support Dr. Nunes comments, Professor Pohl gives a brief insight into the Association's strategy for the next few years: that is to strengthen its membership campaigns in order to hopefully reach one-hundred members soon (the actual number of members is eighty).

### **2. Report of the Auditors**

Professor Gérasimos Notaras presents the auditors' report to the members explaining that one of the auditors – Mrs. Gabriele Teichmann - had the opportunity to analyse and comment upon the European Association for Banking and Financial History's account as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 on 16 May 2007.

Professor Notaras notes that the auditors were satisfied with the information provided by the EABH secretariat including the explanations of significant accounts.

Therefore the auditors raise no objection to the 2006 Balance Sheets and Accounts.

Professor Notaras thanks the secretariat and the staff of the EABH for their co-operation in providing all the information needed to prepare this report and recommends the 18th Annual General Meeting of the EABH to discharge the Board of Management from any liability for financial management for the period 1 January to 31 December 2006.

### **3. Approval of the Budgetary Balance**

The Chairman asks for the members' approval of the 2006 budgetary balance. The accounts for 2006 are unanimously approved by the members.

### **4. Release of the Board of Management from Responsibility**

Professor Pohl asks the participants to release the Board of Management from responsibility and reminds Dr. Nunes that he is not allowed to vote for this item, in his capacity as a member of the Board of Management.

The Board of Management is unanimously released from responsibility.

### **5. Approval of the Budget 2007**

The Chairman asks the members if they approve the budget for 2007.

The budget for 2007 is unanimously approved by the members.



## 6. Annual Report of the Board of Management

The Chairman asks Prof. Hertner to provide the assembly with further information regarding the academic programme of the EABH.

Before starting Professor Hertner informs the participants that the Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council of the EABH is seriously ill and asks the assembly to join him in wishing Professor Feldman a speedy recovery.

Professor Hertner summarises the events of 2006, these being:

- The workshop *Banking and Financial Archives: Priorities for the Future*, kindly hosted by Caixa Geral de Depósitos.
- The conference *The State and Financial Services: Regulation, Ownership and Deregulation*, hosted by Caixa Geral de Depósitos.
- The Workshop *Art and Cultural Activities in Financial Institutions*, also hosted by Caixa Geral de Depósitos.
- The Workshop *Risks and Disasters* for insurance companies in December 2006, kindly hosted by Swiss Re.

He reports on the main events planned for 2007:

- The Malta Conference on 1 & 2 June 2007 on *Banking and Finance in the Mediterranean. A Historical Perspective*, kindly hosted by the Bank of Valletta and the Central Bank of Malta.
- The workshop *Company Journals in Banks and Insurance Companies: History and Recent Developments* kindly hosted by the Bank of Valletta and the Central Bank of Malta, prior to the main conference.
- The inauguration of the International Centre for Corporate Culture and History in Frankfurt on 3 July 2007. Opening Speech: Mr. Jean Claude Trichet.
- The 2007 *Summer School for Archivists*, a joint event with the Universidade Lusofónia, taking place in Lisbon, from 16 to 27 July 2007.
- The 2007 workshop for Central Banks *Relationships between European Central Banks and the USA* to be held in Rome at Banca d'Italia.

He outlines the highlights for 2008:

- The 2008 Frankfurt Main Conference, in cooperation with Deutsche Bundesbank.
- The 2008 Workshop Art and Cultural Activities on Art in Banknotes and Coins, also in cooperation with Deutsche Bundesbank.
- The 2008 Archival Workshop prior to the Main Conference, very likely on Access Policies

Professor Pohl adds one of the highlights of 2009, which is the EABH main conference to be held in Cyprus at the kind hospitality of the Bank of Cyprus. He expresses his heartfelt thanks to the head archivist Ms. Nadina Paphitou for what promises to be a very interesting event. Professor Hertner informs the assembly that the proposed title decided the day before, during the Academic Advisory Council Meeting is *Banking in Small Countries*.



Professor Pohl shortly addresses the participants about some other very relevant topics discussed during the Academic Advisory Council Meeting, these being the loss of cultural heritage due to the closing of archives (BNP Paribas case) or, worse, to destruction of relevant archival material in cases of mergers and acquisitions. To counteract these events the AAC has decided to create a forum of academics and corporation managers to actively intervene, i.e. contact the management of the two merging companies, making them aware of the importance of the corporate culture and the archival material, which makes up the history of the two institutions.

## **7. Board Elections: re-elections and new elections**

Professor Pohl starts with the Board of Management and the re-election of its members.

This year four members of the Board of Management have agreed to stand for re-election for a further term of two years:

- Dr. Hans-Ulrich Doerig, Credit Suisse Group
- Drs. Hubertus Heemskerk, Rabobank Nederland
- Dr. Klaus Liebscher, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
- Prof. Manfred Pohl, former Deutsche Bank

All the above mentioned colleagues are unanimously re-elected for a term of two years.

Prof. Pohl turns then to the Board of Patrons and to the re-elections onto the Board of Patrons.

This year one re-election will take place:

Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer, former Spokesman of the Board of Managing Directors and former Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Bank, who has agreed to stand for re-election for a further term of five years.

Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer is unanimously re-elected for a term of five years.

Professor Pohl proceeds with the new elections onto the Board of Patrons:

This year the following persons have agreed to stand for election for the first time as members of the Board of Patrons:

- Friedrich von Metzler, B. Metzler seel. Sohn & Co. KGaA
- Christopher Freiherr von Oppenheim, Sal Oppenheim jr. & Cie.
- Mr. Slawomir Skrzypek, National Bank of Poland
- Mr. Boele Staal, Nederlandse Vereniging van Banken

All the above mentioned colleagues are unanimously elected for a term of five years.

## **9. Questions and Answers**

The Chairman then opens the meeting to the floor. No questions are raised.



Professor Pohl thanks the audience for their attention and officially closes the 18<sup>th</sup> General Members' Meeting of the EABH, inviting all the participants to join the other delegates for the promising forthcoming events.

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Manfred Pohl  
Deputy Chairman

A handwritten signature of Peter Hertner in black ink.

Peter Hertner  
Deputy Chairman of the AAC

A handwritten signature of Marnie Giuranna in black ink.

Marnie Giuranna  
Minutes' Taker

Frankfurt, 18 June 2007