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MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

During the annual Board meeting in Saint-Petersburg (August, 2015) the Board followed up on an action point raised at the previous board meeting in Portugal regarding changes to the Constitution. Some important amendments were proposed and it was decided that EACS Members shall be given notice of the amendments via the Newsletter at least two months before the General Assembly as it is for the Assembly to determine whether the changes are necessary or not.

Therefore, current Newsletter will be a rather short one. As in the past, the content of the Newsletter continues to be dependent upon your contributions. All contributions should be sent to the Editor by E-mail. Please remember to check your copy carefully before sending it. Workshop and conference reports should not exceed 600 words. Calls for papers should not exceed 100 words. Remember to include all relevant information when contributing new book titles (author, title, publication place, publisher, year, pp., price in EURO and ISBN). Names and titles in non-Latin script such as Cyrillic are welcome provided that the author's name is in transcription and a short content summary in English is included.

Every effort is made to include all relevant news, but the Editor reserves the right to edit all contributions for publication.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONSTITUTION**

During the annual Board meeting in Saint-Petersburg (August, 2015) there was an extended discussion on issues such as the desired size of the Board and its impact on the costs of interim meetings and membership fees, the necessity for the entire Board or a selected group to meet yearly, and alternative modes of discussion via email or electronic meetings. The Board considered very carefully seven different options proposed on whether to retain or increase the existing membership fees, whether to reduce the size of the Board, and whether the entire Board or a reduced size should attend the interim meeting.

The Board took a vote on the seven options. The option to increase membership fees, reduce the size of the Board, and that the reduced board will go to the interim meeting received the highest number of votes.

The Board went on to discuss an appropriate reduced size of the board.

The President reminded members to consider the tasks of the Board and that the reduced size should allow the Board to continue performing the same tasks. Wolfgang Behr also proposed that the size of the reduced board should continue to allow for a balanced representation of gender, age, region, and, above all, research fields.

The following proposed reduced sizes of the Board (excluding the President) were considered and the results of the votes are as follows: 8 (1 vote), 14 (3 votes), 12 (6 votes), and 16 (5 votes). Another round of ballot was organised between the two options (reduction to 12 and 16 respectively) with the highest votes. The Board decided by the majority of votes (eight votes) that it would propose to reduce the size of the Board to 16 (excluding the President).

The Board proposes following amendments to the Constitution for consideration at the General Assembly:

(1) Article 8: Change the line “The Board shall be made up of 24 members” to “The Board shall be made up of 17 members”.

(2) Article 9: Change the line “Those who receive the highest numbers of votes shall be elected, provided that the Board shall include no more than three residents of any single country” to “Those who receive the highest numbers of votes shall be elected, provided that the Board shall include no more than two residents of any single country”.

CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS 2016

Dear Members,

We would like to invite nominations for elections to the EACS Board at the next conference in St. Petersburg. The EACS Board is currently made up of twenty-four members, including the President, and is elected by the General Assembly every two years at the time of the biennial conference. To ensure that there is a balanced representation from different European countries, Article 9 of our current Constitution states that the Board shall include no more than three residents of any single country (the President counts as one of the three). In addition, Board members cannot serve more than three terms (which means 6 consecutive years).

In the coming election in St. Petersburg in 2016, at least seven current board members, including the current President and the Treasurer, will be stepping down. The number of vacancies to be filled on the Board will be contingent on the decision made by the General Assembly on the proposed amendments to the Constitution regarding the new size of the Board (see relevant section in the Newsletter).

Therefore, I would like to encourage all EACS members to nominate candidates for the new Board. I especially appeal to outgoing Board members who are the only

representatives of their country on the Board, to try and nominate a new Board member from among their colleagues. Nominations can be sent to the Secretary-General by email (tt26@soas.ac.uk) any time prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Tian Yuan Tan 陳毓沅
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE XXITH EACS CONFERENCE, ST. PETERSBURG, 2016

The XXith conference of the EACS will be held on August 23-28, 2016 in St.Petersburg, Russia.

The organizers are very grateful to the international board of referees for evaluation of more than 1000 proposals. According to the results of triple blind evaluation, 557 individual participants and panelists were invited to attend the conference.

The invited scholars are welcome to register and to pay the conference fee at the conference web-site www.eacs2016.spbu.ru before June 1, 2016.

Should you have any questions, please, contact the organizers at eacs2016@gmail.com.

EACS MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

EACS membership fee is presently €31 per annum for individual and corporate members (for members from Eastern European non-EU countries the cost is € 16*), and €16 per annum for student members* (remember to send in a student-ID). From 2016 onwards members will receive invoices asking to contribute their membership fees biannually. Fee payment for up to six years is recommended to save transfer costs:

	2 years	4 years	6 years
Membership fee	€ 62.00	€ 122.00	€ 180.00
Reduced rate*	€ 32.00	€ 64.00	€ 96.00

The EACS Newsletter and all other information about Chinese studies in Europe and beyond is sent free of charge to all members.

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