



May 16th 2024

MINUTES

of the General Assembly of WoodEMA which was held during the international scientific conference **WoodEMA 2024** in **Sofia, Bulgaria**, on **May 16th 2024** at **10⁰⁰**

Agenda

1. Assembly setup
2. WoodEMA, i.a. Financial report for year 2023
3. WoodEMA, i.a. Financial plan for year 2025
4. WoodEMA, i.a. Annual Awards
5. Roy Damary Scholarship for younger researchers
6. Hosts for conferences and General Assemblies for years 2025 and on
7. New members applications
8. Other issues

Present: 22 existing members

AD 1.

A quorum was established according to Statute Paragraph 18 (22 of 59 existing members). President Matej Jošt who is leading the assembly, General Secretary Denis Jelačić who is taking Minutes, and Candidate for President Slavica Petrović are members of presidency. The Agenda is accepted unanimously.

AD 2.

The Financial Report for the year 2023 was accepted and confirmed unanimously.

AD 3.

The Financial Plan for the year 2025 was presented, accepted and confirmed unanimously.

AD 4.

According to Executive Board decision, the WoodEMA Annual Award were presented to Branko Glavonjić (Slavica Petrović will receive it in Branko's name) and to the Department for Marketing, Trade and World Forestry, Faculty of Wood Sciences and Technology, Technical University in Zvolen (Hubert Paluš as the Head of Department) during the General Assembly meeting.

AD 5.

According to Executive Board decision, the Roy Damary Scholarship should have been presented to Diyana Bankova Nedelcheva. Unfortunately the contact with Diyana is lost, since she did not reply to any e-mail, circular or individual, did not attend the conference nor the General Assembly meeting and didn't pay the membership fee for 2024 yet. The Executive Board decision was to transfer the scholarship to the next year and award two scholarship in 2025 if Bankova doesn't reply. This suggestion was confirmed by General Assembly.

AD 6.

After the consultation among Executive Board members it was decided that the hosts for the next WoodEMA conference will be our friends from Skopje, North Macedonia in September 2025 in Ohrid. At the moment the hosts for 2026 are to be decided (options are BiH, and Zvolen Slovakia as a back-up solution). For 2027 suggestion is for Croatia to organize it as a celebration of 20 years of WoodEMA, i.a. We have suggestions for 2028 (Serbia) and 2031 (Slovenia).

AD 7.

General Assembly unanimously confirmed 7 new members (just 1 of them was present at the meeting) and gave them the full right to vote and participate.

AD 8.

There were 2 other issues General Assembly discussed.

In the Financial plan there is the Administrative Fund which was ment for General Secretary to use. Since the current General Secretary didn't use it at all, and in our Statute there are President, Candidate for president and General Secretary as Representatives of WoodEMA, i.a., the decision is for all those representatives to have the possibility to use the Administrative Fund. The amount of 500,- € which is in the Financial plan for 2025, will be discussed the following year and possibly rised.

General Secretary presented to General Assembly the results of Executive Board debates about the Elections for the new General Secretary next year. Along with the open invitation for the new candidates, the suggestions of the Executive Board was given (Andreja Pirc Barčič as the Executive Board nomination).

Notice

As is the case at each annual General Assembly, a plaque of appreciation was presented to the main organizer. Since this year WoodEMA conference was organized in partnership with many partners, the Thank You plaque was presented Daniela Ventseslavova Georgieva, as the President of the Organizing Committee and to ET Danivers, as the main partner of the Organisation Board.

Also, as usual, the Thank You plaque was presented to our members Leszek Wanat and Margarita Bego in appreciation for 10 years of loyal membership.

General Assembly lasted for 60 minutes.

WoodEMA General Secretary

Denis Jelačić