Report of the EAWOP Constituent Council (CC) Meeting

EAWOP’s Executive Committee (EC) met Constituent’s representatives, on Wednesday, the 24th of May 2023, online/in Katowice. The summary of the discussions is as follows:

- President Annemarie Hiemstra formally opens the meeting, welcoming all participants, both those who are present online, as well as those who physically attended the meeting in Katowice.
- Michela Cortini introduces the Finnish Association of Work and Organisational Psychologists, the National Board of Italian Psychologists, and the Swedish National Association of Work and Organisational Psychologists, as the new Constituents in waiting. Each of their representatives provides a short presentation of their association.
- President Annemarie Hiemstra provides an overview of the EAWOP activities and goals up to the present moment, as well as its strategic goals, and how they were pursued.
- Dragos Iliescu shares a historic overview of the organisation’s finances. Dragos Iliescu compares what was spent versus what was budgeted for in the previous years. He acknowledges and sends a thank you for the efforts of the BPS, which incurred big losses, following the cancelled congress.
- Barbara Smorcewska presents the status of the ongoing Congress: there are 1688 registered delegates, 550 participants in the pre-congress workshops, 777 participants in the social events. There are 5 sponsors of Ukrainian psychologists at the congress, and three supporters. Regarding the scientific and social programme, there are 15 invited speakers, 14 invited panels and symposia, and 11 guest panels and symposia, including AOP (5) and the EAWOP Impact Incubator (6).
- Michela Cortini invites Šárka Dobiášová to pitch the upcoming 2025 Congress, which is due to take place in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Eva Derous presents the previous edition of the EAWOP Summer School. It took place in Cyprus, between June 7 – 11th, 2022.
- Annemarie Hiemstra updates on the status of the Small Group Meetings.
- Michela Cortini presents the current agenda for the WorkLab.
- Deirdre O’Shea presents the activities of the EAWOP Incubator and its inaugural Director, Rosalind Searle. The remit of the Incubator is to fill the gap between psychology and relevant public policies.
- Michela Cortini updates on the previous edition of the E4E grants.
• Annemarie Hiemstra introduces the ENOP-EAWOP model, which is a step towards a common framework of what to expect from someone who graduated in the field of work and organisational psychology.
• Dragos Iliescu briefs on the EAWOP communications strategy.
• Eva Derous presents updates on the three EAWOP journals.
• Eva Derous introduces the initiative of preserving the history of EAWOP in a more formal way, by storing the EAWOP archives in an official archive (the University Archives of Ghent), also available for public consultation.
• Deirdre O’Shea presents the AOP, an organisation with a view to leverage the contribution of work and organisational psychology, to bring benefits to the overall society, though improvements in quality of work life, as well as the effectiveness of individuals and organisations.
• Michela Cortini presents the EFPA initiative to gather knowledge regarding the way the psychologist profession is regulated throughout Europe.
• Michela Cortini announces that the next CC meeting is set for May 2024, in Prague.
• The meeting is formally closed.