



E3S General Assembly Report

May 9th 13.00-14.30

L'Oreal Research & Innovation, 9 rue Pierre Dreyfus, Clichy, France

Attending Members

Board: Margrethe Hersleth (Chair - Norway), Carolina Chaya (Vice-chair - Spain), Joanne Hort (UK), Julien Delarue (France), Erminio Monteleone (Italy), Guido Ritter (Germany),

Delegates: Barbara Siegmund (Austria), Grethe Hyldig (Denmark), Terhi Pohjanheimo (Finland), Fiorella Sinesio (Italy), Monica Laureati (Italy), Sinead McCarthy (Ireland), Liv Bente Strandos (Norway), Patrizia Piccinalli (Switzerland),

Absent: Mia Prim (Sweden)

Other E3S members: Sara Spinelli (Italy), Loes Van Tiel (The Netherlands), Betina Piqueras Fiszman (The Netherlands), Gerturde Zeinstra (The Netherlands), Patxi Pérez Elortondo (Spain), Barbara Vad Andersen (Denmark).

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§1 E3S Activity Report May 2016 – May 2017

The secretary and web content manager Sara Spinelli presented the activity of E3S website. In 2016, the fifth year of activity, the website gained an excellent good number of visits (9.629 users, +17,79% compared to 2015). Amongst the ten countries with more users, two non-E3S member countries were present: USA and India.

The pages that received more pageviews were, besides the homepage, the pages presenting job opportunities.

The E3S newsletter sent directly by the secretary to the members of the national societies and delegates reached a percentage of opens of 27,6%, with 5,5% of clicks, a percentage that should be increased to ensure the circulation of communication with the members.

The chair reported the activities of 2016:

- Four Working Group workshops were held in Vlaardingen in May 2016:
 - E3S Children WG workshop, leader Monica Laureati
 - E3S Education WG meeting, leader Catherine Dacremont
 - E3S PDO WG meeting leaders, Mario Zannoni, Patxi Pérez Elortondo
 - E3S Sensitivity WG meeting, leader Erminio Monteleone

- Many activities were organised during Eurosense (Dijon, September 2016):
 - Three E3S PhD Awards were announced at Eurosense (Dijon, September 2016):
 - Xirui Zhou, University of Reading, UK
 - Cristina Proserpio, University of Milan, Italy
 - Louise den Uijl, Wageningen UR, Netherlands
 - E3S was responsible for the organisation of two workshops on taste sensitivity, coordinated by Erminio Monteleone:
 - Implication of taste sensitivity on food preference and food behaviour
 - Taste sensitivity measurement and genetics of taste
 - The E3S student group and the E3S Board had meetings during Eurosense.
 - An E3S PDO seminar was held in Dijon September 14th with the title "Sensory analysis for PDO official control in France, Italy and Spain: points in common and differences.

- E3S has sent an application to be a Recognised Stakeholder for the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA).
- A collaboration between SISS & AEPAS was started in the form of the E3S Student Exchange 2016: a student is selected from the AEPAS to present his/her study during the Italian National Conference (Bologna 30 Nov-1 Dec 2016). SISS offered free registration to the student, while AEPAS covered the travel/accommodation expenses. The same will be done the next year: an Italian student was selected to give a talk during the AEPAS national conference.

§2 Balance Sheet 2016

The Chair Margrethe Hersleth presented the balance sheet 2016. The total revenue was 26.882,54 euro, while the total expenditures were 10.552,97 euro, with an annual asset increase of 16.329,57 euro. The financial asset of the society at 31.12.2016 was 14.428,70 euro.

The assembly unanimously approved the 2016 balance sheet.

§3 Proposed Budget 2017

The Chair presented the provisional budget for 2016. The assembly unanimously approved the 2016 provisional budget.

Considering the positive situation of the financial asset, the assembly decided to spend part of this to promote the participation of students to the international conference (Eurosense 2018 and Pangborn 2020).

Joanne Hort suggested to evaluate the increase of the fee for the secretary, considering the increasing activities in which the secretary is involved. The assembly approved and invited Sara to prepare an estimation of the time dedicated to the E3S during the year.

§4 E3S Board composition 2017-2019

The following board was proposed for the biennium 2017-2019:

- Chair person candidate: Julien Delarue (France)
- Vice chair candidate: Carolina Chaya (Spain)
- Treasurer candidate: Erminio Monteleone (Italy)
- Board member candidates:
 - Guido Ritter (Germany)
 - Sinead McCarthy (Ireland)
 - Terhi Pohjanheimo (Finland),
 - Margrethe Hersleth (Norway)

The board agreed that the immediate past chair will remain in the board to ensure continuity in the passage. The board was elected unanimously.

§5 Proposals for Eurosense 2020

Two proposals to host Eurosense in 2020 were received by the deadline of the call:

The Netherland: the Dutch Sensory Society

- Submitted by Betina Piqueras-Fizman and Kees de Graaf, WUR

Finland: The Finnish Society of Food Science and Technology

- Submitted by Mari Sandell and Terhi Pohjanheimo, University of Turku

The two proposals were briefly presented to the assembly by Betina Piqueras Fizman and Terhi Pohjanheimo.

The proposal of The Netherlands (Rotterdam) was judged more advanced in the preparation and was selected by the board.

Sinead McCarthy suggested to include Terhi Pohjanheimo in the Scientific Committee of the Eurosense organised in 2010, in order to ensure continuity in the organisation (in preparation of the proposal for 2022).

§6 Activities for 2017-2018

- Dedication of E3S student award to the memory of Pieter Punter

The chair reported the proposal to dedicate an E3S Student Award to Pieter Punter memory. The board approved and decided to add this award to the 3 already decided, for a total of 4 awards to encourage the students' participation to Eurosense.

Joanne Hort proposed to modify the award into a reimbursement of travel/accommodation/registration reimbursement in order to increase the value of the award.

Erminio Monteleone suggested to increase the amount up to 1500 euro (x 4 awards) and to propose to the winners to decide if they prefer to get the amount as reimbursement of expenses or as an award.

The assembly approved the 4 awards and expect from the board a specification of the details in terms of regulation.

- Future plans for E3S WGs

E3S WG will report after their workshop on their activities. It was noted that some WGs are very active, while other are not.

- E3S Children WG workshop, leader Monica Laureati

The WG is currently conducting a pilot study for a pan-European study "Texture perception in children and implications for the perception of and preference for healthy food. A 2-year E3S cross-cultural study".

- E3S PDO WG meeting leaders, Mario Zannoni, Patxi Pérez Elortondo

E3S PDO WG is going further in the process of setting up an agreement as recognized stakeholder with EA - the "European co-operation for Accreditation" (see below).

- E3S Sensitivity WG meeting, leader Erminio Monteleone

This WG organised two workshops at the last Eurosense in Dijon, gathering many participants:

- "Implications of taste sensitivity on food preference and food behavior"
- "Taste sensitivity measurement and genetics of taste"

The coordinator is currently working on the development of the COST proposal.

- E3S Education WG meeting, leader Catherine Dacremont

This WG was not active this year and did not collect any course cards.

- EA Recognised Stakeholder Agreement with E3S

The chair presented briefly the agreement. The assembly approved the agreement and indicated as contact person one of the PDO WG coordinator, Mario Zannoni. The coordinators are invited to prepare an annual report to send to the board. The coordinators are responsible of the preparation of a project that will be reviewed by the board before submitting it.

- Use of E3S logo

Sara Spinelli reported the request received from private companies (SAM; ISI GmbH; member of some national sensory science societies) to use the E3S logo. The board has already discussed this topic and has decided to postpone the decision to the general assembly. The chair suggests that Guido Ritter, in collaboration with Sara Spinelli, will prepare a proposal to share with the board in the following weeks, in order to take a final decision.

- Plans for a sensory barometer

Guido Ritter illustrated the project of the sensory barometer, developed within the DGSens, that includes a survey with members and food companies to get an overview regarding the sensory methods and resources used in companies and institutions, job and career possibilities and the future perspective of sensory science.

Guido Ritter proposed to conduct a European survey in all E3S member societies to get good information about the state of the art of our sensory science in practical use. This information might be of interest for all our individual members. The assembly invited Guido to prepare a plan and submit it to the Board.

- Eurosense 2018

The Eurosense Conference 2018 will be held in Verona (2-5 September) organised by the Italian Sensory Science Society. The official launch of the website will be done in May/June 2017.

- Other suggestions?

None.

§7 E3S General Assembly 2018 – date and location

E3S has received a proposal from the Sensory Food network Ireland to host the 2018 E3S General Assembly and Symposium at Teagasc Food research Centre, Dublin Ireland. The proposal was presented by Sinead McCarthy.

The suggested dates are 8-9 May. The assembly approved.

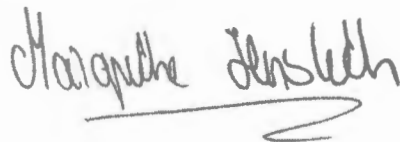
§8 Any Other Business

None.

The Chair

Margrethe Hersleth

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The Vice-Chair

Carolina Chaya

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