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1. Notice of Elections, given Dec. 21, 2007

An election is due for all positions on the Executive Committee of EACLALS. This will take place during the General Meeting of the Association at the Venice Triennial conference. The meeting has been provisionally scheduled for Friday, March 28th between 9.30am and 11am at a venue which is yet to be determined.

As the current members of the board have now reached the end of their term of office, and would not be allowed to seek another term by the EACLALS Constitution, all three positions are up for election at the same time.

The election will be conducted in accordance with the EACLALS Constitution. The relevant clauses are as follows:



17. NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Notice of Elections shall be sent out to all current members three months before the Triennial General Meeting of the Association at which the elections are to take place.

18. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be conducted in the following manner:

a The call for nominations to all Executive positions in the Association, most particularly for the institutional (Headquarter) positions of the chief officers of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, should be included in the Notice of Elections.

b Written nominations, including the written consent of the nominee, and the supporting signatures of two paid-up members of the Association, shall be submitted to the Secretary two months before the Triennial General Meeting of the Association.

c A full list of candidates for a prospective Executive Committee, together with the site(s) of a proposed Headquarters, shall be prepared by the outgoing Executive Committee for presentation at the Triennial General Meeting of the Association.

d The list of candidates and the submitted nominations shall be included in a mail ballot to be sent out to all members one month before the Triennial General Meeting of the Association.

e Nominations for any position may be made from the floor at the Triennial General Meeting, with the consent of the nominee and the support of two members of the Association, present at the Triennial General Meeting.

f Mail ballots shall not be tabulated until the day of the election and then not counted until the completion of the vote from the floor.

g Mailed ballots should be submitted in a plain, sealed envelope. This envelope should then be placed inside another envelope, sealed, with the member's signature written across the sealing strip. These ballots shall be verified by the Secretary against the current membership lists. The signed envelopes shall be opened by the Secretary at the appropriate point in the agenda of the Triennial General Meeting. A member of the Association approved of by the general membership present shall then record the ballots in the plain envelopes.

h All members shall have one vote.

i Members who have voted by mail, but who are present at the Triennial General Meeting of the Association, shall be considered to have already cast their vote.

j Voting at all elections of the Association shall be by secret ballot.

k No member of the Executive Committee may stand for more than two consecutive terms.

l The new Executive Committee shall assume office at the conclusion of the Triennial General Meeting of the Association at which the elections have taken place.



2. Call for Nominations

We appreciate that this procedure may seem unduly complicated and would justify a revision of the Constitution. The latter will be envisaged at the next General Meeting (see below).

In the meantime, we invite nominations for all three positions.

In accordance with Clause 18 (b) above, these may be submitted in writing to the Secretary on or before January 28, 2008.

The address which nominations should be sent to is:

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For the sake of expediency we have decided to accept nominations, as well as notifications of acceptance by the nominees, by e-mail communication. These too should reach the Secretary on or before 28 January 2008, at this address: marc.delrez@ulg.ac.be

3. EACLALS General Meeting, Venice, March 28, 2008: Agenda

1. Report of the Chairperson.
2. Report of the Secretary.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Appointment of Nominating Committee
5. Elections of Officers.
6. Fixing of the date and place of the next Triennial General Meeting.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Amendments to the Constitution.
9. Miscellaneous

10. Adjournment.