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**General Assembly**  
**Lisbon, 19 April 2011, 18.30 hrs.**  
**Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Avenida de Berna 45A**

Proposals for additional agenda items can be submitted to SIEF's secretariat (sief@meertens.knaw.nl),  
to be received not later than Thursday, 14 April 2011.

**Agenda**

1. Opening
2. Appointment of acting chair and secretary of the meeting
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of SIEF's General Assembly in Derry, 18 June 2008.
5. Report of the President on SIEF's activities over 2008-2011
6. Report of the Vice-President in charge of the Secretariat/Finances over 2008-2011.
7. SIEF Working Groups
  - a. reports by Chairs of active groups
  - b. New Working Groups

## 8. Frequency of the International Congress.

Keep it to a three yearly term or shorten it into two year cycle? Such a two year pattern would give SIEF more profile in the academic world, would give more possibilities for students to be present, and also makes it possible to avoid coincidence with the EASA congresses that are organized every two years.

## 10. Raise of SIEF's membership fee from €20 to €30 a year (€78 for 3 years).

The present fee of 20 euro's stands already for more than ten years; meanwhile the professional services of SIEF have increased considerably [major discount on the registration fee of congress; online directory; financial facilities; open access journal(s); newsletter; increased quality of congress].

## 11. Proposals for a Bylaw change.

Due to the increase of members and the problematic logistics of secret voting during the GA the board proposes the following changes (in bold) in article 10, from:

**Art 10:** Elections at the General Assembly will be held by show of hands, **except as indicated below**. Nominations for **any office-holders** of the Society, proposed and seconded by members of the Society and with the consent of the person nominated, should be received in written form by the Presidency at least 48 hours before the General Assembly convenes. **Nominations for the other members of the Executive Board, proposed and seconded by members and with confirmed consent of the person nominated, may also be made from the floor. The voting for the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency shall be by secret ballot.**

Into:

**Art 10:** Elections at the General Assembly will be held by show of hands. Nominations for the Executive Board of the Society, proposed and seconded by members of the Society and with the consent of the person nominated, should be received in written form by the Presidency at least 48 hours before the General Assembly convenes. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Executive Board from among their number.

## 12. (Re) election of members and presidency of the SIEF Executive Board (the candidate statements have been pre-circulated to the members)

## 13. Proposals for next SIEF congresses.

## 14. Closing approx. 20.00 hrs