

Minutes of the ELI Membership Meeting

11 October 2024, Dublin

Venue: Dining Hall, King's Inns, Henrietta St, Dublin 1, D01 KF59, Ireland

Chair: Pascal Pichonnaz (ELI President)

Keeper of the minutes: Laura Bianchi (ELI Secretariat)

The meeting commenced at 14:00.

I. Welcome and Minute of Silence

(1) Pascal Pichonnaz opened the meeting by welcoming those present and asking for the approval of the agenda, which was subsequently approved. He acknowledged the tradition of reflecting on members of ELI who passed away in the preceding 12 months and invited participants to join in a minute of silence in light of the passing of Prof Spindler Gerald of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, who sadly died shortly after the 2023 Annual Conference, namely on 11 September 2023. This was duly held.

II. Approval of Minutes

(2) The minutes of the last Membership meeting were approved.

III. Brief Report from the ELI President and Other Executive Committee Members

(3) Pichonnaz gave an overview of recent ELI activities, emphasising the lengths ELI goes to ensure adequate dissemination. He congratulated the Turkish Hub once again for winning the Hub of the Year award in light of their dissemination efforts and invited others to engage in translation efforts or engage in other efforts to support the broad dissemination of ELI's work. Finally, Pichonnaz touched on the importance of fundraising, inviting those that are not yet Sustaining Members to consider joining. He also encouraged those present to inform the Secretariat of any foundations they know with mandates that align with ELI's.

IV. Brief Report from the Treasurer

(4) Pietro Sirena having been forced to return home for family matters, the Report of the Treasurer was presented by the President. He commenced by giving a brief report on ELI's finances. He assured attendees that ELI accounts had been audited and were fully transparent, in line with the organisation's rules. ELI will close 2025 with a deficit but cost-cutting measures will help to reduce the deficit. ELI has sound reserves, however, and remains financially stable.

V. Dissemination of ELI Projects and Similar Initiatives

(5) Anne Birgitte Gammeljord commenced by reiterating the importance of dissemination. She stressed that the real work begins once a project is finished, emphasising the need for translations and encouraging members to continue spreading the outcomes of completed projects. Among other things, she announced that a webinar on Enterprise Foundation would be held in December 2024 and invited members to participate.

VI. Closing Remarks

(6) Pichonnaz concluded the meeting by announcing that next year's Annual Conference would take place in Vienna from 22–24 September 2024. He thanked the members of the Executive Committee for their dedication and a special recognition was given to ELI's Scientific Director Christiane Wendehorst, Secretary General Vanessa Wilcox and to the entire Secretariat for their continuous efforts.

(7) Gammeljord thanked Pichonnaz for his enduring service and leadership.

The meeting ended at 14:30.