

President's Report to the General Assembly 2013 (Pekka Sulkunen)

1. Membership

The number of ESA members has grown significantly

2007	2009	2011	2013
758	1731	2126	1933*

*Early August 2013

2. The Executive Committee

The EC members were: (members in italics are serving their second term)

Maria Carmela Agodi, Pertti Alasuutari, Ellen Annandale, Luis Baptista, *Helena Carreiras*, Vincenzo Cicchelli, *Roberto Cipriani*, *Elena Danilova*, Ricca Edmondson, Robert Fine, Tally Katz-Gerro, *Ellen Kuhlmann*, Luigi Pellizzoni, Suvi Ronkainen, Anne Ryen, Pekka Sulkunen, Georg Vobruba, Frank Welz.

The EC has had the following Committees: (Chairs in bracket)

Finance Committee (Tally Katz-Gerro),
Committee for RNs (Ellen Kuhlmann),
Committee for Publications (Pertti Alasuutari),
Committee for Conference Programme (Frank Welz),
Committee for Communications and Public Relations (Elena Danilova),
Committee for the Post-graduate Research (Luis Baptista),
Committee for External Relations (Pekka Sulkunen),
Committee for the ESA Policy (Maria Carmela Agodi),
Committee for National Associations (Roberto Cipriani)

The EC has met five times:

October 2011 (Paris), May 2012 (Turin), October 2012 (Paris), May 2013 (Turin), August 2013 (Turin).

3. Conferences

2011

The 2011 conference was held in Geneva (7-10 September 2011). The Programme Committee was chaired by Bill Hughes and the Local Organising Committee by Sandro Cattacin.

2384 papers were presented in 588 sessions. There were 54 invited speakers and 2831 participants.

The total net revenue was 819'593.00 CHF (665000 Euros approximately), of which ESA received 50.000 Euros.

2013

The 2013 conference is held in Turin (28-31 August 2013). The Programme Committee was chaired by Frank Welz and the Local Organising Committee by Tiziana Nazio.

Over 4000 abstracts were received, 3200 accepted.
There are 2600 registered participants, about 2500 papers will be presented, distributed or presented as posters.
There will be 33 invited speakers.

The total budget of the event (excluding membership fees) is about 650.00 euros.

2015

The 2015 conference will be held in Prague. Other bids were received from Budapest and Kyiv.

4. Important decisions by the Executive committee

European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology will be published as the second journal of the Association. A new contract on ESA journals was signed with Routledge. It will significantly increase our income from the journals.

Research Network activities have been supported with 42500 € from ESA (RN midterm conferences funding). RNs membership fees of 19420 € have been collected and transferred to the RNs.

Revised Statutes and new Bylaws have been prepared and reviewed by a lawyer (see Agenda item 7).

5. Main activities carried out by ESA since October 2011

The 2012 Summer School was held in Lisbon 22-26 July.

The Council of National Associations held an interim meeting on European Science Policy in Paris on 25 October 2012.

ESA is a member of the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE), which is a consortium of learned societies to represent the voice of researchers in European science policy.

ESA has submitted three opinions to support the role of Social Sciences and Humanities in HORIZON 2020 ("The 8th Framework Programme") on Research and Innovation of the European Union in 2011-2013.