

## MINUTES

of Session IX during Arnoldshain VIII Seminar in Sao Paulo and Sao Sebastiao

“Designing Strategies for Sustained Growth and Development

EU and LA Compared”

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Roland Eisen opened the Session IX shortly after 17 o'clock.

Firstly, Jorge A. Fornero, Europa Institut of the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, conveyed the greetings of the President of our Association, Pprof. Gabriele Tondl. She regrets very much not being here, however, new duties prevented her from coming.

Next, Alex Elsas reported what we have done in the past year. We formulated a new enlarged German version of the bylaws passed in the last meeting in Vorau (Austria). An English version will be made after the approval of the Verein by the German bureaucracies. We met with Hans Matthöfer, a former Federal Minister with the Helmut Schmidt government, to get some sustainable finance from his foundation for the Association and the “best paper award”. However, it proofed a little bit more difficult than he promised. In late April or beginning of May, Alex and Ulrich will meet with some officials of the tax authority and the register court. Furthermore, Alex will develop a new members' platform application presented during the meeting.

Third, the name of our Association was discussed because the domain of our acronym, neither IACES nor IACSEI, is not available. Based on a proposal of Prof. Basilia Aguirre, our vice president, the name “International Society for Comparative Economic Studies (ISCES)” was voted for. The new domain is registered:” ISCES.net”!

Fourth, the members decided to vote for Pprof. Basilia Aguirre as our next president, they voted unanimously!

The voting for the next vice president (or president elect) was postponed until a decision is made upon the place and date of the Arnoldshain Seminar IX. Two places were discussed:

Universidad de la Republica Uruguay and Université Paris Dauphine. Both, Adriana Pefuffo as well as Prof. Jean-Marc Siroen were asked to clarify the possibilities.

Fifth, for the publishing of the papers presented during Arno VIII, the economics faculty of the NUC will publish a special issue of their Journal. The other papers will appear on our website (maybe also with the help of an ISSN) as “Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Arnoldshain Seminar”.

Signed Roland Eisen, treasurer