

**EHA Annual General Meeting  
June 30, 2008, 1400-1600 hrs  
Palais Des Académies  
Rue Ducale 1, Brussels**

**Participants**

Air Liquide, represented by Frédéric Barth (FB)  
 Air Products represented by Ian Stuart Williamson (IW)  
 Association Francaise de l'Hydrogène, represented by Claude Derive (CD)  
 ENI, represented by Thomas Gromeier and Salvatore Carbonaro  
 German Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association represented by Johannes Toepler (JT)  
 Norsk Hydrogen Forum represented by Ann-Cathrin Vaage (ACV)  
 Shell Hydrogen, represented by Mark Philips (NB)  
 Swedish Hydrogen Forum represented by Lars Sjunnesson (LS)  
 Swiss Hydrogen Association Hydropole represented by Ernest Burkhalter  
 Marieke Reijalt, executive director EHA (MR)

**Apologizes:**

Acciona represented by Eugenio Guelbenzu (EG):  
 Asociacion Espanola del Hidrogeno represented by Antonio Gonzalez Garcia-Conde (AG)  
 Dutch Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association represented by Jacques Smolenaars (JS)  
 The Linde Group represented by Jaco Reijerkerk (JR)

Lars Sjunnesson chaired the meeting.  
 Minutes were taken by Tanya Carre

**Agenda**

<p>1. Welcome          LS welcomed the participants and asked if the AGM agreed with the AGM announcement procedures that were followed.</p>	<p><i>AGM procedures were approved</i></p>
<p>2. Approval Agenda          LS presented a change in the agenda: as invited Commission officials arrived early, they are invited to the AGM after agenda point 3 and 5.</p>	<p><i>The Agenda was approved with the changes.</i></p>
<p>3. Approval Minutes AGM June 20, 2007 AGM</p>	<p><i>The Minutes were approved</i></p>
<p>4. Report Action Plan 2007/ Action Plan 2008:</p>	

<p>MR presented the activities in 2007 that are listed in the Report on the Action Plan 2007 and the Action Plan 2008. In 2007 EHA succeeded to enter the process of EU legislation in the preparation phase rather than the decision phase. Representing now 14 national associations and the main H2 infrastructure development companies the EHA has established itself as an association of reference that is also demonstrated by the participation at the AGM of key EU officials. The Action Plan for 2008 points to the need to develop topics to communicate to the new EU Commission and Parliament in 2009. The Action Plan focuses also on organising a meaningful EHEC type of event in the near future in collaboration with other relevant events</p>	<p><i><u>Decision:</u> The Report of 2007 and the Action Plan 2008 were approved.</i></p>
<p>5. Financial Report 2007/Budget 2008/2009: As the EHA treasurer had to apologize MR presented the financial report 2007 and budget 2008, explaining the loss in 2007; in relation to the budget surplus in previous years it was decided to increase expenditures in 2007 for promotional activities and to translate and publish the brochure “Where will the energy for hydrogen production come from?” that has proven to be a very valuable lobbying tool. Adwin Martens of the Flemish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Associations (VSWB) has approved the annual accounts of 2007.</p> <p>The budgeted new membership income has been met by 50% up to June 30. The EHA in 2008 will also bid for the permanent secretariat of the Regions Partnership HyRaMP, that the EHA is currently supporting, that could increase income still in 2008.</p> <p>Adwin Martens was proposed as auditor for 2008 and 2009.</p>	<p><i><u>Decision:</u> The Financial report 2007 and Budget 2008/2009 was approved.</i></p> <p><i><u>Decision:</u> Adwin Martens was appointed as auditor for 2008 and 2009.</i></p>
<p>6. Nominations for the Board. The proposal for the nomination of new Board members of the Nominating Committee was presented by LS: - Mark Philips as representative of Shell Hydrogen. - Thomas Gromeier as representative of ENI. The nomination for Carlos Velasco had been withdrawn.</p>	<p><i><u>Decision:</u> The nomination of two new board members was approved: Mark Philips as representative of Shell Hydrogen. - Thomas Gromeier as representative of ENI.</i></p>
<p>7. EHA Statutes change to allow Community organisations as EHA member. IW presented the proposal for an EHA Statutes change in which a</p>	<p><i>The changes in the Statutes were accepted.</i></p>

<p>new category is included for Community Members – Category C: <i>shall be organisations (except national associations or commercial organisations) such as regional bodies, cities etc who have expressed a strategic intent to take a prominent lead in the transition of a geographic area towards a hydrogen economy.</i> (like regional organisations) The EHA board will be enlarged with one supporting member and one community members.</p> <p>CD inquired about the need for a reference that new sustaining, supporting and community organisation members should join their national association as well. LS responded that that will be discussed at the Board meeting in which new members are being proposed.</p>	
<p>8. New Membership fees as result of Statutes change /Budget 2009: IW presented the membership fees. He referred to the still existing supporting member's fee of € 5.000. CD commented that the association fee should be valid for all new EHA national association members. IW suggested that new EHA national association members and SME's cannot be Board member until they pay the full fee. The proposed fee structure is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustaining Members: € 15,000</li> <li>• Association Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Associations: € 3,000</li> <li>- National associations applying for EHA membership: first and second year € 300, third year € 750, fourth year € 1,500, fifth year 3,000.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supporting Members: € 5,000; SME's according to EU definition: first year: € 500,00, second year € 1,000, third year € 2.500</li> <li>• Community Members: € 2,000</li> <li>• Individual Members 300 euros</li> <li>• Honorary Members 0 euros</li> </ul>	<p><i><u>Decision:</u> The new fee structure and Budget for 2009 were approved.</i></p>
<p>9. AOB. EU officials responsible for important dossiers that affect hydrogen reported to the AGM: 1. Ferenc Pekar responsible officer in DG Enterprise for the Regulation of the Homologation of hydrogen vehicles. A political agreement has been achieved and adoption of the Regulation is set for this autumn. The Regulation will be in force in two years time. Mr.</p>	

<p>Pekar illustrated that the Regulation refers to H2 and CNG mixtures as well and the Commission will define the specifications for mixtures in a Comitology process. TG of ENI referred to the stations in operation in Italy that supply the H2 (30%V) and CNG mixture. MR referred to the discussions of the EHA with the Commission to contribute to this process. The EC will start in 2009 with the work on specifications for L type vehicles, two and three wheelers in the framework of the recast of the Motor Directives in 2009. IW commented that Intelligent Energy is already putting a motor cycle on fuel cells through homologation in the UK. He also suggested to contact the Industrial Gas Association EIGA on safety aspects.</p> <p>2. Stefan Tostmann, of DG TREN, head of Unit D2 - Innovation and technological development in energy and responsible for the EU Strategic Energy Technology Plan and Mr. Jean Marie Bemtgen, senior expert at DG TREN. LS presented Mr. Tostmann and Mr. Bemtgen with the first copies of the new EHA paper « Hydrogen and fuel cells a strong partners of renewable energy systems. » that resulted from the EHA Set Plan Hearing in April 2007 on this topic. Mr. Tostmann referred to the organisational structure of the SET Plan and the possibility to give input to the Steering Group of national experts. He also explained the creation of Industrial Initiatives for the deployment of specific technologies that are more flexible than JTI's; there are already established II for wind and solar and smart grid. On May 20 the SET Plan Research Alliance defined common agenda for next programme; one of the areas is low carbon technologies. Next 6-12 months agreement has to be reached for financing the SET Plan (maybe ETS revenues?) The EC is specifically interested in expert input on large scale electricity storage as hydrogen (costs and technology). This September a new call will be out with a budget of approx. €150 mln for 10-15 projects. Projects need to be preferably industry led. Mr. Bemtgen emphasized that the EC is not picking winning technologies; the energy chains of renewable energy and hydrogen and fuel cells mentioned in the EHA paper are of interest but need more demonstration of efficiency and emission reduction potential.</p> <p>LS invited JT to report on the WHEC 2008. JT illustrated that the conference was quite small: 700 participants, 500 scientists. He has given the EHA presentation at the Educational session of the WHEC.</p>	
<p>10. The meeting was concluded at 16:15</p>	