Simon Evers expresses his gratitude to everyone in the room, as their presence is seen as a sign of appreciation for the work of the Committee.

The voting for the new Committee members for the next two years is prepared. Every Association has one vote. There are 25 votes.

Simon resumes the results of the Business Meeting of 2016 (determining Blankenberge as the next venue – which worked out very well! – & election of the coordinator and the Committee).

Siimon Haamer, treasurer, presents the financial overview. He concludes that “We are in pretty good shape: no debts and positive accounts”.

Simon Evers proposes that some of the Associations would pay more than the standard 100 EURO/year annual fee. For some organisations this fee is too high (and they are funded), for other organisations that is not a problem. The proposal is welcomed positively. The Committee will discuss the best way to spend this extra money.

The consultation venue was already announced yesterday, because some participants left before the business meeting. We will meet again at the Orthodox Academy in Crete, 10-15 of June, 2020, where the Network was together in 2000.

Simon explains the rules for the election of the Committee Members, and gives a short overview of the tasks of a Committee Member. There are 8 candidates. Those that are present, each present themselves in a one-minute talk. The ones that had to leave the Consultation early, each left a note that is read aloud by Simon.

Before the actual vote, Simon adds that the Committee asks to keep in mind both gender balance and a good representative body from the Network.

As the votes are being counted, Simon reads the report of Anne Vandenhoeck on ERICH. All the information about ERICH is found on the website. Note that there is a vacancy for a researcher. All candidates are free to apply.

One of the attendees wonders whether the rules in the Constitutions about the basis on which Associations are accepted as a member organisations are sufficiently clear, not too vague. It is clear who can be included, however, on what basis are organisations being excluded? What about the number of organisations per country? And what about Brexit?

The results of the voting are:

Siimon Haamer (23 votes)
Daniel Nuzum (18 votes)
Gudrun Rosén (18 votes)
Margery Collin (13 votes)

They will join Stavros Kofinas, Axel Liégeois, Father Efstathios Savvides and Simon Evers in the Committee for the next two years.
The mandate of Mark Burleigh, Karoliina Nikula and Father Adamantios Avgoustidis stops here, but it is not a goodbye. Beer, chocolate and prayers are being kindly offered!

Time for the coffee break, which will be followed by a short closing ceremony.

This was ENHCC, 2018.
Blessings from Blankenberge and see you in Crete!