

## Brief report of the nominations process for the 2014 Presidential election

The Council and Board approved the composition of an independent search group; mandate for that group and the process for identification of a shortlist of candidates at their respective meetings in September 2013. [see the call document]

The call was published on the Acadeuro website and remained open until 31 October 2013 . The call was publicised through electronic newsletters to all AE members.

The Search group scrutinised nominations for all candidates and recommended a shortlist of two candidates to the Board.

The Board (January 2014) accepted without reservation, the recommendation for two candidates. The Board also agreed, that for the first time an Academy wide electronic ballot would be arranged for a date in the spring of 2014, rather than a ballot in person, by members attending the 2014 AGM.

The Board scheduled a discussion to finalise arrangements during their meeting of 14 April. However, one of the two candidates announced their withdrawal. Therefore, the Board decided to proceed and to recommend the single remaining candidate for election by members attending the AGM (on 16 July 2014), but on a show of hands as prescribed in the memorandum of association of the Academy.

This process and the arrangements for the ballot at the AGM are fully in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the Academia Europaea [see Regulations document section 12 para.5 and the 'memorandum' document paras: 9 though 27] . These documents are available through the [www.ae-info.org](http://www.ae-info.org) website

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