

Dear members of ReDi, dear friends,

with this letter we would like to share with you a few updates for the forthcoming REDI Annual General Meeting that will take place during the Biennial Research Conference on the 2 April 2025 from 4.45 pm - 6.15 pm CET in a hybrid format.

Would you be interested in sharing in the leadership of ReDi for the next 2 years? Then, we would appreciate your response to this call for candidates.

At the 2025 REDI AGM we will be electing a new Board of ReDi. As a reminder, this is the current Board and information on their terms of office:

Name of Board member	Year elected	Institution or Individual	Can stand again?	Anything else?
Johannes Eurich	elected as Chairperson 2020 and then 2022	Individual	NO	
Janka Ademova	2022	Individual	YES	Will NOT stand again
Matthew Ross	2022	Institution - WCC	YES	Will NOT stand again
Jacques Beukes	2020 and 2022	Individual	NO	
Godwin Ampony	2022	Institutional - UEM	YES – as individual or institution – if institution should only be one more term of 2 years	(likely to be a candidate again)
Delegated persons acc. to § 12.3:				
Ville Paiväsolo		DIAK	Can stand for a term of two years either as an individual or as a rep of an institution	(likely to be a candidate)
Heather Roy		Eurodiaconia	no	Designated Administrator on behalf of Eurodiaconia – not elected member of the Board

As a result, we are looking to elect 6 members of the ReDi Board including a new Chairperson. We therefore are launching this call for candidates who will be elected at the 2025 AGM. We are looking for candidates from institutions as well as individuals.

- If you are standing in an **individual capacity** please send your CV and a short motivation statement of no more than 500 words to Johannes Eurich at the email address: eurich@dw.uni-heidelberg.de. Individual members may also be elected as the Chairperson of ReDi. Please indicate in your motivation letter if you are willing to stand as Chairperson.

- If you are standing on behalf of an **institution** please send your CV and a short motivation statement of no more than 500 words AND a letter from the institution confirming that you are a candidate on behalf of that institution to Johannes Eurich at the email address : eurich@dw.uni-heidelberg.de.

All nominations must be received by 17 March 2025.

Please note – all individual candidates should be members of REDI by 1 April 2025 and have paid their membership fees for 2025 by the same date. All institutional candidates should be proposed on behalf of institutions who are members of ReDI by 1 April 2025 and have paid their membership fees for 2025 by the same date.

We plan to send members the information on candidates by 19 March 2025 along with the financial documents, final programme and agenda and the ZOOM link for remote participation.

If you have any questions about the elections or any other aspect of the AGM, please contact Johannes Eurich.

With kind regards

The ReDi Board

Extract from the statutes about board elections for easy reference

Article 12 The Executive Board: Composition

12.1 The Association shall be governed by an Executive Board composed of the Chairperson and three to five other Executive Board members as elected by the Annual General Meeting. Each Executive Board member is elected for a two year term.

12.2 As much as is practically possible the Chairperson of the Association should be an individual member of the Association. Amongst the other members of the Executive Board a maximum of two should represent institutional members.

12.3 The Executive Board of the Association may delegate specific powers to up to three persons to cover specific areas of expertise or regional representation as deemed necessary. Delegated persons have the right to speak and to attend the meetings of the Executive Board but may not vote.

12.4 A Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary should be appointed from among the elected Executive Board members for a two-year period.

12.5 A (legal or natural) person may be appointed to the Executive Board for no more than two consecutive terms.

12.6 The Executive Board will be convened by the invitation of the Chairperson, or in his/her absence by invitation of the Deputy Chairperson, when they consider it necessary or when at least half of the Executive Board members demand it.

12.7 The Executive Board quorum is when at least half of its members, including the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson are present.

12.8 Matters are decided by a simple majority vote. In case of a tie, the Chairperson's vote will be the deciding one, but in elections, ties will be resolved by drawing lots.

12.9 Members of the Executive Board related to an institutional member are only members of the Executive Board for as long as they hold a mandate from the institution.

12.10 Members of the Executive Board shall not be held liable for any obligation of the Association. Their liability is confined by the scope of their mandate.

12.11 The decisions of the Executive Board are kept in a register kept at the official seat of the Association or any other location approved by the Executive Board.

12.12 No matter may be brought up which is not included in the agenda unless all members of the Executive Board agree at the opening of the meeting.

Article 13 The Executive Board: Powers and responsibilities

13.1 The Executive Board shall carry out the objectives of the Association. For this purpose, it shall be invested with all powers of administration and disposition as mandated by the Annual General Meeting according to these Statutes.

13.2 The Executive Board may delegate the daily management of the Association to one Administrator who will represent the Executive Board in the day to day management of the Association and may undertake financial, legal and programmatic tasks as directed by the Executive Board. The Administrator may attend Executive Board meetings and other meetings as agreed but will have no vote.