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Official announcement of meeting for the

First Ordinary General Assembly

September 5th 2011. **17:00 CEST** *(Second time; 16:00 First time)*

Rome, Italy. Banca d'Italia, Via Piacenza, 6 and [also webinar](#)

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/997374526>

Agenda:

1. Report of the acting President, financial report, for approval
2. [Nominations paper](#) (all Board positions) for ratification
3. Work plan of the Board, asking for approval
4. Proof of concept demos:
 - Excel <> XBRL,
 - RDBMS <> XBRL
 - Arelle usage
5. AOB

The duration of the Assembly is scheduled for about 15'-30' the points 1, 2 and 3, and one hour or more for point 4.

The General Assembly will be attended on site for the EuroFiling core team, as well as Yoshiaki Wada and Masatomo Goto, from Japan.

To become a member of OpenFiling association, please send an [Application for Membership](#) to info@openfiling.info describing yourself your interest and your contact information. Membership is for free.

Last minute information available at www.openfiling.info website.

1.- Report of the acting President.

November 3rd 2010. OpenFiling internet domain is registered. The web page www.openfiling.info goes live, with [Arelle Open Source](#) project as flagship.

November 24th 2010: [OpenFiling initiative](#) is publicly presented in the [13th European Banking Supervisors XBRL Workshop](#) in Luxembourg. The initiative is promoted by Diane Mueller (Canada), Herm Fischer (USA) and Ignacio Boixo (EuroFiling)

March 30th 2011: After public announcement in the e-mail distributions list, the [Founding Assembly](#) was held in London, UK, after an [EuroFiling](#) meeting. The goal of this Founding Assembly was to fulfill the legal steps for creating OpenFiling as legal not-for-profit Association under the Spanish Law. The [Bylaws approved](#) were drafted using the predefined Bylaws as published by the Community of Madrid. The acting Board, for legal purposes, was nominated as [Ignacio Boixo](#) (President), [Victor Morilla](#) (Vice President) and [Javi Mora](#) (Secretary).

March 31th 2011: The period for being a Founding Member was closed, with a total of 18 applications received.

April 4th 2011: The Application for Legal Registration was filed in the Community of Madrid, Spain.

June 7th 2011: XBRL Spain ask the help of OpenFiling for the public announcement of the "[Open Competition on IT Architectures for XBRL Open Source](#)", with a total of 5,000 € of awards in five categories.

July 7th 2011: OpenFiling not-for-profit association became legally [registered](#) as an international not-for-profit association of individuals, with the number 32.378 in the Community of Madrid, Spain

July 11th 2011: OpenFiling website hosts the [ExcelXbrlGen Open Source](#) tool. This Data Modeller has been developed in order to facilitate creation of taxonomies according to the draft EuroFiling architecture out of the Data Points Model (DPM) in MS Excel format.

July 31st 2011: Official announcement of meeting for the 1st Ordinary General Assembly is released.

See details and full documentation of the above at OpenFiling website "about us" http://www.openfiling.info/?page_id=50

1.- (cont.) Assets, expenses, income and financial report.

The only assets of the OpenFiling association is the web site www.openfiling.info and the corresponding Internet Domain names.

The very limited expenses for Internet setup were covered by XBRL Spain. The very limited expenses on legal registration were covered by the acting President. All the work is carried out in a voluntary basis.

No other expenses are due. Therefore, no membership fees or any other source of income is needed.

This is the end of the financial report.

2.- Elections procedure (see [Bylaws](#) articles 12 and 13).

In accordance with the bye-laws, all positions will be filled, including President, Vice President, Secretary and Members of Board.

The number of Members of the Board is not defined in the Bylaws, thus the General Assembly can elect a variable number of Members.

As there are no member's fees and thus no income, there will be no need for a Treasurer.

The nomination papers for the Board has been made public on August 19th and allowed adequate dissemination, with a notice of more than 15 days before holding the General Assembly meeting.

On July 31st this public announce was released:

Please send your expression of interest for being a candidate for the Board to info@openfiling.info by August 15th 2011, describing briefly yourself and your interest; this information will be made public in the nomination papers.

The only basic requirement for being a candidate is being a member of the OpenFiling association (art. 12). To become a member of OpenFiling association, please send an Application for Membership to info@openfiling.info describing yourself your interest and your contact information.

If you also apply for President, Vice President or Secretary, please express also that interest. Notwithstanding that the acting positions are currently served by people of the same nationality (to simplify the legal registration), a larger diversity is recommended for the regular elections.

The acting Nominations Committee prepare the nomination paper for the General Assembly. If there are several candidates for the same position, competitive nomination papers will be published. Due the current limited number of members, and the variable size of the Board, a single nomination paper is foreseen.

The expression of interest for being a candidate for the Board to info@openfiling.info was open until August 15th 2011. Olivier Servais has kindly accepted to serve as Nomination Chair. The number of Board members is open in the Bylaws. Single seats (President, Vice-president, Secretary) had single candidate. Therefore, a single Nominations paper was assembled, to be ratified by the General Assembly.

[Nominations paper following this link](#)

1. **Ignacio Boixo**: President. Spain, EuroFiling Co-coordinator, XBRL Spain
2. **Yoshiaki Wada**: Vice-president. Japan, XII Board of Directors, XBRL Japan
3. **Igor Sakuma**: Secretary. Peru, Head of IT, Banking/Insurance Supervision
4. **Colm O hAonghusa**: Member (*Alt. Secretary*). Ireland, EuroFiling Secretary
5. **Herm Fischer**: Member. USA, XBRL Standards Board, XBRL Formulae Chair
6. **Diane Mueller**: Member. Canada, XBRL Best Practices Board
7. **Tushar Das**. Member. India, XBRL filing project, Reserve Bank of India
8. **Allyson Ugarte**: Member. USA, XBRL taxonomies developer
9. **Eduardo González**: Member. Spain, IT entrepreneur

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Geography: Americas: four members, including Secretary. Asia/Pacific: four members, including Vice-president. Europe: three members, including President.

3.- Work plan of the Board, asking for approval

1. Education and examples developing/extending taxonomies
2. Implementing supply chains (converters, architectures....)
3. Sustainability (ecosystem costumers/providers, donors...)
4. Open source usage, reuse, licenses, developments, contribution, accountability
5. Cooperation among OpenFiling members

Work plan for the Board of OpenFiling: Members, Open meetings, Minutes, Charter..... (See full list of goals and activities of OpenFiling in "about us" at http://www.openfiling.info/?page_id=50)

Contributed Background:

The goal of open source is much more than just making no-cost software. It's about producing better software through a process of inclusion and rough consensus. The source code is free of charge largely because that is the best way to create a large community around the project, it's not the final goal. And while some open source projects function better than others, they are not, as a rule, unaccountable.

Further, many open source projects have commercial ventures (like ActiveState among others) that live or die by their success, which makes them extremely accountable. To say that governments cannot rely on open source software or the open source process because it is unaccountable is just not true. We know this to be the case because you can find the government using open source software in the [Army](#), the [NSA](#), the [Census](#), the [White House](#), and just about everywhere else. Open source process can inform and support an open filing project in many beneficial ways.

If you look at the outstanding work of pro-transparency organizations like the [Sunlight Foundation](#), [govtrack.us](#), [RECAP](#), and others, nearly all are using open source and the open source development model. These are smart people doing serious work. They're using open source because it's the best way to collect a large number of contributors around a common problem. They're using open source because the transparency of the process and software makes their work credible. They're using open source because they believe that free access to government data means free access to the tools that make that data useful. The alternative is closed, proprietary tools, which do little to further the transparency goals.