



EUROPEAN FORUM OF TECHNICAL AND  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**EfvET ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
BUDAPEST – 28 OCTOBER 2005**

**Welcome**

Hans van Aalst (President) declared the meeting open at 9.20 and welcomed all members. He reminded members that meeting papers had been circulated beforehand and outlined the agenda.

**Apologies for Absence**

Marián de la Villanueva (Secretary)

Christopher Parkin (IVETA)

**Minutes of the AGM in Lucca 29 October 2004**

These were accepted as an accurate record of the proceedings

**Matters Arising**

There were no Matters Arising as all items for further discussion formed part of the agenda.

**Steering Committee**

Hans van Aalst reported that the EfvET Steering Committee had met formally some three times during the year. There had been some changes in membership and the Steering Committee was pleased to welcome Tibor Dori as the National Representative for Hungary and Stelios Mavromoustakos as the National Representative for Cyprus.

The proposed revised definition of profiles was still in progress as it had proved to be a more complex process than had been envisaged. **This restructuring would be completed before the conference in Cyprus and a report would be presented to the 2006 AGM.**

The Treasurer would report later that the previous uncertainty over funding had for the most part been allayed, but these concerns had influenced much of the work of the Steering Committee.

The issue of the EfvET Brussels Office had also been addressed and discussions had started with other European organisations to explore potential premises sharing.

**Annual Report**

Pete Hodgson (Vice-President) introduced the EfvET Annual Report 2004-5. He highlighted the following:

- EfvET's enhanced strategic role with the European Commission and particularly the Education and Training Directorate.
- BVE Raad had organised jointly with EfvET a conference of VET practitioners in Maastricht in December 2004. This preceded the official Launch Conference of the Maastricht Communiqué.



- EfVET/AoC/BVE Raad members were able to report the findings and recommendations from this group of practitioners to this official EU Commission Conference, present at which were the Education Ministers from 25 Member States.
- This involvement in the VET policy debate resulted further in a BVE Raad/AoC/EfVET meeting with Jan Figél the Commissioner for Education and Culture.
- EfVET continues to collaborate with its partner European Education and Training/Lifelong Learning networks through the “European Civil Society Platform for Lifelong Learning” EUCIS following joint activities during the two previous years.
- The platform is currently being established as a legal entity to ensure its true representation of Non-Governmental Organisations. The EfVET Vice-President has a place on the Executive Committee. The Platform was awaiting confirmation of Grundtvig funding for a project related to Active Citizenship.
- EfVET continued to support its members through the Annual Conference Lucca 2004, national meetings and regional and local conferences.
- Newsletters were distributed electronically at regular intervals.
- Kent Andersen had acted as webmaster for the EfVET website and was soon to re-design and modernise it.
- EfVET continues to cooperate with IVETA, and the “European Vocational Training Association” (EVTA)
- EfVET was one of the founder members of the “World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics” and assisted in the organisation of and participated in its 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress in Dubai in March 2005.

### **Dutch Proposal 10% Claim**

The President had received a letter from EfVET – Netherlands pointing out that as the EfVET financial situation was still causing some concern, the member organisation would not pursue its claim, as agreed at a previous AGM, to 10% rebate of fee for use by the national body. This decision was welcomed by the membership. After discussion it was agreed that the option for national organisations to make such a claim should remain, particularly to assist new national networks to establish themselves, but each case would be reviewed on its merits.

### **2004 Financial Year Audited Accounts**

Frans Schneider (Treasurer) formally presented the audited accounts to the meeting. These had been circulated beforehand. The motion to accept these accounts was agreed by members. The President thanked Frans for his hard work to balance the EfVET books and gradually reduce the deficits of previous years.

### **Budget/Membership for 2006**

Frans Schneider made the following comments

- As there was an expected surplus of €2000 in the previous year, he proposed that the membership fees remained the same for 2006.



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- Although reduced since 2003, EfVET still had a negative reserve in 2004. Reductions in expenditure had been achieved during the previous year. He aimed to convert this to positive reserve by the end of 2008
  - Payment of fees and conference monies was still too slow. In consequence he was forced to send costly repeated reminders. EfVET cash flow suffered also particularly at the beginning of the year.
  - Too many members do not comply with the conditions of membership which are clearly elaborated on the website and re-inforced in writing when members join.
  - It has been necessary to write off too many unpaid membership fees
1. There were still unpaid Conference fees back to Greece in 2000 and some €11000 from Lucca in 2004.

Discussions ensued over the efforts made to recover unpaid fees. Members were urged to help the Steering Committee collect unpaid monies.

Questions were asked about the benefits of involvement in the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics and the expenditure required to act on the world stage.

#### **Actions for 2006**

The President announced that the immediate actions for 2006 included:

- The European Qualifications Framework working group would draft an EfVET response to the European Commission's consultation process by the end of December 2005 and would keep a watching brief on future developments.
  - A revision to the description of the benefits of EfVET membership would be undertaken
2. There would be a formal evaluation of the membership of the WFCP.

There being no further business, the President thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.35am.