



MINUTES EFVET STEERING COMMITTEE
Madrid, 11th June 2005

Present:

Hans van Aalst; Frans Schneider, Birgit Hook, Leif Haar, Peter Hodgson, Laurence J. Kavanagh, Birgitta Johansson, Leila Lahti, Tibor Dori, Stelios Mavromoustakos Jos Leenhouts, Fernanda Cerdeira, Helena Aurelia, Louise Roshtoj, Kent Andersen and Mariàn de Villanueva

Chairman: Hans van Aalst

Nominations for and election of Vice President (Art. 14.1 of the Constitution)

Peter Hodgson was re-elected Vice President unanimously for two more years.

Chairman: Peter Hodgson

Welcomed everybody attending the meeting, especially Tibor Dori, the National Representative of Hungary and Stelios Mavromoustakos, the National Representative of Cyprus, for whom it was the first time to attend.

1. Apologies for absence

Stefano Tirati, Geoff Scaplehorn,

2. Minutes of the last meeting (29 January 2005)

Approved.

Comments: there is no definite information about Portfolios yet. The discussion on Port folios in the January meeting has not been processed into an updated paper. Pete Hodgson will do this in time for the next meeting.

3. Financial update

Frans Schneider had send the draft papers before the meeting.

The draft financial report of the Italian conference in 2004 shows a positive result of about € 8.000.

Stefano Tirati and his team were congratulated for the good work done.

The draft profit/loss account of the year 2004 shows a very good result. This is due to the fact that the Italian conference made a profit, that we have been cutting even more corners in our spending and that two members of the Steering Committee have donated to EFVET part of their fee due to them in participating in projects to the amount of € 18.400.

However we still have some "bad debtors" and although Frans Schneider is trying to recuperate all the money from these, he proposes to write off the stubborn ones.

Louise Roshtoj asked each National rep. to be informed before Frans Schneider contacts these debtors (again), in order to avoid misunderstanding. Frans agrees to that request.

The Steering Committee agreed that the treasurer will hold individual meetings with the National Reps. to decide which debtors shall be written off. The decisions, which will influence the profit/loss account, will be attached to and are an integral part of these minutes.

The EFVET National Body of The Netherlands has send a proposal to the Steering Committee to delete the "10% back to the National Bodies" from the constitution.

The meeting agrees with this proposal. It will be a point for AGM. . The SC agrees with the proposal including the formal accountant's approval and remarks.

Next to the balance sheet, the final figures for the year 2004 will also be presented by Frans Schneider in "the simplified form".

End of September 2005 all the papers for the AGM on 28 October 2005 in Budapest should be send to the members.



4. EFVET and Projects dissemination

Peter Hodgson had prepared a draft paper about EFVET as disseminator of project results. It is a very good service for the members.

Each project should be managed by someone on behalf of EFVET.

The meeting agreed with the content of the paper and the process will be defined now.

5. European Civil Society platform for LLL

It is not a lobby, it is a platform for sharing good practices. It is not financed by the Commission as such, but the Commission fully supports the creation of this platform and is looking for financial support in the form of projects granted to the platform.

A discussion followed, because in the documentation it seems that it is a lobby. The Steering Committee would like to be informed about the Platform's common strategy and should have the chance to comment on that.

Peter Hodgson, who has been elected to be a member of the executive team of the platform, promised to represent the Steering Committee's opinion.

The costs to be a full member of the platform will be € 100 per year.

Under the above conditions the meeting agreed to support and be part of the platform, which will have its own legal identity. It will be a point for the AGM.

6. Collaboration agreement with EVTA

The document to be signed has been sent to EVTA and the Steering Committee of EFVET at the same time. Actually, the idea behind it is to have a closer cooperation with each other, starting with having 3-4 meeting per year. A political debate about collaboration should be done in the future, it must be decided who will be participating.

The meeting agreed with this route taken, it will be a point for the AGM.

7. Web and Newsletter

Kent Andersen presented a draft of the new Website. The meeting liked and approved the new design. **The meeting agreed that Kent could finalise the design to have it running as our new Website on 1 November this year 2005. He was granted a budget for this exercise not exceeding €2.500.**

Leif Haar encouraged the National Reps. to present articles for the next newsletter, deadline is 15 August.

8. Actions stemming from Maastricht

Jos Leenhouts briefed the S.C. meeting about the follow up after the Maastricht exercises. There will be a meeting with Jan Figel, the new Commissioner for Education and Culture, next 13 June 2005 in Brussels. Apart from Hans van Aalst, on behalf of EFVET, there will be representatives of the AOC (UK) and the BVE Raad (NL) present at that meeting.

The Steering Committee will receive a report on the outcome.

9. Internationalisation

The World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) has a new web site: www.wfcp.org

The 3rd World Congress was held in Dubai last 7-9 March 2005, some 600 delegates from all over the world attended. Hans van Aalst was one of the keynote speakers and Frans Schneider was re-elected in the Executive Team as Secretary/Treasurer. **A report on this congress will be available at our 14th International Conference in Budapest.**

10. Conference update – Budapest 2005 and Cyprus 2006

Stefano Tirati and his team were congratulated for the good work done

Budapest 2005:

Tibor Dori, National Rep. of Hungary, presented his company to introduce himself. He was encouraged by the Steering Committee to extend the membership in Hungary into VET areas.

Representing Kristof Fischer of the Octopusz Foundation, the organisers of our 14th International Conference in Budapest, he gave an outline of the conference preparations so far.



Based on a letter received from the EFVET National Body of The Netherlands a discussion followed relating to having two different targets group in the conference: Managers and Practitioners.

Although the structure of the conference has been designed and experimented several years and it has been considered appropriated, it was agreed to organise different workshops for management and for practitioners.

National Reps. should encourage people to lead a workshop.

Cyprus 2006:

Stelios Mavromoustakos presented, using PowerPoint, his proposals for the 15th International EFVET Conference to be held in Cyprus 25 – 28 October 2006. He had negotiated prices for conference facilities and accommodation in various parts of his country and had found, in his opinion, the right place at the right discounted price in Ayia Napa, a town at the seaside some 30 km away from Lanarca Airport.

The conference could be held in the 5 star Aeneas Hotel with very good conference facilities.

It is situated in the town, so no "Colditz effect" like in Italy.

Some 60 rooms could be blocked at a price of €95 per night. For the delegates with less to spend some 80 rooms could be blocked in the Christofina hotel, more or less next door, at a price of €50 per night.

The meeting was impressed and thanked Stelios for all the work he has done so far.

It was agreed Stelios could go ahead with his proposal liasing with Frans Schneider to finalise contracts, etc. Stelios to prepare a little presentation at our Budapest conference.

11. Any other business

Regarding the portfolio discussions the National reps. are asked to prepare a document with their views on the "Portfolio of National Representative" for the S.C. meeting in Athens next 7 September 2005

There will be no Steering Committee meeting during the Conference in Budapest.

Hans van Aalst proposed Germany for the Conference 2007. Birgit to look into that.

12. Date of the next meetings:

Steering Committee: Athens, 7th September 2005 at 10.00 h

Executive Team: Brussels, 27th January 2006 at 15:00 h

Steering Committee: Brussels, 28th January 2006 at 09.00 h