



**EUROCLIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
NIJEMEGEN
Friday, March 26, 2010: 15.30-18.00
MINUTES**

Present:

Bosnia EUROCLIO-HIP
Bulgaria, Bulgarian HTA
Cyprus, AHDR
Cyprus, KTOEOS,
Denmark, Danish HTA,
Finland, HYOL,
France, APHG,
Germany, VGD,
Georgia, GAHE,
Great Britain, Historical Association
Great Britain, H-TEN,
Iceland, Icelandic HTA,
Ireland, Irish HTA,
Italy, Landis,
Latvia, LVSA
Lithuania, LIMA
Macedonia, Macedonian HTA
Netherlands, VGN
Norway, HIFO
Russia, Moscow HTA
Russia, Tatarstan HTA
Slovakia, Hungarian HTA in Slovakia
Sweden, Swedish HTA
Ukraine Nova Doba
Moldova, Moldovan HTA
Turkey, Turkish HTA

Opening of the General Assembly

1. Welcome and confirmation of the Agenda

Dean Smart, EUROCLIO Association President welcomed participants in the Nijmegen General Assembly. He explained the procedure to be followed and then he asked for three people to volunteer as members of the voting committee later on for the voting process (SEE 12) ; Alan McNally (Great Britain), Ilio Trajickovski (Republic of Macedonia) and Mikkel Elklit Olsen (Denmark) volunteered.

2. Report from the General Assembly in Nicosia 2009

Dean Smart asked if there were any amendments / comments on the minutes of the Nicosia General Assembly, 2009. Marjan de Groot (NETHERLANDS) pointed out that last year's financial report by the financial committee was not attached to the minutes when put on line. The General Assembly approved the minutes. Board apologized for not putting the financial report on line.

Reporting on the year 2009

3. President's report

The president reported on last year's activities and goals reached: medal winning, awards, recognition, high profile press conferences as BBC broadcast radio, HISTORIANA project were highlighted among others. He expressed the hope that there is a great deal of potential for the future. He stressed:

- The working for long hours both for Secretariat and the Board
- The importance of having an internationalised Secretariat and the enthusiasm, energy, willingness for work and offer by its members
- The very successful year 2009 and the hard time in acquiring funding
- The constant effort to look for opportunities

He asked members to follow the reports in the Newsletters and the constantly updated website. Finally he presented the new structure of EUROCLIO.

4. Legal adjustments to EUROCLIO entity: presentation of the new situation

Dean Smart explained that some structural changes in EUROCLIO Organization had to be made, due to Dutch and E.U. law requirements He elaborated on these changes using a diagram (*diagram to be attached*). The issue was discussed further later on.

5. Action report

Joke van der Leeuw Roord, Executive Director presented the Action Report of the year and elaborated on the p.p. presentation (*Detailed report attached*).

6. Financial report

There was a detailed presentation by E.D. Dean Smart made some comments on it. The financial Report was approved by the General Assembly.

7. Report of the Controlling Committee

The report of the member's audit committee was presented by Marjan de Groot. She expressed the satisfaction of the committee and recommended the G.A. to accept it. The G.A. approved the report and it was handed to the president.

Planning the future

8. Vision document/Action Plan

Sylvia Semmet, Policy Officer presented the situation for the coming years (2010-2011) as targets, overall aim, promoted key concepts, project proposals, current projects, networking, governance, outreach, secretariat staff, audit, mid-term planning, visits and challenges as well as key concepts for this planning.

9. Annual Conference 2011-2012

Kiki Sakka, Secretary, presented a brief analysis of the problem of no hosting country for the 2011 Annual Conference. Steven Siegers, Secretariat Project Manager elaborated on the issue and explained that we are seeking for an alternative solution for the Annual Meeting and the General Assembly of 2011.

10. Budget 2010

As Jelka Razpotnik, EUROCLIO Association Board Treasurer was absent, Joke presented the Association budget for 2010 and elaborated on it.

11. Proposed Changes to Articles of Association Statutes and Internal Rules

Dean SMART proposed amendments and changes to articles of Association Statutes and Internal Rules, explaining the situation and the legal requirements and consequences for the change of the legal status of EUROCLIO. Reformulation, according to notary's advice is necessary, reconciling what General Assembly wants and what is possible for the Association at the same time. He pointed out that laws and rules are quite contradictory sometimes, so a flexible and adaptable system is required.

Hans Almgren (Sweden) suggested the dismissal of AN absent board member and the acceptance of all three candidates for the two board vacancies. Dean elaborated on this and raised the gender issue. Marjan de Groot suggested too that the G.A should accept all three candidates for the board as the years to come are crucial and the more help by the Board, the better for the Association. Julia... (Russia) asked about the article 4.5.1b (member voting rights): what does it mean to be official delegate from an association for voting? Marjan also suggested that the board should eliminate the amount of official documents, so members are more keen to scrutinize on them – otherwise it becomes very confusing. About article 8.4 (Members' Audit Committee) it was pointed out that it was phrased rather openly to give G.A. members the opportunity to ask questions. Marat Gibraltinov (Tatarstan/Russia) referring to article 8.4, suggested that there should be three persons instead of two in the Controlling Committee, as a safer number for the purpose. His suggestion was accepted. Hans and Marjan suggested that this year's G.A. must appoint three (3) persons for the Audit Committee and their

proposal was accepted. Anne Koerstin, Hans Almgren and Marat Gibraltinov were appointed as members of the Members Audit Committee.

There were no changes suggested for Internal Rules. Publishing Houses were accepted as associate members of EUROCLIO Association.

Official/formal procedures

Huub Oattes (Vice President) elaborated on the official voting procedure regarding new association members and new board members.

12. New EUROCLIO members

Steven Siegers presented the candidate Associated Members of EUROCLIO.

- *Armenia: Union of Armenian History Educators*
- *Azerbaijan: Public Union of the Azerbaijan Historians*
- *Belgium: Flemish History Teachers' Association*
- *Moldova: Association of Historians (presentation by Sergio...).*
- *Turkey: Association of History Educators (presentation by Mustafa ...)*

13. Election of new EUROCLIO board members et alia.

Candidates:

- a. *General Assembly Endorsement of Board Proposal for President: Vassiliki Sakka*
- b. *Voting for candidates for Board Membership (listed in alphabetical order):*
 - Semih Aktekin, Turkey
 - Marjan de Groot, The Netherlands
 - Peder Wiben, Denmark
 - c. *Member's Audit Committee (appointed by G.A., see under 11)*
 - Anne Koerstin
 - Hans Almgren
 - Marat Gibraltinov

b. a. Proposal for amendments and changes for the Statutes

b. Internal Rules

Dean suggested the changes in the Internal Rules: Article 8.4 is rephrased as following:

"Each General Assembly will select three individuals present who are not staff or Board members to look at Association Finance records and Financial Policy over the coming year and report back to the next General Assembly. A policy document will govern the action and responsibilities of this group"

c. *Results of the board election*

The voting committee announced the results of the voting

- All candidate Associations were accepted as EUROCLIO Association members.
- All three candidates were accepted as EUROCLIO Association Board members by the General Assembly

- Vassiliki Sakka was accepted as EUROCLIO Association President
- All amendments and changes in Statutes and Internal Rules of EUROCLIO Association were accepted by the G.A.
(All voting: 33 for, none against, no objection)

The volunteers of the voting committee were thanked for their assistance.

d. Any other notified business

None.

e. Closure of the meeting

New EUROCLIO President Vassiliki Sakka announced the closure of the meeting, Nijmegen G.A 2010.

Minutes kept by Vassiliki Sakka