

Minutes of EEMS EXCOM meeting, Lancaster 6 July 2014, 13.00-14.10 h

Present: Anthony Lynch (EEMS Treasurer, will leave the ExCom after the Lancaster meeting), Leon Mullenders (EEMS president), Madeleine Nivard (EEMS secretary), Veronique Thybaud (EEMS VP, will leave the EXCOM after the Lancaster meeting), Roland Frötschl (future EEMS treasurer)

1. Annual EEMS meeting 2015 Prague

Two representatives of the local organization working for CZECH-IN are present, Schwarz and Kloudova. Schwarz gives a short overview of the current status.

The local organizing committee will consist of:

- J. Topinka (also member of the scientific committee)
- P. Rossner (also member of the scientific committee)
- H. Gabelova (also member of the scientific committee)
- L. Kloudova (from C-IN and will be our contact person)
- I. Pelanova (from C-IN)

- R. Sram will be member of the scientific committee only.

The reservation of the congress venue is made: the Clarion Congress Hotel from 23-27 August, 2015. A whole floor is reserved and there are possibilities to expand. The venue has three lecture rooms; two for 150 persons and 1 for 300 persons in class room style. When using theatre style the rooms are large enough. The hotel has 350 bedrooms.

In reply on Frötschl's question Schwarz explains that it doesn't make a big difference in price whether the whole floor is reserved or only part of the floor. The price per day for the whole floor is 7000 euro. On the first and last day we probably need less space and that can be organised.

The venue is just outside the city centre and has a metro station; three stops with the metro to the city centre. May be a free transportation pass can be arranged for each participant.

The local organizers do not need a pre-payment and in case of a negative balance, C-IN will cover the loss. They predict that they need around 300 participants. Thybaud asked about the expected registration fee. They promise nice competitive prices especially for early bird registrations. They will keep the fees as low as in Lancaster but then in euro; they don't want to go higher. For attractive student rates they consider to make an appointment with another hostel. They think that they can offer also a welcome reception and the congress dinner but this has to be discussed in detail.

The EXCOM members are invited to visit Prague and to see the venue, preferably in August.

Mullenders thanks Schwarz and Kloudova for their presence and clear explanation after which they leave the meeting.

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13.35 h – continuation ExCom meeting with ExCom members only

Annual meeting 2015 and 2016

After CZECH-IN people have left it is noted that we will discuss the budget of the annual meeting when visiting Prague but that we also need a profit out of these annual meetings. At the Lancaster meeting are around 280-290 participants which isn't very different from the 300 that CZECH-In needs for a zero balance on their budget.

An email is received from a French organization that was interested to organise the EEMS meeting in 2016. It is not clear whether the French national society knows about this initiative. Thybaud suggests to ask Lorge about it. (MN: Nivard has emailed them and it doesn't seem to be a serious offer)

2. Minutes of EXCOM TC meeting April 24

No remarks

3. Report on contributions to 43rd EEMS

There will be 280-290 participants at the Lancaster meeting of which 80 give a presentation. Keith and Jennie will make a report about the delegate and speaker status.

4. New EEMS constitution- status and further activity

On Wednesday (July 2) the Constitution Committee had a TC meeting. The main points that came out were:

- the process by which EEMS will undergo transition to a SCIO as decided in Brazil has been put "on hold"
- permission of the members to look for alternatives to SCIO
- basically leave SCIO

We are a charity but not registered as a SCIO. We have to inform responsible persons in Scotland that we will stop the process to become Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. In addition we will also stop with the Friendly Society (FS) and tell members at the Lancaster meeting that we will dissolve. Officially we are on hold but we have to close the FS and transfer the money to a new account.

5. Members, Councillors, Regional Societies

Following our request several councillors have sent information about the number of members in their national society: Serbian, Poland, Bulgaria, Spain, the Netherlands, and the GUM. But a few did never respond so far: Russia, Slovenia, NordEMS (Scandinavia), Hungary (probably wrong email address), Czech & Slovak republic.

6. Awards Committee/Award winners

Thybaud had sent around documents about the nominees and winners of the FS and YS award to the EXCOM members.

The situation around the Frits Sobels award was complicated. At first instance, there was no candidate nominated for the FS award and therefore the EXCOM had asked around. In the future the president of the EEMS will send to the presidents and or councillors of the different societies an email inviting them to nominate candidates for the FS award and also for the YS award. Only nominations by the national societies will be taken. The consequence might be that there will be years without any nomination.

The poster awards are supported by Mutagenesis and EEMS. The councillors will be asked to assist in the selection and Jenny Brews will be asked to make certificates.

7. Financial report

Anthony Lynch presents us an overview of the financial situation. It looks fine. There are no remarks.

8. Vice-president

Thybaud will step down after the Lancaster meeting. There are two candidates for this position: Jan Topinka and Simon Reed. The EXCOM will come with a proposal and the Councillors have to vote on approval. This can be done by email.

Mullenders thanks Thybaud for her great input she had and hopefully will have in this committee and for the EEMS in general.

9. Any other business

A lunch meeting will be organised with the American representative of the EMS who is in Lancaster.

Action points

- Visiting Prague (All)
- inform responsible persons in Scotland that we will stop the process to become Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Transfer money of the EEMS to a new account (Lynch, Frötschl)