

EuroDURG GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2008

Copenhagen, Denmark, Monday 18 August 2008 17.00 – 18.00 p.m.

1. Election of chair and secretary for the meeting

26 members from 13 countries attended the meeting: Belgium, Belarus, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, UK.

Monique Elseviers (Belgium) was elected as chair of the meeting and Hege Salvesen Blix (Norway) as secretary.

2. Report of the EuroDURG Executive Committee 2006-2008

The report August 2006 – August 2008 was presented by Hege Salvesen Blix (see enclosure). The report was approved.

3. Financial Report

The treasurer, Peter Mol presented the financial report and the budget (see enclosure). The coming year will be a transition period for EuroDURG. There will be no membership fee and the financial reserves will be used to its end. The final financial report will be presented next year at the General Assembly 2009. There were no comments to the financial report.

4. Decision on the future of EuroDURG

The issue whether EuroDURG should continue as a separate organisation or merge into ISPE has been thoroughly discussed by the member countries since 2005. Now two questions were presented. 1. “Does your country support the decision to develop EuroDurgs future activities as the European network of SIGDUR, taking part in the SIGDUR activities, but keeping the autonomy to further develop European initiatives?” And 2. “Does your country engage to become a represented country of the European network of SIGDUR, and to promote the members to be members of ISPE”. The vast majority of the member countries present agreed to both questions.

The importance of keeping a network within Europe was emphasised. It was suggested to circulate an updated list of email addresses and further that we try to find solutions to get interested people together to special projects.

From this follows that EuroDURG legally is kept as an organisation one more year. The task of the new board should, by others, be to wind up EuroDURG as a separate organisation during the transition period. That is to settle the organisational, constitutional and financial situation of the organisation.

5. Elections 2008-2009

11 countries votes for elections (Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, UK).

Monique Elseviers (Belgium) was unanimously elected (10 country votes).

The following candidates were elected as members of the committee:

Robert Vander Stiechele (Belgium) 10 votes

Vera Vlahovic-Palcevski (Croatia) 10 votes

Katrin Jahnsen (Germany) (10 votes)
Ria Benko (Hungary) 10 votes
Elisabetta Poluzzi (Italy) 10 votes
Peter Mol (The Netherlands) 10 votes
Vasco Maria (Portugal) 10 votes
Björn Wettermark (Sweden) 10 votes
Stephen Chapman (UK) 10 votes

6. Election of nominating committee 2006

No nominating committee was elected.

7. Closing remarks

The chair Monique Elseviers closed the meeting.

25 August 2008

Hege Salvesen Blix