



## EUNIS Board on-line meeting, 3rd of March 2016

### Minutes

**Present (Board members):** John Murphy (President), Raimund Vogl (Treasurer), Mikael Berglund, Ramon Grau Sala, Michele Mennielli (Secretary), Lúgia Ribeiro, Valérie Le Strat, Malte Dreyer, Bas Cordewener, Yiannis Salmatzdis.

**In attendance:** Jean-François Desnos (Executive Secretary), Anna Pacholak (President Assistant)

**Apologies:** Ilkka Siissalo, Tomasz Szmuc

**Invited:** Jacek Urbaniec, Yves Epelboin

#### 1. Update on Rectors' Conference (Dr Jacek Urbaniec)

Dr Jacek Urbaniec updated the Board on progress on the Rectors' Conference. There has been one speaker change to the programme (James Glapa-Grossklag, President of the Open Education Consortium from the US replacing the speaker from Oxford).

Motorola is the only confirmed sponsor to date.

There was some initial (paper based) invitations sent to Rectors in November 2015. More than 800 email invitations were sent last week. It is hoped that registrations will now start to increase. There are only 40 attendees registered so far, but this includes keynote speakers and Programme Committee Members (20). Therefore, there are only 20 paying attendees. The keynote speakers will have their travel and accommodation costs fully reimbursed. The PC members do not pay the registration fee or accommodation but do pay for travel. The budget is tight but 40 paid participants will ensure no loss, according to simulations, and this is now the target.

**Action:** Tomasz Szmuc is requested to send a brief summary on the conference budget and participants registered by the end of next week (18<sup>th</sup> March 2016).

#### 2. Update on EUNIS Congress 2016 (Yiannis Salmatzidis)

Yiannis Salmatzidis gave an overview on the Congress preparations. The call for papers has closed and 70 papers were submitted. There will be approximately 10 papers per reviewer that will be allocated by 4<sup>th</sup> March. There will be two weeks allocated to

review the papers (till Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>). 60 papers are needed to fill all the parallel sessions. The Congress budget is made on the assumption of 250 registrations. The new projection for sponsorship income is €40K. The original target was €50K. Presently €31k sponsorship has been secured.

John Murphy (the President) requested that Yiannis send a one-page update to the Board with the emphasis on the budget at the end of March.

**Action:** Yiannis to send one-page Congress update to the Board with the emphasis on the budget by the end of March.

### **3. Interactions with other organisations such as euroCRIS, EDUCAUSE, GEANT and Internet2**

After signing the Strategic Partnership Agreement with euroCRIS, the two organisations worked on a joint Survey about the use of CRIS/IR systems in Europe. The preliminary results of the survey were presented at the last EUNIS Congress and at the euroCRIS Strategic Membership meeting. Since then, members of the two Boards, with the support of ERAI, has been working on the final report which was published on March 1, 2016. The report has already been promoted throughout the two communities and the EDUCAUSE Review will shortly publish a blog post to promote the report in the US. During 2016 the two organisations will work on related contents to add to the report, such as interviews and best practices to share with the rest of the community.

Another opportunity that was discussed was the possibility to collaborate with three other international organisations, two from the US (EDUCAUSE and Internet2) and one European (GEANT) in order to create an international group of CIOs that could share ideas and visions on the most important and strategic IT issues. Due to the nature of those organisations (EUNIS and EDUCAUSE will focus on Information Systems; Internet2 and Geant on IT infrastructure), the idea is to let each organisation define and manage their own “CIO Group” that will tackle the issues from their own (and the organisation they are part of) perspective, and to then share it with the others. Nothing has been defined or agreed as yet and the Board asked Michele to collect more information on such an idea and provide additional details to the Board so to define together how to structure a possible CIO Group Meeting at EUNIS Congress 2016. Raimund and Malte shared their interests in such activity since they have already discussed a similar initiative for EUNIS2017.

**Action:** Michele to collect more information on the opportunity and to provide additional details to the Board so to decide together how to structure a possible CIO Group Meeting at EUNIS Congress 2016.

### **4. Commercial memberships of EUNIS**

Since January 2016 there are two new Corporate Members of EUNIS: Software2 and Collabco. There is clearly a problem with Corporate Memberships (CMs) because, including the two new ones, we currently have only 4 CMs. For this reason, the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Executive Secretary have started working on a new

strategy to attract past CMs to renew their subscription for the next 1 (or possibly 2) years.

We have contacted all the past CMs proposing a discounted fee for 2 years (€1,600 instead of the normal €2,000) which includes new services such as webinars and dedicated mailers. This offer is valid only if a CM accepts to sponsor the next Congress. We are waiting for the responses, but the proposal was positively received by some CMs.

**Action:** A Board discussion is required on the various membership levels and the services offered to both Institutional and corporate members.

## 5. AOB

### - ELTF workshops

The Board discussed the ELTF workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 already announced by Gill Ferrell but not agreed with the Eunis Board in advance. There were some queries on finances and the Board agreed that the workshop is planned too close to the pre-Congress one. The board made an unanimous decision to cancel the workshop, and to strongly recommend a workshop as a pre-Congress event. Michele was requested to pass the information to Gill Ferrell the ELTF leader.

This case shows a need for further improvements of guidelines and communications with TF leaders. The TF guidelines will be revised once again by Bas Cordewener, Michele Mennielli and John Murphy.

All TF leaders should be invited to the pre-congress Board meeting at EUNIS 2016 in order to discuss the new TF guidelines, catch up with the TF activities, planning, etc. All TF leaders will be reminded to notify if they plan to organize a TF pre-congress workshop on the 7th of June.

**Action:** Michele was requested to pass the Board decision to Gill Ferrell the ELTF leader.

**Action:** Bas Cordewener, Michele Mennielli and John Murphy to revise the TF guidelines.

### - Update on relations with the European Commission (Yves Epelboin)

Prior to the Board meeting Yves Epelboin sent a report to the Board for consideration in relation to his role as the EUNIS representative at the European Commission Digital Skills and Competences working group. EUNIS was accepted to this group out of 104 applicants. This is a major achievement as only 24 have been selected. This makes EUNIS clearly recognized by the EU bodies.