

EUNIS Board VC meeting 21st August 2017

Minutes

Present (Board members): Raimund Vogl (President), Ligia Ribeiro, Yiannis Salmatzidis (Treasurer), Outi Tasala (Secretary), Ilkka Siissalo (Vice-President), Freddy Barstad, Thierry Koscielniak (Vice-Secretary), Bas Cordewener

In Attendance: Jean-François Desnos (Ex. Secretary), Anna Pacholak (Board Administrator)

Excused: Ramon Grau Sala, Mikael Berglund, Tomasz Szmuc (Vice-President), Malte Dreyer.

1. Preliminary results of the 1-to-1 meetings - Raimund

The meetings with Ilkka and Malte are missing and will be held soon. Then a summary document with roles and responsibilities will be circulated (preliminary till the next VC on 18th of September).

2. Update on finance and memberships – Yiannis

Four invoices have been sent during the summer to previous and new members. Yiannis will contact Anja to get some details for sending out the batch invoices in September.

The access codes from Nordea for online banking haven't reached Yiannis yet, what means some payments are still pending.

Ilkka proposed the bank should be changed, and JF suggested that the account be kept in Finland. Yiannis proposed a secondary account might be created. Different options were investigated, but as EUNIS is a French organisation, an EU directive from 2014 prevents the organisation from opening an account in Finland.

The excel file with the membership payments will be updated by Yiannis as soon as he gets the codes to online banking.

The current balance is 70.046,54€ as of end of July 2017.

Action: Thierry to check the EUNIS' account options in the French banks, that are used to working with academic institutions, and that have a web interface in English.

3. Corporate members packages - discussion

A membership package was compiled for Oracle, when they became a Gold Corporate Member. In line with this, similar discount could also be given to the other members, who attend also the Rectors' Conference.

The sponsorship discounts for corporate members should be agreed on an individual basis.

SAP resigned from the EUNIS membership but Ligia contacted them on the occasion of the Rectors' Conference sponsorship.

Microsoft was approached by Freddy and Ligia to become a member of EUNIS.

The membership register is up-to-date. With the partnerships that are in place, it's not always clear if they are entitled to a discount. This needs to be looked into.

4. Update on EUNIS 2018 - Thierry

Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle will be a partner in organizing the 2018 Congress - paperwork towards this is being finished, and the memorandum of agreement is being prepared between the French party and EUNIS.

A company specializing in events organizing is brought on, as invoicing would be impossible otherwise from the organizing partners.

Budget estimate will be finished around mid-September, after the holidays.

Conference venue has been booked, the fusion event will be held on a boat, and the gala dinner will probably be held at the museum.

The website for the Congress has been set up, but is still empty. Thierry will contact Dominik to copy the content from the last Congress. The mobile app for the Congress will be the same as 2017. The Congress Committees will be set soon, and EasyChair should open soon.

5. Update on EUNIS Rectors' 2018 – Ligia

Preparations are moving along on schedule, and there are no pressing issues at this time.

The personalised paper invitations to Rectors will be sent in November by postal mail (e-mails have already been sent).

6. Relations with partnership organisations

The TNC18 Networking Conference is held in Trondheim in 2018 and Freddy joined the programme committee. Ligia suggested we should look at the partnership with TERENA and see if we could have it upgraded to Geant.

Thierry will participate in Online Educa Berlin conference if possible.

Outi will take part in the NordForum meeting in Helsinki 20-21 September.

Action: Anna will send a list of partner organizations, and information if we already have agreements with them.

7. Update us on the consolidation of cloud services and the intensified of google docs/drive usage - Thierry

EUNIS as a French "loi 1901" association is eligible to use Google Suite platform for free.

EUNIS follows the terms:

Organizations must be nonprofit or nongovernmental organizations established pursuant to “association loi 1901” or “foundation loi 1987” and registered in the “Journal Officiel des Associations” or any other French legal publication.

Action: Thierry will set up a pilot with Outi, Anna and Johan.

8. AOB:

Next Board VC meeting: 18th September, 16.00 CET

Meeting in Paris: October 18-20.

Participants have/will book the hotel themselves. JF has provided options by email. The agenda will include at least a meeting with AMUE, a visit of the conference center and a dinner in Fusion event's venue (boat on Seine) is planned. The October visit agenda will be delivered soon by Thierry.

IT leaders' retreat

Planned to be held at a biological station in Kilpisjärvi and Tromsø, Lapland, 20- 23 September 2017. Ilkka has made a preliminary reservation for the venue.

Ramon has proposed the monastery in Catalonia as the venue for the meeting in October/November. As the planned time is getting close, it was decided to postpone this till a later time.

French Prefecture de Police

The documents for the French Prefecture de Police will be signed by Raimund, Outi and Thierry.