



European School Heads Association
Europäische Schulleitervereinigung
Association Européenne des Chefs d'Établissement

EB Copenhagen, September 21-23, 2007

Venue: Danmark Skolelederforening, Ved Stranden 16, Copenhagen

Present: Burkhard Mielke (BM), Chris Harrison (CH), Jorma Lempinen (JL), Solveig Dahl (SD). Nelly Guet (NG) in the points 1 -3.

Minutes

1. Opening, Announcements

- ESHA President Burkhard Mielke welcomed all heartily and expressed our gratitude that we could work in the office of Danmark Skolelederforening (without costs).

2. Minutes of the previous EB-Meeting (Utrecht, May 2007)

- approved

3. Financial affairs/NG, CH

- NG outlined that everything is now changed in the financial report. She referred to the letter of Max Nutters 20th September 2007. The financial report will be audited by the firm Hulsman&Rossen. NG will give the details in the GB meeting in Bristol. It was stated that that there can be in the future no financial implications and that ESHA will need in the future risk assessments as far as projects are concerned. EB will recommend to the ESHA GB that there is a need for external consultant(s) in order to check the projects.

4. Membership issues

- JL introduced the actual situation in the ESHA Directory as the situation is in the ESHA website. The inquiry made by the General Secretary in the summer brought only six answers from the member organisations. BM presented an outline about updated ESHA Regionalisation: "ESHA meets the regions - a new concept". The purpose is to build up "ESHA Tool Kit" in the regions.

5. Project updates

- There was a short summary about ongoing projects. JL told that the final session in the project "Hands-on-Brains-on" will be held in Amsterdam in November and that Director, professor Hannu Salmi has invited him to this session on the costs of the project. JL also mentioned that the project "Cosmos" is starting and that ESHA will get contributions in the role of the dissemination. It was stated that the project "Oasis" didn't succeed. There was an active discussion how ESHA as an organisation can avoid the financial risks in the projects involved. This risk is evident e.g. in the project "PISA II". According to the understanding of ESHA EB there is a need to recruit experts in order to manage risk assessment in the various projects. EB will make in this issue a proposal to GB in Bristol.

6. Position paper IV: "Working conditions of School leaders"

- The work groups started to work on this position paper in Luxembourg based on the preparations made by Jorma Lempinen and Solveig Dahl. We got the results ("feedback") only from one of four working groups. It was decided that General Secretary will send once more the request to the groups (Chair/secretary) and then we try to make a summary for Bristol GB. There can also be a need to work once again in the working groups.

7. Elections in Bristol

- EB had asked the nominations from the member organisations by 15th of September. The request was sent by General Secretary Mid-June 2007. We got following nominations by 15th of September: 1) for General Secretary: Jorma Lempinen (nominated by SURE-FIRE, supported by Germany), 2) for the Treasurer: Ton Duif (nominated by AVS, supported by Germany), 3) Additional member: Solveig Dahl (nominated by NSLF), Jean-Luc Garcia (nominated by ESHA FRANCE). EB discussed the procedures of the elections and the role of the constitution related to the elections.

8. ESHA GB Bristol 12 - 13, October 2007

- CH made a short monitoring of the preparations. There were less than 20 delegates registered. The host organisation NAHT had prolonged the deadline of the registrations.

9. 11th ESHA Biannual Conference, Copenhagen (September 2008)

- Jørgen Christiansen and Jens P. Nielsen made a presentation about the preparations. The title of the conference is: "The conditions of Leadership in Europe". There are already 3-4 keynote speakers engaged, there are five workshops which are rotating "in the carousel". There was a wish that also EB members should be active in the preparations for the workshops. JL announced that European Council is willing to participate with the title "School governance".

10. Communication issues

- ESHA will publish a new ESHA Letter in October. The work has been done by Solveig Dahl and her working group.

11. Working plan 2008

- JL had prepared the preliminary draft for Working plan 2008. EB made corrections in the chapter "The projects" (e.g. external consultant, control unit). The working schedule was also updated.

12. New website

- BM introduced the new website. The address is: www.zwischendaten.de
(viersprachig)

13. AOB

- BM concluded the meeting.