

Meeting Minutes - EAM 2013 Antwerp – presentation Euro Rep Marie Tobler

- Marie Tobler thanks the Antwerp Organization Team for their great job! Thank you! - and appreciates how different the EAMs are organized in different countries, hands out some presents to Jette and the Orga Team from Switzerland
- Little surprise: Jack Giraffe is back 😊
- Marie reminds Alumni that their feedback is important to her job and being able to represent Europe in the BOG, 2 year term as Euro Rep ends 31st August 2013 for Marie, she reappplies for another term and wishes to continue

FINANCES

- Marie presents her finances details. Unfortunately the beamer doesn't allow seeing it clearly. Anybody who is interested by the details can ask her for details.
- European Alumni Association (Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and Finland are paying members) is financing the Euro Reps expenses (flights, accommodation, food, bank costs and registrations).
Those countries have to approve the budget and release Euro rep from responsibility. Attendees to the EAM (one voice per country present) will have to agree to budget presented.
- The BOG covers BOG meetings. (Lodging, some of the food and some of the transportation. Previous Euro rep and Marie decided that flights would be covered entirely by the Euro rep account, since there is enough money).
- EAM's attendees from countries without a paying Alumni association are paying 5 extra Euro at EAM to support Euro Reps finances
- Marie invites attendees to see her if more questions arise during the break, before votes.

ADMISSIONS

Please see attachment

COUNTRY REPORTS

Every year the paying countries give an up date on where they are, what are their actual activities and so on.

Since last year, they were asked to write those and send them for hand to all attendees.

Attendees are supposed to read them before the meeting.

This year Marie asked Belgium (hosting committee), Estonia (next year's hosting committee) and the Netherland to up date us as well.

- Belgium has nothing to say
- Estonia are very little and mainly in Tallinn.
- Netherlands are revitalizing 😊
- Czech Republic: little crew of Alumni, not yet an association.
- Alumni associations: Germany, Finland, Switzerland, and Sweden. Nobody has questions and nobody from Sweden is at the meeting.

EAM 2015 - voting

Munich is voted for!

2015 Reunion

- Reminding about last EAM brainstorming on European wishes for the Reunion, Marie communicated the ideas to the BOG, the decision lies with the BOG.

- **Awards**
 - o Discussion topic of this year's EAM. Marie explains the award system at Reunion and explains her point of view on the differences between EU and USA approaching award systems (cultural aspects)
 - o some input from Cheryl about past rewards
 - o Keith offered for anyone to give input to rewrite the descriptions of the awards/definitions
 - o Marie would like to discuss with the whole group how Europeans feel about the awards: what are criteria that the recipients should fulfill? How can we get more Europeans nominated?
 - Heidi (Switzerland): Asking Keith: Are there any nominees from other countries (Asians, Africa,...)? Keith responds: it's all about the nominations, we can only consider people that are nominated and put to our attention. But the process could possibly be better communicated
 - Senta (Germany): Europeans have a different appreciation culture, see this as a chance to nominate people instead of getting offensive about it. Lets think of more Europeans that deserve an award.
 - Mareika (Netherlands): Asked about what the award consists of. Marie answers question (recognition and imprinted medal)
 - Alexandra (Netherlands): Do people really know about these awards? Feels that alumni are not well enough communicated to about the awards.
 - Vanessa (Switzerland): Heard a lot of time "I didn't know about it" – probably people didn't inform themselves enough about it, or alumni association doesn't have the right email address, to send the UpBeat to it.
 - Oreo (Netherlands): It is our responsibility to nominate people. Every year the cast reps are encouraged to ask their casts to nominate people, but not many cast members respond and nominate someone.
 - Senta (Germany): Lets invest 5 Minutes at annual meetings within countries, to nominate someone for the awards
 - Birger (DK/ CZ): Lets make a European Award at EAMs to get European Alumni get more used to recognition and start a new culture of appreciation
 - Kris (Belgium/ Spain): what's the matter with being humble? We should accept that that's the culture of Europeans
 - Jerko (Belgium): Awards are a good thing to just be aware of what people are doing
 - Danillo (Switzerland): Take this as an invitation and not as a must, to nominate Europeans for awards
 - o Blanton Belk Outstanding Alumni Award (any alumni can be awarded, even if it's not their reunion year)
 - o James E. McLennan Everyday Hero (from the reunion year)

- Marie thanks for great feedback, for better understanding of different cultures
- Offers again to have people check her finances and apologizes for the unclearness.
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- Offers people to come up to her to give suggestions, feedback, ideas in general to give some European input at the BOG

Election of Europe Rep:

- Heidi Fässler (president Swiss Alumni Association) taking over to host election of the Europe Rep
- As of 13:50h nobody has come forward to be a new candidate
- Offers to get together in country-groups to discuss the reelection. Alumni decline the offer.
- Election takes place, every country has one vote
- Marie Tobler gets reelected for another 2 years as the Europe Rep.

Voting Results:

	Finances approved	Reelection
Germany	x	x
Sweden	n/a	n/a
Belgium	x	x
Denmark	x	x
Czech Republic	x	x
Finland	x	x
Switzerland	x	x
Netherlands	x	x
Italy	x	x
Estonia	x	x
Spain	x	x

x = YES