

EAM 2009 – Geneva

Minutes meeting 2 May 2009

Lead: Basti Hesse, Eurorep
Present countries: Belgium, Germany, Finland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
Minutes: Heidi Fässler, Switzerland

1. *Introduction Vickie Henthorn Law, President UWPIAA*
 - Launch of new UWPIAA website planned for reunion in Tucson: new features for better social networking

2. *Introduction Alain Thiry, CEO Up with People*
 - Emphasis on stakeholder and expectation management → what can UWP do for the sponsors/alumni/communities
 - Focus on eliminating potentially duplicated structures, streamlining organisation
 - Goal to bring UWP and UWPIAA closer together
 - Not asking for money but for support of any kind
 - Looking for solutions to add value for stakeholders

3. *Presentation Kristina T'Seyen / Leonardo Victorazzi, Brussels HQ*
 - Presentation recruitment model
 - Update on projects with schools (EATT)
 - European blog & website to be released soon

4. *Presentation annual and financial report by Basti Hesse, Eurorep*
 - Concerns raised by German club about communication between Eurorep & clubs/alumni
 - Discussion about student support from surplus of Eurorep account will be taken offline with paying clubs (Germany, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland)
 - Financial report audited and approved by Sharon Füller, Switzerland

5. *Country updates*
 - Belgium: no activities in past year, looking into restarting club → reaching out to interested alumni
 - Germany: celebration of 20 year anniversary in Hamburg in October 2008
 - Finland: located all Finnish alumni
 - Netherlands: no club, no activities, looking into restarting club
 - Sweden: introducing password-protected area on website for paying members; special activities for alumni planned; 20 year anniversary coming up
 - Switzerland: 20 year anniversary party in spring 2010 since 2009 already busy with two other big activities (EAM, joint GA with German club in September)

6. *Presentation Eurorep candidates*
 - Basti stands for re-election
 - Koen van den Eynde would have served as back-up if Basti wouldn't stand for re-election
 - Eurorep can serve max. two terms of two years each
 - Need for new person in two years, i.e. 2011

7. *Election Eurorep*

- Candidate: Basti
- No further candidates nominated
- Unanimous vote for Basti (congratulations and thank you for serving for another term!)

8. *Nominating Committee for Eurorep*

Germany: Steffie Schnier (chair) Belgium: Leo Victorazzi
Switzerland: Vicky Milde Finland: Riikka Mero and Timo Sarojärvi
Sweden: Ulrika Eriksson Spain: Kris Van den Heuvel

9. *Next EAM city 2010*

- Candidate cities: Prague
(unfortunately, Birger's presentation could not be shown due to technical problems)

Alfàs del Pi (Spain, near Benidorm)
presentation by Kris, including a welcome from the mayor who cordially invites the European alumni and assures support from the mayor's office / tourist office for the organisation of the EAM

- After various discussions, the clubs voted as follows on the next EAM locations:
Germany: Spain 2010, Prague 2011
Switzerland: Spain 2010, Prague 2011
Finland: Spain 2010, Prague 2011
Sweden: Spain 2010, Prague 2011
Belgium: Spain 2010, Prague 2011
Spain: Prague

Next EAM will be in Alfàs del Pi in May 2010, potentially in connection with a cast visit while they are on tour in Europe. This will be evaluated in further detail by Alain and Kris.

EAM 2011 is going to be in Prague, provided the team around Birger is still ready and willing to do it despite postponing for a year.

10. *Q&A*

- Holding reunion in Europe?
Answer by Basti:
 - Has been looked into by Oreo and other alumni who are in convention organisation business: no suitable venues in Europe available for such an event, based on requirements of UWPIAA
 - Tucson has a very strong host team, very difficult to find a similarly strong team in other places in the US which would be easier to travel to from Europe (e.g. east coast)
- Potential combination of UWP and UWPIAA?
Answer by Alain:
 - Currently looking at organisational structures of both UWP and UWPIAA together with Vickie
 - Review ends early summer, results will be announced later in summer, potentially in connection with reunion in Tucson