



## EUSJA General Assembly 2014, Vienna

### Minutes

March 29, 2014: Hotel 25 Hours, Conference Rooms, 10 – 18 hrs

Participants: **Barbie Drillsma** - President (UK), **Viola Egikova** – Vice-President, Delegate (Russia), **Wolfgang Goede** – Honorary Secretary (Germany, TELI), **Priit Ennet** – Honorary Treasurer, Delegate (Estonia), **Menelaos Sotiriou** – Associated BM, Delegate (Greece), **Jop de Vrieze** – Delegate (Netherlands), **Raili Leino** - Delegate (Finland), **Goran Tenze** - Delegate (Slovenia), **Martin Schneider** – Delegate (Germany, WPK), **Marina Huzvarova** – Delegate (Czech Republic), **Antonio Calvo Roy** – Delegate (Spain, AECC), **Mercè Piqueras** – Delegate (Spain, Catalan, ACCC), **Connie St Louis** – Delegate (UK), **Anna Nolan** – Delegate (Ireland), **Istvan Palugyai** – President Emeritus, Delegate (Hungary), **Rosemarie Waldner** – President Emeritus, Delegate (Switzerland), **Kaianders Sempler** – Delegate (Sweden), **Alexandru Mironov** – Delegate (Romania), **Jan Oliver Loefken** – Delegate (Germany, TELI), **Oliver Lehmann** – Delegate [GA Host] (Austria), **Fabio Pagan** – Delegate (Italy, UGIS), **Fabio Turone** – Delegate (Italy, SWIM), **Jesper Odde Madsen** – Delegate (Denmark), **Blanka Jergovic** – Delegate (Croatia), **Maggy T. Załoga** – Delegate (Poland), **Marie Suchanova** - EUSJA Office Manager, **Hanns-J. Neubert** – President Emeritus (Germany), **Jens Degett** – Observer (Denmark), **Satu Lipponen** – Observer, Candidate (Finland), **Joost van Kasteren** – Candidate (Netherlands), **Nina Kristiansen** – Applicant (Norway)

Apologies: **Ricardo Garcia**, delegate Portugal, **Jean-Paul Vankeerberghen**, delegate Belgium

Moderator: Jesper suggests the GA needed a moderator -> appointment of **Jens Degett**

President's Report: **accepted** -> 2nd part deleted and then posted on website

Financial Report: **accepted** -> Maggy fills in for Ricardo as auditor

Decision: board discharged by the assembly with majority

Elections: Election Committee report, candidates present themselves, discussion and voting, facilitated by co-host/assistant **Jutta Plank** & **Marie Suchanova** -> results:

**Satu Lipponen** EUSJA president. Out of the 21 votes, Satu Lipponen received 12 votes and Joost van Kasteren received 8. 1 blank vote.

**Viola Egikova** EUSJA vice president. Viola Egikova received 14 votes and Fabio Turone received 5. 2 blank votes.

**Wolfgang Goede** EUSJA honorary secretary. 12 votes for Wolfgang Goede, 7 for Connie St. Louis. 2 blank votes.

Istvan thanks outgoing EUSJA president Barbie for her work. She is appointed EUSJA **President Emeritus** by acclamation. Satu takes over chair. She proposes to co-opt **Menelaos Sotiriou** as coordinator of EU projects -> accepted.

**Priit Ennet**, EUSJA Honorary treasurer remains in office and completes his term until GA 2015.

New Election Committee: **Jop, Martin, Merce**; thanks to Raili who won't continue as EUSJA delegate

Auditors: **Kai & Ricardo** plus **Maggy**

EUSJA News editor: **Anna** continues; news should be published on a quarterly basis with detailed reports on EU projects (Oliver)

EU Projects: Regrettably not all members received the two calls for experts (Poland, Sweden, UK) which explains a concentration of applications from the South. **Connie** and **Istvan** are asked to join Menelaos, Jan Oliver and Jesper in the EU Projects Working Group. **Jan Oliver** suggests that members receive 600 € p.a. as a compensation for their work. EUSJA Consultation Paper and implementation will be discussed during EUSJA Strategy Day in Copenhagen (see below).

ESOF 2014 Copenhagen, June 21 -- 26:

1. **EUSJA Strategy Day**, June 21st, organized by Satu with a special moderator
2. **1<sup>st</sup> European Conference for Science Journalists ECSJ**, by Danish Science Journalists Assoc. with EUSJA: June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Faculty of Health and Medical Science, Copenhagen. Jan Oliver suggests to add innovative business (survival) models for sci journals.
3. **EUSJA Science Debate** chaired by Pres.em. Barbie Drillsma. June 24th, 13.30: Carlsberg Museum/The Dance Halls -> <https://esof2014.pathable.com/#meetings/174652>

EU Russian Year: Viola announces a study trip end of September and asks for contributions for Science Festival Oct. 10-12. Final announcement in May.

Budget suggestions: allocate more money to **EUSJA Investigative Award** (Connie), more money for **study trips** (Istvan). Oliver may apply for 2000 Euro to help finance the GA 2014. **Separate EUSJA and EU Projects** in the 2015 balance, a proper accountant for EU projects will be helpful. Deadline **2014 membership dues** mid-Sept.

Governance & Transparency: The call for improvement was heard repeatedly throughout the day (Satu, Connie, Oliver). **Income of board members** (percentage), more details about **board expenses** in the financial report, disclosure of **study trip funding**.

New Member: **Norwegian association NFFJ** with 91 members becomes the 26th member (out of 23 nations) of the Union; characteristics: no communication workers accepted, recruitment of sci journals among general journals.

GA 2015: **March 21**, location finalized during ESOF (options Finland, Romania, Switzerland)

Rapporteur: **Wolfgang C. Goede**, EUSJA Honorary Secretary, with the kind support of EUSJA office manager **Marie Suchanova**.

Munich, April 8, 2014