



EUROCHRIE 2016
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

2016 EuroCHRIE Meeting
12h00 – 13h00 October, 28th 2016, Budapest, Hungary

*** Welcome by EuroCHRIE President (John Fong - JF)**

- * JF greeted everyone to the AGM. We have over 30 board members (including area consultants), with an executive team. He stated that many on the Board represented EuroCHRIE on the many ICHRIE committees to ensure that the views of the Federation and the membership are considered. JF acknowledges people who have participated in the leadership of EuroCHRIE and ICHRIE.

*** Apologies for Absence (Chrystel Masdupuy - CM)**

Apologies were read:

Patricia Cuevas, Belinda Nwoso, Eda Gurel, Miha Lesjak, Nabil Kouhen, Mats Carlbäck, Deborah Johnson, Fabrice Tessier, Ari Björkqvist, Robert Wetterauer, Steven Rhoden, Jouni Ahonen

*** Minutes of the last General Meeting – Dallas, Texas, USA (Chrystel Masdupuy - CM)**

Call for motion to approve the minutes:

First: BS

Second: PR

*** EuroCHRIE President's Report (John Fong - JF)**

JF shows the banner with the new logo for EuroCHRIE. There will be a change in our brand, hence the move to Nairobi for next conference. It's important for us.

There will be a potential joint conference with ApacCHRIE, perhaps in 2019 or 2020.

There is an opportunity for some of us to host a conference. If you are interested, then you can claim 2018. You can express your interest by talking to any member of the executive team.

We have signed an agreement with HAMA, and will support EuroCHRIE in Nairobi. This will add value to the experience.

*** Immediate Past President's Report (Kevin Nield - KN)**

KN will present the awards at the gala dinner. Nominations for offices: put yourself up to be part of the board. We have no vacancies at the moment; we have attracted new blood and we need to keep doing that.

* **Vice President's Report (Anders Justenlund - AJ)**

Part of ICHRIE strategic planning. New phase: implement our strategies in a proper way. Increase our awareness on social media. Concept: CHRIE chat. You can find AJ details online. Hope many will join, you can choose the topics.

Africa forum: 44 people showed up with interesting speakers. We need to do it every year as there is a huge interest.

* **Secretary's Report (Chrystel Masdupuy - CM)**

CM thanked everyone for new position. CM has read the bylaws and has tried to do everything to make sure that she would be ready in time for the 2016 EuroCHRIE conference. CM thanked Rai Shacklock for her help and advice.

* **Treasurer's Report (Jouni Ahonen - JA)**

Handover to Risto Karmavuo.

Presentation of the budget for next year: not too many changes. Revenue streams, the conference income will be quite significant to our organisation. Sponsorship of our long-termed partners: thanks to Red Global, STR, PR Industry, HOTS... Expenses have been budgeted on a yearly basis. Various board meetings, and administrator, we have put aside €3000 to help increase the membership in Africa.

BS and MB approved the budget.

* **Board of Directors' Reports and Area Consultants' Reports (as necessary):**

➤ **Communication & Marketing (John Lohr)**

JL says that everyone now knows the name of the website of EuroCHRIE, and emphasises the fact that nowadays marketing comes from all people, not only board members.

All pictures of the Budapest conference can be found on the EuroCHRIE website.

Research Gate: 11 million researchers throughout the world. JL invites everyone to join Research Gate for free.

JL introduces HOSCO: email will be sent within 2 weeks to join.

➤ **Membership (Henry Kuokkanen)**

First time attendees: thrilled to see so many on Wednesday evening. All board members hope you consider joining after this conference. All relevant details are on the EuroCHRIE website.

HK insists on the wellbeing of existing members: there will be electronic invoices for members but ICHRIE have made some change. Invoices will be sent on paper, data will be kept, no need to re write it every year. It is now possible to pay with a credit card when you're from an emerging country.

➤ **Industry Relations (Peter Russell)**

PR thanks all sponsors and invites people to go and talk to them. PR invites people to let him know they feel any other industry partner would be useful.

➤ **Research (Elizabeth Ineson)**

EI has been developing guidelines for papers and posters. She is hoping to collect all necessary information to put up a document to help people have a clear access to information.

EI invites people who would like to co-author a paper to contact her so they can talk about what they would like and Liz will match them up.

➤ **Education (Ralf Burbach)**

RB would like to have educational resources available, especially for EuroCHRIE members. RB is working on this, if any suggestion, contact RB.

➤ **Director at Large (Ed Kastli)**

EK is the new director at large. It is an honour and a pleasure; he works with organisations, industries and governments.

➤ **FA for Austria:** happy to be part of the board and will see us next year.

➤ **MS for Eastern Europe:** encourages people to become members, and members to come to Eastern and Central Europe. Problem is mainly a cost issue; there can be help from EuroCHRIE, just like for Africa.

➤ **XL for Netherlands and Belgium:** focusing on schools and strengthening the academic profiles, option of symposia for the Nairobi conference.

➤ **SF for Switzerland:** created a list with all teachers and organisations in Switzerland to invite them to events.

* **Changes to Bylaws (Dir. at Large: Bill Samenfink) (as necessary)**

No changes in the bylaws

* **Any other business**

JF acknowledges Linas Pucinskas as new AC for Baltics.

* **Date of next meeting (Federation Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 26-28 July 2017)**

* **Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 13:11