

The Nordic-Baltic Region of FIPLV (NBR)

Regional Assembly meeting 1/2009

ECML, Graz, Austria

Monday August 31 2009 at 5 pm

Present:	Finland	Kirsti Santaholma, SUKOL, Raija Airio Chair of NBR
	Iceland	Sigurbórg Jónsdóttir, STIL
	Latvia	-
	Lithuania	-
	Norway	-
	Sweden	Margareta Leoj, LMS

## Minutes

### 1 § Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 5.30 pm and welcomed representatives of the associations. There were apologies from the absent associations for not being able to send a representative to the meeting.

### 2 § Developments since the previous meeting

The euro bank account had been opened as planned, the Newsletter published on the FIPLV website and reports received from all the members for 2008. There were common concerns (the diminishing amounts of pupils and students opting for foreign languages, the language teachers growing old and the challenge of recruiting new, young, active members) and common trends of relevance (the changing status of English, the starting age of language studies getting lower, rewarding for extra languages when applying to e.g. universities).

### 3 § Finances

- checking the accounts of 2007 and 2008 and the financial situation of 2009:

The Treasurer provided a report of the accounts since 2006 in ISK and € The balance on the bank account is c. 4 000 euros.

- membership fees, subsidies:

- The invoices hadn't been sent to the members in 2008 and 2009. It was decided that the invoices be sent asap asking the members to pay on the euro account.
- The Treasurer will use the 100 euros granted last year for her travelling expenses to this meeting.
- The membership fee will remain the same in 2010 as before (100 €50€).
- If there are unexpected expenses about the seminar a subsidy will be requested from the FIPLV.
- No travelling expenses expected in 2010.

- notional budget for 2010:

The only source of income is the membership fees (400 euros). No expenses expected.

The Treasurer was congratulated for her good work, especially for opening the euro account in good time before the economic crisis in Iceland.

If NBR should receive a certain percentage of the possible profit of the NBR seminar was discussed, but no decision was made concerning the seminar of 2010.

#### 4 § Statutes and Regulations

- new regulations to be accepted: The only changes were made to points 8.1, 9.2 and 9.3. So, the regulations were given the finishing touches and they will be presented to the FIPLV World Council. The new regulations will be valid on January 1 2010.

#### 5 § Membership matters

- reports: The reports for 2008 had been received. In the future they will be published on the FIPLV website.
- new members: Estonia is working on setting up a multilingual organization. The Chair had met the representatives of the Estonian language teacher associations in a conference in Tartu in November, 2008. She spoke of the benefits of an umbrella organization. She also had more detailed discussions with Evelin Müüripeal and Ene Peterson. They will be provided any help needed.

#### 6 § Election of the Executive Committee

For the next three-year term of office Sigurborg from STIL, Iceland was elected the Chair and Leena Hämäläinen SUKOL, Finland was elected the Treasurer. There were no nominees for the office of Secretary. Therefore the Chair will act as Secretary until a new one will be elected.

#### 7 § Coming events

The NBR seminar will be held on 18-19 June 2010 in Reykjavik, Iceland.  
The theme will be Hands on – Enjoying Language Teaching and Learning.  
Each member association will send at its own expense one lecturer to this seminar.

#### 8 § Future meetings

- FIPLV World Council and Assembly in Graz on September 1 2009:  
NBR proposed that FIPLV ExCo will take steps to update the website.  
\*NBR supports the idea that the documents like Rationale, Mission Statement and Profile be shortened, modernized and simplified.  
\*NBR suggests that the organizations structures be reconsidered e.g. one body instead of World Council and World Assembly.  
\*NBR further proposed that no three-year report should be written.  
(\*These were expressed in the FIPLV World Council and World Assembly meetings)
- The next NBR meetings will be held in Reykjavik in 2010 in connection with the NBR Seminar.

#### 9 § Other issues

There were no other issues.

#### 10 § Closure

The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting at 7.15 pm.