

FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2

Graz - Austria

31 August 2009

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	President
Margareta Leoj	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General

Languages of Use: English, Finnish, French, German

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

T Lamb welcomed all and invited them to use the language(s) of choice.

1.2 Apologies

C Odé, who was thanked in absentia.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

The President thanked D Cunningham for preparing the agenda. Other items might be added during the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Executive Meeting 1/09 -- Helsinki (Finland), 23-24 January 2009

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email. They would be included on the website.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

4 Reports

4.1 President

T Lamb spoke to the tabled report. He was congratulated upon receiving the award of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques from the French Prime Minister. T Lamb would send his report for the website and despatch by D Cunningham to member associations.

4.2 Vice President

M Leoj spoke to the tabled report, her last one as Vice President. She was thanked for her contribution over the previous six years.

4.3 Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting, invited questions and was thanked. He presented a cheque for AUD 2313.02, the sum derived from the sale of past publications, for inclusion in the FIPLV general account.

4.4 Editor of Publications

C Odé had distributed her report previously. She was thanked and congratulated on her work.

4.5 Treasurer-General

K Santaholma detailed the balance of accounts, which continued to be difficult because of the absence of information from her predecessor. She had, however, completed an external audit of annual income and expenditure, which was required by the Statutes. In speaking to the tabled report, she indicated that the balance was around 16000 euros (or CHF 20000). Membership fees had been received from 14 national multilingual associations and four international unilingual federations. Fees had been waived for LALT (Latvia) and VLLT (The Netherlands), upon their request. She provided a detailed update on payments made by members and was thanked for her work.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

5.1.1 Europe

K Schröder said that he would send a report but there had been no recent contact. It was recommended that the World Council resolve the membership of the Board of this region, as no obvious advances had been made.

5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

The NBR would meet later in the day, when elections would take place.

5.1.3 Western/Central European Region (WCER)

No report. There had been no recent contact from K Schröder, who was also Chair of this FIPLV Region.

5.1.4 Other

None. D Cunningham agreed to follow up with member associations in the Asia/Pacific area, as AFMLTA (Australia) and NZALT (New Zealand) could form an FIPLV Region in the area.

5.2 International Unilingual Associations

No reports had been received. The President reported that relations were excellent with FIPF and IDV, while IATEFL and TESOL were no longer interested. D Cunningham had received an invitation to the 40th anniversary of FIPF, but had referred this invitation to the FIPLV Treasurer General, who represented the Federation at the celebrations. MAPRYAL had paid and LATEUM would probably pay later in the month. AEDA (Arabic) operated without a budget, while IATH (Hungarian) and IATP (Polish) had not paid. D Cunningham would follow up again with the international association for Polish, when he was in Krakow later in the week.

5.3 National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received from various members: ANILS (Italy): PTN (Poland) and VLLT (The Netherlands). Fourteen members had paid, evidence of good relations.

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

The President was working with David Newby of Austria, while having new contacts for Malta, Spain and Switzerland. He saw the LACS Workshop in December as an excellent opportunity.

6.1.1 Estonia

D Cunningham would follow up with Ene Peterson by email for an update on the formation of a national multilingual association in Estonia.

6.2 Membership Requests

None at this stage.

6.3 Financial Status of Members

Covered under #4.5 above. K Santaholma would follow up with STIL (Iceland) re payment.

6.4 Associate Members

Nil.

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.1.1 Relations

Relations were sound, as communication continued and invitations arrived.

7.1.2 2008 Report

The 2008 annual report was completed and sent to UNESCO. D Cunningham would draft the 2009 report later in the year.

7.2 Council of Europe (COE)

T Lamb had followed up with Janina Zielinska re representing FIPLV as well as FIPF. There was a cost implication. There was the need to build the COE into FIPLV documents more prominently. The President had been invited to be on the advisory group for the new project on the Languages of Schooling. There was the possibility that FIPLV could bridge the divide between the teaching of the first language (L1) and subsequent languages (L2, L3, etc). The COE was developing a Common European Framework for 'majority' languages.

7.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President reported that he visited the centre frequently and was also a member of a project team on mother tongue usage in multilingual classrooms. Waldek Martyniuk, the new Director of the ECML, was promoting the notion of memoranda of cooperation.

7.2.1.1 Contract

The contract had been placed on hold until the appointment of the new Director, Waldemar Martyniuk, and would be subsumed under his intention of memoranda of cooperation. The draft contract prepared by D Cunningham in the past could be the basis of an appendix.

7.2.1.2 Operations

Covered under #4.1.

7.3 European Commission (EC)

The President had met with Leonard Orban again during a seminar in the House of Lords, which formed part of a project in the UK, with T Lamb on the advisory group. FIPLV is also a partner in a new project on language policy funded by the EC and chaired by Lid King, so he saw future possibilities of meeting with the EC Commissioner for Multilingualism.

7.3.1 REAL

This had been funded for a second term and its impact on FIPLV needed to be monitored. T Lamb saw the LACS meeting in December as a possibility of initiating dialogue with those involved in REAL.

8 Operations and Publications

8.1 Strategic Plan

The President had prepared a grid as a working tool for planning and hoped that time could be allocated at the following day's meetings to brainstorm some ideas. He would send an email to members requesting input.

8.2 World News - Electronic Version

The President intended distributing monthly LACS reports to members. He saw these as a means of replacing *World News* for the moment, complemented by short articles by LACS members and from member associations.

8.3 Website

M Leoj was working with the webmaster, Marie Blomkvist, who added her criticism to that of others: there was too much old material, much should be archived and some articles were too long. She suggested creating PDF files with links, more pictures from members, etc. Specific items were discussed, with practical suggestions and recommendations made, all

recorded by M Leoj for implementation. It was important to determine the audience and target this. M Leoj was asked to thank Marie Blomkvist.

8.4 Brochure/Flyer

C Odé had sent copies of the brochure to the ECML. D Cunningham would take copies to Vilnius for meetings with LTAL and to Sosnowiec for the PTN Annual Conference. He confirmed that he had one FIPLV flag and believed that ANILS (Italy) had the other. It was believed that C Odé had the stand.

8.5 History

C Odé had sent copies to the ECML. T Lamb would discuss distribution with the ECML.

8.6 Files

As there was less space than anticipated, all needed to be circumspect about what could be sent to or left at the ECML.

9 Priorities and Activities

9.1 Succession Planning

Discussion deferred until after the meeting of the World Assembly. This would be a specific focus of the first meeting of the new Executive in January 2010.

9.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

The Linguapax Institute was under new management. The Linguapax Advisory Board (of which D Cunningham was a member) would meet on 16-18 September.

9.3 Discussion Papers

Nil.

9.4 Representation

D Cunningham would attend meetings with LTAL in Vilnius and attend the 2009 PTN Annual Conference in Sosnowiec later in the week.

9.5 Other

Nil.

10 Projects

The LACS Project was covered under #4.1 and elsewhere.

11 FIPLV World Congresses

11.1 FIPLV 2009

Discussion deferred to meeting of World Assembly.

11.2 FIPLV 2012

There was the possibility of a joint event with the ECML in 2011. The President would discuss this with the ECML. D Cunningham would distribute a call for offers to host FIPLV 2012 (again).

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2010

The meeting accepted the draft prepared by the Acting Treasurer General.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought after the upgrade of the website.

13 Recognition and Tasks

13.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

13.2 FIPLV International Award

Two nominations had been received for 2009. Both were endorsed.

13.3 List of Tasks Update

Updated at the meeting. D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

14.1 World Council Meeting 2009

Prepared as required. No further discussion required.

14.2 World Assembly Meeting 2009

Prepared as required. The election process was prepared.

14.3 Executive Meeting 1/2010

This needed to be planned for the first half of January for the new Executive.

14.4 FIPLV Timeline 2009-2012

D Cunningham to update, as required. He requested that all officers send details of events whenever possible.