

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR DESIGN AND DISABILITY

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH DESIGN FOR ALL

10th Annual General Meeting Dublin Castle, Dublin 5 April 2003

draft minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

Paivi Tahkokallio, President of EIDD, opened the proceedings at 13.15, welcoming the participants in the 10th AGM:

Name	Organisation	Country
Francesc Aragall	EIDD, Coordinadora DTP	Spain
Paul Fortune	EIDD, IDD	Ireland
Erland Winterberg	Danish Centre etc.	Denmark
Carl Asaert	EIDD Belgium	Belgium
Lilian Henze	EIDD, Platform NL	Netherlands
Michal Ozmin	IDD	Ireland
Pete Kercher	EIDD, IIDD	Italy
Lennart Lindkvist	EIDD, EIDD Sverige	Sweden
Paolo Favaretto	IIDD	Italy
Finn Petré	EIDD, EIDD Sverige	Sweden
Avril Accolla	IIDD	Italy
Isabella Steffan	EIDD, IIDD	Italy
Paivi Tahkokallio	EIDD	Finland
Cearbhall O'Meadhra	IDD	Ireland
Karin Bendixen	DDFAF	Denmark
Imma Bonnet	Foundation DfA	Spain

Apologies for absence were received from:

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Guida Faria			
Jim Sandhu		UK	Lilian Henze
Tone Rønnevig	EIDD, EIDD Norge	Norway	-
Olav Bringa		Norway	
Birgitte Wistoft		Denmark	Lilian Henze
Hubert Froyen		Belgium	Carl Asaert
Siegfried Zoels	EIDD	Germany	
Paul Hogan	EIDD, IDD		
Klaus Luig	DEFA	Germany	

PT thanked IDD for their efforts that made our 10th anniversary conference a real celebration.

She read out messages send by Jim Sandhu and Guida Faria .

2 Minutes of the last EGM and Matters Arising

Minutes E(xtraordinary) GM: approved

Minutes 9th AGM 2002: PT could not recall proposing Athens as the place to have the 11th AGM.

No further comments, minutes approved

3 President's Address

PT highlighted events from the EIDD activity report 2002 (see appendix 1).

Re DfA Award scheme: contact with DG Employment and Social Affairs; they are still interested but didn't work out an action plan together with DG IST which would have been a challenge. The link is still open, but process is very slow.

Re Design links: link with BEDA, ICSID, IFI is well established.

Also links with other actors on the DfA map are developed; e.g. AAATE (EIDD is invited to participate in their conference), Universal Design in USA.

Re 2005 World Design Congress organisers will bring in DfA, EIDD shall have a role there (KB from Denmark, PT from Finland, Lennart will make contact from Sweden).

Re Design Europe: PT Meetings good challenge

Re Communication: Good progress in the website and enewsletter. She also reminded of the Nordic Magazine Form & Funktion where EIDD is represented in the editorial board.

Re Include conference: PT and LH facilitated an EIDD workshop on DfA and Corporate Responsibility. Proposed to continue the discussion on the EIDD website.

Re IDCnet workshop Helsinki: Development of DfA curriculum.

PT concluded that the major achievements were on the stakeholder relationships. Especially the links with Design community and EC are strengtenth and EIDD website has proven its utility as a communication tool.

Challenge of further development is the User Mapping Tool developed in IDIA project as an EIDD tool.

IDIA project has been a learning experience, from that experience we should develop the EIDD good practice code for EIDD participation in European projects.

Michal Ozmin pointed out that IDD asked for the strategic thinking and membership strategy to be put on the agenda. For IDD it is important to understand how they can contribute in this discussion.

PT explained the policy and strategy to be discussed in the Board Meeting. MO missed this strategy thinking in the presidents address. He felt that how to get the implementation of DfA into the design practice is an important issue to be dealt with and has to be far stronger in EIDD's objectives.

Cearbhall advised to use the AGM to give members the possibility to give directions to EIDD to be decided on in the Board.

FA suggested to agree with the resolution to continue the further discussion in the Board. (see point 10 resolutions)

4 Honorary Secretary's Report

No further additions.

5 Honorary Treasurer's Report (see appendix)

PF explained that the financial statements covered two years. This was because we didn't have an audit in 2001 because of a lack of financial sources.

PK asked for identifying IDIA expenses.

MO observed that the figures make not clear how did recuperate from such enormous loses in 2000 and how the spend money led to income (eg. how did projects lead to an income). FA explained the C&C project and the financial consequences for EIDD in 2000 and 2001.

MO advised to ask the accountant to make an appendix on 2001. LL was worried whether the EC would accept this appendix. The following discussion focused on how the IDIA financial responsibilities were dealt with.

EW observed the problem that we received money (40% of the funding) for work done in 2002 while most of the work was done in 2003. PK explained that in 2002 we spend some money on the EIDD website.

As a conclusion EIDD still doesn't have much income.

The meeting could not approve the financial statements because the figures of 2001 were still missing.

PF warned that the audit costs would increase and we could hardly spend that much money. Still the meeting decided to ask the auditors for the appendix on 2001.

6 Membership

DEFA on hold.

P5 applied as a NCO, the meeting accepted.

Katie Kennedy joined the meeting briefly to introduce herself and her work at VIA, she applied and was accepted by the meeting as an individual member. The perspective is that VIA will apply as a CMO.

PT introduced the Hungarian organisation (Foundation for Built Environment). (Geza Fischl informed EIDD on this organisation by way of a profile and publications).

FA informed the meeting that Miguel Pereira is retired, his position will be taken over by Jesús Hernández.

The DfA foundation in Spain is not a member of the coordinara. Therefor they applied to be an EIDD CMO. PK proposed, and moved the CMO for the DfA foundation. The meeting accepted.

FA was concerned about Portugal, there are people who want to be involved in EIDD but are/cannot be member of the Portugese NMO. LH explained that there is the possibility to become EIDD Member with approval of the NMO.

7 Discussion of Members' Reports

Reports received from Sweden, Karin Bendixen, Spain, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Belgium and Jim Sandhu (EDF).

FA elaborated on how the foundation of the DfA Centres of Excellence in Europe opened a new interest in DfA. In Spain they do their best to build a working relationship with these DfACoE and encouraged EIDD members to do the same. FA introduced the project in which a white book on DfA curriculum development will be developed.

Sweden had an AGM and conference to propose a new forum for design with DfA included (combined program of Swedish Industrial Design and Swedish Form). FP handed out some information on this subject (ask Finn for the digital version to be added as an appendix). The year 2005 seems important here since not only Sweden but also Finland aim to be *the* Design country in 2005.

Isabella added on the IDD report that their project Cittàbile is going on well. An other interesting project was the toy workshop in China, she will send the information for publication on the EIDD website.

Avril elaborated on the second DfA Daedalo Minosse prize for Architectual projects; special in this award is that not the Architect but the commissioner of the project is awarded.

Michal Ozmin reported on IDD; the organisation (Board and timing of financial year) is restructured.

Annual fees are raised up to € 50 and there are now Corporate Members (Irish Designers Organisation is on board).

Barcelona project (see website) is going on well, there is the Dfa traveling exhibition and participation in the assessment of the facilities of the Paralympics. The EIDD conference was a heavy load on the shoulders and did not allow any other business in meetings.

In IDD generating projects and generating incomes is still a serious point of discussion. IDD felt that NMO's and National Designer organisations could be much more involved in the European projects.

Carl Aseart added on the report that EIDDBelgium only has virtual members at this moment because there is still so little to offer. They are now hoping to find funding to build the website and the network.

The plan is to organise a workshop to bring together EIDDBelgium, the DfACoE and the French speaking partners.

EIDDBelgium was setting up a training programme for assessment of accessibility of buildings.

Erland Winterberg briefly mentioned the activities his Centre is involved in:

- For mandate 203: Overview of literature on Dfa
- How to change Telecommunication legislation into a more inclusive
- Come up with ideas to make the Directives more DfA
- EDeAN transformation from network into organisation.
- Participation in D4All project.

KB explained that her report was not only on the Danish Centre but more on the DfA form.

PT informed the meeting on the main developments in the Finnish DfACoE Network of which Stakes is co-ordinator.

Industry is showing more and more interest.

Stakes was also participating in IDCnet project and D4All project.

PT stressed to put all info on the EIDD website to be shared with an as broad platform as possible.

MO asked how to deal with members who do not have their own website, like Belgium. KB will check the possibility to have a special slot for those members.

8 Election of the Board of Directors

After the nominations were closed in total 13 directors at large were nominated, and 5 NMO's were represented.

This led to the discussion on limitation of the number of Directors at large.

MO proposed to find criteria for election of Directors at Large eg. representation.

PK proposed a task force consisting of Board members to work on this issue, will be discussed in the Board Meeting.

Board is elected as nominated (see appendix). EIDD Norge and Portugal will be asked to nominate their representatives.

9 Election of Auditors

Accepted under the restriction where the new Honorary Treasurers will be seated.

10 Resolutions

PH was nominated as the President Emeritus and accepted (carried nem con).

MO moved a written resolution (see appendix 2), seconded by PK and approved by the meeting.

PF withheld, he felt that there was something odd about this resolution since in the Board meeting a detailed plan will be discussed.

MO replied that since in the AGM all members are there and the plan is only sent to the Board members they are not informed and cannot participate in the discussion.

FA pointed out that in the 10 years existence of EIDD we made a shift from individual members to 'representatives', that led to the situation that all members were in the Board of Directors anymore. He proposed to reconsider the AGM and Board meetings.

C O'Meadhra moved resolution on the inclusion of a statement in the P&A Plan about the 2003 Year of People with disabilities, seconded by PK and accepted by the meeting (see appendix).

11 Date and place of next AGM

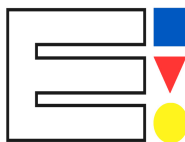
PT reminded the meeting that Sweden was already mentioned as host of the 10th AGM. LL and FP discussed this with EIDDSv. They were curious to hear other proposals. Since there are no other proposals the meeting asked the executive to come up with an appropriate proposal for the place of the next AGM within 2 months.

12 Any Other Business

Word of thanks to the outgoing board and executive.

13 Closure

Meeting closed at 17.00 hrs.



EIDD POLICY AND ACTION PLAN 2003 - 2005

- Proposed to the EIDD BoM in Dublin 2003
- Prepared by the EIDD Executive

KEY OBJECTIVES

Internal

- Strengthening of DfA knowledge exchange [theoretical, practical, experiences] and collaboration between EIDD members

External

- Development of the number one Design for All communication platform in Europe for designers and Design for All related professionals

PROPOSED POLICY PRIORITIES

Internal

- Development of internal communication strategy and platform

External

- Support of collaboration between major design actors in Europe to
- raise awareness on DfA among design and DfA related professionals
- support DfA knowledge transfer among design and DfA related professionals
- support implementation of DfA approach in public and private sectors
- influence DfA policy in EU and EU member countries and accession countries

PROPOSED KEY ACTIONS 2003

Internal

- Further development of EIDD website – member news and knowledge exchange

External

- Update of the DfA Map to re-assess key actors and key actions in Design for All in Europe
- Re-assessment of EIDD primary target groups
- Development of EIDD website, focus on content production
- Raising awareness of DfA in accession countries
- Further developing contacts with EU policy makers, especially DG Employment and Social Affairs, DG Information Society and DG Enterprises

Appendix 2:

The 10th AGM of EIDD, meeting in Dublin Castle on 5th April 2003, authorises the Board of Directors to involve all members of EIDD in exploring the possibility of identifying new ways of translating the EIDD Mission Statement into practice and developing appropriate new strategical plans.

The Board is further authorised to initiate all necessary activity pursuant to this motion and to report back to the next AGM.

Moved: Pete Kercher

Secunded: Michal Ozmin

Appendix 3:

Nominations for the Board of Directors:

Name	Nominated as:	Nominated by:
Lennart Lindkvist	representing EIDD Sv	EIDD Sv
Hubert Froyen	representing EIDDBelgium	EIDD Belgium
Jésus Hernández	representing CDTPE	CDTPE
Avril Accolla	representing IIDD	IIDD
Michal Ozmin	representing IDD	IDD
Pete Kercher	Director at Large	CDTPE, IIDD
Finn Petrén	Director at Large	CDTPE, IIDD, EIDD Sv
Karin Bendixen	Director at Large	IIDD
Isabella Steffan	Director at Large	JS
Paul Fortune	Director at Large	IIDD
Lilian Henze	Director at Large	EIDD Belgium, IIDD
Birgitte Wistoft	Director at Large	CDTPE, IIDD
Jim Sandhu	Director at Large	EIDD Belgium, IIDD
Paivi Tahkokallio	Director at Large	EIDD Belgium, IIDD
Francesc Aragall	Director at Large	IIDD
Paolo Favaretto	Director at Large	IIDD
Imma Bonnet	Director at Large	AGM
Katie Kennedy	Director at Large	AGM
Acceptance to be confirmed:		
National representative	EIDD Norge	
National representative	APDR (Portugal)	

Appendix 4:

The 10th AGM of EIDD, meeting in Dublin Castle on 5th April 2003, intructs the Board of Directors to issue a policy statement about the 2003 European Year of People with Disabilities.

Moved: Chearbhall O' Meadrha

Secunded: Pete Kercher