



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH DESIGN FOR ALL

13th Annual General Meeting – Waterford – 20 May 2006 Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Pete Kercher, opened the Institute's 13th Annual General Meeting and welcomed participants:

Name	Organisation	Country
Pete Kercher	EIDD President	Italy
Finn Petrén	EIDD Vice-President	Sweden
Avril Accolla	EIDD Hon. Secretary	Italy
Michal Ozmin	EIDD Hon. Treasurer	Ireland
Paul Fortune	IDD	Ireland
Markus Haas	Freiraum	Austria
Rita Lacey	IDD	Ireland
Cearbhall O'Meadhra	IDD	Ireland
Jesus Hernandez	Coordinadora DpT	Spain
Jolanta Budny	IPD	Poland
Carlo Branzaglia	IIDD	Italy
Paul Hogan	EIDD President Emeritus	Ireland

Apologies for absence were received from:

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Guida Faria	APDR	Portugal	Paul Hogan
Géza Fischl	HSUD	Hungary	Pete Kercher
Stefan Vos	EIDD Belgium	Belgium	Avril Accolla
Imma Bonnet	DfA Foundation	Spain	Jesus Hernandez
Karin Bendixen	EIDD Communications Officer, DfA-DK	Denmark	Finn Petrén
Francesc Aragall	Coordinadora DpT	Spain	Jesus Hernandez
Lennart Lindkvist	EIDD Sverige	Sweden	Finn Petrén
Tone Rønnevig	EIDD Norge	Norway	Pete Kercher
Rudiger Leidner	EDAD, EU links	Germany	Finn Petrén
Peter Neumann	EDAD	Germany	Finn Petrén

2. Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising

No comments had been received to the minutes of the previous AGM and there were no matters arising that were not dealt with at some later stage in the agenda. On a motion from Markus Haas, seconded by Cearbhall O'Meadhra, the

minutes were approved unanimously as a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the 12th AGM.

3. Matters of Information

3.1 President's Address

The President gave his address (**Appendix 1**).

3.2 Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary presented a report of activities since the 12th AGM (**Appendix 2**).

Discussion of the two reports ensued.

Paul Hogan praised the astonishing amount of activities carried out well, but noticed that after 13 years, finance was a problem and EIDD had no paid secretariat. Nevertheless, he expressed his congratulations.

The President thanked Paul Hogan for his comments and explained that the strategy had been to build critical mass so that we can manifestly deserve economic support.

He pointed out that Commission funding is a far more complex matter now than it was years ago: more than 50% of the funding devoted to projects in the Sixth Framework Programme is usually spent on administration and EIDD does not have the human resources to lead such a project – nor would we want to if we had them, as our agenda is not the same as the Commission's. So we have the freedom to pursue our aims rather than the Commission's and are building our critical mass, so as to be able to exert the political pressure that will lead the Commission to choose other priorities in future: our priorities. That is our goal for the next and coming years.

General discussion ensued around the table about funding and the possibility of a paid secretariat.

The Honorary Secretary commented further on her Report by reminding the AGM that EIDD is both a federal organisation and a network. Markus Haas pointed out that EIDD suffers a shortage of communications between NMOs and between NMOs and the European structure, so the Institute is still failing to achieve one of its main goals, that of international co-operation. NMOs are not networking well, with the exception of when they happen to find themselves acting as partners in the same European Commission projects.

3.3 Honorary Treasurers' Report

The Honorary Treasurer presented the report for the financial year of 2005 (**Appendix 3**).

Cearbhall O'Meadhra asked whether it was clear in the accounts that the members of the Executive Committee were carrying the financial burden personally.

The Honorary Treasurer answered that it was clear.

Put to the vote by the Chair, the 2005 Financial Report was carried nem con.

After further discussion about a financial strategy, the AGM mandates the Executive Committee to undertake an exploratory mission for a three-year rolling financial strategy.

3.4 Reports from National Member Organisations

The Honorary Secretary introduced the NMO reports, praising their many and varied activities and enucleating the following shortcomings:

syntactic	communications and networking
	co-operation between NMOs outside EU projects
semantic	DfA research
	DfA production

Markus Haas reported on the activities of Freiraum (Austria).

Carlo Branzaglia reported on the activities of IIDD – Design for All Italia.

Paul Fortune and Michal Ozmin reported on the activities of IDD (Ireland).

The Honorary Secretary reported on the activities of EIDD Belgium.

Jesús Hernández Galán reported on the activities of CDpTP (Spain)

The President reported on the activities of DfA-DK, on behalf of Karin Bendixen.

Fin Petrén reported on the activities of EIDD Sverige.

The Honorary Secretary reported on the activities of EDAD (Germany)

The President reported on the activities of APDR (Portugal)

The President reported on the activities of the new network Design for All NL.

3.4 Reports from Directors at Large

3.4.1 Francesc Aragall: Contacts with ECA

3.4.2 Imma Bonet: Contacts with the business community

3.4.3 Rüdiger Leidner: Links to the European Institutions

The requested written reports did not arrive. The President said a couple of words on what he personally knew about the ongoing activities.

3.4.4 Cearbhall O'Meadhra: EIDD representative on EDF

Cearbhall O'Meadhra reports on EDF.

4. Formal decisions

4.1 Applications for Membership

The Executive Committee had received no applications for membership to propose to the AGM.

4.2 Amendment to the Constitution: Proposed change of name

As circulated by mail in advance, IIDD proposes the change of name from "EIDD European Institute for Design and Disability" to "EIDD – Design for All Europe" and the Executive recommends approval.

Carlo Branzaglia explains the proposal and reports that IIDD has changed its name to: IIDD Design for All Italy.

Paul Hogan reports that Portugal supports this as the best possible compromise.

Finn Petren concludes it is the best compromise with strong communication impact.

The Honorary Secretary reports that EIDD Belgium is opposed to the change and EDAD would prefer EIDD European Institute for Design for All

Many directors comment that in these two proposals there's a loss in the EIDD communication impact.

Vote for selection of name

The AGM votes on the preferred name among the proposals in case there's the will to change the name.

EIDD, European Institute for Design and Dis-ability
Enhancing the quality of life through Design for All
20 votes from EIDD Belgium

EIDD European Institute for Design for All
20 votes from EDAD

EIDD Design for All Europe
20 votes from APDR
20 votes from DfA DK
20 votes from EIDD Norge
20 votes from EIDD Sverige
20 votes from Freiraum
20 votes from IDD
20 votes from IIDD
20 votes from IPD
1 vote from Coordinadora DpT

abstention from HUSD in absence of specific instructions

Vote for changing the name of the Institute

To change the name "EIDD, European Institute for Design and Disability" in
"EIDD - Design for All Europe"

20 votes from APDR
20 votes from DfA DK
20 votes from EIDD Norge
20 votes from EIDD Sverige
20 votes from Freiraum
20 votes from IDD
20 votes from IIDD
20 votes from IPD
1 vote from Coordinadora DpT

20 votes against from EIDD Belgium

abstention from EDAD
abstention from HUSD in absence of specific instructions

Carlo Branzaglia states that we should really change the logo and coordinated image of EIDD.

Avril Accolla approves and remembers to the AGM that is also her proposal since three years and that there's the professional analysis with guidelines of the present logo and the incomplete coordinated image since long.

Pete Kercher proposes that Carlo Branzaglia will do a report and a proposal for the next AGM or Board.

1.2 Amendments to the Bylaws

AGM discusses if it is possible to discuss the amendments proposed by EDAD in absence of the proposers. AGM decides that for the interest of the Institute it is possible to discuss all the proposed amendments in order not to discuss them again in November.

The Executive proposes a modified version of its own amendments of the one previously circulated by mail.

The AGM after a long discussion, modifies the whole package of amendments again. The result is attached.

(Appendix XX).

vote for the amendment of point 11

in favour: APDR, DfA DK, EIDD Belgium, EIDD Norge, EIDD Sverige, Freiraum, IDD, IIDD, IPD.

abstentions: Coordinadora DpT, EDAD, HUSD

1.3 Election of the Board of Directors Confirmation of the 12 proposed

Vote for the Director Large

Pete Kercher
Finn Petren
Avril Accolla
Michal Ozmin
Karin Bendixen

Cearbhall O'Meadra
Francesc Aragall
Imma Bonet

in favour the NMO's: APDR, Coordinadora DpT, EDAD, DfA DK, EIDD Belgium, EIDD Norge, EIDD Sverige, Freiraum, HUSD, IDD, IIDD, IPD.

The Executive expresses words of thanks for:

- . Guida Faria, one of the founder members, after 13 years of presence in EIDD. Her place is taken by professor Martin Baratta;
- . Hubert Froyen, who's retiring to concentrate on his PhD, for which the AGM sends its best wishes;
- . Paul Fortune, also a founder member, retiring after 13 years in which has served in many roles;
- . Rudiger Leidner, retiring, with a particular acknowledgement of his positive message that he doesn't need to be director to be active;
- . Isabella Steffan retiring.

1.4 Election of Auditors

Upon a motion from the Honorary Treasurer, seconded by the chair, the AGM voted unanimously to reappoint Messrs T.A. McKeown & Co, Chartered Accountants, of 114 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4, to serve as the auditors of the EIDD accounts for the year 2006-2007.

Vote for Auditors

Elected nem. Com.

1.5 Topic 2008 Annual Conference

A discussion take place.

Avril Accolla proposes "Design for All" as a title since is our core business and is the last of the 4 year cycle, so it's a nice way to summarise the work of the previous three years and to reunion cases of excellences in the various fields. A discussion on the proposal take place.

It's proposed for vote

Design for All, with a suitable subtitle

Vote for Design for All, with a suitable subtitle

Carried unanimously

The President invites for proposals of a location that will be decided in the Board of Directors meeting in November.

2. Matters for Discussion

5.1 Resolutions

5.1.1 The Waterford Convention

vote for adoption

Waterford convention is adopted nem com.

The situation with the City of Waterford is presented and discussed.

The President proposes that the AGM mandates the Board of Directors to take all the necessary steps to solve it and then to adopt the Waterford Convention.

Vote for the proposal

Voted nem com.

5.1.2 Other Resolutions

No other resolution.

5.2 2007 Annual Conference and 14th AGM

Pete Kercher asks the Board to empower the working group Pete Kercher, Carlo Branzaglia and Avril Accolla to find the proper location.

Vote for the proposal

Voted nem com.

3. Any Other Business

Jolanta Budny apologises for herself and the Polish team on Gdansk failure. She believes that it's because DfA is not well perceived in Poland.

Pete Kercher states that J. Budny's apologies were needed.

This space is reserved to the Irish team who asked to attach a report. The report has not arrived.

The President asks J. Budny if she wishes to reply.

J. Budny says she does not wish to comment.

Finn Petróen says that is very useful to clear the air in such an open way, and thanks Jolanta, Michal, Cearbhall and Rita.

18:115 adjourned the AGM to 21 may 2006

Avril Accolla on behalf of Jesus Hernandez, who had to leave in advance, proposes:
to hold the Board of Directors meeting on one topic and then to start with showing international projects.

The Board is happy with the proposal and considers the ways of doing this.

4. Closure

The AGM closes at 13:45 21 May 2006

Honorary Secretary
Avril Accolla