



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

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15th Annual General Meeting, Stockholm, 24 May 2008

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Finn Petrén opened the 15th Annual General Meeting of EIDD - Design for All Europe at 10:00 and welcomed participants:

Name	Organisation	Country
Finn Petrén	EIDD President	Sweden
Avril Accolla	EIDD Vice-President	Italy
Markus Haas	EIDD Hon. Secretary; freiraum	Austria
Michal Ozmin	EIDD Hon. Treasurer	Ireland
Jesús Hernández Galán	EIDD Special Projects Officer; Coordinadora DpT	Spain
Pete Kercher	EIDD Ambassador	Italy
Francesc Aragall	Coordinadora DpT	Spain
Imma Bonet	DfA Foundation	Spain
Carl Asaert	EIDD Belgium	Belgium
Karin Bendixen	DfA-DK	Denmark
Lena Strömberg	Ornamo	Finland
Silke Emmrich	EDAD (representing Peter Neumann)	Germany
Carlo Branzaglia	IIDD DfA Italy	Italy
Aleksandar Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia
Vesna Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia
Lea Rollova	Centre of Excellence in DfA, Bratislava Polytechnic (representing Maria Samova)	Slovakia
Zuzana Ceresnova	Centre of Excellence in DfA, Bratislava Polytechnic (representing Maria Samova)	Slovakia
Marit Jensen	EIDD Sweden	Sweden
Paul Hogan	EIDD President Emeritus	Ireland
Ilona Gurjanova	Applicant; Estonian Association of Designers	Estonia

Apologies for absence had been received from:

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Cearbhall O'Meadhra	IDD	Ireland	
Josyane Franc	Cité du Design de Saint-Etienne	France	
Rita Lacey	IDD	Ireland	
Marius Dirgela	Lithuanian Design Forum	Lithuania	

Absence without Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Country
Finn Aslaksen	EIDD Norway	Norway
Jolanta Budny	IPD	Poland
Martins Barata	APDR	Portugal
Kevin Davis	CAE	UK

2. Agenda

As for the agenda items 6.4.2 Budget 2008 and 7.2 EIDD Conferences, it was agreed that the topics should be discussed in the Board Meeting following the AGM.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

No comments had been received to the minutes of the 14th AGM of EIDD - Design for All Europe, held in Milan 30 June 2007. On a motion from Francesc Aragall, seconded by Pete Kercher, the minutes were approved unanimously as a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the 14th AGM.

4. Matters arising from Minutes if not included in the Agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Matters of Information

5.1 President's Address

The President gave his address. The President's address is attached to the Minutes (**appendix 1**).

5.2 Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary, Markus Haas presented his report on NMO activities summarising the contents of the evolution of DfA concepts in Europe. The Honorary Secretary's report is attached to the Minutes (**appendixes 2 and 3**). National reports from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Slovakia and Sweden are also attached (**appendixes 4 to 9**).

5.3 Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer, Michal Ozmin gave his report (**appendix 10**). The report was approved unanimously.

5.4 Reports from National Member Organisations

Further reports were given by the National Director of Serbia, Aleksandar Bogdanovic and by the Vice President of EDAD Germany, Silke Emmrich on behalf of the National Director of Germany, Peter Neumann. These reports are not available in writing.

5.5 Reports from Directors at Large

5.5.1 Pete Kercher: The Ambassador's Report

The Ambassadors report is attached to the Minutes (**appendix 11**).

5.5.2 Frances Aragall: ECA – European Concept on Accessibility

Francesc Aragall reported to the Board about ECA. The report is not available in writing.

5.5.3 Imma Bonet: The Flag of Town and Cities for All Project

Imma Bonet reported to the Board about the Flag of Town and Cities for All Project. The report is not available in writing. Further information can be found on the webpage of the DfA Foundation.

5.5.4 Cearbhall O'Meadhra: EIDD representative on EDF, the European Disability Forum

The President, Finn Petrén gave the report about EDF since Cearbhall O'Meadhra was participating in the EDF General Assembly Meeting in Ljubljana that took place at the same time as the EIDD - Design for All Europe AGM. The report is not available in writing.

6. Formal Decisions

6.1 Applications for Membership

The President, Finn Petrén proposed to the AGM to formally confirm the decision made by the Board of Directors at the Valencia Board Meeting on the 24th of November 2007, to accept Ornamo, The Association of Finnish Designers, Finland, and the Lithuanian Design Forum, Lithuania as Corporate Member Organisations. The AGM confirmed the decision made by the Board of Directors in Valencia unanimously.

The President, Finn Petrén then presented seven new applications for membership to the Board. Applications for the status of a CMO had been received from the following organisations (see also **appendix 12**):

The Norwegian Design Council, Oslo, Norway
Approved unanimously.

The Estonian Association of Designers, Tallinn, Estonia
Approved unanimously.

Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest, Hungary
Approved unanimously.

Design Flanders, Brussels, Belgium
Approved unanimously.

BNO, The Association of Dutch Designers, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Approved unanimously.

Centre "Living Upright", Novi Sad, Serbia
Approved unanimously.

Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre, London, UK
Approved unanimously.

The President concluded that EIDD - Design for All Europe now has an active presence in twenty European countries.

6.2 Matters of Exclusion

At the 14th AGM of EIDD in Milan 30th June 2007 it was decided to suspend HSUD, the Hungarian NMO for one year. The decision was made in agreement with HSUD giving them a last opportunity to get started. Since there had been no development during the last year the Executive Committee now put forward, in agreement with HSUD, the motion to exclude HSUD as a NMO of EIDD. The AGM decided unanimously to exclude HSUD. (See also **appendix 12.**)

6.3 Matters of Suspension

IPD, the Polish NMO, is a different case. The organisation does not live up to EIDD standards, neither in terms of constitutional requirements nor in terms of communication with the Executive Committee and the rest of the EIDD Board. In fact there has been no such contact since the Waterford AGM in May 2006 in spite of several attempts from the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee therefore moved for a one year suspension of IPD. A one year suspension would give the National Director a last chance to get back to the Executive Committee for a renegotiation of the terms of reference for future membership in EIDD. Meanwhile, her position as National Director was also proposed to be suspended.
(See also **appendix 12.**)

Francesc Aragall proposed on the issue of suspensions that the Ambassador, Pete Kercher drafts a formal letter to IPD based on the arguments put forward by the Executive Committee but also bearing in mind the legal aspects that might be involved. The Ambassador, Pete Kercher accepted.

After further discussions on the topic of suspensions, involving among others the Portuguese NMO, the AGM mandated the Executive Committee/Board of Directors to elaborate a set of rules and criteria for future suspensions and exclusions and then report back to the 2009 AGM.

6.4 Finances

6.4.1 Membership Fees

The Honorary Treasurer, Michal Ozmin proposed the issue of annual membership fees to be handled by the EIDD Financial Working Group with sights set on a resolution to the next year's AGM, after previous discussions at the autumn 2008 Board Meeting.

The proposed approach was unanimously agreed on by the AGM.

6.5 Election of the Board of Directors

The Honorary Secretary, Markus Haas presented the nominees for the Board of Directors.

The following individuals had been nominated by their respective National Member Organisation to serve as National Directors of EIDD in the period 2008-2009:

Country	National Member Organisation	Nominee for Director
Austria	freiraum	Markus Haas
Belgium	EIDD Belgium	Carl Asaert
Denmark	Design for All DK	Karin Bendixen
Germany	EDAD	Peter Neumann
Italy	IIDD DfA Italy	Carlo Branzaglia
Serbia	CRID	Alexandar Bogdanovic
Spain	CDpT	Jesús Hernández Galán
Sweden	EIDD Sweden	Marit Jensen

The President invited the Annual General Meeting to approve this list. The motion was carried unanimously and the National Directors were duly elected.

No nominations had been received from:

Country	National Member Organisation	Nominee for Director
Ireland	IDD	no Nomination
Norway	EIDD Norge	no Nomination
Portugal	APDR	no Nomination
Poland	IPD	no Nomination

Those National Member Organisations, who had not nominated a National Director before the AGM would be asked by the Honorary Secretary to do so a.s.a.p.

The President invited nominations of individuals to serve as Directors at Large, indicating that the nomination should specify the task to be carried out by the nominee. The following persons were nominated:

Nominee for Director at Large	Nominated by	To serve as
Finn Petrén	All participants in the AGM (12 countries)	Executive Committee

Avril Accolla	All participants in the AGM	Executive Committee
Markus Haas	All participants in the AGM	Executive Committee
Michal Ozmin	All participants in the AGM	Executive Committee
Jesús Hernández Galán	All participants in the AGM	Executive Committee
Cearbhall O'Meadhra	All participants in the AGM	Representative on EDF
Francesc Aragall	All participants in the AGM	Contacts with ECA
Imma Bonet	All participants in the AGM	Flag Project
Pete Kercher	All participants in the AGM	External relations/ambassador
Ilona Gurjanova	The Estonian Association of Designers	Repr. Estonia
Lena Strömberg	Ornamo, Finland	Repr. Finland
Josyane Franc	Cité du Design de Saint-Etienne, France	Repr. France
Marius Dirgela	Lithuanian Design Forum, Lithuania	Repr. Lithuania
Maria Samova	Centre of Excellence in DfA, Slovakia	Repr. Slovakia

The President invited the Annual General Meeting to approve this list. The motion was carried unanimously and the Directors at Large were duly elected.

The AGM also mandated the Honorary Secretary to invite the following new CMOs: Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design in Hungary, BNO in the Netherlands and the Helen Hamlyn Centre in the UK to name a Director at Large as a representative of their country. The Norwegian Design Council, Design Flanders in Belgium and Centre "Living Upright" in Serbia will not be able to nominate a Director at Large since there are already a NMO in those countries.

6.6 Election of Auditors

The present Auditors were re-nominated to serve as the Auditors of EIDD for the period 2008 – 2009. There were no other nominations. The President invited the Annual General Meeting to approve the nominated Auditors.

The motion was carried unanimously and the Auditors were duly elected.

7. Matters for Discussion

7.1 Resolutions

The Ambassador, Pete Kercher proposed the change of name in the EIDD Stockholm Declaration from EIDD European Institute for Design and Disability to EIDD - Design for All Europe. Different options were discussed and it was agreed that the change should take place. The change of name will also take place in all other published Resolutions.

The President Emeritus, Paul Hogan moved for the proposed change and the President, Finn Petrén seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

7.2 16th AGM 2009

The National Director of freiraum, Austria, Markus Haas proposed the 16th AGM to be held in Linz, Austria, on the 21st of May 2009. The President invited the Annual General Meeting to approve. The proposal was carried unanimously.

8. Any other Business

There were no other business.

9. Closure

The President, Finn Petrén thanked all participants for their commitment and positive contributions and closed the 15th Annual General Meeting of EIDD - Design for All Europe at 16:00.