



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH DESIGN FOR ALL

17th Annual General Meeting Belgrade, Serbia 8 May 2010

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Finn Petré n declared the 17th Annual General Meeting open at 10:00 am and welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were noted.

Attendees

Finn Petré n	EIDD President	Sweden
Avril Accolla	EIDD Vice-President	Italy
Merih Kunur on behalf of Rama Gheerawo	EIDD Hon. Secretary The Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre	UK
Michal Ozmin	EIDD Honorary Treasurer	Ireland
Pete Kercher	EIDD Ambassador	Italy
Markus Haas	Freiraum	Austria
Karin Bendixen	Design for Alle.dk	Denmark
Ilona Gurjanova	Estonian Association of Designers	Estonia
Peter Neumann	EDAD	Germany
Emmy Chatzigianni	Panhellenic Union Paraplegic and Physically Handicapped	Greece
Alexander Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia
Vesna Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia
Miodrag Pocuc	Centre Living Upright	Serbia
Bojana Rudic	Centre Living Upright	Serbia
Zuzana Ceresnova	Centre of Excellence in Design for All	Slovakia
Lea Rollova	Centre of Excellence in Design for All	Slovakia
Chris Ramsden	Chartered Society of Designers	UK
Vidan Dankovic (guest)		Serbia
Goroslav Keller (guest)	University of Zagreb, Economics	Croatia
Sanja Bencetic (guest)	University of Zagreb, Architecture	Croatia
Dusko Hristov (guest)	BELLS National Coordinator	Macedonia
Suvad Zahirovic (guest)	Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina Vice-President Office, Adviser	Bosnia

Apologies for absence:

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Rama Gheerawo	EIDD Hon. Secretary The Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre	UK	Peter Neumann
Jesus Hernandez Galan	EIDD Special Projects Officer, Fundacion Once	Spain	Avril Accolla
Cearbhall O'Meadhra	Director at Large EDF relations	Ireland	Michal Ozmin
Francesc Aragall	Director at Large ECA relations	Spain	Peter Neumann
Imma Bonet	Director at Large The Flag Project relations	Spain	Peter Neumann
Paul Hogan	President Emeritus	Ireland	
Carl Asaert	EIDD Belgium	Belgium	
Johan Valcke	Design Flanders	Belgium	
Susanne Salo	Ornamo	Finland	Pete Kercher
Josyane Franc	Cité du Design de Saint- Etienne	France	
Zsófia Nemeth	Moholy-Nagy University	Hungary	
Carlo Branzaglia	DfA Italia	Italy	Avril Accolla
Daina Vitolina	Design Information Centre	Latvia	Pete Kercher
Marius Dirgela	Lithuanian Design Forum	Lithuania	Ilona Gurjanova
Rob Huisman	BNO, Association of Dutch Designers	The Netherlands	
Finn Aslaksen	EIDD Norway	Norway	
Onny Eikhaug	Norwegian Design Council	Norway	Merih Kunur
Ewa Golebiowska	Silesian Castle of Art and Enterprise	Poland	Pete Kercher
Guida Faria	APDR	Portugal	
Maria Samova	Centre of Excellence in Design for All	Slovakia	Zusana Ceresnova
Marit Jensen	EIDD Sweden	Sweden	Finn Petrán
Beata Lupinska	Common Space Association	Poland	

A message from EIDD President Emeritus Paul Hogan was read out to assembled members.

2. Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Minutes of the 16th AGM and the 1st EGM

The minutes from the 16th Annual General Meeting, held in Vilnius 23 May 2009, and the 1st Extraordinary General Meeting, held in Lisbon 7 November 2009, were discussed. There were no amendments.

Pete Kercher proposed approval of the minutes and Michal Ozmin seconded. They were both accepted as a true and faithful recording of proceedings.

4. President's Report

The President, Finn Petré presented his President's Report.

The report is attached to these minutes (see Appendix 1)

In summary, three points were made, as follows:

- 1) EIDD Design for All Europe should play a bigger role in social inclusion, cohesion and sustainability in Europe as well as in the global community.
- 2) Strategic plan – outlining the external and internal objectives.
- 3) Action plan – outlining the approach.

The President also added his thanks to attendees and members, and especially to members of the Executive Committee.

Member's comments:

- Pete Kercher added the importance of responding to the EU Green Paper "Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries".
- Pete Kercher also emphasized the need to resolve internal issues as per item 6 of the agenda.
- Michael Ozmin underlined that the strategic objectives are not aimed at the national level but at that of the federation.
- Karin Bendixen requested more information regarding the activities and travelling of the Executive.
- Alexander Bogdanovic suggested that information about the EIDD should appear on the Global Compact Network at www.unglobalcompact.org.

The President's Report was approved.

5. Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer, Michael Ozmin, presented the Treasurer's Report.

The report is attached to these minutes (see Appendix 2)

The Treasurer's Report was approved. The present auditors were re-appointed. It was also agreed that a financial pack should be sent to all member organisations.

6. Resolutions

6.1 Amendments to the constitution

Finn Petré introduced the issue and Pete Kercher gave a short presentation summarising the proposals and outlining the positives and negatives. He used a colour-coding system to explain them and make them clearer.

Members discussion included agenda items 6.1 (Amendments to the constitution), 6.2 (Amendments to the bylaws) and 6.3 (Annual subscription) together.

Lengthy discussion focused on the need to consider the first batch of proposed amendments as an organic part of the entire package. As the package was too complex to be digested instantly, however, Pete Kercher proposed to postpone decisions on the more complex issues, basing any further re-elaboration of the drafts on the present discussion, but to take the simpler proposals that did not generate any heated debate now. The meeting agreed to adopt this approach.

There was a short break for lunch and the meeting was resumed at 3.30pm

Decisions:

Three sets of amendments were passed with the following effects:

- 1) With effect from the 2011 AGM, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee will be elected every two years.
- 2) With effect from the Meeting of the Board of Directors due to follow on this AGM, the titles of some of the members of the Executive Committee are changed (Honorary Secretary becomes Vice-President Administration, Honorary Treasurer becomes Vice-President Finances and specific mention of the Communications Officer is dropped.
- 3) The specific level of the membership fees was removed from the Bylaws and replaced by a general responsibility on the General Meeting to decide the membership categories and set the related membership fees. These were set for 2011 at 400 Euros each for each CMO and a minimum of 400 Euros each for each NMO.

Pete Kercher proposed that an EGM should be held in November 2010, to consider the other proposed amendments still requiring decision. Michal Ozmin seconded the motion. Members were unanimous in their support.

7. Applications for Membership

An application for membership (NMO) was presented by Chris Ramsden, President of Chartered Society of Designers, UK.

The Chartered Society of Designers was unanimously approved and welcomed as a new UK National Member Organisation of EIDD.

The President informed that an application is also on its way from Open Space Association in Warsaw, Poland. Open Space Association will be granted provisional membership by the Executive Committee as soon as the application has been registered.

8. Elections

The nominations included:

National directors (representing NMOs)

Markus Haas, Freiraum, Austria

Carl Asaert, EIDD Belgium, Belgium

Karin Bendixen, Design for Alle.dk, Denmark

Vacant, IDD, Ireland

Peter Neumann, EDAD, Germany

Avril Accolla (interim), DfA Italia, Italy

Vacant, EIDD Norway, Norway

Guida Faria, APDR, Portugal

Aleksandar Bogdanovic, CRID, Serbia

Jesús Hernández Galán, Coordinadora Dpt, Spain

Marit Jensen, EIDD Sweden, Sweden

Chris Ramsden, Chartered Society of Designers, UK

Directors at Large (representing countries without an NMO)

Ilona Gurjanova, Estonian Association of Designers, Estonia

Salla Heinänen, Ornamo, Finland

Josyane Franc, Cité du Design de Saint-Etienne, France

Emmy Chatziagianni, Panhellenic Union Paraplegic & Physically Challenged, Greece

Zsófia Németh, Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Hungary

Daina Vitolina, Design Information Centre, Latvia

Marius Dirgela, Lithuanian Design Forum, Lithuania

Rob Huisman, BNO Association of Dutch Designers, Netherlands

Onny Eikhaug, Norwegian Design Council, Norway

Ewa Golebiowska, Silesian Castle of Art and Enterprise in Cieszyn, Poland

Maria Samova, Centre of Excellence in Design for All, Slovakia

Directors at Large (special assignments)

Finn Petrén, EIDD Sweden (executive)

Avril Accolla, DfA Italia (executive)

Rama Gheerawo, Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre (executive)

Michal Ozmin, IDD (executive)

Jesús Hernández Galán, Coordinadora Dpt (executive)

Pete Kercher, DfA Italia (executive)

Cearbhall O'Meadhra, IDD, Ireland (EDF relations)

These names were accepted unanimously by members assembled.

9. Venue and Date for the AGM 2011

The 2nd EGM and 33rd Meeting of the Board of Directors was decided to be held in Greece between 4-7 November 2010.*

The 18th AGM and 34th Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Tallinn, Estonia 27-29 May 2011.

Helsinki, Finland was suggested as the meeting place for the 2012 Summit as it is the World Design Capital that year.

10. Meeting closed

The 17th EIDD AGM was closed by the President, Finn Petrén at 5 pm.

Appendices

1. President's Report

2. Honorary Treasurer's Report

* Venue and time have afterwards been changed to Riga 9-10 October 2010.