



EUROPEAN INSTITUTE FOR DESIGN AND DISABILITY

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Annual General Meeting

London

3 June 2000, 10.00

AMEC Facilities, 30 The South Colonnade, Canary Wharf

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1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President opened the proceedings at 10.15, welcoming the participants:

Name	Organisation	Country
Francesc Aragall	EIDD, EIDD-Spain	Spain
Helena David	APDR	Portugal
Mike Dunn		Jersey C.I.
Paolo Favaretto	EIDD, IIDD	Italy
Graham Findlay	Disability Wales	United Kingdom
Paul Fortune	EIDD, IDD	Ireland
Hubert Froyen	PHL Dept. Arch.	Belgium
James Harrison	National University	Singapore
Chris Harrowell	UKIID, APS	United Kingdom
Lilian Henze	EIDD	Netherlands
Stephen Hitchins	CSD, BEDA	United Kingdom
Paul Hogan	EIDD, IDD	Ireland
Andrew Holdsworth-Wild	UKIID, Arts Council	United Kingdom
Denise Hutchinson	EIDD, IDD	Ireland
Pete Kercher	EIDD, IIDD	Italy
Lennart Linkvist	EIDD, EIDD-Sverige	Sweden
Karin Månsson	EIDD-Sverige	Sweden
Julie McLeod	UKIID	United Kingdom
Miguel Pereyra	EIDD, Fundación ONCE	Spain
Chris Ramsden	UKIID, Sandwell H.A.	United Kingdom
Tone Rønnevig	EIDD-Norge	Norway
Jim Sandhu	EIDD, UKIID	United Kingdom
Andrew Shipley	UKIID	United Kingdom
Paivi Tahkokallio	EIDD, Stakes	Finland
Andrew Walker	EIDD, UKIID	United Kingdom
Birgitte Wistoft	EIDD, Danish Centre	Denmark

Apologies for absence were received from:

Guida Faria	EIDD, APDR	Portugal
Dieter Philippen	EIDD-DG	Germany
Detlef Settelmeier	EIDD-DG	Germany

The President particularly welcomed first time participants to the AGM and Stephen Hitchins, recently elected Vice-President-Elect of BEDA, the Bureau of European Designers Associations, who addressed a short speech of good wishes from BEDA to EIDD, commenting that BEDA is about to move its office from the Netherlands to Barcelona.

2. Special Enabling Resolution

The following Special Resolution to enable the meetings to proceed was moved by Paul Hogan and seconded by the Honorary Secretary.

“Members of EIDD meeting in London on June 3rd, 2000

Notwithstanding

that the Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting have not been convened in accordance with Articles 8.3 and 9.1 of the By-laws,
that documentation specified in the by-laws has not been circulated,

that there is no agreed list of members,
that persons who may be entitled to attend the meetings may not have been notified,
that procedures for postal or proxy voting, as envisaged in Article 10 of the by-laws have,
not been put in place,

Agree

that for exceptional reasons the meetings should proceed and the members present be empowered to do all things, including the approval of reports and accounts, the passing of resolutions, the amendment of the Constitution and By-laws, the election of board members and officers, as if the meetings had been legally constituted, and in so far as this implies the suspension of the Constitution and By-laws, they be so suspended for the duration of the meetings.”

The motion was passed *nem. con.*.

3. Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising

Paul Hogan moved, Jim Sandhu seconded and the AGM passed the motion that the Minutes of the last AGM in Dublin be accepted as a true and faithful account of the proceedings.

Under Matters Arising, Paul Hogan raised the question of the promotion of the Barcelona declaration, as agreed at the last AGM, and asked what had been done. The President promised to answer this under his Report. Other Matters Arising to be dealt with under the related headings.

4. President's Address, President's Plan

The President reported on the following activities of representation and organisation on behalf of EIDD:

May 1999: Design for All Commitment Label conference, Barcelona

May 1999: Design for All in the Information Society, Brussels

June 1999: Executive Committee meeting in Barcelona

September 1999: Design for All and Arts in the City, Barcelona

September 1999: Social Housing Conference, Kristiansand, Norway

October 1999: Executive Committee Meeting, Helsinki

October 1999: European Conference on Independent Living, Helsinki

December 1999: Executive and Board Meetings, Vicenza

January 2000: Conference of the Ministers of Social Affairs and Health, Helsinki

January 2000: Introduction of the Commitment Label at the ISE Forum, Helsinki

February 2000: Executive Committee Meeting in Copenhagen

February 2000: The City as the Driving Force behind the Quality of Life, Bilbao

April 2000: Conference of the Ministers of Science and Technology, Lisbon

May 2000: European Conference on Road Safety, Barcelona

May 2000: ECA Meeting, Barcelona.

In addition to this list, the President was involved in meetings about the Commitment Label, preparing European projects – some of which are awaiting results now – and relations with other organisations, including:

- Design for the World, whose aim is to find solutions for 3rd and 4th World problems. DW has invited EIDD to collaborate and has opened its offices in the Royal Palace of Pedralbes in Barcelona.
- The Barcelona Declaration: the President reported that the situation is officially “on ice” for the City of Barcelona. Paul Hogan pointed out that the Barcelona declaration is a very fine document and now has a life of its own: it does not “belong” to Barcelona, but is a very strong instrument in Ireland, for example.
- EIDD has been chosen as a recipient of the Ron Mace Award for 2000.

- The Ron Mace Award is also to be presented to Jim Sandhu, who received the Meeting's congratulations.

5. Honorary Secretary's Report: status of membership

The Honorary Secretary gave a short verbal report, indicating that EIDD-Norge (Norway) had applied to join the six National Member Organisations officially adopted at the last AGM (Sweden, Ireland, UK, Portugal, Spain and Italy). The application would be presented later in the agenda.

The Honorary Secretary proposed establishing a special Task Force to look into the question of National Membership Organisation structures. It was agreed to authorise the Board to do this.

He also mentioned that contacts are starting to arrive from Eastern Europe and requested that any member who receives a request for information forward it to the President.

Written report attached.

6. Honorary Treasurer's Report: fees and finances

The Honorary Treasurer explained that she had been incapable of taking over control of the accounts, had received a financial report only two days previously and felt she could not take responsibility for the finances. So saying, she passed the word back to the President.

The President thanked the Honorary Treasurer and then also thanked Paul Fortune for having drawn up the document presented at the AGM. He explained that it is essential to have approved accounts in order to be entitled to apply for EU funding and therefore proposed an extraordinary AGM at short notice. Paul Hogan pointed out that the accounts had been drawn up by auditors and would not change in any case. Paul Fortune explained the accounts, specifying that the movements that had taken place since the Vicenza Board Meeting were those he had listed for that meeting. The balance of £161,600 was all due to Crisp&Clear.

The President pointed out that the money due from the ONCE Foundation for the 1999 publication (14,400 Euros) had been received and was in the CRID account, en route to the EIDD account within the month.

In view of the Special Enabling Resolution, the President withdrew his proposal for an extraordinary AGM approval of the accounts.

Jim Sandhu moved and Lennart Lindkvist seconded the motion to approve the accounts presented by Paul Fortune (distributed at the meeting), which was passed *nem. con.*

7. Appointment of Auditors

Paul Hogan proposed, Pete Kercher seconded, a motion that the AGM authorise the Board to appoint the auditors. Passed.

8. Publications and Communications Report: Crisp & Clear, Website

The report was introduced by Birgitte Wistoft. The magazine is now on the website at www.design-for-all.org.

It was pointed out that some of the information was printed rather small. Asked whether the publication would be available in alternative formats, Birgitte Wistoft answered that this was not economically possible within the budget, but that this was one reason why it is made available on the web, so that people can download, print and read in whatever format is most convenient.

The President pointed out that N° 1 of the magazine is very much a pilot and comments and feedback are very welcome, for the purposes of a user test.

Birgitte Wistoft specified that we hope to be able to use this first set of four issues to generate funding for the magazine and its website version to continue on existence after the end of the year.

Paul Hogan moved a vote of congratulations and thanks to Birgitte Wistoft for her work.

9. National Reports

The National Reports were taken formally. The President reflected the opinion of the retiring Executive Committee that it is far better for national organisations to provide a continuous input about their activities, to be lodged on the website as news, rather than a single report once every year.

Nevertheless, some national organisations reported briefly.

For the **UKIID**, Andrew Walker reported that there were now 100 members, a number having signed on as a result of this conference. UKIID was trying to have meetings across country and presently has co-operative members.

For **EIDD-Spain**, Miguel Pereyra reported that three meetings had been held between the Spanish members. The Co-ordination Group for the Commitment Label has now given itself official status and is organising working groups to address the design of this commitment label.

For **IIDD**, Paolo Favaretto reported that the Italian group is working on several things, including the on-going UNI standards project. He then referred back to the projects presented in Vicenza.

Lennart Lindkvist (EIDD-Sverige), Tone Rønnevig (EIDD-Norge), Lilian Henze (the Netherlands) and Denise Hutchinson (IDD) promised to send written reports to the Honorary Secretary.

10. New National Member Organisations: Application from Norway

The Honorary Secretary reported that he had received a formal application for National Member Organisation status from EIDD-Norge and that the Executive Committee recommended acceptance. The AGM passed the motion *nem. con.* And EIDD-Norge became the seventh National Member Organisation of EIDD.

11. Motion to amend the Statutes

Paul Hogan moved and the Executive Committee proposed acceptance of the following motion to amend Article 4.2. of the statutes of EIDD:

That the words “together with any others selected by the Board” be inserted in Article 4.2 so that the amended Article reads:

4.2 The Board will select from its members a president, vice-president, honorary secretary and honorary treasurer who, together with any others selected by the Board, will constitute an Executive Committee.”

Having received due notification of this amendment at the last AGM in Dublin, in 1999, the Meeting passed the motion *nem. con.* and the Statutes were thus duly amended.

12. Election of the Board of Directors

The President asked for nominations to the Board of Directors. The following candidates were proposed for the office of Directors at Large:

Name of candidate:	Proposed by:
Paul Fortune	Paul Hogan
Jim Sandhu	Francesc Aragall
Lilian Henze	Paivi Tahkokallio

Pete Kercher	Francesc Aragall
Francesc Aragall	Paul Hogan
Paul Hogan	Denise Hutchinson
Julie McLeod	Andrew Walker
Olav Bringa	Lennart Lindkvist
Birgitte Wistoft	Paul Hogan
Paivi Tahkokallio	Francesc Aragall
Paolo Favaretto	Pete Kercher
Hubert Froyen	Jim Sandhu
Finn Petren	Lennart Lindkvist

The AGM decided to elect the thirteen candidates thus nominated, on the understanding that the Directors at Large will cover their own expenses and accept a specific task.

The following Directors were appointed by the National Member Organisations:

Director	Representing
Andrew Walker	UKIID, United Kingdom
Guida Faria	APDR, Portugal
Lennart Lindkvist	EIDD-Sverige, Sweden
Denise Hutchinson	IDD, Ireland
Miguel Pereyra	EIDD-España, Spain
Isabella Steffan	IIDD, Italy
N.N.	EIDD-Norge, Norway

13. Date and place of next AGMs

AGM 2001	Toledo, organised by Fundación ONCE
AGM 2002	Proposed Hannover, accepted provisionally
AGM 2003	Proposed Stockholm, accepted provisionally

14. Any Other Business

Paul Hogan pointed out that the letter E used on the meeting documents did not correspond to the one designed for the EIDD logo and requested that this be rectified.