



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

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**2nd General Assembly
Helsinki
25 May 2012**

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Finn Petrén declared the 2nd General Assembly open at 11:00 am and welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were noted.

Present

Finn Petrén	EIDD President	Sweden
Ewa Golebiowska	EIDD Vice-President Administration	Poland
Pete Kercher	EIDD Ambassador	Italy
Avril Accolla	EIDD Research	Italy
Jesus Hernandez Galan	EIDD Special Projects, Western & Southern Europe, Fundacion Once	Spain
Ilona Gurjanova	EIDD Special Projects, Central & Eastern Europe, Estonian Association of Designers	Estonia
Veronica Egger	Design Austria	Austria
Jasmien Herssens	EIDD Belgium	Belgium
Sanna Simola	Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo	Finland
Salla Heinänen	Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo	Finland
Isabelle Verilhac	Cité du Design St-Etienne	France
Peter Neumann	EDAD	Germany
Luigi Bandini Buti	DfA Italia	Italy
Pepetto di Bucchianico	IDEA Dept. Univ. of Chieti-Pescara	Italy
Onny Eikhaug	Norwegian Design Council	Norway
Lubomira Trojan	Silesian Castle of Art and Enterprise	Poland
Miodrag Pucic	Centre for Living Upright	Serbia
Bojana Rudic	Centre for Living Upright	Serbia
Francesc Aragall	Design for All Foundation	Spain
Rama Gheerawo	RCA Helen Hamlyn Centre	UK

In attendance

Marjo Kivi	Avaava	Finland
Terhi Tamminen	Avaava	Finland
Asta Boman	Finnish Association of Designers Ornamo	Finland
Michael Hardt	City of Solleftea	Sweden

2. Apologies for absence

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Chris Ramsden	EIDD Vice-President	UK	Finn Petrén
Daina Vitolina	EIDD VP Finance	Latvia	Finn Petrén
Karin Bendixen	Design for Alle.dk	Denmark	Francesc Aragall
Josyane Franc	Cité Du Design	France	Isabelle Verilhac
Paul Hogan	President Emeritus	Ireland	Finn Petrén
Finn Aslaksen	EIDD Norway	Norway	Onny Eikhaug
Alexander Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia	Pete Kercher
Vesna Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia	--
Nora de Busturia	Creativity Zentrum, Bilbao	Spain	Finn Petrén
Marit Jensen	Design for All Sverige	Sweden	Finn Petrén
Neslihan Sik	TAG Platform	Turkey	Pete Kercher

2. Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Minutes of the 1st GA in Tallinn

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 1st General Assembly, held in Tallinn on 28 May 2011. Rama Gheerawo proposed approval of the minutes and Pete Kercher seconded. They were accepted as a true and faithful recording of proceedings.

4. President's Address

The President, Finn Petrén, presented the President's Report. This report is appended to these Minutes (Appendix 1).

Francesc Aragall proposed approval of the President's report and Rama Gheerawo seconded. They were accepted into the minutes by the assembled members.

5. Annual Financial Report

5.1 Presentation and approval of the Financial Report

Finn Petrén presented the Annual Financial Report. This report is appended to these Minutes. (See Appendix 2)

Francesc Aragall proposed approval of the Annual Financial Report and Ilona Gurjanova seconded. They were accepted into the minutes by the assembled members.

5.2 Appointment of the Auditors

Pete Kercher proposed that the current auditor, Pat Clarke, continues in this position and Francesc Aragall seconded. The motion was carried.

6. Other Executive Reports

6.1 Ambassador's Report

Pete Kercher presented the Ambassador's Report outlining his activities on behalf of EIDD. This report is appended to these Minutes (Appendix 3).

6.2 EDF Representative's Report

No report was received.

At this point, a pause was inserted in the formal agenda to enable Michael Hardt, Past President of BEDA, to present a project developing in the northern-central Swedish town of Solleftea.

7. Reports from Member Organisations

The following member organisations presented reports of activities:

Design Austria, Freiraum, EIDD Belgium, Estonian Association of Designers, Ornamo, Cité du Design St-Etienne, EDAD, Design for All Italia, IDEA Department at the University of Chieti-Pescara, Norwegian Design Council, Zamek Cieszyn, Centre for Living Upright, Design for All Foundation, Fundación ONCE, Design for All Sverige, Helen Hamlyn Centre, TAG Platform.

8. Elections

There were no elections.

9. Matters for Discussion and Decision-making

9.1 Budget 2013

In the absence of the Vice-President Finances Daina Vitolina, Finn Petréen praised her hard work on preparing an application for core funding from the European Commission and explained that the present situation was one of good cause for hope, but with no firm idea of the size of the funding to be received. For this reason, he said that it was meaningless to present at this stage a budget that would be rendered outdated in the near future. Conditional on the promise that the budget would be dispatched as soon as a response had been received from the Commission, he moved that the GA approve this procedure, seconded by Francesc Aragall, the motion was passed.

9.2 Applications for Membership

There were no formal applications for membership presented at the GA, but the possibility of applications in the near future was discussed:

9.2.1 Design for All AT (Austria)

9.2.2 Avaava (Finland)

9.3 Project Activities (progress reports)

9.3.1 Book Project (in partnership with Fundacion Once)

The status of this project was that execution had been delayed: 77 abstracts had been received, of variable quality.

9.3.2 Academic Network and Journal

Pepetto Di Bucchianico presented reports on both of these projects (Appendices 4 and 5).

9.3.3 Michal Ozmin Design for All Archive and Research Centre

A verbal report was given by Ewa Golebiowska, of the host institution Zamek Cieszyn.

9.3.4 IDEALL project: this is a project (Integrating Design for All in Living Labs) launched under DG Enterprise's European Design Innovation Initiative. It is led by Cité du Design and also involves the Design for All Foundation: Francesc Aragall gave a short verbal report, indicating that the consortium is looking for supporting organisations, although there are no funds available for them. For more information, contact Isabelle Verilhac or Francesc Aragall.

9.4 New Project Proposals

9.4.1 Accreditation of Training Courses and Recognition of Professional Status in Design for All.

Avril Accolla presented a proposal from Design for All Italia whose aim is to establish a Europe-wide system of accreditation for training courses in Design for All and a guarantee for design clients of the professional bona fides of those declaring that they operate in this field. Design for All Italia is currently finalising its system for application in Italy and is keen to partner with members in other countries who feel a similar need. Several members expressed interest. For further information, contact Avril Accolla.

9.4.2 Pete Kercher reported verbally on the results of the AD Arte project in Italy and launched a series of proposals: 1. to hold a special meeting focusing on Awards and Quality Labels, 2. to establish a group to promote innovation to the private sector, 3. to establish a group of members working with public administration or interested in doing so. The GA discussed these proposals but came to no decision: referred to the Executive Board.

10. Venue and date for the General Assembly 2013

2013 marks the twentieth anniversary of EIDD.

The GA decided to maintain the topic Cities for All and discussed the possibility of the sub-topic of Design for All in Rural Areas. It was recognised that this is a major undertaking and finding the funding may not be simple, so the GA mandated the Executive Board to decide the most suitable topic and place, with the proviso that it must take place in spring 2013.

11. Any other business

Additional topics were introduced by Design Austria, by the Zamek Cieszyn, by Design for All Italia and by the Centre for Living Upright. Further information is available from the member organisations in question.

12. Closure

The President Finn Petró expressed his special thanks to the hosts and organisers of the Cities for All Conference and the other meetings in Helsinki, as well as to the members of EIDD assembled for the conference and GA and closed the meeting at 19.30.