



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH DESIGN FOR ALL

6th General Assembly
Ateneu Comercial do Porto, Porto, 27-28 June 2016

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Ewa Golebiowska, declared the 6th General Assembly open at 10.00 on 27 June, welcomed the participants and thanked Nuno Sa Leal for the organisation. Apologies for absence and proxies, when specified, were noted and are listed below.

Present

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| Ewa Golebiowska | EIDD President, Cieszyn Castle | Poland |
| Markus Haas | EIDD Vice-President Finances, Freiraum | Austria |
| Pepetto Di Bucchianico | EIDD Vice-President Administration, DdA, Univ. of Chieti-Pescara | Italy |
| Onny Eikhaug | EIDD Special Projects, Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture | Norway |
| Pete Kercher | EIDD Ambassador, Design for All Italia | Italy |
| Veronika Egger | Design for All Austria, DfA Austria | Austria |
| Ilona Gurjanova | Estonian Designers Association | Estonia |
| Mikaël Mangtoku | Cité du Design Saint-Etienne | France |
| Simon Kesting | EDAD – DfA Deutschland | Germany |
| Jan Stavik | Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture | Norway |
| Ewa Janczukowicz-Cichosz | Design Centre Gdynia | Poland |
| Nuno Sa Leal | Portuguese Design Museum | Portugal |
| Javier Blazquez Abril | ONCE Foundation | Spain |
| Finn Petré | DfA Sverige | Sweden |

In attendance

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| Florence Mathieu | d.school, Paris | France |
| Maria de Graça Guedes | University of Minho | Portugal |

Apologies for absence

| Name | Organisation | Country | Proxy |
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| Terhi Tamminen | EIDD Senior Vice-President | Finland | Ewa Golebiowska |
| Josyane Franc | EIDD Special Projects, Cité du Design | France | Mikaël Mangtoku |
| Jesus Hernandez Galan | EIDD Special Projects, ONCE Foundation | Spain | Javier Blazquez |
| Severin Filek | Design Austria | Austria | Veronika Egger |
| Jasmien Herzsens | EIDD Belgium | Belgium | Pete Kercher |
| Peter Neumann | EDAD | Germany | Simon Kesting |
| Hans Christian Kirketerp-Møller | DfA dk | Denmark | ? |
| Silvia Pericu | DSA, University of Genoa | Italy | Pepetto Di Bucchianico |

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| Maria Samova | CEDA, Univ. Bratislava | Slovakia | Pepetto Di Bucchianico |
| Francisc Aragall | Design for All Foundation | Spain | ? |
| Lena Lorentzen | University of Mid-Sweden | Sweden | Pete Kercher |
| Rama Gheerawo | Helen Hamlyn Centre RCA | UK | Onny Eikhaug |

2. Agenda

The agenda was approved as proposed (Appendix 1).

3. Presentation of Members' Activities

Members had been asked to prepare to present one or two major activities. It was agreed that these activities should not be described in the minutes of the General Assembly, but that members should make more extensive use of the facilities available in the members' spaces on the website to showcase all their activities throughout the year. To kick off the proceedings, the following three brief keynotes were given:

Keynote 1: Onny Eikhaug, *Innovation through Design for All: on the example the Innovation Award for Universal Design in Norway*

Keynote 2: Simon Kesting: *Progress in Tourism for All*

Keynote 3: Javier Blázquez Abril: *Technology for All*

These were followed by 3-minute slots held by the members present.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 13.30 and reconvened at 14.30.

4. Minutes of the 5th General Assembly, Melzo (Milan), 22 May 2015

There were several matters arising from the minutes of the 5th General Assembly, held in Melzo (Milan) on 22 May 2015.

A point was raised that the minutes were apparently not circulated to the complete list of members. Members were assured that every precaution would be taken to ensure correct circulation in future.

Finn Petré asked that the minutes be corrected: he was not present at the GA in Melzo. In fact, there was an error in the draft, since his name was present both in the list of those present and in the list of those sending apologies for absence. This point has been corrected. Equally, a mistaken reference to Ewa Janczukowicz-Cichosz as "in attendance" has been removed. Pete Kercher, who prepared the minutes in question, apologised for the errors, explaining that they were both due to copy-pasting from an older matrix file and his lack of attention at the time, due to lasting ill-health in 2015.

Finn Petré then described his experience as President of EIDD and, prior to that, as Vice-President, raising some further points about the minutes. He objected to the nature of the reporting at point 9.4 of the minutes and stated that EIDD's closure of the old website, which he had created and managed, had caused him some difficult negotiations with the episerver.

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next day, so that members could digest these objections, discuss them with Finn and decide whether and to what extent to amend the minutes of the 2015 GA.

5. Executive Board's Report

The President, Ewa Golebiowska, presented the Board Report (attached as Appendix 2), explaining that it begins with January 2015, rather than May (i.e. the end of the previous General Assembly), in order to provide a picture of continuity over the period.

Pepetto Di Bucchianico presented the sub-report about the Academic Network (Attached as Appendix 3), including information about the organisation of the First International Conference on Design for Inclusion, organised by Pepetto Di Bucchianico in the framework of the AHFE Conference and due to take place in Orlando, Florida, at the end of July 2016.

suggested that the Board might give a summary of the "state of the nation" at the end of its report at the next General Assembly in 2017.

Pete Kercher pointed out that, although he was officially listed as co-chair of the Orlando Conference together with Pepetto Di Bucchianico, the merit is entirely that of PDB. He therefore moved (and Finn Petrán seconded) a motion of thanks to Pepetto Di Bucchianico for his hard work in bringing about this major milestone for our work.

The Board Report was accepted unanimously into the minutes by the assembled members (Ewa Golebiowska herself abstaining).

6. Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2015 was presented by the Vice-President Finances, Markus Haas (attached as Appendix 4). Discussion ensued.

The approval of the 2015 Financial Report was moved by Nuno Sa Leal and seconded by Veronika Egger, then approved unanimously by the GA (Markus Haas abstaining).

6.1 Appointment of the Auditors

The GA did not proceed to the appointment of the auditor for the future, pending a firm proposal to move the bank accounts, so also change the auditor, from the Vice-President Finances.

6.2 Budget for 2016 and Draft Budget for 2017

These budgets were presented by Markus Haas and agreed unanimously (Appendix).

7. Other Reports

7.1 EDF Representative's Report

The highlights of this report, submitted in absentia by the EDF Representative Jasmien Herssens, were already summarised in the Executive Board Report at point 5 above (see Appendix 2).

8. Membership Policy

8.1 Lapsed and non-paying members

Ewa Golebiowska introduced the issue, which followed on the motion passed at point 9.2 of the Minutes of the 2015 General Assembly. EIDD needs to tackle the situation of members who cannot afford to pay their membership fees and in some cases have failed to pay for several years. Markus Haas pointed out that they are often old friends of the association and any form of termination of their membership is not an easy decision to make.

The organisations in question are CRID (Serbia), TAG Platform (Turkey) and APDR (Portugal).

The Executive Board, with a heavy heart, proposed formalising the termination of these lapsed and non-paying members. The voting was as follows:

CRID: unanimous

TAG Platform: unanimous

APDR: unanimous (but with Finn Petrán and Nuno Sa Leal abstaining).

In addition, the General Assembly recognised that the Institute for Design and Disability, of Ireland, which had first given life to EIDD in 1993, no longer exists and should thus be struck from the membership list.

8.2 Confirmation of new members

8.2.1 Member Organisations

confirmation from the Executive Board, or had applied to this General Assembly and were approved here unanimously:

- Città della Scienza, Naples (Italy);
- d.school, Paris (France);
- University of Mid-Sweden (Sweden);
- Brunel University, London (UK).

8.2.2 Honorary Members

On a proposal from Pete Kercher, the following long-serving individuals were appointed Honorary Members of EIDD:

- Guida Faria: (Javier Blazquez abstaining);
- Finn Petrán: (Onny Eikhaug and Ewa Golebiowska abstaining).

9. Location of EIDD Headquarters

In view of the fact that EIDD no longer has a functioning member in Ireland, where its official headquarters has always been located, the Executive Board requested, and was granted, an open mandate to explore the best solution for moving the headquarters to another country, report back to members by the end of 2016 and establish the new solution in time for the next General Assembly in spring 2017.

10. Challenges for the Future of Europe: How can Design for All be part of the solution?

Pete Kercher introduced the topic, using a PowerPoint presentation (Appendix 6).

The General Assembly adjourned at 17.30 and reconvened at 10.00 on 28 June.

4. Minutes of the 2015 General Assembly, reprise

It was agreed to amend the minutes of the 5th General Assembly, held in Melzo (Milan) on 22 May 2015, to correct the list of those present (removing the names of Finn Petrán and Ewa Janczukowicz-Cichosz). The General Assembly decided to make no further changes and consequently approved the minutes as a true and faithful record of the proceedings.

11. Workshop for Members

Onny Eikhaug introduced the work schedule, presenting the preparatory work done by Terhi Tamminen on the traveling exhibition and answered questions from members.

The Workshop took place after the closure of the General Assembly. Its results are attached (see Appendix 7).

12. Any other business

There was no other business.

13. Date and venue for the General Assembly 2017 and EIDD Design for All Europe 25th Anniversary

The General Assembly received, and accepted, an invitation to hold the 2017 General Assembly and the organisation's 25th Anniversary celebrations in the framework of the Saint-Etienne Biennale in spring 2017, indicatively during the week 20-26 March 2017. The exact date will be confirmed in good time.

14. Meeting closed

The President Ewa Golebiowska thanked participants for a successful General Assembly with an innovative structure of member participation and closed the 2016 General Assembly at 12.00 midday.