



Eurotas Newsletter

30 May 2001

Minutes of the EUROTAS Annual Delegate Council Meeting,
Luxembourg 10-13 May 2001

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting at Bad Kissingen in May 2000 were approved.

2. Election of Officers.

John Drew was re-elected President for three years. He was proposed by Tanna Jakubowicz-Mount, and seconded by Alfred Groff. John accepted, but said he would be ready to stand down at any time during the next three years should a suitable candidate for President become available.

Bo Wikstrom was elected Vice-President. He was proposed by Kirsten Haraldsdotter and seconded by Pia Keiding.

Wilfried Belschner was elected to the Board, proposed by Pia Keiding and Alfred Groff, seconded by Monique Tiberghien. He will be Director of Research and will re-define the role for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Vitor Rodrigues was elected to the Board, proposed by Bo Wikstrom and seconded by Beata Bishop.

The elections were unanimous except that candidates themselves abstained from voting on their own election.

3. Treasurer's Report and Subscription for 2000-2001.

The Treasurer, Kati Orosz circulated the financial report which showed a current positive surplus of £1356.75 at the bank. This was after an advance payment to Munsbach Castle of £871.46. It was pointed out that the surplus was mainly due to administration and travel costs not being claimed and that this situation might not always continue in the future. A surplus was desirable to support the travel and subsistence costs of those who might otherwise not be able to join the meeting.

It was therefore the proposal of the Board that the subscription for 2001-2002 should be

Euro 130 (2000 - Euro 120). This should enable a small surplus to be built up to contribute to fares and support for those coming next year from countries which would appreciate some financial support.

4. Amendment to the Bylaws.

The Bylaws Article II - Annual Dues was amended unanimously. This now reads:

"Annual dues of Members are determined by the Delegate Council at each annual meeting on the recommendation of the Board. Dues are payable upon notification and all Members are liable to pay, unless they are exempted by the annual decision of the Council. For those associations who feel their resources are severely limited and this would perhaps prevent their joining or remaining members of EUROTAS, the Board is authorised to reduce or remit the fees at its discretion on a year by year basis. Dues of Friends of EUROTAS in the Network are determined by the Board. In the event of such dues not being determined, friends of EUROTAS who attend the annual meeting will pay a small supplement agreed by the Board."

The purpose of the amendment was to ensure that those who can pay the dues do so, but for the Board to be given the authority to act sensitively in certain cases. It also ensures that individuals who join the EUROTAS annual meeting and the Creative Initiative and are not members of a EUROTAS member association, contribute a little more than those who are.

5. Venue for the next meeting.

Vitor Rodrigues said that Alubrat, the Portuguese Transpersonal Association would be pleased to host the next meeting in 2002. Other possibilities such as Belgium and Sweden were left for further reflection and further years. The offer of Alubrat was very much welcomed by the delegates and after some discussion it was agreed that Vitor would look at dates in early to mid May. The length of the meeting was considered by most to be about right and it was agreed that we would assemble on Wednesday and leave on Friday. The best dates would be 8-12 or 15-19 May, but the final date would be agreed later subject to availability of venues. The Russian group wondered whether it would be possible to have a pre-conference seminar. This would enable some participants to give workshops/seminars which could contribute to their travel expenses. There was enthusiasm for this idea and Vitor said he would look into it.

6. Any Other Business.

a) The Website.

It was agreed that the website was an important initiative and that further extending it and building on its current foundations would be very desirable. In particular it needed participating associations to ensure that their material was regularly updated and that those

who had not yet developed their sites should do so. There is a restricted area for members and emails and addresses will be added to this. Those who wished to give details of their own CVs and interests could also have a designated area. The site needed more animation, pictures, and paintings to create interest. Evgueny Faidych offered to supply photographs and other material. Evgueny also agreed to provide website material on the transpersonal aspects of computer science which was a field of growing importance. It was hoped that the Committees could also update their material on the web. Hyperlinks to other related sites needed to be suggested. The Australian TP Association and the Scientific and Medical network had already agreed and the former was already linked to the EUROTAS site. Member associations should also ensure that there was a link from their sites to the EUROTAS site. The President thanked Beata Bishop, the website editor and Frank Visser and Christopher Hall the webmasters without whom the site could not have been developed.

b) Delegation of responsibility.

The EUROTAS Committee for the training of transpersonal psychotherapists which is making considerable progress on the curriculum for the training of European psychotherapists proposed that it should be given the authority to act as representative of EUROTAS to:

- Decide on a recommendation for a basic general curriculum for the European training of transpersonal psychotherapists
- Decide on a basic proposal for the future scheme of certification
- Negotiate with the EAP to obtain the acceptance of a curriculum for the training of transpersonal Psychotherapists so that in future national associations can certify transpersonal psychotherapists with an ECP - European Certificate of Psychotherapy.
- Organise European co-operation in the teaching of transpersonal psychotherapy.

Members of the Committee are currently: Vladimir Maikov, Eva Titus, Joachim Galuska. Monique Tiberghien, Christine Maurer, Katalin Orosz and Vitor Rodrigues.

The Council agreed unanimously to the proposal and agreed that any other Committee wishing the same delegation of responsibility should be accorded it, subject only to keeping the Board informed of what they had done on behalf of EUROTAS.

c) The strategic future of EUROTAS

During the meeting there was discussion about the short and long term aims of EUROTAS and this led to further meetings in groups. These were followed by a plenary session devoted to this subject. Reflections and comments will be gathered from the meeting and all members of EUROTAS will be asked for their further views so that they can all be taken into account in shaping the future of EUROTAS

Finally the President and all those present thanked the Luxembourg team for providing the venue for such a successful meeting and for all the lovely work which they did to ensure that the meeting ran well and happily.