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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUGIN COUNCIL HELD ON 14 APRIL 2014 IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

EUGIN COUNCIL

Prof. Krzysztof CZAPLEWSKI	PNF	Chairman
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Prof. Jac SPAANS	NIN	
Elisabeth FISCHER	OVN	
Prof. Andrzej FELSKI	PNF	
Bo JONSSON	RNN	
Borje FORSELL	NNF	
Anna JENSEN	NNF	

IN ATTENDANCE

Axelle POMIES Galileo - Services

Item 1 - Welcome/apologies

The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies had been received from the President of PIN.

Item 2 - Delegated powers

Jeff Lindsay represented the President of RIN. Anna Jensen and Borje Forssell were representing the President of NNF.

Item 3 - Approval of the Agenda for the Council Meeting

The agenda was approved.

Item 4 - Submission of any other competent business

No other items were submitted.

Item 5 - Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held in Vienna on 22 April 2013 had been sent to all Presidents of the IONs by e-mail. They were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Item 6 - Matters arising from previous meeting

The Chairman suggested that the financial situation post 2015 should be discussed during the meeting. This would be discussed under Item 9 – Financial Matters.

Item 7 – Chairman’s Annual Report

The Chairman informed the Council that EUGIN had been represented at several events in the previous year, namely:

- ENC 2013 in Vienna.
- An Air Navigation Conference, organised by the Air Force Academy in Poland, at which EUGIN had Honorary Patronage.
- The European Maritime Radio-navigation Forum in Saint Germain, France, at which the Chairman and Prof Jac Spaans gave an invitation to organise the next EMRF meeting in Rotterdam and also to take part in ENC 2014 and the resilient PNT Forum.
- The First Maritime Congress in Szczecin, where EUGIN had Honorary Patronage and the Chairman presented a paper on using a navigational simulator in research work and in school didactics. This event was attended by the Deputy Prime Minister of Poland and the Vice Minister of Infrastructure and Development, who was responsible for maritime economy.
- An e-Navigation Forum in Helsinki, at which President of NNF represented Chairman of EUGIN.

The Chairman also highlighted the Resilient PNT Forum that would take place following the meetings, which had been substantially organised by Dr Nick Ward.

Additionally, IIN had suggested that EUGIN might be able to use their office in Brussels, at 12 Rue de la Pépinière. This would be discussed further at Item 12.

Item 8 – Report of Electoral Commission for Election of Next Chairman of EUGIN

Capt. Rein van Gooswilligen informed the Council that the Electoral Commission had spoken with candidates at the previous meeting and that one person had indicated that he would be available, but that there would have to be further discussions with the candidate. The President of ION-CH (Prof. Merminod) had offered to take up the chairmanship following Prof. Czaplewski. The Chairman thanked the Electoral Commission for their work.

Item 9 – Financial matters

The Financial Statement for 2013/2014 was tabled and accepted. The Cash in bank figure at the start of the period was €14,088, expenditure over the year totalled €2,356, resulting in an end of year cash in bank figure of €11,732. A substantial proportion of the expenditure (€739) was as a result of bank charges; it was questioned as to why this was so high. IFN undertook to ascertain the reason for the high bank charges.

Action: IFN

The Budget for 2014/2015 was tabled and although there was a lack of information for any expected income and anticipated expenses of €3,000 (travel Expenses, EUGIN Articles Amendment and Bank Charges), the budget was approved.

Discussion followed regarding the future financial status of the Group, given that with no other income in the future, the existing finances would be depleted in approximately 4 years at the planned rate of expenditure. There had been proposals made in the past for how to generate income, which could be revisited, such as a levy on member institutes based on their membership or a proportion of the profits from the host institute ENC.

Item 10 – ENC2014 Rotterdam

Prof Spaans gave an update on the organisation for ENC 2014. They were expecting some 280 participants from around 35-40 countries. There were expected to be approximately 160 papers presented over the course of the 3 days. Everything was in place for a good conference.

Item 14- Future ENCs

ENC 2015 – Bordeaux – The conference would take place 8-10 April 2015 in the World City Congress Centre, located in the centre of Bordeaux, where there were many aviation, radio navigation and satellite groups. The Conference would be organised by TOPOS, in cooperation with IFN, CNES (French Space Laboratory) and EUGIN, with support from Thales Avionics and many potential sponsors.

Online subscription was due to open on 1 Sep 14, with reduced fees until 15 Feb 15. Abstract submission deadline would be 31 Dec 14, with notification of acceptance by 1 Feb 15 and a paper submission deadline of 24 Mar 15.

It was noted that the title included the phrase GNSS, which was limiting in what the conference could discuss. It was requested that the GNSS phrase be removed from the title, leaving it as ENC 2015. It was also requested that IFN make EUGIN visible in the programme. The EUGIN and associated meetings would take place on 7 Apr 15.

ENC 2016 would take place between 31 May and 2 Jun 16 in the Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, Finland on behalf of the Nordic Institute. The pre-meetings would take place on 30 May 16. The conference had been delayed from the usual April timescale, mainly due to weather.

ENC 2017 would take place in Switzerland

ENC 2018 would take place in Sweden (with **IAIN 2018** taking place in Japan)

ENC 2019 would take place in Poland.

Item 12 – Changing of Registered Office

Further to the previous proposal to change Article 3 – Registered Office, IIN had offered the use of their address in Brussels, 12 Rue de la Pépinière. Other options had been discounted as the costs in leaving Belgium would have been significant, therefore the solution would be to either move the address to another location in Belgium, such as the office proposed by IIN, or stay in the current location. All that was required was a legal address in Belgium and a mailbox. The chairman undertook to conduct some further research.

Action: Chairman

Item 13 - Date of next meeting of EUGIN Council and EUGIN General Assembly

The next meetings would be held on 7 April 2014 in Bordeaux, prior to ENC2015.

Item 14 – Any other business

There was no other business.

J W LINDSAY
Executive Secretary
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