



# European Group of Institutes of Navigation

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUGIN COUNCIL HELD ON 22 APRIL 2013 IN THE AUSTRIA CENTRE, VIENNA

### PRESENT

Prof. Krzysztof CZAPLEWSKI	PNF	Chairman
Wing Commander Jeff LINDSAY	RIN	Exe. Sec. EUGIN
Prof. Herman ROLLING	DGON	
Prof. Bertrand MERMINOD	ION-CH	
Jusus CARBAJOSA	INAVE	
Capt. Rein van GOOSWILLIGEN	NIN	
Prof. Jac SPAANS	NIN	
Dr. Heidi KUUSNIEMI	NNF	
Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stephan MAYER	OVN	
Dr Manfred WIESER	OVN	
Prof. Andrzej FELSKI	PNF	
Bo JONSSON	RNN	

### IN ATTENDANCE

Capt Richard SMITH	IAIN President
Group Captain David BROUGHTON	IAIN Sec. Gen. IAIN
Fredirik van Wijnen	CESMA
Dr Arkadiusz Tomczak	EJN
Borje Forssell	NNF
Anna Jensen	NNF

### Item 1 - Welcome/apologies

The Chairman welcomed those present and for his appointment. Apologies had been received from the Presidents of IFN and PIN.

### Item 2 - Delegated powers

Jeff Lindsay represented the President of RIN.

### 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 – Secretary for the meeting**

Jeff Lindsay (RIN) undertook to be the secretary for the meeting.

#### **Item 6 – Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meetings held in Gdansk on 24 April 2012 and in Cairo on 30 September 2013 had been sent to all Presidents of the IONs by e-mail. Apart from a few typographical errors in the Gdansk minutes, they were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### **Item 7 - Matters arising from previous meeting**

There was a request from the IALA for a forum on resilient PNT as this spans all sectors of human activity. There was general discussion that this would be a good forum. There was no dissent and the Chairman was authorised to progress the issue.

**Action: Chairman**

#### **Item 8 – Proposal to designate the Honorary Members of EUGIN Council**

It was proposed that the former Chairmen of the EUGIN Council become Honorary Members of the EUGIN Council, namely Prof. Jac Spaans, Capt Richard Smith and Capt Rein van Goosvilligen. This was unanimously agreed and the new Honorary Members were welcomed, all being present.

#### **Item 9 – Proposal to designate the Executive Secretary of EUGIN**

It was proposed that Wing Commander Jeff Lindsay, RIN, be elected as the Executive Secretary of EUGIN. EUGIN Articles 23 and 24 deal with the appointment of an Executive Secretary and, Wing Commander Lindsay offered to take up the appointment on a voluntary part time basis, not expecting any specific remuneration. The proposal was agreed and the Executive Secretary appointed.

#### **Item 10 - Appointment of Electoral Commission for Election of Next Chairman of EUGIN**

The Chairman tabled a proposal that the former Chairmen of EUGIN become the electoral commission for the election of the next EUGIN Chairman. This was accepted and agreed and it was decided that the commission would make a proposal for the next Chairman at ENC 2014.

**Action: Electoral Commission**

## **Item 11 – Chairman’s Annual Report**

The Chairman informed the council that EUGIN now had the personal patronage of the President of Poland.

Changes to the EUGIN Articles had been presented to a solicitor in the Netherlands in order that they were updated but the process had been delayed. Further information would hopefully be available in the near future.

The new European Radio Navigation Plan was discussed. The chairman had spoken to Mr Nick Ward (General Lighthouse Authority). It appeared that there was a problem within the European Commission with regard to finances. It was difficult to say why the ERNP did not yet exist, there has been no discussion about the plan for a number of years but it was believed that IALA was re-energizing this by setting up a Radio Navigation Plan. This could be part of the PNT Forum that would be starting in the future. Mr Nick Ward had produced a paper, was a member of IALA and was instrumental in starting the PNT forum.

The EUGIN website was created in 2012 after ENC 2012 in Gdansk. Information was posted to the website and, after logging in, members would be able to access archived documents. There was discussion that EUGIN .org and EUGIN.eu had been reserved by Lars Magnusson (Treasurer NNF) but this information had been lost. Dr Heidi Kuusniemi undertook to ensure that they were redirected to EUGIN.INFO

**Action: President NNF**

There was a proposal to move the EUGIN office to the Polish naval academy but it was decided that this would be discussed under Item 15 – Articles of Association.

## **Item 12 - Financial matters**

The Financial Statement for 2012/2013 was tabled and accepted. PNF were thanked for their contribution following ENC2012, which equated to some 10% of the takings. PNF had made a financial donation of 9500 PLN to EUGIN. When combined with the website costs (3500 PLN), this equated to approximately €3200.

The Budget for 2013/2014 was tabled and although the anticipated income was uncertain, with a cash in the bank figure of 14 148,97 Euro (as at 31 Dec 12) and anticipated expenses of 3 000 Euros (travel Expenses, EUGIN Articles Amendment and Bank Charges), the budget was approved.

## **Item 13 – ENC2013 Vienna**

President OVN gave an update on the organisation for ENC 2013. They were expecting some 350 participants from around 30 countries, which was reasonable given the extant financial situation. There were expected to be approximately 150 presentations in 30 sessions, 2 poster sessions and approximately 12-13 exhibitors. There would also be practical demonstration of Galileo with a tour on 2 of the days. The social events were to include an Icebreaker party, a Gala Dinner and an Exhibitors party.

As this was the European Navigation conference, it would focus on Galileo and the development

of Navigation. There was substantial support from the Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology and from the European Space Agency.

The European kick off of the European Galileo Masters Competition 2013 would take place on the Thursday of the conference. This would be the tenth time the competition had taken place.

#### **Item 14- Future ENC's**

**ENC 2014 – Rotterdam** – The conference would take place 14-17 April 2014 in the World Trade centre, Rotterdam. Themes of the conference would be Positioning, Navigation and Timing, with special sessions covering Innovations and their commercialisation. Paper submissions would be accepted 1 Sep 13 to 31 Dec 13, with registration opening 1 Sep 13.

ENC2014 would be sponsored by Fugro, Netherlands Space Office and QPS, and supported by the European Space Agency and its ESA Business Incubation Centres. There were numerous sponsor and exhibition opportunities available and suggestions were made for activities for the following Easter weekend. More information was available on [www.enc-gnss2014.com](http://www.enc-gnss2014.com).

The rationale behind the use of GNSS in the title ENC-GNSS was questioned and it was stated that this was a mistake by NIN.

**ENC 2015 – Bordeaux** - No further information was available but in Gdansk previously, the IFN representative had stated that the conference would be in the Fall of 2015. The council were unanimous in that the ENC should always take place in the Spring, particularly in 2015, as this deconflicted it with **IAIN 2015**, which was scheduled to take place in Prague. The Chairman undertook to put this proposal forward to the President IFN.

**Action: Chairman**

**ENC 2016** would take place between 31 May and 2 Jun 16 in Helsinki, Finland on behalf of the Nordic Institute

**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

INAVE (Spain) had some institutional problems when they were in Barcelona, but since they had moved to Madrid, they hoped that they would be able to host the conference in 2020.

#### **Item 15 – Articles of association**

A proposal to change Article 3 – Registered Office was tabled. The suggested amendment read as follows:

*EUGIN's Registered Office is in the country where the chairman of the EUGIN Council resides.*

*The EUGIN Council accept a change of place after the appointment a new Chairman of EUGIN Council. Such a decision must be published within 30 days in the annexes of the Moniteur Belge.*

*EUGIN may establish administrative offices, branches or agencies in any country in which it operates.*

The history behind the proposal emanated from a letter being received from the EMPA, stating that EUGIN were approximately 3 000 Euros in arrears for the use of an office address. The proposal has several items to note, namely that as EUGIN is registered as a Belgium entity, it pays taxes as such and there was uncertainty over what the change of address to another country would result in. There was also an expectation on the formation of EUGIN, that the organisation would have an influence on the EC, which is why it was registered in Belgium. There was also discussion over the history of the initial registration in the United Kingdom, which had resulted in problems with the Charitable Status of the RIN. Another option discussed was a possibility of registering an office in The Netherlands; however, this would require the Articles to be translated into Dutch. Overall, it was felt that a decision could not be made at the meeting and that all nations should give consideration to possible solutions.

**Action: All**

In the meantime the Chairman would work with Capt Van Goosvilligen to develop a potential solution, similar to IAIN, which is registered in The Netherlands. It was noted that the Belgian authorities would require notification of any proposed change.

**Action: Chairman**

#### **Item 16 - Date of next meeting of EUGIN Council and EUGIN General Assembly**

The next meeting would be held on 14 April 2014 in Rotterdam, prior to ENC2014.

#### **Item 17 – Any other business**

There was discussion over whether the Munich Satellite Summit was competition for ENC. Previously in 2013, it had been postponed to June and subsequently was cancelled in total. In 2014 it was planned to be within a few weeks of ENC, which the NIN were unhappy about.

The chairman requested that all member institutes supply their conference information to the Chairman for display on the EUGIN website. He also reiterated that member institutes are able to use the EUGIN logo.

**Action: All**

J W LINDSAY  
RIN Representative at EUGIN