



European Group of Institutes of Navigation

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MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUGIN HELD ON 22 APRIL 2013 IN THE AUSTRIA CENTRE, VIENNA

PRESENT

EUGIN COUNCIL

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	
Dr. Heidi KUUSNIEMI	NNF	
Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Stephan MAYER	OVN	
Dr Manfred WIESER	OVN	
Prof. Andrzej FELSKI	PNF	
Bo JONSSON	RNN	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Capt. Richard SMITH	IAIN President
Prof. Jac SPAANS	NIN

IN ATTENDANCE

Group Captain David BROUGHTON	IAIN	Sec. Gen. IAIN
Fredrik van Wijnen		CESMA
Dr Arkadiusz Tomczak		EJN
Borje Forssell		NNF
Anna Jensen		NNF
Axelle Pomies		Galileo - Services

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 General Assembly

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 (Exe. Sec. EUGIN, RIN) undertook to be the secretary for the meeting.

Item 6 – Minutes of the last EUGIN General Assembly, April 24, Gdansk, Poland

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

Item 7 - Information about designate the Executive Secretary of EUGIN and Honorary Member of EUGIN

It was proposed that the former Chairmen of the EUGIN Council become Honorary Members of the EUGIN, 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. 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 8 – Activity of EUGIN Council in 2012/2013

Information to President Republic of Poland about ENC 2012

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

Changing Articles of EUGIN

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 shortly thereafter.

The new European Radio Navigation Plan, Invitation from IALA to PNT Resilient Forum

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.

Created EUGIN website (www.eugin.info)

The EUGIN website was created in 2012 after ENC 2012 in Gdansk. Information had been 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

e-Maritime Conference 22-23 November 2012, Brussels

The Chairman of EUGIN took part in e-Maritime Conference, Brussels.

Honorary Patronage for Conference and Congress in Poland

According to the decision of EUGIN Council, EUGIN gave Honorary Patronage for the Navigation Conference in Air Force Academy, Deblin, Poland

EUGIN Office in Polish Naval Academy

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 9 – Information about the designation of the Electoral Commission for the Election of the Next Chairman of EUGIN Council

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

Item 10 - 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 11 – Articles of Association – proposal of change

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.

Item 12 - 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 13 – Any other business

No other items were submitted.

J W LINDSAY
RIN Representative at EUGIN