

## Financial arrangements EUGIN

Participants at the Council meeting in Rotterdam April 2014 discussed strengthening the financial basis of EUGIN. I was requested to look into past discussions on this item and prepare a report. It was considered prudent that during the coming council meeting in Bordeaux further discussion would take place and if possible lead to a proposal for Council to decide on the future income position of EUGIN. The following is a brief summary of what was discussed in the past within EUGIN Council.

### Options

In the past (2008) an ad-hoc EUGIN working group of representatives of several institutes was formed. The working group identified the question that needed to be answered as: 'What level of finances are needed on a structural basis to secure a healthy operational future for EUGIN'. One and other given that in the future EUGIN might have to meet a (slightly) higher financial burden. Looking at expenditure over the past years the budget needed will probably be around approximately 3000 Euro per year. With cash in the bank (at this moment approximately 14000 Euro) there is still room for maneuvering but it seems clear that eventually additional income will be necessary. The working group identified five possible modes of operation:

- 1) per membership a fixed rate per year based on € 1.00 per member.
- 2) per membership level, a fixed rate with a min. / max. i.e. < 50 - <100 - <1000
- 3) a % taken per membership fee per institute i.e. 0-100 = x %; 101-250 = y % etc.
- 4) a flat fee per institute
- 5) a % of net profit gained from hosting/ organizing EUGIN ENC-GNSS events

The 5 options were at that time considered. No decision was however made at the time. The general opinion was that option 5 although easy to implement posed too ad-hock an option to give continuing reliable support for EUGIN.

### Other costs

Additionally please allow me to draw your attention to another cost item for EUGIN members. All past ENC conferences have been organised by each national institute 'starting from scratch'. Consequently the full cost for organising the event have been borne by the national institute. It does appear that there is financial overlap in organising of the event. Every organising institute has for instance paid for the design, construction and maintenance of an ENC website. One also may assume that all institutes have been faced with costs for project management. One and other gives the impression of 'inventing the wheel' by each organising institute every year around. Some questions pop up regarding the financial side of the organisation. Would it be perhaps be possible that costs might be diminished by for instance using one web address and web design (e.g. by using EUGIN's website)? Would it be advisable (if possible) to use such website also for the registration, payment and the reception of papers and abstracts? Would it perhaps be possible to use one project management office for ENC? There are of course several sides to these issues. If council so decides this item might be tabled for discussion at a future EUGIN council and/or assembly meeting.

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