ECH COUNCIL MEETING LONDON FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2014

Present: Günter Lang, Leopold Drexler, Sara Eames, Caroline Vandeschoor, Hetty Buitelaar, Thomas Peinbauer, Hélène Renoux, Yves Faingnaert, Ulrike Striebich.

1- **celebration of the ECH's 25th anniversary**

It will take place in Bruges whose name symbolizes the bridge between the last 25 years and the years to come. Those who were key players in these past years would give a review on what they have done, invited = Ton Nicolai, David Spence, Jacques Imberechts, Ulrich Fischer, Yves Faingnaert and all past coordinators and board members …

Proposed dates : 13/14/15 November 2015

Proposed time frame by the board:

Friday 13 November 2015:

Morning 09:00-13:00: Council meeting 11 participants

with lunch buffet during the meeting

Afternoon 14:00-18:00:

- Subcommittee Documentation: 15 participants
- Subcommittee Education: 20
- Subcommittee Patients: 15
- Subcommittee Pharmacy: 15
- Subcommittee Politics: 30
- Subcommittee Provings: 15
- Subcommittee Research: 20

Coffee break

Dinner: restaurant in the city - individual payment 80-100 participants

Saturday 14 November 2015:

Morning 09:00-13:00:

- Subcommittee Documentation: 15 participants
- Subcommittee Education: 20

- Subcommittee Patients: 15
- Subcommittee Pharmacy: 15
- Subcommittee Politics: 30
- Subcommittee Provings: 15
- Subcommittee Research: 20

Coffee break

Lunch buffet - individual payment 80-100 participants

Afternoon 14:30-17:00/18:00:

- symposium in auditorium 80-100 participants

Coffee break

Evening: 20:00-21:00: concert in Concert hall (or in a church)

21:00: dinner- individual payment 80-100 participants

Sunday 15 November 2015:

Morning 09:00-13:00: Council meeting 11 participants

with lunch buffet during the meeting

It is possible that **the Concert hall** is not available on Saturday evening, so we need to check with Charlotte for any available church to have anyway the concert on Saturday evening.

A booklet could be published reflecting the history of the last 25 years of Homeopathy in Europe, and some interviews. Martin Dinges in charge of the ECH's archives offered to make the interviews with certain stakeholders (we have to name) for free. Another agency for history, Rubicom, can make this kind of booklet. It would be a book and not a simple brochure: documentation on this time, focusing on Homeopathy, politic (EU), interviews and history (3000 copies, with pictures). But due to the cost we must define some sponsors to invite. National organizations could also support this initiative in buying a certain amount of books for their own contacts and members (18€ a book may be too much for this!). Sponsors will be offered to have exhibitions also (these rules are to be set by Medicongress).

Institutions that are already associate members could offer an extra contribution as sponsors of the booklet.

We must defined what we can offer for what price. Ask in the same package for the book and for the symposium.

Vote positive unanimously

Decision is to launch this process as soon as we have found sponsors ready to support it.

Draft an invitation letter to all previous SC coordinators, board members. Each coordinator could take care of this for his own SC, and the board for the board.

Decision to organize it in the cloister (NH).

Collection of photos, sent to Caroline Vandeschoor, scanned, and for the chosen ones we ask them for the original . It means that we need to have the names of the authors, the names of the people on the picture, and then we'll take care of the copyrights. Caroline will ask for a coordinating person inside her SC.

Besides we decide that from now on the meetings and GAs will be organized by Medicongress, they made an offer for this.

2- ECH congress in Vienna, 17/18/19/20 November 2016

28th of March was a meeting in Vienna with 2 PCOs (Medicongress and Liberty), the 2 Austrian medical associations were there, together with the veterinarians and the pharmacists. The PCOs gave detailed offers.

The decision is already made about this congress within the political SC.

The big difference between Liberty and Medicongress is that Liberty offers to take over the financial risks.

The Austrian organizations are prepared to help: Reinhard Flick, Wolfgang Eichler, Ilse Muchitsh and Claudia Garn are ready to intervene and they all are part of ECH. This would take place in November, together with the GA.

It could take place at the Imperial Riding School Hotel, a easy to reach situation. In 2016 we'll celebrate 200 years of Homeopathy in Austria. Czech colleagues are also very in favor of this congress.

Idea should be to have these congresses every two years, with the GAs. We wonder if Medicongress could only take care of small meetings and use other PCOs for the big meetings.

We have a concern for our ECH members: do they have to pay their own fees for the congress? The council meeting will also be part of the congress, the SC will organize special symposium in the morning presenting their achievements and in the afternoon some SC meetings as satellites symposiums, 2 each day. The scientific committee should be a permanent one, as a guarantee of the quality of the presentations. Morning is presentation and afternoon is discussion, one day for each SC, one person in charge of each topic. This should offer the possibility to open the process, and also give place to invited speakers. Thomas proposes that ECH members could have a smaller fee for registration, with special fees for people that attend a sub-com = 3 levels. If they don't want to pay they can only attend the SC meeting.

Coordinators will ask their SC members about this possibility; and may also make a survey among the members to split the 2 events.

Vote for Liberty = 5 votes and one for Medicongress and one abstention (JP has left for a rest)

NB: pay attention that on Sunday this decision is contested due to additional information on expenses to take into account

What about 2018? Call for application to ask the political SC

3- Archives

It is necessary to set rules for the archives that are already at the Robert Bosch foundation.

Suggested procedure: to create a link on the website and to provide a form for application of use of ECH's archives: to read the archives or to get a copy. We need a fixed procedure where we decide how we answer the application and inform the Robert Bosch Foundation. The institute keeps a trace of the visit and of the documents consulted.

Criteria for providing the requested documents:

They are common rules for official documents, but here we are a private organization and we have to create our own rules.

Caroline Vandeschoor has prepared an application form.

Commentaire [h1]: Caroline could you provide us the word document you prepared for the whole council to have it ?

Form suggested is OK and we just add 2 alineas:

- first only members can apply: this does not mean they will get access

- personal documents cannot be asked. Personal documents restricted during 10 years

Accepted by the council

Once the application form is amended Hélène will ask Chris Connolly (in charge of updating the website) to provide the application form on the website.

Martin Dinges asks:

- for a fixed date in the year to forward the documents to the RB Foundation. At the end of each year after the GA Hélène will take care of it.
- denominations to note on the boxes: one for each SC, one box for accreditations apart, one for the council, one for the board.
- For the personal examination documents: we decide to destroy these papers to avoid attempting privacy after final decision for accreditation. No more control has to be done, once the Edu team has approved an accreditation form they can immediately destroy the document. The programs of the schools are public documents; we don't have to provide this information.

Vote positive unanimously for these decisions

A contract about the donation of the documents to the Robert Bosch Foundation is approved by the council and sent by Thomas Peinbauer.

4- EUROCAM

Unaddressed agenda point.

5- Financial point

. Preliminary remarks:

- Request in the feed-back H2020e: lack of transparency and the sharing of the charges is not equal.
- Members of the political SC could receive the financial report.
- Cornelia Bajic wants a serious discussion on the subject of the fees, we will offer the opportunity to have this discussion. The solution should come at the GA, in the meantime we have the decision from the last GA. The second survey made within the H2020 process will deal with this point.

. Yves presents its documents (see attachments)

. rules that need to be stressed:

- the call for subscription was too long this year and people didn't understand this was a call. Now the invoice should be sent automatically.
- for the full members associations it must be a requirement to send their members' list because afterward for the GA we'll need this data.

(We notice that Italy has paid for reaccreditation but never asked for it!)

(The german did not pay their full membership fee, so we cannot send them the accreditation and the diplomas. This issue is pending and needs to find a solution until November.)