



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
AALBORG, THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 2012  
16.30 HRS - 18.00 HRS**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**1.1. Apologies**

None received

**1.2. Quorum**

Quorate with 26 member organizations represented

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1. Approval of agenda and time table of the General Assembly**

Approved

**2.2. Approval of minutes from last year**

Approved

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1. Annual report 2011 (including the financial status and auditing report)**

This was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly. Cor drew attention to the financial position. He remarked that € 5.700 Euros were written off debts from unpaid fees. Membership fees need to be paid before each year's conference. The Auditor, Jean Bauwens, was thanked for his contribution and advice.

**3.2. Feedback from Deans meeting**

Cor fed back experience following Karl Dittrich's presentation today. Differentiation was made between the role of COHEHRE as a platform organization and the role of partnerships for joint working. Potential ways of working between partner institutions could collaborate in the future in quality assurance initiatives, programme development and research. An interactive facility on the web site was considered an important factor in facilitating this. The Council will consider this in their next meeting in June. The latter part of the day consisted of a presentation by Dorthe Stigaard. A potential joint research project was discussed. Fernanda Pestana from Setúbal also made a presentation on the challenges to higher education in health and social care caused by the current financial crisis in southern European countries.

The General Assembly agreed that the Council will discuss the potential for offering lower fees to lower income countries. This following the World Bank definition previously used to define low income countries no longer identifying any of our member organizations being in low income countries.

**3.3. Feedback from International Coordinators Meeting**

This session was facilitated by Annemarie Otteslev from the Danish International Agency. The presentation and workshop which followed, concerned the new ways of working in Erasmus for All. A

copy of the presentation appears on the COEHRE web site. A role for COEHRE was identified for innovation and good practice demonstrated through partnerships.

#### 4. ACTIVITIES

##### 4.1. COEHRE Academy

Filip summarized the activities of the past year and planned work for the year to come.

The mission is to develop a tool to facilitate and stimulate partners into active participation, exchange of staff members and students

##### 4.1.1. **Mobility programmes**

Five Intensive programmes have been developed. There will be a in ICHCI-meeting in Oliveira, Portugal: October 2012.

##### 4.1.2. **Capacity building activities**

The pre-conference will be organized by the Academy.

There are 4 new seminars:

5-8.12.2012	Experiencing health care in a resource poor country - Preparing , coaching and supervising students	Nijmegen The Netherlands
Spring 2013	DATIC	Izmir or Istanbul Turkey
Spring 2013	Seminar on Internationalization related to the new EU programme (to be further defined).	
December 2013	Experiencing health care in a resource poor country - Preparing , coaching and supervising students	Nijmegen The Netherlands

##### 4.2. Conference date and venue for the coming years

We now plan conferences two years ahead. Last year we decided to run this year in Aalborg and in 2013 at Apeiron University in Banja Luka. A visit to the University identified that this was a very suitable facility. However, they are new members who have not yet participated in a Conference. It was agreed that they could be considered for certain conditions to be met so that they could run the conference in 2015.

Therefore, Savonia University in Kuopio Finland (who have requested to run the conference several times before) have agreed to host the conference on 17,18,19 April 2013. Hanze University in Groningen has agreed to host the Conference in 2014.

This was unanimously accepted by the General Assembly.

##### 4.3. Alliances

##### 4.3.1. **ASAHP and NACNAH**

It was agreed that the usefulness of the alliances means that they should be maintained. Members were invited to attend the ASAHP Conference in Orlando, Florida USA in October 2012. A World Conference is due to take place in Puerto Rico in December 2013. Members were also invited to attend this conference. Information will be circulated via the website.

##### 4.3.2. **EASPD**

A joint meeting was held in January. Ideas for a co-operation were discussed. Potential for applications for joint EU funding and participation in each other's annual conferences was agreed. They have a very good newsletter which is sent by email.

#### 5. PROPOSALS – VOTING DECISIONS

##### 5.1. New members

Six new members were approved:

- Bergen University College, Bergen, Norway
- Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Vantaa, Finland
- University of West-Scotland, Hamilton, Scotland
- College of Health Studies in Cuprija, Cuprija, Serbia
- Technical University of Liberec, Liberec, Czech Republic
- University College of South Denmark, Esbjerg, Denmark

## **5.2. Approval budget 2013, including membership fees**

Cor explained the decisions around the budget which is proposed to the General Assembly.

- The budget has been planned around a membership of 31 institutions as although some new members have joined others may leave due to changes in strategic directions of their institution and also unpaid fees over a period of time.
- There is an increase in the costs for Artevelde Hogeschool in hosting COHEHRE
- Some funding has been set aside for activities e.g. for the Academy, pre-conference visits, council meetings.
- A sum was also set aside for the Auditor and Alliances.
- It is proposed for membership fees to remain the same.

There was a majority decision to accept this budget and decision regarding membership fees.

## **5.3. Elections**

Aija Ahokas, Hein van der Hulst and Tiago Atalaia have acted as the nominating committee.

### **5.3.1. Council members**

Two council members are due for reelection. Council Members serve for three years and can be re-elected for a further period of three years. There are 4 nominations:

- Dr István Barcs
- Charlotte Kristensen
- Filip Dejonckheere
- Roman Pareznik

Each gave a presentation. Filip was automatically approved as the only Belgian member standing.

A vote was taken with three nominees standing for the other remaining council member vacancy. Charlotte Kristensen was duly re-elected.

Dr Istvan Barcs - 1  
Charlotte Kristensen - 16  
Filip Dejonckheere  
Roman Pareznik – 10

### **5.3.2. Nominating Committee**

Three members are due for election. Each person can be elected for a period of two years and a further two periods of two years. There are three nominees. All were unanimously elected.

- Aija Ahokas – Chair
- Hein Van der Hulst
- Mimi Sandal

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jeroen Martens thanked the Council Members for all their voluntary effort (last year's theme) and wished them a health ageing process (this year's theme)!