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Meeting Minutes
PTPI European Council – Annual Meeting
Rimini, Italy 10 May 2008

Place: Rimini, Italy – Hotel Club House
Date: 10 May 2008
Minutes: Chiara Pedretti
Attending: 18 Council chapters, 8 visiting chapters, 128 participants

Council Member Chapters

1	Korce-Bilisht	Albania	15	Varmland	Sweden
2	Tirana	Albania	16	Bern	Switzerland
3	Brussels	Belgium	17	Interlaken	Switzerland
4	Denmark	Denmark	18	Kharkiv	Ukraine
5	Chester	England			
6	Céret	France			
7	Montpellier	France			
8	Berlin	Germany			
9	Pécs	Hungary			
10	Pécs SC	Hungary			
11	Florence	Italy			
12	Milano	Italy			
13	Iasi	Romania			
14	Roman	Romania			

Visiting Chapters

1	Niislel	Mongolia
2	Buffalo	USA
3	Greater Los Angeles	USA
4	Palm Beach	USA
5	Greater Trenton	USA
6	Greater Kansas City	USA
7	La Porte	USA
8	Washington DC	USA

1. OPENING

President Rolf Dahlberg opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their presence. He especially noted those participants visiting from outside Europe. Rolf also thanked Valeria Magistrelli who led the Organization Committee for the event. In the end he illustrated the agenda of the meeting and explained how parliamentary procedure works. Ernst Honegger, PTPI Bern, read a letter from Otto Burri, unfortunately unable to participate.

2. ENUMERATION OF PARTICIPANTS

President Rolf Dahlberg enumerated the participants and the voting delegates. 18 chapters with vote were present. This meant that 10 votes were necessary for simple majority and 12 votes for a 2/3 majority decision.

3. ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL VOTES

The national votes were allocated.

4. DESIGNATION OF A PARLAMENTARIAN

President Rolf Dahlberg designated Ernst Honegger, PTPI's Bern Chapter, as parliamentarian to advise the Chair. Ernst accepted the task at hand.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Secretary Chiara Pedretti summarized the minutes from the last European Conference in Interlaken, Switzerland, in May 2007. Sorina Danciu was elected as new Youth Coordinator. Cornelia Siegenthaler was re-elected for her second term as Treasurer.

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Chiara Pedretti illustrated the main points discussed in Interlaken. The minutes of the European Conference in Interlaken had been previously distributed to all Chapter Presidents and have been posted on the Web site.

6. REMARKS – MATTER ARISING – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No remarks were given so President Rolf Dahlberg declared the minutes approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was left from last year's meeting.

8. PROPOSAL FROM THE FLOOR

No proposals came from the floor.

9. ELECTIONS

Chiara Pedretti ended her second two-year term and stepped down as European Secretary. Hannelore Büchler from PTPI's Berlin Chapter was nominated for this position. President Rolf Dahlberg made a presentation of her. Hannelore Büchler was elected by acclamation.

President Rolf Dahlberg ended his first two-year term. Rolf declared willing to serve a second term. He was elected by acclamation, for two more years. The same for Gunild Boghdan as PR Officer, who also will serve for two more years.

Felix Engler from PTPI's Bern Chapter has served the organisation as Auditor for the past year and accepted to be renominated. President Rolf Dahlberg declared him re-elected.

10. NEW BUSINESS WITH AMONGST OTHERS

A. Report - European Organisation by the President. Rolf Dahlberg summarized the Annual Report given to all the participants. He summarized what happened in Interlaken (European Conference, May 2007), Berlin (Board Of Trustees Meeting, September 2007). As of March we had 56 chapters in Europe, with a total of 1.248 members; 3 new Student Chapters, 1 new University Chapter, 21 countries; 6 members of the Board Of Directors (Rolf Dahlberg, Ernst Honegger, Valeria Magistrelli, Genci Mucaj, Peter Tage, Peter Whitby), 37 members of the Board Of Trustees. Mr Dahlberg reported on Awards given to Europeans during the Board Of Trustees meeting in Berlin and about the upcoming programs. The President's Report was approved.

B. Report - Financial Conditions by the Treasurer. Cornelia summarized the Financial Report. The finances are in good condition. The Financial Report was approved.

C. Report - Auditors. The report by the Auditors was approved.

D. Report - Public Relations Officer. PR Officer Gunild Boghdahn summarized her report. The main features were the fact that Gunild attended a PR seminar in Greece. She presented the PTPI magazines, the European- and local newsletters and the various PTPE Web sites. The PRO Report was approved.

E. Report - Youth Coordination Officer. The YCO Sorina Danciu summarized her report. The YGs increased and an extensive amount of events from the YG movement took place in Europe. Vadim Toader from YG Romania illustrated his experiences about the Youth Forum in Berlin and the New Years' Eve spent in Stenberk, Czech Republic. Hans Randau from PTPI Pécs, Hungary, talked about the YG event which took place in Lake Balaton, Hungary. The YCO Report was approved.

F. Reports from Representatives of National Organisations and Chapters. For the second time during a European Conference these reports were given as a "Chapter Fair" during Saturday afternoon. Each chapter had the possibility of putting

up pictures and posters from their home community. Many served both food and offered something to drink specific to their region. This was a much appreciated way of giving chapter reports.

G. Resolutions/Recommendations. No resolutions or recommendations came out.

H. Items Raised by National Organizations and Chapters. No items were raised.

I. Business Accepted as Proposed Under Item 8 Above. See Paragraph 8 and 10.G.

SPEAKERS: Mrs Marcella Bondoni explained her activity with tourism and economy linked to it in the Rimini area.

SPEAKERS: Lars Poignant / Verena Denk. Lars summarized PTPI programs and chapter development in Europe. He also highlighted the most important events which took place during 2007. Verena did the same about the youth chapters.

J. Any Other Business. President Rolf Dahlberg launched a total review on the European By-Laws to be made before the next Council Meeting in 2009. He asked for volunteers to coordinate this with the EEC and the By-Laws Committee on the Board of Directors.

11. REMARKS – QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Ahmed Roushdy spoke about the next World Wide Conference which will take place in Cairo, Egypt, in September 2008.

The EEC and the audience thanked Chiara Pedretti who had served four years as Secretary. She was given a glass in full lead crystal as a remembrance.

12. PLACE AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next European Conference will be held between 4-7:th of June 2009 in Montpellier, France and is to be organized by PTPI's Montpellier Chapter together with PTPI's Céret Chapter. Muriel Tabet and Anne Hawksworth gave the General Council an introduction to Southern France in general and the Montpellier area in specific. The other offer came from Gliwice, Poland: as no member was present, Lars Poignant illustrated the venue. The choice was decided by voting: 15 votes for Montpellier, 1 for Gliwice, 2 did not vote. For 2010 Pécs, Hungary, have indicated interest to host the conference.

13. REPORT FROM CEO MARY EISENHOWER

Mary Jean Eisenhower, CEO of PTPI, summarized PTPI programs and chapter development all over the world. She also highlighted the most important events which took place during 2007-2008. After her, Viktor Zikas from the Headquarters in Kansas City reported about past and future programs and events.

13. ADJOURNMENT / CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

President Rolf Dahlberg thanked the Organising Committee, Lars Poignant & Verena Denk from PTPI European Office and closed the meeting thanking everyone for their presence.

Chiara Pedretti

Secretary PTPE