

	<p>Minutes Executive Committee London Hilton Metropole FRIDAY 27 & SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2009</p>
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Present:	Moshe Mock, Ursula Pasini, Alfons Vansteenwegen, Osmo Kontula, Robert Porto, Antonio Palha, Chiara Simonelli, Kevan Wylie, Birgitta Hulter
Apologies:	Mirieille Bonierbale, Salvatore Caruso

Minutes: Kim Monk

1. Minutes from Brussels – prev circulated	<p>Amendments: To be altered Moshe Mock (e). Gold medal winners name to be altered: Maj Briht-Bergstrom on website Attendees names to be added to minutes for Brussels Esther Corona: Correction of spelling of name AOB on draft Brussels minutes Birgitta not Ursula as stated. Alterations to EFS 2010, Turkey, Barcelona, Oporto, AIM report (it was agreed to evaluate the Greek bid, if this was impossible then to explore possibilities with Turkey and Oporto</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u> Reciprocal arrangement with Eusebio – WAS. Kevan had contact with Eusebio during the meeting – this proposal will not be taken forward</p>	<p>Action: Kim</p> <p>Action: Dan</p> <p>Action: Kim</p> <p>Action: Kim</p> <p>Action: Kim</p> <p>Action: Kevan/Kim/Antonio</p>
2. Financial		
a) Budget 2009/2010	<p>Kevan gave an overview of the financial report to date</p> <p>The final financial report although prepared could not be distributed. Kevan explained that due to unexpected work commitments the previous weekend that the report needed to be 'checked' before circulation to the</p>	<p>It was agreed that the report would be available by 1.5.09</p>

	<p>Executive. Kevan gave an overview of the financial report.</p> <p>Chiara asked for the report to be circulated 2 weeks prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>Already agreed PC, printer, stationary and survey purchase</p> <p>Training budget €150 for Dan and Kim</p> <p>Florence, WPA, joint meeting with FLASSES. Stipends agreed (€800)/expenses will be reimbursed with receipts</p>	<p>KRW to action</p> <p>Action: Kim not used to date</p>
b) Infrastructure	<p>Kevan – PC purchase (Kevan had been without computer facility since Aug 08)</p> <p>NAS server – problems still remain around use of NAS server and access for Executive members stores backup files for website</p>	<p>Purchase previously agreed by Antonio and Chiara</p> <p>Ongoing support – Dan</p>
c) Charity status	<p>Discussions around charity status. EFS could apply for charity status which would avoid tax payment.</p> <p>Advantages include attracting donations.</p> <p>Disadvantages: Audited accounts prepared by accountant would be required. Discussions – accountant would be expensive (Kevan does this work for free)</p>	<p>Action: Postpone charity status. Kevan will get quotes for accountant.</p>
3. Society recruitment		
a) current membership	<p>Kevan gave an brief overview on membership status: 51 current members, for 2008 33 paid members. Invoices and reminders have not been sent out for 2009 due to technical restriction with PC</p>	<p>Action: Bettina</p>
b) New applicants	<p>Kevan/Kim gave an overview of new applicants – 2 individual members – not paid and 3 new applicants – Rhiad Rusi – no reply from request for references.</p> <p>CETAD – 2 replies from references – discussions around referees from same countries. Russian society – reference and statutes to be obtained. Ursula and Moshe</p>	<p>Action: Ursula and Moshe</p>

	agreed to apply for references	
c) 2007: Hungary/Romania	No contact has been made with Romanian society. Kevan is to forward email address for Dr Pandy. Osmo needs contact details	Action: Kevan has forwarded the email address to Kim and Osmo – Kim to update
d) 2008: Feedback from Moscow	Discussions around Moscow visit: Two potential members – Dr Zarchov – individual membership. Application from Russian Society- Ursula and Moshe applying for references/statutes	Action Ursula/Moshe
e)2009: Sofia, Macedonia, Kiev, Belgrade, St Petersburg	Interest to join EFS has been shown from Sofia & Macedonia. Kevan has lobbied Malta as a possible new member on a visit early in 2009	Action: Kevan & Antonio
f) Other countries	Discussions around accepting other countries such as Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, classed as Africa. Would this require alteration to the statutes?, could be made members as Associate members or 'donation member', issues of voting rights discussed.	Action: EFS to accept members from Europe only.
g) Promotional material	Kevan asked the Exec if they required further promotional materials i.e sticky pads, pens etc circulated in Rome. Ursula made a request for promotional pens. Promotional flyers to be designed for distribution - Marta to design	Action: Kevan to action Action: Marta
h) Membership benefits	Improvements to be made to endorse EFS. 'Free' subscription to 'Sexologies' in first year of membership – information to be added to promotional flyers. Discussion around 50% subsidised subscription on 2 nd year membership and cost implications It was noted that the subscription of the Journal was not mentioned in the recently received contract from Elsevier	Action: Antonio/Marta Action: Robert/Mirielle/Kevan
l) Membership Survey	The provisional membership survey has now been circulated to the Executive	Action: Kim to make enquiries Re: Survey Monkey:

	<p>and amendments noted. It was agreed that an amount of €400 would be available to fund the survey. Kevan mentioned 'Survey Monkey' which offered the service for €200 – Kim is to look at the service provided. The survey is to be sent to all societies for distribution to their members. A turnaround time of 60 days was suggested and then collate information for circulation to Exec. Problems remain around email addresses of all societies</p>	<p>Kim to further research Societies email addresses to add to members list (via Internet etc)</p>
4 Congresses		
a) 2010 meeting – progress in Oporto (officers)	<p>Recent meeting in Oporto with AIM to discuss contract. Antonio commented on AIM's professionalism. Minor adjustment to be made to contract – adjustment re: host society. Discussion around Portuguese society signing contract – the society is asking for reduced student membership of €140. AIM initially proposed €200. Discussions around €150. AIM very rigid in contract. Workshops discussed and could raise monies through sponsorship prior to start of congress. Discussions of 'losing' promotional funding €4500 could be option to support student discounts. $\text{€139 students} / 4500 = 32$ Therefore €168 for students ? lowest possible student fee. Concerns raised re: the timing/delay of Portuguese society signing contact. Implications of announcing the congress if this was not signed etc. AIM not making as much money from contract as previous years AIM give €40,000 in 2010 to EFS. PCO could arrange further support from Labs. Cost of hosting congress in Oporto cheaper than Rome ? The first announcement must be made in Gothenburg. Questions raised around breach of contract if contract</p>	<p>Action: Antonio to speak with Pedro Nobre 2.3.09</p> <p>Action: Kevan</p>

	not signed	
b) Call for 2012/14: Helsinki, Netherlands, Moscow, Barcelona	<p>Countries discussed for future hosting of congresses:</p> <p>Helsinki: Potential interest but if Moscow expressed interest then this could detract from Helsinki ?</p> <p>Netherlands; Rene Kropman from WVSD has expressed interest, 3 Dutch associations, Dutch offer good organisational skills – potential venue.</p> <p>Moscow – too early for discussions and Moscow could prove to expensive following recent visit to Moscow.</p> <p>Barcelona: Catalan society expressed initial interest – want reduced student rates. No further interest from Turkey following withdrawal of Greek bid for 2010. Greek has not showed interest to date in 2012/14</p>	Action: Further discussion – All Exec
5. Contracts		
a) PCO contract 2012/14 - Kevan	<p>Discussions re: New PCO contract – Contract to be put out to open tender ? Dutch society may not be interested if EFS stay with AIM. Kevan has been approached by a new potential PCO. Could AIM offer preferential terms if EFS stay with them. PCO contract should be agreed with all Exec members. Kevan stated that contract with AIM is 'working nicely'</p>	Action: All Exec/Kevan
b) Publisher - Elsevier	<p>Several problems have been established with the recently received contract. No time limit – supersedes Jan 06 contract. The contract does not mention 'free' copies of Sexologies for new members for 1st 12 months.</p> <p>Annual meeting with President and one other member of Exec – costs covered by Elsevier need clarification.</p> <p>20% royalties from advertising ?</p> <p>All papers in English then French –7% royalties annual</p>	Action: Antonio/Roberto/Kevan

	<p>fee – of turnover 14% royalties if people sign up again ? Website consultation – impossible to distinguish proportion of downloads specific to ‘Sexologies’ this may improve in time for extra income. Robert Porto is still mentioned as President of EFS in French version of contract – needs alteration to Antonio.</p> <p>Contract ok in principle, slight alteration required as above</p>	
6. Strategy		
	<p>Discussion around officer roles for 2010 – 2014. Vice President elect role to ‘step’ into role after 4 years. Interested parties Must be English speaking, must attend at least 50% of meetings Chiara and Kevan expressed interest in Vice President role. It was noted that Mirielle had expressed an interest. The rest of the attending exec were lobbied. Moshe stated that he may be interested the treasurer role if the Secretary and Treasurer role were separated . AV & Ursula, Birgitta, & Osmo were not interested in either role due to lack of secretarial support but happy to stay as members of Exec. It was noted that to remain on the Executive committee that members must attend at least 50% of the meetings. Following discussions around the combined role of Secretary/treasurer, it was decided that the Exec should have further discussions at the next meeting if this role should be split. Any changes in the selection and recruitment should also be altered in the statutes.</p>	Action: All Exec – Further discussion.
b) Statutes	<p>Osmo gave an overview of the alterations that he had made to the statutes: Discussions around</p>	Action: Further discussion at next meeting in Gothenburg.

	<p>members becoming 'Fellow' and Honorary, associate members – countries outside Europe becoming associate members but not have a voting right . Osmo discussed alterations and duplications for alteration. Matters to be discussed at General Assembly around other countries joining EFS (Africa etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary members should have an active interest in EFS and must have 'done' something for sexuality. • Discussion around how long members are allowed to stay on committee (4 years- not in statutes). • Finance is an important issue – needs further clarification: external auditors discussed . • Official address is with President. Correspondence address is with Secretary General. How much of committee can be changed – this needs addressing in statutes 	
c) Co-option onto the committee	Discussions around co-option onto exec committee. Robert proposed Luca Incrocci supported by Chiara and Mirielle. The members decided that no benefit would be gained from co-option this close to the next congress. Luca would not be attending in Gothenburg. Any new member could be put forward for election at the next general assembly.	Action: Majority of members against. Robert asked for his proposal to be minuted and that his proposal was endorsed by Mirielle and Chiara.
d) Meeting with FLASSES (2009) African Federation (2011)	Next meeting with FLASSES will be with EFS in Florence – Ruben. African federation is weak and small	Action: Antonio/Chiara/Kevan
e) Website	No Report tabled	Action: Dan
f) Newsletter	Awaiting new editorial. Antonio to mention next congress. Modify updated list of societies and submit to exec to alter or comment. Kevan to forward to Robert a report of his involvement with WHO and supply pictures and report from Russia	Action: Robert/Antonio Action: Kevan/Kim
g) Electronic journal	Open access journal – allow	No further action at present

	people to publish on line	
7. Recognition		
a) Gold medals – call for 2009 – 2010 (Robert)	Discussions around criteria for selection: EFS member, working in field, involved in policy making Europe based, Relationships with Federation and nominee must be in good standing. Kevan suggested that Robert should write to all societies asking for nomination and to include in newsletter. The letter to be sent out with subscriptions	Action: RP/KRW – update RP has emailed KRW letter for inclusion with subscriptions. Action: Bettina & Kim
b) Female researcher	Concerns around 'Female researcher' prize. Discrimination issues, why is gender important. Suggestions of either 'young' researcher or 'researcher for female sexuality' would be more suitable	Actions: For further discussion – all exec
8. European Liaison		
a) EASM (Robert)	Discussions around European course: Not much involvement with EFS as thought. Needs further collaboration with John Dean. Grants from educational committees.	Action: KRW to contact IE & JD
b) WHO - Kevan	Discussions around Kevan's official relationship with WHO as agreed by Exec April 2008. Kevan is now in official discussions with WHO	
c) European Training	Carried forward to next meeting	Action Osmo
d) European grants	As above	Action: Antonio
AOB	European training to be put at top of agenda for discussion in Göteborg	
Date of next meeting	Sunday 25 TH June, Göteborg, Sweden -	Action: Exec to meet 14.00 – 17.30hrs