

First Meeting of the Newly Elected Board of HOPE

8th November 2014, Phoenicia Grand Hotel, Bucharest

MINUTES

APPROVAL PENDING

Present:

Jan Haverkate:	President
Anja de Jong:	Vice-President
Katarzyna Wilucka-Haczkowska (Kasia):	Board Member
Monika Tothne Almassy:	Board Member
Robert Kirsch:	Board Member
Marie Sherlock:	Secretary to the Board
Michel Kleuters:	HOPE Ambassador

Thanks from Jan for the new members of the Board, and he also expressed his gratitude to retired HOPE Board members.

Division of the tasks for Board members. We have a temporary solution for filling the post of Treasurer. Anja de Jong as vice-president will hold this post temporarily. There was a discussion as to how this important post will be filled in the very near future. Michel Kleuters clarified that according to the statutes it is not necessary for the treasurer to be a member of the board, and that the responsibility of the finances for HOPE are securely based within the Board. In addition Robert Kirsch said that he will talk with other colleague in Luxembourg about them taking on the role of Treasurer of HOPE first before continuing to ask the treasurer within his organisation if they could undertake this role. Robert also considers to become a treasurer himself.

Michele Capurso had suggested that payments for Congress and membership fees be paid by PayPal.

Michel Kleuters explained that he is not a member of the Board of HOPE but the Ambassador, and asked for his role as supporter to the Romanian organising committee be closed now that the Congress is over, in preparation for new activities as Ambassador. Jan gave a brief history of the preparation for organising the Congress in Bucharest and the financial risks that may present. Unlike previous congresses there was a reduction in the number of congress attendees, posing the question what is the number required to break even, and ensure that there are no financial losses? 150 was the resulting calculation. There were 151 registered attendees to the Congress. Michel went on to say that there is a need for a continuing dialogue the Ministry of Education in Romania, to ensure that the momentum for change to the legislation is maintained. There have been several communications with The Ministry in the lead up to, and during the Congress. The petition compiled during the Congress will be presented to the Ministry, and if there is no compliance then a formal complaint can be issued to the

government. There is a continuing legacy of the Congress for Romanian colleagues in the coming years.

Changes to the letterhead and website to reflect the changes to the Board. Kasia has agreed to do this and forward to Fabrizio the webmaster. Discussed other official HOPE information that will require amendment. Up to now Maria Schmidt is the only one who has had the passwords for the mailing list for the Committee Members. In order for Fabrizio to be able to change things he required access to the password of the the mailing list for the Committee Members. The suggestion is that one person on the Board works with Fabrizio as the link person for updating information on the HOPE website. Jan will ask Maria for the password of the the mailing list for the Committee Members.

Outcome of the General Assembly. Jan expressed his regret for the late arrival of the Activites of the Board report, and will ensure that they are posted on the website.

Jan suggested a proposal to maintain the momentum of the Congress in supporting Romanian. A draft plan will be created outlining the content of this proposal.

Colleagues who had to leave early were directed to send their comments about the Congress to the Board. Colleagues from Israel produced a film describing the work of the Hospital Teacher. Monika suggested that this should be uploaded to the Showcase part of the HOPE website.

Date for next two Board meeting, location Luxembourg, Deal.

March 19th-21th in Luxembourg Robert to confirm.

October 8th-9th in October in Deal

Kasia will confirm the date and location for the board meeting to be held in Poland.