

**Minutes of the EAS – Board meeting in Bristol, UK
November 07 – 08, 2007**

Minute taker: Schormann

Start of meeting: November 07, 05:30 p.m.

End of meeting: November 08, 01:30 p.m.

First Meeting: November 07, 05:30 p.m. – 07:30 p.m.

Attendees: de Vugt (AV) (= replacement for Smilde), Hennessy (SH), Kangron (EK), Niermann (FN), Mednanska (IM), Sammer (GS), Schormann (CS)

Apologies: Scheidegger (JS), Smilde (RS), Wiklund (CW), Meyer (HM)

1. Formalities

The president confirmed the quorum, opened the meeting and welcomed Adri de Vugt as a replacement for Rineke Smilde.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

The minutes of the board meeting in Pitea from November 16 – 18, 2006, were approved unanimously.

2. Conference in Bologna 2008

The president reported on the conference preparations. There will be a Students Forum, three EAS-sessions, four meNet-sessions and an „ISME Regional Conference“ as well.

3. Cooperations

The president reported on the cooperation with YAMAHA.

All board members are requested to acquire sponsoring partners.

4. NCs

The president announces that there are only some European countries left, which do not have NCs.

5. Paper „Schools for the 21st Century“

The board members are asked to consider how to publish this paper.

6. Conference in Pitea 2007

The president reported on the EAS Conference in Pitea. This was followed by discussion on analysis of this conference with a conclusion as follows:

- Future EAS conferences should not have open calls for papers unless the conferences have special research topics
- It has to assured that all chair persons feel responsible for having good presentations and enough time for discussions in their groups
- Opportunities to contribute to a conference should be provided to the NCs
- Different conference partners can afford different solutions

7. Membership

Every board member should feel responsible for contacting the national associations in his European region for becoming members of the EAS. This cannot be done only by the president.

8. Students Forum

FN expressed his gratitudes to SH and GS for their work regarding the students forum. The students forum is now well established and has a clear structure: the NCs are asked to find a colleague to delegate a student, each country can send two students. The students are invited to participate in the conferences and to give presentations while being supervised by GS and SH.

Accepted facts are:

- participants are exempted from contributions as conference fees
- home institutions are responsible for the travel expenses
- accomodation is paid by the local conference host
- the conference host has to nominate a contact person for the students forum
- participants have to be students and are not on charge as teachers
- the students forum is open for primary and secondary teacher students, who are at the final stage of their studies
- the students forum is not open for generalists
- the students forum is open to PhD students
- the host country can send up to six students, who should preferentially be recruited from the city, in which the conference takes place.

SH and GS were asked to arrange a general time schedule for the preparation of students forums to be handed out to prospective organisers.

Second Meeting: November 8, 09:00 a.m. – 01:30 p.m. (break: 11:05 – 11.55 a.m.)

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9. Website

GS reports on the EAS-website.

Twice a year he sends emails to all NCs.

Some changes were made, f.e. now each NC only has access to his own site.

Some more changes have to be made:

- short teasers on the main page should lead to longer abstracts in the members-only section
- payment of membership fees doesn't seem to be clearly explained

- a password should only be handed over after having received the payment
- „events“ and „activities“ will be combined, „news“ will be cancelled
- all NCs shall be informed that they can ask GS to create a link from their NCs page to the EAS main page in case of any big events that might occur in their country
- Everyone is asked to write short reports for the NCs page after each event
- GS will create visual uniformity for the NCs pages
- When announcing conferences on NC-pages the national language(s) should be used
- GS asked all board members for photos from different European regions for the main page.

AV will write a short text about the board meeting (a short hint on the main page which links to the minutes).

10. Board and NCs

The president reported on the development of the NCs. Some of them start working in teams. This seems to be a good progression. There are now to more NCs: Hungary and Croatia. France should nominate a NC after consulting FN.

SH should try to find a NC in the Republic of Ireland.

The president proposed to enlarge the board.

AV was welcomed as a coopted board member. Other HR issues were discussed.

It was agreed that the board membership should be a temporary appointment.

Assignments of tasks have to be clear and specific – and they should alternate.

Concerning the presidency a new system of two years as a pre-president, followed by a two-years-presidency and a two-years-past-presidency was agreed unanimously.

11. EAS-Vicepresidency

Sarah Hennessy was voted for vice-president.

Votings: 8:0:1.

SH accepted the election with thanks.

12. Cooperation between EAS and ISME

JS reported on the cooperation between EAS and ISME. This cooperation is on a very good way.

13. EAS-Charta

Eight items of the EAS-Charta are missing on the Website. CS will send these missing items to all board members. They will be discussed on the next board meeting.

14. Next Conferences

HM reported of the state of affairs concerning the conference in France 2008. The conference will take place in Nancy from October 23 – 27, 2008. The conference topic is now determined: self-development by music and integration of disabled children.

Participation of the EAS will be similar to the conference in Würzburg. The official language of the conference will be French.

HM will find out, if presentations in English are intended.

HM, RS, JS, FN and Isolde Malmberg are likely to attend the conference.

An open question is the conference in 2010. Maybe it is possible to organise a EAS-conference in France in 2010.

CS reported on the European Composers' Forum's request to organise a conference together with the EAS focussing on contemporary music in the classroom.

15. EAS-Conference in Tallinn 2009

EK reported on the conference in Tallinn in 2009. There will be a meNet meeting from June 27, 2009 to June 30, 2009. The opening ceremony of the EAS conference will be on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at 06:00 a.m. and the closing ceremony will be on Friday, July 3, 2009, followed by the Song Festival starting on Friday afternoon and ending on Sunday.

A solution for the students forum in Tallinn has to be found.

16. Journal

The idea of initiating a EAS-Journal was passed over to a task force consisting of AV, GS, CS and SH. They will discuss this by email.

17. Board Meetings

The next board meeting will take place in Ljubljana, April 16 – 17, 2008, starting Wednesday at 05:00 p.m. .

Another board meeting will take place in Bologna, July 19-20, 2008, starting Saturday early in the afternoon.

FN will contact the Italian partners concerning hotels and meeting rooms in Bologna. Attending board members are requested to book their flights as soon as possible.

Other board meetings will take place in Den Haag, November 12-13, 2008 and in Tallinn, January 30 to February 1, 2009.

18. Any Other Business

There were no more items raised.

The president closed the board meeting.