

Minutes of the
GENERAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC IN SCHOOLS
27.04.10
Abant Izzet Baysal University
16.30-17.30

MINUTES

Attendees: Board members SH, GS, EK, GK, BRP, TdB, Adv, FN.

NCs : NK, JR, CR, RG, S V-O

1. Apologies: Herbert Meyer
2. Minutes of the General Meeting 2009 were agreed
3. President's Report. The President gave a verbal report of activities of the Board in the preceding year.

Activities last year

- A key aspect of the future development of EAS is building the membership
- The first newsletter was produced and sent out to members in December 2009. Further work is needed to develop the design and format to make it easy to produce. Two issues a year is the aim
- A new addition to the Conference is to be piloted at Gdansk. This will be a doctoral student forum. Timing means that it will not be possible to fund this in the same way as the Student Forum but it is hoped that participants will be funded by their institutions. The aim is to develop this as a permanent strand of the annual conference.
- EAS role in international projects - SH reported on a number of invitations to join projects which have been received by EAS in the past year, and we have actively contributed to some aspects of planning and content. In almost all cases the invitation came at a very late stage of the bidding process (within a few weeks of the deadline) so it was not possible to influence the overall concept or the workplan. This was unfortunate and we feel that we are in good position to contribute as advisers or partners in the future. Expanding our role in project development will be a key aim in the medium term.

4. Financial report

The report on financial activity of EAS was given by Thomas deBaets (on behalf of Herbert Meyer)- and approved by the meeting. Two major projects have concluded and it was acknowledged that in order to apply for EU funding EAS needs to recruit more paying members.

5. Website

- GS gave a report on continuing work to refresh and develop the website. Costs and content management responsibilities are to be discussed by the Board with a view to relaunching the site in 2011. NCs will be asked to review and develop the content of their pages. meNet will be a stronger presence on the EAS website

6. Membership fee

It was proposed and agreed with no abstentions that:

- the membership fee will be reduced to 25 Euros
- students membership will be 15 euros /first year free for Student Forum attendees
- the institutional rate remains at 100 Euros with up to 3 members of staff able to attend events at membership rate and one vote at general meetings.
- it was also agreed with no abstentions that all conference delegates must be members of EAS in order to attend. The fee for Polish delegates at Gdansk 2011 will be 10 Euros.
- membership runs from January to January.
- The PayPal system will be integrated into the EAS website.

7. Project Reports

i. Netmusic Book

GS reported on the outcomes of this project and outlined the ongoing work to produce a publication about ICT in Europe. There will be contributions from: Norway, Sweden, The Netherlands, UK, Germany, Austria, UK, Belgium, Slovenia, Poland, Lithuania, Cyprus, Spain and some more to come. The book will focus on the practical use of ICT and research as well. We expect the book will be published in Spring 2011.

ii. meNet sustainability

- IM reported on the final phase for this project (2006-09) Brussels gave a positive response to the final report. We plan to sustain the activity and impact of meNet

through bringing together the two websites and reflecting the quality of content generated through meNet across the EAS .

- The meNet 'banner' was symbolically handed over to Sarah Hennessy by Isolde Malmberg.

EMC/ISME

- EAS is a member of AEC since 2005. We are in good contact with Ruth Jacobi and Simone Dudt (office). EMC has identified education as one of their future priorities and we hope to work closely with them on this agenda.
- EAS is represented on the ISME Board by Franz Niermann. He is involved with the Music in Schools and Teacher Education Commission (MISTEC) and he strongly advocates for the concept of having ISME Regional Conferences connected to EAS conferences every two years (Pitea, Gdansk). Further discussion and activity to maintain strong relationships with other European; and international organisations is planned. Several EAS members will attend the 2010 ISME conference in Beijing and it is hoped that Franz Niermann will be re-elected for a second term.
- The next ISME Conference is in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2012.

9. Next conferences

- 2011 Gdansk
- 2012 The Hague
- 2013 Leuven