

Minutes of the E.C. meeting in Cyprus, October 15, 2004

Present: Linda Schrey-Dern (LSD), Bent Kjaer (BK), Tina Faber (TF), Aileen Patterson (AP), Joe Reynolds (JR), Birgitta Rosén-Gustafsson (BRG), and Louis Heylen (LH).

1. Opening of the meeting - and decision on the definitive agenda

LSD welcomed the members and declared the meeting open.

The agenda was decided on, i.e. the 20 items version handed out at the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes

a) of the Bielefeld meeting, June 2004

Minutes approved.

b) of the August meeting in Odense (LSD + BK)

Minutes approved.

3. General information

a) LSD informed about the next ISAAC world congress in 2006 – in Düsseldorf. Might be an opportunity for CPLOL to present the communication aids survey.

b) JR informed about the financial situation. (enclosed)

c) BK informed about the 6th convention of FNO + UNADREO. (Invitation was received by all EC members.)

d) Decided to **send a letter of appreciation to Sylvia Stirling** for her work with the Edinburgh congress.

4. Tasks

The list of ongoing tasks was revised – and updated.

5. Graz and Athens 2005 – situation report / decisions

JR will have a word with Nina during the weekend about the Graz details. Overall reservations clear.

BK will talk to George K. about postponing his offer to May 2006 (for budgetary reasons).

[Done by JR Sunday 17th – and the possibility of inviting only the E.C. was aired.]

6. Archives in Paris / Co-operation with the office

LSD has been working on the CPLOL archives at the FNO office in Paris. She has tried to set up a consistent system for the archives, with minor success.

LSD will talk to Nicole (FNO pres.) about the contract. The present contract runs till

May 2005 (G.A. of CPLOL). It will be up to the new Executive to decide on any continuation and to negotiate with the FNO.

7. Berlin Congress – Budget / Location / etc.

TF and LSD presented parts of a preliminary draft budget for the congress. Some important figures are still missing. Work is going on, in co-operation with Jürgen (DBL). At the moment there is nothing for the E.C. to *decide* upon. **TF in charge.**

Funding possibilities: The theme and object of the congress are in concert with various EU programmes. Our problem is, however, that CPLOL is not a scientific society.

There might be a possibility in Germany, though, provided that a German association is the applicant. **LSD will talk to DBL about this possibility.** And **Joe will check the website of DG Health.**

8. Foreign universities' SLT studies in Greece

Background: AP had a letter in April from Athens about exchange of students and graduation in Greece. AP contacted George Kalomoiris who is very concerned about the evolution in Greece; several universities / technical schools are offering dubious programmes. This was further confirmed in a talk that AP had with Ilias Papathanasiou (the IALP 2010 initiative taker) in Brisbane.

LSD mentioned that more or less the same is happening in Germany: Students go to a non-recognized university in Germany and finalise with one year in The Netherlands; and pay a considerable amount of money for it!

AP suggested some sort of statement from CPLOL. We agree that CPLOL cannot (re)act against what various universities around Europe are doing. We can, however, support a national member association that wants to take action with a statement or the like. It was mentioned, too, that it might be time for a revision, or at least a re-discussion, of the Minimum Standards. **AP will take this up in the commission.**

9. Co-operation with European Society of Paediatricians (ESP)

LSD informed about the sudden query from the ESP if she would come to the congress.

Because she had not heard anything from them since applying for participation, she had made other appointments and was not able to go.

LSD also informed about activities done by the ESP concerning assessment of language development at different ages.

BRG informed about a congress in Berlin, July 2005, on screening child language. CPLOL members are encouraged to present papers. www.ctw-congress.de/iascl . LSD suggested **CPLOL present a poster.**

LSD will re-contact ESP about possible cooperation.

10. Member application form

(Decided to include matters of international relations, item 16, in the discussion of this item.)

LH presented the draft set up by LH and AP.

Every single 'question' was discussed, thoroughly, and amendments and rearrangements of the order of questions were made. **AP will finalise the form and circulate it to the EC.**

Poland: LH briefly reviewed the history of correspondence with the Polish association.

Linda cited the letter of Thalia Zolotas (from 2001) in which the conditions for

membership was described. Much has been cleared up. However, there still are questions as to the (understanding of the) statutes. It was **decided that LH and BK will take the opportunity to represent CPLOL and ask these questions when they go to Wisla next weekend** (on a private basis).

Latvia: According to the statutes the Latvian Association accepts as members "individual persons or legal entities whose activity is related to the field of speech therapy". As this is in contradiction with the statutes and resolution no. 5 of CPLOL, the Latvian association is not eligible for admittance p.t.

Portugal: A new "Portuguese Association of Logopedics" has asked for membership of CPLOL. We (BK) has answered that we already have a member assoc. in Portugal, and that they should talk to the APTF about shared representation. Consequently, the APTF has asked for a meeting with the Executive in order to inform the EC about the actual situation in Iberia. The meeting will be held on Saturday 16th, 1:30 pm.

11. NGO application

LSD has filled in the new application for participatory status. (see minutes of the extra EC meeting in August). **She will make an attempt to get in direct face-to-face contact with the person in charge**, in order to properly state the work and objectives of CPLOL.

12. General Assembly / Comments from FAST and DBL and FNO

The comments from DBL were noted. The EC can bear a defeat on the 8 years limit. Re the FAST comments, we will suggest and promise to look into the issues mentioned by FAST, and present the result of the considerations in Graz in May 2005. Re the FNO + UNADREO 'counter proposals' we recommend to reject the proposal on voting, on the grounds that it is a separate proposal that must be presented no later than 3 months before a G.A..

13. Consistency in terminology.

BK informed about the terminology session at the IALP congress in Brisbane and presented the proposal from Speech Pathology Australia that CPLOL take on the leading role in an international project. LSD stressed the many aspects and problems that would be attached to such a project.

The E.C. agrees that the concept of trying to create consistency deserves appreciation. **LSD will find reports etc. from previous attempts to see what we have made so far. The subject will be on the agenda at the Paris meeting in December. BK will send a preliminary response to SPA.**

14. Topical issues

RDC will work on the quality guidelines. Prevention will work on the European Day of SLT and on finalising the questionnaires and leaflets etc. for the web site. Education will work on the CPD report and other issues.

15. Time schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Filled in!

16. (see item 10.)

17. Elections 2005

Call for candidates must be sent to the member associations no later than 6 months before the G.A. (i.e. 14. November 2004).

The present situation concerning candidatures: AP willing to continue. JR willing to continue. LH wants to stop. BRG may be persuaded to continue. TF wants to continue. BK is willing to go on (till the bitter end in 2007). LSD has decided to stop. Potential candidates to replace in the two offices might be George Kalomoiris and ??.

18. Web site....

E.C. members are kindly requested to let the webmaster know whenever they find anything to be corrected.

19. Miscellaneous

- a) AP expressed her thanks to the EC for 'sending' her to IALP/Brisbane.
- b) **BK will book hotel rooms** at Lafayette for the December meeting.
- c) AP presented the idea that the EC members present papers at a study day in Ulster in February, in connection with the EC meeting.

20. LSD closed the meeting at 6.15 p.m.

Keeper of the minutes: Bent Kjaer

ANNEX

October 2004; Meeting of Executive Committee, Limassol, Cyprus

Finance report.

1. Income. This has now all come in, and totals about €80.000.
2. The budget outcome for the Edinburgh Congress has been almost finalised. I am looking at a couple of queries with RCSL T, but they have already returned the cash advance, and the small surplus which we made (about €8000). Our conference reserve is therefore back in the bank on monthly deposit till we need it next.
3. Expenditure is around what we projected for this year, but the total for Cyprus is not known. It could well be fairly expensive; cost of some flights and transfers will be quite high. I cannot tell yet whether many people will have got a good price by coming by charter, and staying longer for a holiday.
4. The bank is working a little better from my point of view. They even rang me up one morning at 7.30 (UK time). They have raised the VISA card limit, so restaurant bills should be more easy to manage.
5. In the little time I have to look around at the EU sites, I have seen nothing about possible grant funding which we could follow up. I will carry on looking, but this could be difficult to achieve.

Matters to discuss or work on in future:

Arrangements for Graz

Arrangements for autumn 2005

Arrangements for May 2006

Congress 2006; I need to spend some time this weekend looking over the detail of the budgets with Tina (both Edinburgh and Berlin).

Projections of future costs for CPLOL; should some figures be available to present to GA tomorrow? (I have some handy in case...)

Joe Reynolds
Treasurer