

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,**  
Held in Strasbourg Friday 16th May 2008 (**APPROVED 26 August 2008**)

**Present:**

Birgitta Rosen Gustafsson	President (Chair)
Maria Christopolou	VP Professional Practice
Hanneke Kalf	VP Congress
Bent Kjaer	VP Recognition
Aileen Patterson	General Secretary
Pirkko Rautakoski	VP Education
Joe Reynolds	Treasurer

1. The President Birgitta Rosen- Gustafsson (BRG) opened the meeting and welcomed members of the executive to Strasbourg.
2. The definitive agenda was agreed  
Under correspondence Item 4. Add  
g. FLI (letters by email)  
h. Turkish Speech – Swallowing Association email  
Notification of items for agenda under AOB  
IALP Multilingual Symposium  
Executive 2009 ff
3. Minutes of EC meeting Utrecht 8 March 2008 Approved with corrections  
Item 8 Conference website: change to:  
HK/JR and BK met with technicians on 7<sup>th</sup> March *re setting up on-line abstract submissions* [REMOVE: re setting up website]  
Item 9a. PK should read PR

Nicole Denni Krichel, Présidente, FNO and Jean Marc Kremer, Chargé de mission aux affaires européennes, FNO, were welcomed to join the meeting and matters under item 9 of the agenda : Anniversary Celebrations and meeting in EU Parliament, Strasbourg were brought forward for discussion. Nicole and Jean Marc outlined the details of the security arrangements, the set up of meeting room and presentations and the invitation to all CPOLOL members to dinner by FNO on Saturday evening in the Dauphin restaurant. FNO had also invited the CPOLOL Executive for dinner on Friday evening at the Gallery of Modern Art. The Lord Mayor would also host a reception at 6.00 pm in the Town Hall. BRG thanked them for all their work and for their kind invitations and hospitality.

4. General information and President's report  
There had been several Skype discussions between EC members especially over Congress issues. This was proving a very useful at no cost and HK/JR had also used it to talk with Conference organizers and Katja.
5. Correspondence :
  - b. <http://www.santelog.com/index.php>, AGREED to respond saying we are happy for them to give our web address but we do not think it appropriate to give theirs. It was suggested that they may wish to contact FNO or other French speaking associations.
  - c. DIETS: AP informed re the DIETS network which now sends regular correspondence about its activities – mostly not of specific relevance to CPLoL. Agreed she keep a watching brief on it and inform EC of anything relevant but not to forward all correspondence to each member.
  - d. Stuttering Association seeking volunteers for research : refer to Chris de Bal
  - e. Numerous requests from francophone SLTs re employment: standard reply to be used where possible, referring enquiries to the website.
  - f. <http://www.france-audiologie.com> - for sale .  
Respond: CPLoL not interested in acquiring this
  - f. Reply from Elisabeth, CLC Spain  
Birgitta read the letter received from Col·legi de Logopedes de Catalunya. CLC do not feel that ADUL is the most representative body in Spain with regards to Speech and Language therapists. This is because they only represent new graduates in the field of Speech and Language Pathology and therefore cannot be considered to represent the broadest professional base.  
CLC say they have also discussed this point with the President of the General Council of the Colleges of Speech and Language Therapists as they are the governing body of all of the different colleges in Spain. They are the most representative organization of Speech and Language therapists in Spain and feel, as CLC does that they should be the ones to occupy the seats assigned to Spain by CPLoL.  
Agreed that CPLoL remains of the view that it is up to the Spanish to come to an agreement on their representation.
  - g. FLI letters. It appears that FLI have sent copies of information CPLoL had already circulated 2 years ago re the Common Platform – No response required.
  - h. Turkish Voice-Speech-Swallowing Society GS to reply noting CPLoL is for associations of SLTs exclusively (but we believe they can be members of IALP)
6. Application letter from Turkey. Birgitta has sent them the application forms
7. Treasurer's update on finances : All but three countries have now paid subscriptions. These are Poland, Czech republic and Greece

Overall number of individual members paid for across associations is approx 43,000

NB VPs to remind delegates in Commission of web page for EC minutes:

[www.cplol.eu/exec.htm](http://www.cplol.eu/exec.htm)

24/25 October meeting in Paris Hotel is booked

BK asked about availability of smaller rooms for breakout sub group meetings on the Saturday afternoon. JR to enquire re costs

8. Tasks - checklist from former EC task list - all tasks completed
9. Anniversary Strasbourg - ( see also above) Parliament visit and Commissions
  - a. Speeches; All have been prepared in English and French. Speaker will speak in L1 with L2 on screen
  - b. Photographs – FNO arranging plus BK to arrange for one group photo
  - c. FNO information – No MEPS coming but Louis Beaulieu from Quebec will give a speech
  - d. Other details: running order; travel arrangements to Parliament and security, collection of badges etc all organised by FNO who were warmly thanked for their excellent organisation.
10. Congress 2009
  - 10.1 Budget : HK presented overview of costs (changes through time); presented also overview of expected income based on different numbers
  - 10.2 Decision on fee: ‘Calculation of fees’ was modelled on spreadsheet. Agreed need to minimize no. of student helpers with free places - to be agreed with DLS via Katja and Mladen. Agreed : No separate student rate.

**Proposed Fee: CPLoL members of member associations**

295 Euro early bird until 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

350 Euro after 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

400 Euros.on site

**Non CPLoL members (fee +20 euro)**

315 Euro early bird until 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

370 Euro after 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

420 Euros.on site

Abstract acceptance should be subject to registration to insure we do not spend on unnecessary translation and try to encourage attendees.

- 10.3 Contract CD-CC was discussed and HK to sort out some details with Mladen and Katja before signing

- 10.4 Programme: A draft programme was circulated
- a. Keynotes:
    - all agreed on the terms
    - titles
    - support - agreed to offer support to Keynotes to ensure topic is gauged appropriately for CPLoL and reflects up to date state of the art research in each area. Possible supporters: HK/PR to liaise with Alex John; BRG/MC with Caselli and AP with Hilde Chantrain
  - b. Final programme to be on website by end of December 08.
  - c. Education: discussion in commission to finalise programme for that section
  - d. Abstract submission:
    - June is test period, online on 1 July
    - Discussed reducing length to reduce costs of translation
  - e. Call for abstracts: leaflets and mails running on schedule
  - f. Prize for best poster - agreed CPLoL to award prize. Details to be agreed later.

Social programme (not yet included in budget) to be discussed with SAL!

## 11. Reports

- b. VP Education presented the results of annual questionnaire
- c. VP Professional practice presented report on European Day of SLT
  - i. Philippe's questionnaire – says it is one that has been working on for some time and that none of the questions overlap with others.
  - ii. Reviewed the role of the Professional practice commission and its ongoing work. No-one was interested in doing the epidemiological study. Aileen will speak to a colleague who is involved in European epidemiology to find out if there are any ongoing studies that include communication disorders.
  - iii. A range of possible projects were discussed
- d. VP Recognition presented results of survey
- e. GS reported she had attended the Global Networks meeting on behalf of CPLoL. She had requested a telephone /video conference instead as that had been offered but they then were unable to set that up. Despite some ambitious ideas for a multiprofessional project to set up a European/world wide web based network for exchange for good practice across health professions as yet there was little concrete evidence of what was being proposed. The person inviting us to attend the preliminary meeting were seeking information for a presentation they were giving in Australia later that month. A useful outcome of the meeting had been the opportunity to exchange information and details with colleagues in European networks of physios and Occupational Therapists. Their views seemed to be similar to ours that unless

such proposed projects were funded they could not commit members money to such a project. The Project proposers had got support set up funding from WHO but it seemed to be for IT rather than personnel. Since that meeting there had been an invitation to attend another meeting to be held in Geneva at a WHO congress at short notice however Aileen noted that the other participants from OT and physio also said they could not attend. Aileen will keep CPLoL informed if there are any developments but did not propose we commit to anything at this point.

12. NGO status – application update from Maria

Maria met with officials from Council of Europe Disability Action and was given advice on how to meet the requirements and ways of collaboration. Maria will circulate the web address for relevant documents. She was hopeful of getting the right information in order to complete the application and reapply within the next year.

13. Meeting with Hilde Chantrain re her presentation Birgitta and Aileen to meet with Hilde 4.00 pm Saturday. She will present to the commissions at 8.30 & at 9.00 a.m.

14. ASHA congress, Chicago, 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 Birgitta to attend, representing CPLoL and report back.

15. Future EC meetings

26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2008 8.30 pm - 10.00 pm Swedish time by Skype

(Bent to investigate other software which would allow better video conferencing)

24 October 2008 EC Paris 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Commissions

17 January 2009 (Office bearers to meet RCSLT 16 January 2009) London

14 March 2009 Slovenia \*

13 May 2009 Slovenia

27 June 2009 Linköping\*

23 October 2009, ... Italy

\* NB changed venue

13. AOB

b. MC gave details of IALP Multilingual Symposium in Cyprus 6,7,8 April 2008

b. Noted that commissions should be reminded to consider proposals for nominations for next EC as several serving members would be retiring.

Meeting closed at 6.00 pm