



EUCLID - FOUNDATION-MEETING

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Minutes

1. Welcome by Peter Vodosek.
2. Registration of participating institutions (Ole Harbo) (see enclosed register).
3. The need for an European association for LIS education (Tom Wilson).

Tom Wilson told the main facts about the existing programmes in the field of education: ERASMUS, COMETT and TEMPUS. He stressed the following points:

- a. Some opportunities are existing and one of the aims of EUCLID should be to assist bilateral and multilateral ventures to take advantage of the opportunities.
 - b. EUCLID should represent the interests of the educational sector to the European Commission and to other bodies, to let them know that EUCLID exists and what the concerns are. One single institution should exist where the EC could go to and to tell the EC what activities are useful or not.
 - c. EUCLID should provide an information exchange, information should be collected to provide a basis of statistical and other information on the development of LIS education in Europe. One school or department in each country f.e. could write a short document which describes the state of LIS education in that country.
 - d. The institutions of EUCLID if possible should be connected by using E-mail facilities (some already have an E-mail address). COSINE, Co-operation for OSI Networking in Europe, f.e. offers electronic conference opportunity.
 - e. The plans of EUCLID should not be too grandiose, the aim of EUCLID is to find practical solutions.
 - f. EUCLID should find a certain individuality of identity.
4. Tor Henriksen was elected chairman of the conference.

5. The name EUCLID is accepted by the members. The consensus is that the "working subtitle" should read:

European Conference on Library and Information Education and Research.

6. There will be institutional memberships. The leader, head or an authorized deputy will represent the institutions.
7. At least for a while (the first few years) EUCLID will not have observers and no other organizations will be affiliated.

This means no isolation because some members of EUCLID are also members of the IFLA or FID.

8. Basis of the membership is that the institution works in the field of library science and information science (information science related to librarians not in regard of data processing). If any institution applies for membership (in cases of doubts about) the board may accept or reject the application.
9. All institutions within the boundaries of Europe (Member states of the Council of Europe) can join the EUCLID. If a country partly is European it is also invited to be a member.
10. Only higher education institutions can join the EUCLID. (=ERASMUS-definition)
11. A board of five persons will be responsible for the business of the organization: one chairman and four other members (which should represent the different parts of Europe). A general conference will be held every third year but there is one exception: the next conference will take place already in 1993. The board should define itself how often productive work on collective aims requires to meet. The whole board will be elected by plenum and for an initial period of two years to establish the organization. The plenum also elects a chairman for the same period.
12. The board will decide about membership fees. In the initial phase membership will be on a low cost level. In 1993 the board will make proposals out of experience concerning the fees. Some ideas are: membership fees, subscription fees (like newspapers), conference fees or voluntary contributions. For the first time the secretary and travel costs will be covered by the institutions of members of the board. The board will try to find a way to get funds from the European Community.

13. The board election results were:
- a. Tom Wilson is elected to represent the West of Europe.
 - b. Merce Bosch Pou is elected to repr. the South of Europe.
 - c. Gèza Fülöp is elected to represent the East of Europe.
 - d. Ole Harbo is elected to represent the North of Europe.
 - e. Peter Vodosek is elected to repr. the centre of Europe.

Ole Harbo is elected chairman of the board.

14. Presentation of different programmes:
- a. TEMPUS-Experiences by Ian M. Johnson
 - b. ERASMUS-Experiences by John P. Feather
 - c. Nordic Cooperation by Tor Henriksen
 - d. The german system by Peter Vodosek
 - e. Communication infrastructure by Tom Wilson:
 - The identity of EUCLID will be emphasized if the members will meet at other international events (ABLISS in March 1992).
 - All members should prepare an information sheet - two sides of an A4 sheet - about their schools or the totality of the organization. Comparative statistical records should be arranged.
 - A newsletter should be prepared, available not only in a printed version (for those who haven't network) but also electronical.
 - Tom Wilson will investigate if a special EUCLID-user group could be founded on easy terms.

15. Yolande Estermann Wiskott made an introduction into AIESI, Association Internationale des Écoles en Sciences de l'Information (30 schools and 12 associate members from Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Europe and Africa), which depends on AUPELT (an association of language) and stressed its functions and tasks:
- a. The exchange between the schools should be improved
 - b. Improve of relationship between the North and the South (Senegal, Turkey, Morocco, Tunisia)
 - c. Realization of research projects (CD-ROM)
 - d. Execution of other projects (minimal library for libraries of the South; sending them the books)
 - e. Publication of textbooks
 - f. Conference every two years
 - g. At a meeting of AIESI in France - Villeurbanne 07.-11. April 1992 - EUCLID-members could meet as well

Priorities of EUCLID

16. Mihaly Pálvölgyi reported on the problems of the Hungarian schools:
- a. Students have lots of language problems, only 10% of them are familiar with the English or German language
 - b. Financial problems

- c. Technological problems (they started working with network yet but need experiences from others)

Mihaly Pávölgyi thought that problems were the same in Czechoslovakia and Poland. Mr. Pávölgyi would prepare a list of things which are needed in the countries (Bibliographies for demonstration, computers, textbooks and school-books (f.e. in English or German language). Peter Vodosek referred to the (German) periodical "Bibliotheks-dienst" (libraries often publish list of books they give away when clearing off their stocks).

- 17. Peter Vodosek demonstrated the model of an information sheet (from the Fachhochschule für Bibliothekswesen Stuttgart) which could be produced in a similar way by every school or institution. Perhaps a statistical database (number of staff, number of students, projects, research) could be produced and offered by COSINE (free-text retrieval).
- 18. Terms of reference:
 - a. To facilitate exchange of students among the institutions.
 - b. To facilitate exchange of staff among the institutions.
 - c. To encourage the mutual recognition of curricula or parts of curricula.
 - d. To develop cooperation on research projects.
 - e. To develop cooperation with other international organizations.
 - f. To exchange mutual information about development in curricula and research.
 - g. To act as an archive of documentation of 1-6.

The following proposals were added by members of the conference:

- h. To arrange meetings about the topics of the organization (it will be expressed what are meetings good for).
 - i. To encourage mutual support from stronger members.
 - j. To represent EUCLID as a (pressure) group.
- 19. Maybe schools or institutions will give their students diploma which are accepted (not yet by the EC) by schools and institutions in other countries (which are member in EUCLID).
- 20. Articles about the foundation of EUCLID will be printed in the most important national periodicals.

21. Next meeting:

German Library Congress 1993
Leipzig, week after Whitsun(tide)

other opportunities to meet members of EUCLID:

Meeting of the Dutch-language-union 1993
Antwerpen

59. General Council and Conference in Barcelona 1993
Those who attend the IFLA conference will find a time
to meet and discuss especially on the southern pro-
blems

Deutscher Dokumentartag 1992
Berlin (please ask Mr. Skalski to get an invitation if
you need an official document)

Every international, national or regional event is a
chance to come together (Mr. Skalski suggests that a
list of all the events should be prepared)

22. Mr. Raymond Astbury expressed the thanks to Peter Vodosek
for organizing the meeting.

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