



## **ENAJ AGM Brussels December 9<sup>th</sup> 2012**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- Each delegate introduced themselves.

### **MINUTES:**

- Horsens, Denmark. Approved.

### **REVIEW OF 2012 ACTIVITIES:**

- Jef Verhaeren and Adrian Bell presented a power point presentation review of the year.
- Jesus Lopez outlined meeting with Portugese journalists.
- Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia and Cyprus have all indicated interest in setting up Guilds/Associations.
- Katharina Seuser reported on the Young Journalists visit to Brussels in September, Delegates gave positive feedback from the participants from their country who attended. Suggestion that there should also be a visit organised for those over 35.
- Katharina Seuser outlined details of the young journalist competition and announced the winners. Ulrika Holmstrom said that the entry level was good for the first year of this new competition.

### **TREASURERS REPORT-PLANS FOR 2013:**

- Hans Siemes outlined that ENAJ depends on support from DG Agri. ENAJ prepared an application for EU subsidies but PT decided not to proceed with application.
- Reported that PT has decided to withdraw the financial report which was presented by email to delegates. Instead we will organise events with hope of further sponsorship project by project.

- Damien O'Reilly outlined provisional itinerary for the informal farm council meeting in Dublin in May 26-28 which ENAJ will invite journalists.
- Adrian Bell outlined details of visit to UK livestock show in July which will provide opportunity for ENAJ members to attend.
- Other events similar to 2012 are also planned.
- Ulrika Holmstrom outlined DG Agri Communications Unit budget situation. It will be cut in 2013 which may impact on support for ENAJ activities. However she confirmed that DG Agri would fund flights and accommodation for the informal farm council meeting in Dublin in 2013.
- Italy: Italian Guild trying to organise a trip to the earthquake area for at least one journalist from ENAJ to attend.
- Denmark: Worried that the delegates do not have a say in the running of ENAJ. Proposed that the proposed programme of events for 2013 be voted on.
- Vote was taken and unanimous support of delegates was to approve the proposed programme for 2013.

#### **ADOPT CHANGES TO CHARTER:**

- Jef outlined the changes to the charter agreed by the PT. Art 5.1 and Art 6.1. Adopted by show of hands.

#### **ELECTION OF NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

- Paula Tsoni and Markus Reizenger were appointed as counters for votes.
- Fourteen countries were represented and had two votes each.
- Results as follows

<b>ANDREASEN Gudrun (Den)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*BELL Adrian (UK)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*COP Tatjana (Slo)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*LOPEZ COMANJERO Jesus (Sp)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*MASSIN Erik (Fr)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*O'REILLY Damien (Ire)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*SEUSER Katharina (Ger)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>*SIEMES Hans (Neth)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
<b>ŠMEHYLOVA Kristyna (Svk)</b>	
<b>*VERHAEREN Jef (Bel)</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>

- New Committee agreed unanimously that Jef Verhaeran be elected chairman for three years.

- This was endorsed by the delegates
- Jef thanked Markus and Paula for counting votes.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Riitta M expressed some concern about competing with IFAJ. Jef Verhaeran said that ENAJ has a more specific role organising network events for European journalists. Also IFAJ does not have all ENAJ countries as members.
- Tatjana Cop made comparison with USA which has an American Association of Agricultural Journalists.
- Damien O Reilly suggested that there are more opportunities for IFAJ in embracing ENAJ than any threats.
- Erik Massan (FR) said that the ENAJ needs to do more than just have meetings with Commissioner Ciolos.
- Ulrika Holmstrom asked for more people to sign up to AG Press. Members of AG Press is confined to EU 27 plus applicant countries.
- Malta has expressed an interest in setting up an association.
- Damien O Reilly also reported that journalists from Latvia expressed an interest in forming a “Baltic” association with Lith and Est,

### **DUTIES/ROLES OF NEW COMMITTEE**

**CHAIRMAN:** Jef Verhaeren.

**JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN:** Katharina Seuser (with responsibility for education and young journalist programme).

**JOINT VICE CHAIRMAN:** Erik Massin.

**SECRETARY GENERAL:** Damien O'Reilly.

**TREASURER:** Hans Siemes.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE:** Adrian Bell.

**NEW ASSOCIATIONS CO-ORDINATOR:** Jesus Lopez.

**EDUCATION/YOUNG JOURNALISTS:** Tatjana Cop.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER:** Gudran Andreason.

Next General Assembly: Dublin May 28<sup>th</sup> 2013.