

**EUROPEAN NETWORK OF AGRICULTURAL**  
**JOURNALISTS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**  
**6<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**VENUE:**

Hotel Bloom

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Jeff Verhaeren (Bel), Damien O Reilly (Ire), Adrian Bell (UK), Olivia Migley (UK), Niels Jorgansen (Den), Eric de Lyster (Neth), Constantinos Giannopalitis (Gr), Daina Tafelberga (Lat), Tamara Klavina (Lat), Guntars Licis (Lat), Jacques Van Outryve (Bel), Ulrike Raser (Aus), Antonia Brunori (it), Tomas Kolscei (hun), Maija Sotjanlanti (Fin), Riitta Mustonen (Fin), Branko Urabec (Slo), Karol Budoczek (pol), Markus Redeiger (Sui), Agnieszua Krolau (Pol), Aniiita Rozentale (Lat), Rosaleen O Shaughnessy (Ire), James Campbell (Ire), Lena Johansson (Swe), Katharina Seuser (Ger), Hans Siemes (neth), Darinka Sebehik (Slo), Jana Janki (Slk), Francois Joseph (Bel), Jesus Lopez (Sp), Tajania Cop (Slo), Eric de la Chesnais (Fr), Paula Tsoni (Cyp-Gr).

**OVERVIEW**

Introduction and history of how ENAJ came about by JV. He introduced each of the project team members (8) who had been working on the project and who agreed to be part of the project team to get the ENAJ working.

KS asked for questions from the floor/

**OPEN TO THE FLOOR (issues and points made summarised)**

- Internet platform would be controlled by the ENAJ
- If it helps bring in new guilds then it is worth supporting
- What is the point in building a parallel organisation to IFAJ. Is this a doubling up or organisations.
- How will this be funded and will member guilds agree to funding. Another international ag journo organisation.
- ENAJ will have a separate budget outside of guilds.
- ENAJ will be similar to the US and CA which have umbrella bodies like ENAJ representing the different guilds and associations in those countries. They then in turn are members of IFAJ.

ENAJ will be complimentary to IFAJ

- ENAJ will give journalists an opportunity to experience other international events outside of IFAJ.
- ENAJ creates an opportunity to bring in and create new guilds who can then become members of IFAJ.
- Proposal to organise two events each year.
- Proposal to organise event in Denmark in June to coincide with farm council.
- Who do we decide to invite to these events. It will be up to Guilds to nominate participants.
- What will happen at the end of the CAP talks. Will ENAJ still have a purpose.
- Everyone who is a working agri journalist should have access to the platform even if they are not aligned to a guild.
- IFAJ should look at delegating jobs to ENAJ where possible and avoid duplication.
- Could General Assembly be held in Berlin each January instead of Brussels in Dec as it is same people who attend these events more or less
- Switzerland and Norway are welcome into ENAJ. This is no exclusive to EU member states.
- EU will not pay costs of non EU members attending.
- It will be up to project team to work out a strategy and yearly plan for the ENAJ
- This is a voluntary project team. Nobody is being paid to work on ENAJ project team.
- Guilds will be given to the end of April to submit changes and amendments to the provisional ENAJ charter.
- Greece are here as observers. They were invited to establish a guild and join ENAJ.
- In Dec 2012 a committee will be elected formally by General Assembly.
- ENAJ will initially be financially supported by DG Agri and if it is successful they may continue to fund the organisation.

- JAMES CAMPBELL proposed that the project team be allowed continue its work in establishing and setting up ENAJ in 2012.
- NEILS JORGANSEN seconded the motion.
- A majority show of hands supported the establishment of the ENAJ.

JV said he would now present the Commissioner Dacian Ciolos with a copy of the provisional ENAJ charter and the meeting was ended.

Agreed next meeting of project team to take place in Berlin, Germany, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.

ends