



ENAJ AGM BRUSSELS 28 January 2015

In attendance: *Jef Verhaeren (Belgium), Damien O'Reilly (Ireland), Adrian Bell (UK), Tatjana Cop (Slovenia), Erik Massan (France), Katharina Seuser (Germany), Hans Siemes (Holland), Gudrum Andreason (Denmark), Jesus Lopez (Spain), Goran Beinrauch (Croatia), Jiri Masek (Czech Republic), Ferdinand Oberer (Switzerland), Joseph Francois (Belgium), Jaqueline Wybenga (Holland), Lisa Bellocchi (Italy), Luana Spemanzoni (Italy), Alvaro Barez (Spain), Erling Mysen (Norway), Ivana Paradikovic (Croatia), Branko Vrabec (Slovenia), Caroline Stocks (UK), Lisbeth Karlsson (Sweden), Anna Nilsson (Sweden), Sofia Spirou (Greece), Nik Giannopolitis (Greece), Marianna Koukouni (Greece), Sven Skoien (Norway), Ekaterina Terzieva (Bulgaria), Spas Kuzov (Bulgaria), Liviu Gordea (Romania), Petronela Mihai (Romania), Stefan Nimmervoll (Austria), Lukas Weninger (Austria), Darinka Sedenik (Slovenia), Frederick Krick (Germany), Jorgen P. Jensen (Denmark), Attila Szalay (Hungary), Peter Hardi (Hungary), Ferenc Hollosy (Hungary), Ann Fitzgerald (Ireland), Ulrika Holmstrom (DG Agri).*

Minutes: Athens in May.

UH asked to change wording suggesting that 50k was funded by DG Agri. This was accepted.

Chairmans Address:

JV gave a short overview of ENAJ.

Review of activities 2014

Greece:

JV gave an overview of the trip to Greece to coincide with the informal meeting of farm ministers.

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Holland/Belgium.:

J. Wjenberg presented a review of their low budget trip which focused on pig production. Budget was 175 euros per person excluding flights. It was a successful trip.

Spain:

JL outlined reasons behind cancellation of low budget trip. The Russian import ban impacted on sponsors. Other sponsors could not be sourced at short notice.

Young Journalist awards:

KS: There were 12 articles from 12 countries which was highest entry since inception in 2012. Awards will be given out at the dinner later. Majority of delegates said that they supported the continuation of the Young Journalist awards. Agreed to have competition this year and every year rather than every second year.

Young Journalist trip:

KS: Second year of this. 21 participants. There was a very positive evaluation feedback.

Grenaccord Trip to Naples:

Lisa Bellocchi gave an overview of the event which was attended by 20 journalists from ENAJ. ENAJ were invited to participate as patrons. Participants felt that it was too long and maybe more time should have been spent on field trips. But ENAJ are very appreciative of the invitation to take part.

Croatian Guild:

It was established in November. The general assembly was attended by JV and TC. They are newest members of ENAJ.

DG Agri Press Trips/ AG Press

UH: There are 950 Ag Press members. But there could be more. Thanked ENAJ for helping suggest some journalists to take part in press trips. 2015 budget not yet decided but press trips and study trips and hopefully an annual event later in the year will be on the agenda.

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Charlie Hebdo:

JV- We could not be silent so that is why we issued a press release on behalf of ENAJ.

AG Press website/ Newsletter and ENAJ website:

HS: the newsletter is a way of introducing ENAJ to guild members throughout Europe. There will be three or four newsletters this year.

AB: Website is ENAJ.pro. Working on getting a more user friendly domain. Appealed to members to submit articles of interest on the website.

New Guilds/Associations:

Switzerland and Bulgaria formally welcomed into ENAJ.

EFTA members who are in ENAJ are Norway and Switzerland.

Norway were welcomed to their first ENAJ meeting.

Eketerina is chairman of **Bulgaria** guild which has just been established. There are 11 members but more have been invited to join.

Greece: Still working on establishing the guild

Serbia has asked to become an observer member of ENAJ.

Albania wish to become observer member of ENAJ also. Kkk

Associated members:

JV. ENAJ doesn't ask for membership fees. So invitations have been sent to EU umbrella member organisations to become members and make financial contribution to ENAJ. They each pay 750 euro per year to become associate members. There is a target of 25 associate members.

Financial situation:

JV We have 6,063 euro in the bank. The Belgian Guild has supplied ENAJ with a room for meetings.

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Upcoming activities:

DOR Outlined the possibility of a press trip to Ireland in June. The only cost will be flights.

LB. Outlined details of low budget trip connected to Expo 2015 which will take place over three or four days in Northern part of Italy. Dates will be confirmed soon.

GA: Preparing low budget trip to Denmark in late April. Details were distributed to members. It will focus on Ecology.

SN; We are planning to bring 20 journalists about farming in the mountains and less favoured areas. We will fly journalists in to Munich. It will take place in Aug-Sept. We can do it in 2016 if there are too many trips in 2015. General Assembly agreed that it would be OK this year.

Informal farm council meeting in Latvia takes place on Jun1-2. It will be limited to 25 journalists. UH is working on the press programme with the Presidency.

DOR Asked delegates to be aware that ENAJ will be sending invitations to each guild. Please take note of this so that there is no confusion among your guilds about all of these events.

Young Journalist Press Trip:

KS we will not have this press trip this year to Brussels. Invited suggestions for alternative trips for young journalists.

Debate TTIP CAP

EM We hope to organize a debate for our members on the consequences of TTIP. We could have experts from across the agri spectrum to debate this issue.

The Strategic review.

HS: We put together a document about the goals of ENAJ. The document was distributed to each delegate. UH made some comments about the strategic plan which needs to be changed not to include references to agreements with DG Agri. Changes have been emailed to JV and DOR.

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ENAJ Management Committee 2015.

