



## **ENAJ AGM**

**Herning, Denmark**

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**In attendance:** Jef Verhaeren (Belgium), Katharina Seuser (Germany), Damien O'Reilly (Ireland), Adrian Bell (UK), Hans Siemes (Holland), Adrian Krebs (Switzerland), Lisa Belocchi (Italy), Tatjana Kren Hlebic (Slovenia), Stefan Nimmervoll (Austria), Marius Gavrilă (Romania), Christiana Aumüller-Gruber (Germany), Mickie Godtfredsen (Finland), Jacqueline Wjbenga (Holland), Per Henrik Hansen (Denmark), Anna-Christa Bjerg (Denmark), Joseph Francois (Belgium), Alvaro Barez (Spain), Jesus Lopez (Spain), Annette Weber (Austria), Erling Mysen (Norway), Anna Nilsson (Sweden), Andrei Cosmin (Romania), Alexandra Judit Soos (Hungary), Orran Ben Ezra (Hungary), Yanne Boloh (France).

**Excused:** Martin Vukovic (Croatia), Tatjana Cop (Slovenia), Svein Skøien (Norway), Makku Pulkkinen (Finland), Ben Briggs (UK), Odile Evans (Ireland).

**Absent:** Svetlana Trifonovska (Bulgaria)

**Minutes:** Meeting in Eindhoven May 2016 adopted.

**Chairman's Address:** JV welcomed everybody. Expressed some disappointment that delegates who were registered didn't turn up. This is first AGM outside of Brussels. It is a good formula to move around and thanks to ERASCO and Agromek for hosting our AGM. He looked forward to a busy and successful year ahead.

### **Review Activities 2016:**

**Delegate meeting** held in Eindhoven in May was successful.

**TTIP debate:** We put in a lot of preparation but unfortunately had to cancel in the end.

**Global Fertilizer Day:** DOR gave an overview of this event which was hosted for ENAJ members in London in October. It was hosted by the European Fertilizer Association called Fertilizers Europe. The number of journalists who attended was disappointing.

**Greenaccord:** This was third year ENAJ was asked to participate in this event in Italy. This year the numbers were less than previous two years. Organisers pay all costs. We are not sure if we will be invited to participate again next year.

The issue of “**no shows**” was brought up. This is where people register to attend events but don't show up leaving the organisers picking up the bill. J Wjbenga suggested that if people do not show up, they should be made explain why. If people who register to attend an event do not attend twice, they should not be allowed attend the next event. Lisa Bellocchi proposed that participants signing up for events that is paid for should pay a non refundable fee to ENAJ of €30 and show their flight tickets in advance. The MC will work out a proposal.

### **COMING ACTIVITIES 2017:**

In **May of 2017, Malta** will have the Presidency. We are not sure yet if ENAJ will participate like in recent years as there is not much agriculture in Malta. But we are in contact with someone there. We will discuss with Presidency about the possibilities.

Guidelines for low budget trips were presented to the meeting by Jef Verharen. Proposed to add to guidelines length of trips.

**UK:** Proposed three day trip in February (either 5<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>). Post Brexit agriculture and farm visits

**Finland:** Proposed for August 29<sup>th</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Beginning in Helsinki northwards 200km. Visit farms and seminar about Finnish agriculture. Programme will also include dairy and forestry. 15 participants. Looking for sponsorship to keep cost low.

**Bulgaria:** Proposed trip focussing on fermentation and visit a winery, rural tourism. Doubts on the date. Possibly springtime.

**Czech Republic:** Proposed low budget trip which will focus on hop production during the first week of June

**Romania:** Very detailed trip has been organised 19<sup>th</sup> June-24<sup>th</sup> June (7 days inclusive). Marius Garvila gave detailed overview. (Programme attached). Everything is paid except flights and registration fee. 20-25 participants.

**Slovenia-Croatia:** Trip will begin in Zagreb in May/June.

**Networking events for Associate members:** We should try to involve them more in our low budget trips. We will organise an event in 2017 where they will be involved.

**Young Journalist Activities:** Katharina Seuser outlined how three members of the Management Committee will be involved in organising events for young people.

## **ENAJ WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTERS**

Adrian Bell gave a presentation of new look ENAJ website and appealed for articles and up to date contact details for each guild to be sent from members.

## **NEW GUILDS/ASSOCIATIONS**

Jef Verhaeren told the meeting that efforts are continuing to set up new guilds in Greece, Latvia, Estonia and Poland.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET**

ENAJ has €4,273.12 in its accounts. Associate members are the biggest contributors at €750 each.

Hans Siemes foresees income of €9,100.

He also outlined proposals for generating new income including that the main agri publisher in each country becomes associate member for a fee of €200 p.a. Some delegations propose national associations should better pay a fee of at least 200 euro. Delegates are asked to discuss this and we will return to it at next delegate meeting. (Please see attached)

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (New Chairwoman):**

With the unanimous support of the meeting Katharina Seuser officially took up her position as Chairwoman of ENAJ replacing Jef Verhaeren. JV will now become the Honorary President of ENAJ. Tributes were paid to Jef for his hard work and dedication to ENAJ and a special presentation was made to him by the Management Committee.

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