



## FINAL REPORT

The 58th Europa Forum was held in Brussels, Belgium from Thursday September 6th till Saturday September 8th 2012. Venue was the Brussels Square, a conference centre in the heart of Brussels. The musical competition "Thomas Kuti" was held in the MIM, a unique museum for musical instruments nearby.

Proceedings were presided by PID Philippe **Gerondal**, Forum president.

The Forum theme was "**Building Solidarity for Tomorrow**". This theme was presented and approved at the 57th Europa Forum in Maastricht in 2011.

International President Wayne **Madden** and Immediate Past International President Wing-Kun **Tam** were present throughout the proceedings.

International Director Claudette **Cornet** represented LCI in the various meetings leading up to the Forum.

### Participants:

Around 1800 Lions from all over the world participated in the various meetings, workshops and events. A breakdown of participants from outside Belgium is presented in appendix 1.

### Seminars:

A total of 93 different meetings and seminars were held spread over these different themes:

Thematic	23 sessions
Youth and youth exchange	28 sessions
Membership, Leadership	17 sessions
Activities	5 sessions
International Relations	13 sessions
Plenary Sessions	7 sessions

### Overall Program:

#### *Wednesday September 5th*

Leadership day with visits to the European Parliament, the City of Brussels and its history discovered underground.



### *Thursday September 6th*

Opening ceremony attended by **HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium**. The keynote speech was to be delivered by Mrs. Kristalina **Georgieva**, European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response. She was represented by Mrs **Fink-Hooijer**, head of cabinet. Mrs. Laurette **Onkelinx**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health also addressed the participants.

The session was followed by the get-together party in the Square.

### *Friday September 7th*

The day was full of conferences and seminars

In the evening, 500 participants attended the gala dinner in the Square.

### *Saturday September 8th*

Following the meetings with the International President, **Wayne Madden**, the second and final European Council took place with voting on the recommendations from the workgroups. The closing ceremony concluded the proceedings.

In the evening, a farewell party was held commemorating at the same time 60 years of Lionism in Belgium.

## **Special guests:**

The following persons honored us by contributing to the various seminars:

Viviane **Reding**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Sir Francis Geoffrey **Jacobs**, President of Missing Children Europe, Mrs Margarita **Barroso**, Prof. Dr. Bea **Cantillon**, Jean Marie **Heydt**, Bernard **De Vos**, Pascal **Lejeune**, Marie-Anne **Paraskevas**, Sophie **Beernaerts**, Simon **Horner**, Justine **Henin**, Prof. Dr. Philippe **Vandekerckhove** and Evelyn **Gessler**.

## **Forum Theme**

The theme Building Solidarity for Tomorrow was developed in several seminars resulting in a cooperation between Lions International and the European Union.

**Missing Children Europe:** In an ever expanding Europe, a cross border approach is needed to tackle the problem. Thanks to Missing Children Europe, and with the support of the European Commission, parents and children can now call “116 000” in 16 EU Member States to get the much needed support in finding the child’s way back home.

On the occasion of the session of Friday September 7, field practitioners and key leaders from across Europe presented their experience in facing the problem of missing children through this Missing Children Europe’s network.

**Dynamo International- Street workers network:** Dynamo International launches and coordinates a mobilization platform for social street workers originating from various regions throughout the world. As a real network of solidarity, this project permits the exchange of practices, an opportunity



for field actions to speak up, challenging of public decision makers and other relevant authorities to take action against exclusion and inequality.

**ForceDouce:** ForceDouce seeks personal development and fulfillment of troubled youth physical, mental or social.

ForceDouce is based on values such as solidarity and team spirit to promote social inclusion of young people marked by life.

ForceDouce uses the sailing sport as a powerful tool for the benefit of disadvantaged youth.

### **Innovative approach:**

For the first time, Effective Leadership seminars were held in English, French, Dutch, German and Italian, facilitating an interactive approach to training and development.

### **Minutes**

All minutes are available on the website.

The minutes of the 1st and 2nd European Council are produced in appendix 2



## Appendix 1. Origin of participants outside of Belgium

AUSTRIA	16
BHUTAN	2
BULGARIA	2
China Hong Kong	1
CONGO	5
CROATIA	1
DENMARK	35
ESTONIA	8
ETHIOPIA	1
FINLAND	25
FRANCE	98
FRENCH GUIANA	2
GERMANY	57
GREECE	6
HUNGARY	6
ICELAND	7
INDIA	5
ISRAEL	3
ITALY	60
JAPAN	5
LEBANON	6
LITHUANIA	2
LUXEMBURG	7
MACEDONIA	3
NETHERLANDS	52
NIGERIA	10
NORWAY	6
POLAND	6
PORTUGAL	7
ROMANIA	8
RUSSIA	4
SERBIA	1
SLOVAKIA	2
SLOVENIA	4
SPAIN	21
SWEDEN	18
SWITZERLAND	22
THAILAND	1
TURKEY	54
UK-EIRE	41
UKRAINE	7
UNITED STATES	16



Appendix 2. European Council minutes

Minutes of Seminar / Workshop / Meeting

Thursday September 6, 2012

<p><b>1.25</b>  <b>13:30-14:30</b>  PRESIDENT EF  ID DELEGATE OF IP  VICE-PRESIDENT  VICE-PRESIDENT  INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR  INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR  INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR  INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR  INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR  ARCH. &amp; ADVISER  FORUM ACCOUNTANT  SECRETARY  PARTICIPANTS  LANGUAGE</p>	<p><b>European Council I</b>  <b>ROOM: Gold</b>  PID Philippe Gerondal  ID Claudette Cornet  PID Dr. Ton Soeters  PID Prof. Dr. Hayri Ülgen  Klaus Tang  Joaquim Borralho  Kenneth Persson  Kalle Elster  Benedict Ancar  PCC Jouko Ruissalo  PDG Hans Richter  PDG Stefaan Willems  All  Simultaneous translation</p>	<p>MD 112 Belgium  MD 103 France  MD 110 The Netherlands  MD 118 Turkey  MD 111 Germany  MD 115 Portugal  MD 101 Sweden  D 120 Estonia  D 124 Romania  MD 107 Finland  MD 111 Germany  MD 112 Belgium</p>
<p><b>PROGRAM CHANGES, IF ANY</b></p>		
<p><b>MINUTES</b>  <b>AGENDA</b>  1. Call to order  2. Opening by PID Philippe Gerondal, President of Europa Forum 2012  The Forum president welcomes the different country representatives.  3. Credentials  26 Districts and Multidistricts are duly represented out of a total of 38 possibles. The quorum is reached.  4. Approval of the minutes of the Europa Forum 2011 Maastricht: PID Dr. Ton Soeters  The report is approved.  5. Report of the Auditor of Accountants of the Europa Forum 2011 Maastricht: PDG Hans Richter  The report is approved with a minor change to the number of participants to the Bologna Forum which is 2400.  The term of Auditor Hans Richter comes to an end and he wishes to express his thanks to the European Lions for the cooperation.  6. Presentation Resolution EFC1-MD 112 Belgium Youth Camps &amp; Youth Exchange.  The resolution was presented by CC Corinne Bloemendal.  7. Presentation Resolution EFC2-MD 105 British Isles &amp; Ireland Europa Forum 2014  The resolution was presented by CC Martin Morgan.  8. Presentation Candidacy EFC3-MD 103 France PID Jacques Garelo for Archivist &amp; Advisor  9. Presentation Candidacy EFC4-MD 112 Belgium PCC Jack Verbeke for Archivist &amp; Advisor  10. Presentation Candidacy EFC5-MD 107 Finland PCC Jouko Ruissalo for Archivist &amp; Advisor  11. Presentation Candidacy EFC6-MD 110 The Netherlands PCC Peter Brandenburg for Accountant  12. Presentation Candidacy EFC7-MD 112 Belgium VG Luc Schoeters for Accountant</p>		



13. Presentation of the theme for the Europa Forum 2013, Istanbul, Turkey by PID Prof. Dr. Hayri ÜLGEN  
 Dr Ülgen announced the 59<sup>th</sup> Europa Forum to be held in Istanbul Congress Centre, Istanbul, Turkey from October 31 –November 2 2013. The forum theme will be: “ Bridging the Cultures through Service”
14. Miscellaneous  
 The Advisory Committee decided on individuals to replace the current members whose term is ending, so that no election is needed. The names will be proposed for approval to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council.
15. Closing by PID Philippe Gerondal  
 Forum President Philippe Gerondal adjourned the meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS**  
 none

## Minutes of Seminar / Workshop / Meeting

Saturday September 8, 2012

<b>3.20</b>	<b>European Council II</b>	
<b>14:30-16:15</b>	<b>ROOM: Gold</b>	
PRESIDENT EF	PID Philippe Gerondal	MD 112 Belgium
ID DELEGATE OF IP	ID Claudette Cornet	MD 103 France
VICE-PRESIDENT	PID Dr. Ton Soeters	MD 110 The Netherlands
VICE-PRESIDENT	PID Prof. Dr. Hayri Ülgen	MD 118 Turkey
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR	Klaus Tang	MD 111 Germany
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR	Joaquim Borrhalho	MD 115 Portugal
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR	Kenneth Persson	MD 101 Sweden
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR	Kalle Elster	D 120 Estonia
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR	Benedict Ancar	D 124 Romania
ARCH. & ADVISER	PCC Jouko Ruissalo	MD 107 Finland
FORUM ACCOUNTANT	PDG Hans Richter	MD 111 Germany
SECRETARY	PDG Stefaan Willems	MD 112 Belgium
PARTICIPANTS	All	
LANGUAGE	Simultaneous translation	
<b>PROGRAM CHANGES, IF ANY</b>		
<b>MINUTES</b>		
<b>AGENDA</b>		
1. Call to order		
2. Opening by PID Philippe Gerondal, President of Europa Forum 2012		
3. Credentials		
29 countries are duly represented out of 38 possible. The quorum is reached.		





#### 4. Results of Lions European Musical Competition Price Thomas Kuti

The president of the commission Jean Somers announces the winners:

First prize (€3.500): **Dorukhan Doruk** MD 118 Turkey

Second prize (€1.500): **Chiara Enderle** MD 102 Switzerland & Lichtenstein

Third prize: (€500): **Honorine Schaeffer** MD 103 France

#### 5. Results of the Young Ambassadors Award competition

The president of the commission, Jane Armitage announces the winners:

First prize (€3.500): **Charlotte Smith** MD 105 British Isles & Ireland

Second prize (€1.500): **Veljko Tomovic** MD 111 Germany

Third prize: (€500): **Tugay Lengiz** MD 118 Turkey

#### 6. Voting of all resolutions and proposals presented during First European Council

Resolution EFC 1 -MD 112 Belgium Youth Camps & Youth Exchange

This resolution was withdrawn and presented as a recommendation.

Voting: all in favor - recommendation **adopted**

Resolution EFC 2-MD 105 British Isles & Ireland Europa Forum 2014

Voting: all in favor - resolution **adopted**

#### 7. Resolutions, motions and recommendations proposed during the Forum: discussion and voting

Proposal EFC 8- Seminar 1.19 Using New Social Media

It was clarified that the proposal should read "the creation of a **European** web platform" in stead of "a **EU** platform". On the question from MD-110 The Netherlands on who should pay for this the answer was given that this was only in its start up phase carried by a few enthusiastic individuals and that no costs were incurred on social media.

Voting: **28** in favor, **1** against, **0** abstentions - proposal **accepted**

Recommendation EFC 9- Seminar 1.33 Improving Basic Literacy

Voting: **25** in favor, **0** against, **4** abstentions - recommendation **accepted**

Recommendation EFC 10- Seminar 2.33 UNO,FAO,UNESCO,UNICEF...

Voting: **27** in favor, **0** against, **1** abstentions - recommendation **accepted**

Proposal EFC 11- Seminar 2.33 UNO,FAO,UNESCO,UNICEF...

Voting: **28** in favor, **0** against, **1** abstentions - proposal **accepted**

Recommendation EFC 12- Seminar 2.33 UNO,FAO,UNESCO,UNICEF...

Voting: **17** in favor, **1** against, **8** abstentions - recommendation **accepted**

Recommendation EFC 13- Seminar 2.33 UNO,FAO,UNESCO,UNICEF...

Voting: **3** in favor, **11** against, **11** abstentions - Recommendation **rejected**

Resolution EFC 14- Seminar 2.39 Lions European University

Voting: **17** in favor, **4** against, **8** abstentions - resolution **accepted**

#### 8. Election of Forum Archivist & Advisor



Following remarks from ID Klaus Tang and ID Benedict Ancar, an election committee was appointed formed by two PID's not part of the constitutional area.

PID Ed Mc Cormick (USA) and PID Naresh Aggarwal (India) accepted the role.

Results of the secret ballot:

PID Jouko Ruissalo - MD 107 Finland 23 votes

PID Jacques Garello - MD 103 France 6 votes

**PID Ruissalo** is appointed Forum Archivist & Advisor for a period of 5 years (2013/14 -2017/18)

9. Election of Forum Accountant

Results of the secret ballot:

PCC Peter Brandenburg - MD 110 The Netherlands 23 votes

VDG Luc Schoeters - MD 112 Belgium 5 votes

**PCC Brandenburg** is appointed Forum Treasurer for a period of 5 years (2012/13 -2016/17)

10. Endorsement of the result of the election for the Advisory Committee

The advice from the Committee to drop the election was adopted in European Council 1.

North/Central : PCC Jack Verbeke is replaced by **PCC Jacques De Moor** - MD 112 Belgium

South: **PCC Timur Erk** - MD 118 Turkey is reappointed for 3 years (2012/13-2015/16)

11. Election of the Chairperson of the Committee « European Musical Competition Price Thomas Kuti » on recommendation of the Music Contest Committee.

The Committee proposed **Ingo Brookmann** MD 111 Germany as chairperson of the Music Contest Committee for a period of 3 years (2012/13- 2015/16).

Voting: **25** in favor, **0** against, **1** abstention - **accepted**

12. Election of the Chairperson of the Committee « Young Ambassador Competition » on recommendation of the Young Ambassadors Competition Committee

The Committee proposed **Dieter Van Hoye** (MD 112 Belgium) as chairperson of the Committee for a period of 3 years (2012/13- 2015/16)

Voting: **29** in favor, **0** against, **0** abstentions - **accepted**

13. Voting for the Europa Forum 2014 venue

As the resolution was unanimously accepted during Council 1, this point needed no vote.

14. Miscellaneous

None

15. Closing by PID Philippe Gerondal

Forum President PID Philippe Gerondal thanked all participants and adjourned the meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS