

LRPCE MEETING MINUTES - ZOOM **OCTOBER 9th 2022**

6pm BST 7pm CET

LRPCE Members and areas represented.

Area1 IPID Bent Jespersen - In attendance

Area2 PID Dr Walter Zemrosser – (**Europa Forum Zagreb**

Vice President) - Apologies

Area3 IPID Daniel Isenrich - In attendance

Area4 IPID Nicole Belaud - In attendance

Area5 ID Teresa Dineen - In attendance

Area6 ID Elena Appiani - In attendance

Area7 PID George Th Papas - After several attempts eventually able to connect at 7.30pm CET

Area8 PID Kalle Elster - In attendance

Gudrun Yngvadóttir – **Chairperson LRPCE, PIP**, - In attendance

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe 'Pino' Grimaldi – **International President 1994 -1995** - In attendance

Eberhard J Wirfs – **International President 2009 – 2010** - Apologies

ID Mats Granath - (**ID representative Zagreb**) - In attendance

PDG Drazen Melcic - **Europa Forum 2022 Zagreb President** - In attendance

PDG Darko Ćuruvija – **Programme Director Zagreb** - In attendance

PDG George Savvides – **Programme Director Thessaloniki** - Apologies

PID Phil Nathan – **EF Archivist & Advisor** - In attendance

*PID Daniel Isenrich - Assistant to A&A overseeing – **EF Accountant responsibilities**

PID Sandro Castellana - Guest - Chair of LRPCE Communication Guidelines Working Group.

PID Geoff Leeder - Guest - (Chair LTFE) Lions Task Force Europe. - In attendance

1. Welcome - meeting commenced 7.08 CET

2. Apologies

3. To continue the discussion regarding ID Rotation following MD108 Italy withdrawing from the allocated slot 2024/26 due to endorsing a candidate for 3rd IVP.

Committee agreed unanimously to offer this slot to Portugal.

Chairperson updated the committee:

Dear friends

I called CC Américo Marques MD-115 right after the meeting last night, but he was busy in a meeting and sent me a message. I called him back early this morning; he was still busy. But he called me back a few minutes ago with his secretary as a translator.

CC Américo was very surprised. And he was honoured and grateful on behalf of Lions in Portugal to be considered. I encouraged him to meet with the Portuguese Lions leaders and discuss this matter, and I told him we would appreciate having their answer within a week. CC Americo told me he would try that, but asked if 10 days was OK, and I said so: "10 days - by the end of next week".

Regards,
Gudrun

Finally, CC Américo Marques MD-115 returned to Chairperson Gudrun and Portugal declined the opportunity they had been offered

Other changes to be considered were submitted by Gudrun.

We can see that **Spain** does not have districts that meet the criteria, with 683 and 846 members. So, either we need to move Spain down and inform them about that.

Or if Spain is considering redistricting = become a Single District, to meet the criteria (please look at **Next Slots**).

There have also been discussions that some **areas of Europe** have NO or too LITTLE representation and not fair opportunities on the international level (please look at **Younger Countries**)

Next Slots

2024-2026: Italy + France + Germany

2025-2026: Norway + Austria + Slovenia

2026-2028: Germany + UK + Portugal.

* Portugal with 1193 and 2417 members.

2027-2029: Netherlands + Switzerland + Spain

* Spain with 683 and 846 members (might drop from the list or redistrict)

2028-2030: Germany + Italy + France

2029-2031: Sweden + Greece + Void

* Greece with 1000 and 1246 members.

Younger Countries

It has also been mentioned to look closer at the **younger countries, (Eastern Europe)**, move them up, to give a better balance and diversity.

ROMANIA 76 clubs, 1549 members. Last ID 2011-2013. Next will be 2031-2033

SLOVENIA 57 clubs, 1424 members. Last ID 2010-2012 Next will be 2025-2027

These 2 countries are close to the criteria (might reach the numbers soon):

CROATIA 57 clubs, 1158 members. Last ID 2008-2010 Next will be xx

ESTONIA 60 clubs, 1143 members. Last ID 2012-2014 Next will be xx

Next in line regarding member-number would be:

POLAND 50 clubs, 926 members.

HUNGARY 39 clubs, 855 members.

Following on from Portugal's refusal to run a candidate for 24/26 the committee discussed the next steps.

Phil N proposed Slovenia as an easy way forward if they were willing, it was a simple and just a 1-year move. He suggested forming a small working group (that reports back to LRPCE) to overhaul the current Rotation plan as there were inevitable changes required.

Mats proposed Romania, it's a young country, he has had a successful visit and seen from the inside.

Teresa read the By Laws change from the recent Board meeting, The change had a potentially big effect on future decisions.

Changes would mean more countries could be considered in the future for a new plan, but No decisions could be taken broadly today.

FIP Pino suggested we should consider the current problem now and then the bigger picture, he said, Romania is year 31 and Slovenia 25.

Daniel agreed Slovenia and suggested there will be bigger changes after Boston.

Gudrun said it will be 1 year after Boston that International Convention Resolution changes will take effect.

Criteria will change regarding qualifications, Gudrun awaiting a response from LCI.

George joined the meeting offering apologies for his poor Wi-Fi connection delay.

Bent now proposed Slovenia and the working group idea.

Gudrun asked George (following comments made about MD117 at the last meeting), **Would Greece/Cyprus like to join the list for consideration?**

Response, 117A is 990, 117B almost at current required number. He is encouraged at numbers slowly improving. It will be fair to both when numbers are up. To give to Greece/Cyprus now would create damage.

**Chairperson Gudrun calls for the vote, there are 7 voting members in attendance out of 8.
Bent proposes offer to Slovenia, Seconded Kalle.
7-0, Unanimous that Slovenia is offered 24/26
No proposal from voting members for Romania**

Mats proposes a plan B from the committee: Romania to be plan B
Daniel seconds. Voting members and committee voted unanimously for a Plan B.

Chairperson asked A&A for suggestions for Working Group

Chair Daniel
A&A whoever it is following Zagreb
Geoff - Chair LTFE
Bent - Scandinavia
Elena - representing MD108, they vacated 24/26
Teresa - Long Range Planning Committee International
Proposed and agreed

Gudrun to contact DG of Slovenia

FIP Pino advises to make the picture clear for the future

Flyer previously discussed now needs an alteration following current circumstances

See also attached to be voted on by committee at the LRPCE meeting in Zagreb, in person.

FIP Pino advised that for the first time in 60 years he would sadly not be attending Forum.

All in attendance were very sad to hear this news

Finally, the Question of minutes posted on European Website was raised.
Committee advised A&A to ensure graphic detail was replaced to minutes

Meeting closed 8.05 pm CET

The Chairperson remained busy on behalf of LRPCE and exchanged with Slovenia

DG Radovan Pusnar responded to Gudrun and wrote on behalf of Slovenia, he confirms District 129 is interested.

He wrote:

This week I met with Past District Governors in a ZOOM meeting. I presented your letter and the views of the Long-Range Planning Committee Europe for the appointment of ID.
I also had a meeting with members of the DG Team.

We found that D 129 is interested in taking over the position of International Director in the period 2024-2026. We have candidates. But we have to carry out the procedure according to our Statutes and the laws of the Republic of Slovenia.

At the meeting of the Governor's cabinet, we will confirm the candidate for the position of International Director and then vote at the District 129 Assembly. **Our regular Assembly is scheduled for May 2023.**

Elections would also be held at that time. The candidate would be presented at the Europe Forum in Klagenfurt in October 2023.