

## LRPCE MEETING MINUTES - ZOOM

December 13, 2022

6pm to 8 :08 pm CET

### LRPCE Members and areas represented.

(Voting members in green)

<b>PIP Gudrun Yngvadóttir – Chairperson LRPCE -</b>	In attendance
<b>ID Barbara GREWE – Designated ID EF Klagenfurt: –</b>	in attendance
<b>ID Mats Granath - (also designated ID Zagreb) -</b>	In attendance
<b>Area1 IPID Bent Jespersen -</b>	In attendance
<b>Area2 PID Dr Walter Zemrosser – (EF Klagenfurt President) –</b>	in attendance
<b>Area3 IPID Daniel Isenrich (EF Accountant) -</b>	Apologies
<b>Area4 IPID Nicole Belaud -</b>	Apologies
<b>Area5 ID Teresa Dineen -</b>	In attendance
<b>Area6 ID Dr. Elena Appiani -</b>	Apologies
<b>Area7 PID George Th. Papas –</b>	in attendance
<b>Area8 PID Kalle Elster -</b>	In attendance
<b>Prof. Dr. Giuseppe ‘Pino’ Grimaldi – International President 1994 -1995 -</b>	In attendance
<b>Eberhard J Wirfs – International President 2009 – 2010 -</b>	Apologies

### Programme Directors

<b>Markus TSCHISCHEJ (EF Klagenfurt) –</b>	in attendance
<b>DG Vanessa HORROD (EF Bordeaux)-</b>	in attendance

### Permanent Guests:

<b>PID Sandro Castellana - Chair of LRPCE Communication Guidelines Working Group –</b>	in attendance
<b>PID Geoff Leeder - (Chair LTFE) Lions Task Force Europe -</b>	Apologies

### Guests:

<b>PDG Drazen Melcic - Europa Forum 2022 Zagreb President –</b>	in attendance
<b>PDG Darko Ćuruvija – Programme Director Zagreb –</b>	in attendance

<b>PID Miklos HORVATH – EF Archivist &amp; Advisor -</b>	In attendance
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- 1. Welcome** – The Chairperson welcomes the participants at this first meeting after the Zagreb Europa Forum. We have 5 new members ( the three Second year directors, the Forum Program Director of EF 2024 Bordeaux, and the designated ID EF Klagenfurt 2023) **This is the first meeting which will be recorded.**
- 2. Introductions** – Because of the new members, participants have been requested to introduce themselves, state their names and positions.
- 3. Apologies (A&A) :**

ID Dr. Elena APPIANI

IPID Daniel ISENRIK

IPID Nicole MIQUEL-BELAUD  
PID Geoff LEEDER  
and  
PIP Eberhard WIRFS

4. **Welcome the new A&A and Secretary of LRPCE** – The Chairperson heartily welcomes the new A&A. PID Miklos HORVATH is an experienced European Lions leader, having worked in many different fields, presently - besides being A@A - he is GAT Area Leader (Area 4C) and an LCIP qualified trainer, active in leadership development. As far as LEF is concerned, he is rather well informed in LEF matters having been member of all the committees and working groups charged with the revision of Europa Forum legislation, he is thus not a newcomer. Miklos expresses his gratitude for the trust and presents his tentative Mission Statement, as follows:

➤ **Revision of Europa Forum contents**

Revision of EF RoP to make them more simple/reader friendly and use a Lions Language, understandable for all,

- **Propose changes to the structure of EF** to include and focus on leadership development and training related sessions,
- **Favour presentation of service opportunities**, concrete best practices to which European Lions Clubs may rally, instead of just talks and dissertations on philosophical Lions subjects,
- **Greater Involvement of Leos & Young Lions (Leo-Lions)** - eventually through inclusion of Young Lions Taskforce Europe and/or involvement of Leos & Young Lions in various Lions structures of Europe,
- **Introduction of an international cooperation team** that will expand service and leadership cooperation and synchronization of projects with other Fora and organizing conferences for critical situations like Ukraine or other global impact catastrophes,
- **Establish institutionalized ties with the Lions Academy Europe** (in process of being formed) to support Membership Growth and Leadership Development and jointly strategize for impact,
- **Establish links for closer cooperation** between the European Council and the European IDs,
- **Making the EU Forum more accessible to grassroots Lions** (this is not a new objective, but we did not succeed until now) through hybrid sessions and budget limitations, or else.
- **Look at the Rotation Scheme of ID candidates** with Fresh eyes to reflect membership changes and regional representation since the last revision, as well as new legislation expected to be voted upon in the forthcoming International Convention in Boston.
- **Propose a Working Group** to provide structural analyses and proposals on how to emphasize the European Lions Think Tank functions of the LRPCE.

During discussion of this agenda point, the members pointed out that Academy is important, the EF should be made less expensive and more attractive and the ROP much more readable and user friendly. Young Lions Task Force Europe status is unclear, its official affiliation is a question, the Committee should deal with that at a later date.

Having no further comments, Gudrun closed this agenda point, and once more thanked Miklos for the great preparatory work done and expressed the hope that we will work together on making most of the mission statement items become a reality.

#### **5. EF Accountant, as Member of the LRPCE. – A&A**

This proposal has been contained in the Tallin minutes of the LRPCE, but without a follow-up in European Council:

The text that was agreed upon at the time was, as follows:

#### **QUOTE:**

The committee will propose a resolution to have the EF Accountant included as a member of LRPCE as well as the Supervisory committees at no additional cost to host committee. (See ROP Appendix E)

Financial responsibility will be that of the member country the officer represents should there be additional meetings of LRPCE.

#### **UNQUOTE**

A&A summarizes what has been discussed: there is an agreement that Accountant should be a member of the Supervisory Committee, whilst he should be co-opted or invited in the LRPCE. The coverage of expenses is not an issue, as in the original motion, the financial responsibility of his membership is that of the MD/D delegating him/her. The next revision of the ROP might deal with that question, too. The motion will be reworded in consequence and resubmitted to the consideration of this Honourable Committee at a later date.

Having been no more comments, **Gudrun** thanks the Committee for the very fruitful discussion and proposes to move on to points 6 and 7 of the Agenda, both being reports on Task Force and Working Group reporting to LRPC.

#### **7. Update: Lions Task Force Europe (LTFE) - PID Geoff LEEDER**

The thorough report of PID Geoff has been sent around, the audience is kindly asked if they have any comments:

The Lions Task Force of Europe was founded after Tallin, as PIDs of Europe felt they are not sufficiently included. and also It was time to move Lionism forward.

- One of the goals have been to encourage European clubs through MDs and Ds to report their activities better, as this is the foundation of raising awareness and being recognized as humanitarian service leader worldwide.
- Another objective was to encourage them to be more generous towards their International Foundation.
- In order to strengthen Lionism, we had a booth at the Thessaloniki Forum where Lions could visit and get international speakers/guests at their conventions, based on a data base that Daniel gathered and shared with MDs and Ds.
- The Task Force is a tool for MDs and Ds to use the accumulated Lionistic experiences of IDs and PIDs, as we are not international enough and many more opportunities exist than those MDs and Ds know of.

Current IDs should make personal reports and send it out to MDs and Ds, as the Scandinavian IDs do it. It is greatly appreciated by Lions. It is not enough to read minutes from the Board Meetings, these

ID reports should make it more understandable, as it is done in the Scandinavian countries to make Lions realize how great a work the Board is doing, this is a treasure vault of opportunities that they are not aware of  
Efforts should be made to make the EU. Web Portal working.

### **7 Update: Communication Guidelines WG (RoP) – PID Sandro**

In order for the MDs and Ds to know more and more timely their obligations, deadlines, etc. of Europe Forum related matters, LRPCE created this Working Group. Members were PID Nicole, PID Daniel, the then A&A Phil, and PID Sandro.

They met twice on Zoom, set the timeline of their activities, prepared the draft of the flyer to be sent out to MDs and Ds. The work has been stopped because of certain changes in the Rotation Scheme, so at present no valid Rotation Scheme is available on the EU. Web Portal (under revision).

Forthcoming tasks of the Working Group:

- update the flyer
- the A&A is to update it and send it out twice a year to Mds and Ds, at the end of the Forum info is abundant, but not in July when new leaders come into their relevant new functions)
- to publish this flyer at the EU. Web Portal
- to continue to upgrade the ROP as there are inconsistencies, duplications, not understandable notions.

#### **Comments :**

Last spring, we realized that some countries could have a candidate for ID and they do not have an idea about it.

The Accountant and A&A election have become of public knowledge only after the deplorable passing of our friend Peter. The election should have been announced already at the Thessaloniki EU Forum, to give enough time to MDs and Ds to elect their candidates.

Knowledge, addresses and data bases necessary for Forum Presidents for the job. The Zagreb Forum President did not have any of these, the A&A provided part of it on request, the rest they had to gather from LCI and other sources. There should be a European Data Base to that effect.

**Communication is key to success! In the Chat section, you have the link to Bent's presentation.**

**Maybe we should send it out to improve communication (<https://lions-europe.eu/ite-files.htm> ).**

As Italy has a 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP candidate, they had to swap their ID place, LRPCE contacted Slovenia and informed them about it. As far as Germany is concerned who will also have a 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP candidate, Austria will delegate and ID in their place.

Anyhow, we would have to achieve that Europe could elect their candidates much earlier than 1 year before they go on the Board.

Chairperson suggested to move to the Any Other Business section before listening to the reports of the Zagreb Europa Forum, the Committee agreed.

### **8. New proposal to set up a Working Group, PID Miklos HORVATH (A&A)**

**Miklos:** When we prepared this meeting, we discussed with Gudrun and Sandro that a much deeper revision of the ROP and Standing Orders might be necessary.

For this reason, we proposed Lion leaders representing all the eight areas of Europe, having diverse EF experiences and are workers, and Gudrun, Daniel and myself to represent continuity.

The list of these Lions leaders is, as follows:

#### **Members:**

PID Sandro CASTELLANA, as the Chairperson

PIP Gudrun YNGVADOTTIR LRPCE Chair

PID Miklos HORVATH EF A&A

Area 1: 101, 104, 106, 107, 109	PID Sven BERNSTEN	MD104
Area 2: 102, 110, 114	PID Ton SOETERS	MD110
Area 3: 111	PID Daniel ISENRIK	MD111
Area 4: 103, 112, 113	DG Vanessa HORROD	MD 103
Area 5: 105, 133	PCC Stewart SHERMAN	MD105
Area 6: 108	PID Sandro CASTELLANA	MD108
Area 7: 115, 116, 117, 118, 128	PDG Kléon PAPPADOPOULOS	MD117
Area 8: 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 130, 131, 132, (134)		
+ un-districted areas.	PDG Niels SCHNECKER	D124

All these proposed members are honored to accept this mission and are looking forward to working with LRPCE to review, comment and propose changes so that each and every Lions understand the ROP better.

The threesome of Gudrun, Daniel and the A&A would have advisory positions only, not entitled to vote.

Those who are new on the proposed Working Group are called upon **to be our eyes and ears**, because we are already used to this ROP, however complicated it should be.

It has been agreed that **PCC Fabian RÜSCH** will be contacted (Note of A&A: who later accepted to be the representative of Area 3)

The Chairperson noted the agreement of the Committee and wished good success to the Working Group.

## 9. Information/Update: Europa Forum

### a) Zagreb 2022:

- **EF President Drazen:** I think all those present agree that we had a successful forum, with good sessions, workshops and international meetings, which all were more or less satisfactory. We are now finishing our report, namely that of the European Council that we would like to present until the end of this year.
- **Report of designated ID (Mats GRANATH):** The report covers a lot, but not everything, all relevant info for the Board is contained therein.

All those present agreed that the report is fantastic, all Lions should be able to read it and it evidently show the way to follow in future, there is maybe one session it should be completed with, on Wednesday, the UN Anti Drug Agency had a session and Croatia in this respect was quite highly mentioned.

### b) Klagenfurt 2023

- **ID Barbara reported that** the Supervisory Committee had already had 2 meetings, main focus was to define how we shall cooperate with the Host Committee, what is the present status of the organization and of course financial issues. We will shortly have our next meeting dealing with finances mainly ( Jan.16), Host Committee Treasurer and Daniel are preparing it. Afterwards, (on Feb. 13), the - then - Status of the organization, but mainly Program overview including the different Contests. She suggested to check out the Web page of the forum, mainly the languages and if there is anything needing correction, please contact EF President PID Walter.

## 9. AOB:

- **ID Mats:** The report will be sent to all members of LRPCE.
- **PID Walter:** The Klagenfurt Host Committee will send out a letter to all members of the Europa Forum, requesting them the Voluntary Contribution, He asks LRPCE to support the Host Committee's initiative (PIP Gudrun confirmed the support of the Committee).

**10. Next meeting – Chairperson and A&A**

After some discussion, the date of **February 7, 2023 18:00 CET** was retained, the agenda will be determined at a later date, it will mainly comprise reports, eventually already on the part of the ROP Revisionm Working Group, etc.

**It was a good meeting, good discussions, thank you All. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

The meeting was closed at 20.08.

**Encl.: Designated ID's report on EF Zagreb 2022 – draft**

**Prepared by: PID Miklos HORVATH A & A**