

AGENDA & MINUTES

EFRJ Annual General Meeting

Berlin 1 June 2017 from 18:00-20:00hr

GLS campus (room 112) - Kastanienallee 82 - Berlin

Notetaker: Emanuela Biffi, with contributions from Tim Chapman and Edit Törzs

17:30 Registrations

18:00 Opening of the Annual General Meeting

1. Formal issues and Activities of the Forum

1.1. Approval of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (Leiden)

Objections/ inaccuracies: none. Approved.

1.2. Approval of the annual accounts and budget

Rik Defrère, Financial and Administration Officer presents the figures of year 2016, with comparison with 2015 (balance sheet and income statement). Balance sheet: fix assets are less because of depreciation costs; amounts receivable are not paid yet; liquid assets is what we have in bank account; transitory account is what we received already in 2016 for 2017 (e.g. enthusiastic members). Questions?

- Belinda Hopkins asked on fixed assets: in the new budget there are some new assets foreseen to buy. Answer: If we decide to buy computers we will have new depreciation (3 years, but we use longer).

Income statement: costs and income (difference is the benefits). Operational cost is everything which is not staff cost (e.g. conference in Leiden about 50.000 euros). Staff cost changes because of people leaving and not immediately replaced. Other cost is what Rik booked in 2015 for 2016 (thus the total of operational and other cost is almost the same in both years, 10.000 euros difference). Core income: mostly conference fees and membership fees. Various grants: are those not linked to the EC (e.g. Basque government, Bianchi foundation, Dutch Ministry of Justice). EC-grants on different projects. 64.000 euros of difference between costs and income. Questions?





- Aarne Kinnunen: for clarification, membership fee is about 17.000 euros.

Annual accounts and budget are approved.

1.3. Approval of new membership applications and other membership matters

Edit explains difference between full/ associate and individuals/ organizational members.

New membership applications are approved.

1.4. Report of the activities of the Board and the Secretariat

Tim Chapman (Chair) presents current staff situation (few people, a lot of work). The highlight in 2016 was the Leiden conference. We continued promoting RJ for further public support and for improving quality of practices. It was a busy year, we continued to work on Forum15. Shortly after the AGM 2016 we saw our Executive Director, Daria Nashat leaving the EFRJ. She has been replaced by Edit Törzs since then, whose work is appreciated by the Board. Also Mirko Miceli left us and we miss his great character and creative influence. In the beginning of 2017 we opened a new position for a policy officer. The Board has been assigned different roles. Vicky De Souter (Board member from Belgium) resigned and will continue to support us as (government organizational) member; we looked for the persons with next amount of votes in Leiden (i.e. Bruno Caldeira and Patrizia Patrizi) and we appointed Patrizia Patrizi from Sassari University (responsibility: research and projects) to bring in a new female southern member with academic and practice background in the Board. Tribute to Michael Kilchling: we are all benefiting from the work that he did as chair in the past years, now he is responsible for the organization of the Berlin AGM and seminar.

Edit Törzs presents annual report 2016. The document was sent to all members in the past weeks. Edit will not give a formal presentation of numbers and formalities, but glimpse of the activities run by the EFRJ in 2016. The main aim is to share this information with possible new members attending this AGM. To sum up, 2016 was a busy year with many movements and changes: it is important to say that we still have contacts with all of our colleagues left (i.e. Mirko, Daria), and previous Board Members still support us. The last year highlight was the Leiden conference; next year we will invite you in Tirana, Albania at the end of June. Last year we gave the European RJ Award to John Blad and we will open the new call for proposals at the end of the summer. Internally, we started a process called Forum 15: members will see more in Constitutional changes and with Values and Standards for RJ. We also did a new experiment under the Erasmus+: we





received youth workers for 8 days in Leuven for a training on restorative justice. The week was spent in good spirit, although it meant a lot of work and we will see if we can continue with these kind of trainings in the future. We also did a lot of work for implementing the EU Victims' Directive (VD), which is the first binding regulation regulating RJ on a European level. We published a position paper, an analysis of the VD, a practice guide, and organized a workshop on two articles of the VD). We are still strengthening our external cooperation as members of the Criminal Justice Platform Europe (CJPE, together with Europris and CEP): this year we will experiment a new summer course (the uniqueness is that it will bring together people from different groups on three different topics). We also established new contacts (NGOs, international bodies): the former director Daria Nashat was really active in our external relations and brought new contacts, but also the Board is really active and we keep maintaining our old collaborations (e.g. CoE, UNODC, RAN, OSCE, VSE, ERA, IJJO, EFUS, Rondpunt, KU LINC). On communications: we are active on social media, website, newsletter, we doubled the frequency of our electronic newsflashes (because we receive many info to be shared within our network: everyone is encouraged to continue). Two projects finished last year (ALTERNATIVE and Domestic Violence).

1.5. Approval of the annual report 2016

Annual report approved.

Edit moves on by presenting also some 2017 activities: summer school in Como fully booked; CJPE summer courses in Barcelona; Working Group on Values and Standards to identify principles and quality standards; policy work; translating EFRJ research to make it more accessible to policy and practice; work on internal procedures (any remark is welcomed for improvement); at the moment we are partners in projects on child victims, on victims of traffic offenses, prevention of radicalization through probation and release. Two days ago we submitted a 4 years plan to the EC: based on this plan the EU will assess that which networks will enter into a framework partnership to ask for a yearly operating grant (good cooperation between Board, Staff and an external consultant hired for this task).

The AGM approves the 4 years strategy submitted.

Edit thanks the team and board, in particular the good cooperation, which wasn't as obvious in the past years.

Annemieke mentions again the invitation to the CJPE summer course in Barcelona.

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1.6. Report on Committees

The editorial committee of the EFRJ Newsletters was really active and includes a new member. The training committee was less active in 2016, but this year with the summer school in Como is back in a new format, including expert members of the EFRJ, board and staff members and external trainers hired from our membership.

2. Forum 15 Presentation and Changes in the Constitution

2.1. Concept and proceedings in 2016

Tim Chapman (Chair) explains that during 2016 the Board and the Secretariat spent a significant amount of time thinking about the future direction of the EFRJ. This was undertaken under the title Forum 15 project. Two working groups of members of both the Board and the Secretariat were formed to review and improve the internal operations and external strategy of the EFRJ. Based on the outcomes of these working groups, among others, we formulated a new vision and mission, strategical priorities and basics of a new fundraising plan were set, as well as some changes in the current constitution of the EFRJ were proposed.

2.2. Values and Standards working group & Experts Workshop

Tim mentions we just had a meeting with the WG members. We will ask our members to mention what type of help is needed and the type of expertise that can be offered, so that we will create a list of members who have specific expertise and needs and match them when needed.

2.3. Presentation of the proposed changes in the EFRJ constitution

We circulated the draft changes in the constitution the beginning of this year and we received ideas and objections regarding the points to be changed. This was discussed on the board meeting. The quorum of the 2/3 of full members is not present therefore we can not vote on the changes on this AGM. According to the Constitution, we can re-organise a meeting with the same objectives and in that case only 2/3 agreement of all full members present is needed. There will be no discussion now, because not needed at this point but the list of amendments will be circulated again. The next, repeated meeting will be in Tirana. No questions from the audience.





2.4. Discussion

No discussion.

2.5. Voting on proposed changes of the Constitution and the election rules

No voting as explained above.

3. Proposals

None.

4. Next General Meeting

The next AGM will take place in Tirana, Albania, half or end June. We encourage more German people to join us as members. In September, we will send a campaign to all members to think about who will get a RJ award in 2018 - based on proposals the Board will decide it at the next BM in October in Leuven.

5. Communications

20:00 Closure of the Annual General Meeting

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