



## Minutes of the WFTO-Europe Board meeting, 11 January 2017 (conference call)

Present: Giorgio Dal Fiume (President), Tadeusz Makulski (Secretary), Sophie Tack, Marijke Visser, Sébastien Leclef (Coordinator ad-interim).

Absent: Gabriella D'Amico, Emilie Durochat

AGENDA
1. Approval previous meeting minutes
2. Brief updates (from Sebastien) and hand-over Francesca/Sebastien
3. Presentation of 2016 financial overview (updated including December)
4. Budget 2017 draft: assumptions
5. Voluntary Advocacy Fund: current situation and next steps
6. AOB (next board meeting agenda, FTT conference 2017)

### **1. Approval previous meeting minutes**

Minutes from the 9 December November were approved, with only minor changes

### **2. Brief updates (from Sebastien) and hand-over Francesca/Sebastien**

Sebastien and Francesca gave an overview of the hand-over week and shared the first impressions with the Board.

**Next step:** Francesca will collect inputs from Sebastien and the interns on the main challenges they face in the organisation and how things could be improved. The feedback including also a room for improvements list will be discussed during the physical Board meeting in Brussels.

### **3. Presentation of 2016 financial overview (updated including December)**

After consultation with Francesca, the estimation on the Accounts 2016 were presented under a positive light. Waiting for the final data from the accountant, the balance appeared to be positive so far.

#### **Next steps:**

1. Sebastien will send the last information to the accountant.
2. Francesca will collect the final data and share with the Board the latest figures.

### **4. Budget 2017 draft: assumptions**

The budget 2017 was quickly discussed. It was clear to everyone that without DEAR funding, we will have a negative scenario for our finances. More discussions on this point will take place during the Board meeting in Brussels.

### **5. Voluntary Advocacy Fund: current situation and next steps**

The 3 year Voluntary Advocacy Fund was set in 2015 by some of WFTO-Europe members to support FTAO to cover the gap left by WFTO. Having said that, Francesca and Sebastien will discuss the status of the fund for 2017 with Sergi in the meeting set on the 13th of January.

### **6. AOB (next board meeting agenda, FTT conference 2017)**

- 8-9 February 2017 in Brussels. Possible points on the agenda: Action plan implementation, AGM and new Board elections, Fundraising, Accounts 2016 and Budget 2017, Charter of FT Principles, FTAO, Feedback on office general management and how to improve it.
- The next FTT conference will take place in Saarbrücken (Germany).

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