

**Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting of 3 February 2020**

**Via Telephone Conference**

*Time: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm*

**Present by phone:**

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt (Chairman)

Anna Jerndorf (Vice-Chairman)

Bartłomiej Raczkowski

Jón Sigurðsson

Constantin Bakopoulos

Claire Toumieux

Dusan Nitschneider

Christiaan Oberman

Juliet Carp

Valeria Morosini

Raquel Flórez Escobar

Helene Amsinck

Pierre Elvinger

Marko Lovrić

Zoltán Csernus

Sten Foy

Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa

Ueli Sommer

Joan Cradden

Gareth Walls

Chris Engels

Corina Radu

Martin Diller (Secretary General)

## **1. Welcome and opening**

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt welcomed the Board Members to the Board meeting.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the Board meeting held on 9 September 2019 in Hamburg**

The minutes were approved by the Board.

## **3. Review of ERA/EELA conference and discussion of topics and/format for the November 2020 conference.**

Anna Jerndorf and Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt reported on the ERA/EELA conference. The overall impression was that it was a well-organized conference with relevant and interesting topics. The quality of some of the speakers could however be improved.

Sten Foyn and Pierre Elvinger were appointed as responsible Board Members and contact persons for the 2020 ERA/EELA conference.

## **4. Report on the Hamburg Conference**

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt presented the preliminary conference program.

The Thursday cocktail will be held at StrandPauli, an informal beach club with live music. The Gala dinner will be more formal and held at the Chamber of Commerce in Hamburg.

The keynote speaker will be Professor Katharina Boele-Woelcki, president of Bucerius Law School. There is room for one more keynote speaker. Daniel Cohn Bedit was suggested. Christiaan Oberman will reach out to him.

The breakout sessions and session leaders were discussed and approved. The updated program will shortly be sent out by Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt.

Registration will be opened next week. The conference fee will be EUR 750 for early bird and EUR 850 for later registrations.

## **5. Report on the Athens Conference**

Constantin Bakopoulos reported on the preparations. The conference venue and the venue for Thursday evening is booked. The venue for the Gala Dinner remains yet open. There are two alternatives; The Sapion, which is in the city centre but only hosts 450-470 people. The alternative is an open-air restaurant by the sea, 20 minutes from the city centre. The latter host more than 500 people. It was decided to go for the seaside option. Constantin Bakopoulos noted that the cost for the Athens Conference will be considerably lower than previous conferences, which needs to be reflected in the conference fee.

## **6. Preview of conferences 2022 and 2023**

### **Bucharest**

Corina Radu reported. She will visit venues together with Karolína Tylšová in March this year and the booking process will need to start very soon thereafter.

The prolongation of the contract with C-In was discussed as the current contract does not cover Bucharest. A decision will need to be made soon.

The date for the conference was preliminary set to 9-11 June 2022 subject to final decision.

## **Iceland**

Nothing to report yet.

### **7. Cooperation with EELC, connection of websites**

Christiaan Oberman reported on the progress. The website has had some technical problems in the beginning. Board Members are all urged to test it.

### **8. Date and time for the next Board meeting**

It was agreed that the next Board meeting shall be held on 11 June 2020 at 12.00 at Grand Elysée Hotel.

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt

Anna Jerndorf

**Approved on 28 May 2020**