

LRPCE MINUTES FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING 5th August 2020

CET 19:00 – 20:00 LONDON 18:00 – 19:00

Invitations were to all members of the LRPCE and specific guests.

LRPCE Members and areas represented.

Area1 ID Heimo Potinkara - Present

Area2 ID Dr Walter Zemrosser - Present

Area3 PID Regina Risken - Present

Area4 PID William Galligani – Apologies received. William later reported encountering specific technological problems with his system and was unable to log in to the meeting,

Area5 ID Geoff Leeder – Present

Area6 PID Sandro Castellana - Present

Area7 PID George Th Papas – Not present

Area8 PID Kalle Elster – Apologies received , prior business engagement.

Gudrun Yngvadóttir – Chairperson LRPCE, IPIP, Chairperson LCIF – Present

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe ‘Pino’ Grimaldi – International President 1994 – Present

Eberhard J Wirfs – International President 2009 – 2010 - Apologies received.

Once again the attendees unanimously sent their greetings and wishes for a speedy recovery.

ID Bent Jespersen (ID representative for Thessaloniki) - Present

IPDG Mart Villeberg – Programme Director Tallinn - Present

PDG George Savvides – Programme Director Thessaloniki - Present

PID Phil Nathan – EF Archivist & Advisor - Present

Guest:

PCC Peter Brandenburg – EF Accountant – Present – Departed early because of a prior commitment.

Meeting commenced 19:05

Chairperson greeted all attendees. Specific welcome to FIP Prof. Dr. Giuseppe ‘Pino’ Grimaldi

EF A&A asked PID Sandro to give a brief resume of the intended concept of this event and an update of the discussions from the meeting of the Working Groups held immediately prior to this LRPCE meeting. This was mainly for FIP Pino and ID Heimo who had not been present.

FIP Pino gave compliments for the overview.

Chairperson asked for LRPCE to give conclusions and thoughts for the way forward seeking the committees input and decision.

FIP Pino made comment of the possible name of the event stating his lack of enthusiasm of the word event and suggested consideration of the word Symposium.

Much discussion followed and finally by a consensus proposal the name given was recommended to be **“European Lions Virtual Symposium”**

This proposal was accepted unanimously by all voting and non-voting members.

Brief updates of the intense work being carried out by the Working Groups (WG’s) was given by PID Sandro.

Finance, Marketing, Programme, Technology.

EF A&A requested, and it was agreed that there would be resumes in note form of each WG to be affixed to these minutes to enable LRPCE to see all the areas that have been discussed by each group and to ensure these minutes be complete and transparent. *(PID Sandro kindly agreed to complete this function).

Chairperson noted the debate and concerns of LRPCE with regards the potential cost of the Symposium, the potential complexity of the overall event and considerations still to be given, Will there be a registration fee and a humanitarian service? Is the cost if €15,000 too much? How would it be collected? Would it be cost proportional across member countries? EF A&A voiced concern for smaller countries budgets, especially through these even more difficult times.

LRPCE was excited at the concept, but all agreed to give more time to the WG's to prepare their single plan. Chairperson agreed that another LRPCE meeting can be called to go to the next stage and reminded that the original thought was for simple and as near zero cost as possible.

LRPCE was very appreciative of all the efforts given by the WG's but gave a "health warning" and consequently suggested more time for discussions overall.

The proposal was given that the LRPCE was totally in favour of the concept of a "**European Lions Virtual Symposium**" and therefore we should meet again quite soon, (one to two weeks). to allow WG's more time. This proposal was also unanimously agreed by all attendees both voting and non-voting.

It was underlined that a "save the date" will need to be prepared by the Marketing WG and sent to all Member Countries and European Leaders as soon as possible.

Chairperson thanked everyone for their time and effort.

Meeting closed 20:00

Minutes prepared by EF A&A PID Phil Nathan
Secretary LRPCE