EMEARB(10)M8
8 December 2010

Minutes of the teleconference of the
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA REGIONAL BOARD
held on Wednesday 8 December 2010

Present:

Eur Ing Dr L Savvides (Chaiman)
Eur Ing S Savvides
Mr C McLoughlin
Mr I S Ansari
Mr Hisham Rojoa
Dr A Segal
Mrs M Busson, Board Secretary
Ms A Taylor, Local Network Communications Manager

Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Faisal Eissa

1. Minutes
Minutes EMEARB(10) M7 were approved

2. Actions Arising
Actions noted by all board members as per EMEARB(10)14

Outline Action Plan for 2011

3.1 Ghana
There was discussion about which board member would lead on the activity in Ghana now that Faith Golly has retired from the board. It was agreed that Hisham Rojoa would take on this role but would ensure Faith Golly remained involved.

ACTION Hisham Rojoa

3.2 Revitalising the South Africa Network
Chris gave an overview of the teleconference with the S.A Network back in October 2010. Alex Taylor thanked Chris for all his work done so far to resolve the situation with the committee. It was agreed that Chris would contact volunteers still keen to be involed with the Network to discuss possibilities to regenerate activity and recruit new roles

ACTION – Chris McLoughlin

3.3 Priorities for other Local Network Visits
A plan needs to be developed to ensure that board members visit the majority of Local Networks in the EMEA region during the year. It was agreed that Local Networks would be asked in the next newsletter to suggest key dates

ACTION – Faisal Eissa

3.4 PATW EMEA Final
It was agreed that Hisham and Faisal would coordinate with YP's in Cyprus to offer board support where needed.

ACTION – Hisham Rojoa & Faisal Eissa

3.5 Promotion of Registration
It was **noted** that the staff team are working closely with volunteers in Iberica to try and restart activity via a registration event. Alex will keep the board updated

ACTION – Alex Taylor

3.6 Academic Programme Accreditation

It was noted that discussion around Academic Accreditation is to be deferred until Dan Canty can brief the board

4. Local Network Guideline Budgets

GOB will decide in January the pot of money that is to be allocated to Local Networks, at the February EMEA board meeting the board will need to calculate guideline budgets for each Local Network in the Europe, Middle East and Africa region.

It was agreed that the forumula used last year was a fair way of calculating. Alex will pull together figures for EMEA LNs in time for the February meeting, highlighting any unusual circumstances

ACTION – Alex Taylor

5. Roles of Board Members

5.1 The responsibilities of individual board memebers were reviewed to ensure all tasks assigned to those board members who had stood down or retired were allocated to others. Responsbilities were agreed and Michelle will circulate

ACTION – Michelle Busson

5.2 Alex mentioned that there may be an upcoming issue with the Germany Network as a member has complained to the CES. Alex will keep Lazaros and Savvas up to date with any developments that may occur.

ACTION – Alex Taylor

5.3 It was agreed to defer a decision on whether to appoint for the current vacancy on the board until the next physical meeting.

6. Draft Agenda for 14 February 2011

It was agreed that the meeting will be moved from 3 February 2011 to Monday 14 February 2011 in Cairo. The following items will be added to the Agenda:
Progress with SA LN
Germany LN (should any arise)
Vacancy on the board

ACTION – Michelle Busson

7. Communique

Due to Faisal being absent from the meeting no update could be given on the progress of the communiqué, however Savvas has forwarded information to be included for the next issue with regards to the Med Power event which took place in Cyprus

8. Items to be reported to Global Operations Board

The only item at present to be reported is the South Africa Network issues. It was agreed that Lazaros will circulate a paper to board members before the GOB meeting at the end of January

ACTION – Lazaros Savvides

9. Meeting dates for remainder of the session

All dates were agreed apart from the March teleconference which clashes with the Council Meeting, Michelle will rearrange this teleconference and notify board members accordingly

Thursday 3 February in Cairo

Thursday 17 March virtual meeting
Thursday 16 June in tbc
Tuesday 9 August virtual meeting
Thursday 8 September in London

ACTION – Michelle Busson

Lazaros concluded the meeting