

European Delegates Meeting

Porto, Portugal July 27, 28, 29, 30., 2007

Attending:

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| SC Chairperson | Peter H. |
| SC Vice-Chairperson | Jean Pierre B. |
| SC Treasurer | Bernardo M. |
| SC Vice Treasurer (as Guest) | Nadi G. |
| SC Secretary | Sigrid B. |
| FD Committee Chair | Paul |
| FD Committee Vice-Chair | Miko |
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| Egypt RD | Ahmed |
| France RD | Stephanie |
| France RD alt | Valentine |
| French Speaking Swiss AD | Jean-Dominique |
| French Speaking Swiss AD alt | Christine |
| Germanspeaking Region RD | Christian |
| Germanspeaking Region RD alt | Andreas |
| Greece RD | Nektarios |
| Greece RD alt | Pavlos |
| Hungary RD | Gabi |
| Ireland RD | Irene |
| Ireland RD alt | Niall |
| Israel RD | Inbal |
| Israel RD alt 1 | Yuval |
| Lithuania RD | Robertas |
| Lithuania RD alt | Tomas |
| Poland RD | Ewa |
| Portugal RD | Joao Penao |
| Portugal RD alt | Tomas |
| Spain RD | Inigo |
| Spain RD alt | Teresa |
| Sweden RD | Peter |
| Sweden RD alt | Sisko |
| Turkey RD | Gursu |
| UK RD | Dave |
| UK RD alt | Nina |
| Ukraine | Oksana |
| Western Russia RD | Svetlana |
| Western Russia RD alt | Natalia |
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| WSO Exec. Director | Anthony |
| WSO Asst. Exec. Director | Becky |
| World Board | Tom |
| World Board | Mary |
| APF Chair | Tali |
| Iran RD | Mahmud |
| Iran WSO | Ali |
| Iran Guest | Mr. Mishkin |
| Guests from Malta | Aaron, Martin, Ian, Paul |
| Guest from Dubai | Lucy |
| Guest from Slovenia | Yovanka |

Thursday 27. July

9.30 – 10.30 Orientation session

Starts with the reading of the “just for today”
, and a short introduction of everyone present.

Peter (Chair) – welcomes the new people at EDM. As English is not the first language for many of us, please be considerate and speak slowly. The meeting booklet has been handed out.

Jean-Pierre (Vice-Chair) – explains the consensus decision making process, which is in the Orientation pack at page 4-6. All decisions except elections are made by consensus.

Peter (Chair) – elections are by 50 % majority. The resumes will be handed out later, elections are on Sunday. They will be by secret vote (written on paper, collected and counted). The same method will be used for bids for ECCNA and the Winter EDM.

Inigo (Spain) – was asked to share about his experience at EDM as a member whose first language is not English.

Stephanie (France) – was asked to share about her experience to come to EDM for the first time.

Peter (Chair) – Time for questions and remarks.

Jean Pierre (Vice Chair) – thanks for the consideration and the card sent to him from Vilnius.

Peter (Chair) - Ask for volunteers to help out the Secretary, so that she can take a break now and then.

Short break

10.45 – 13 Opening of meeting

Starts with the reading of the 12 Concepts of NA Service

Approval of the minutes. Any changes and comments?

JD (Frenchspeaking Swiss) – Question on how detailed the minutes need to be.

Peter (Chair) – thanks to Irene and Sisko for writing the minutes in Vilnius.

Minutes are approved.

Agenda: NAWS Saturday morning will probably be changed to afternoon. There are different workshops at ECCNA. We will try to offer some time for people to participate at one of the workshops, if there is time for it. Agenda is approved.

Steering Committee Report: (Report in the Booklet)

Welcome to Sigrid as the new Secretary and Nadi as the Vice Treasurer.

Legal association: A financial report has to be given to the authorities in Belgium after the EDM. The financial report will be made available to everyone to see when is ready. There are changes (financially) for people who are being funded: Funded members now have to sign for cash received. Also please hand in receipts if possible and fill in a new form for all expenses for the treasurer.

The Steering Committee members are also the directors of the legal association. The outgoing Steering Committee members will have to act as directors and signatories of the bank account until about September, until the formal paperwork is done to hand over to the new Steering Committee.

Many thanks to Paul from WSO-E, for his help.

Communications with Finland, Denmark and other regions who are not participating.

New communications with Malta, who are visiting the EDM today.

Correspondence with the APF and exchange of the minutes.

Discussions about funding in the interim period: requests from Hungary and from Poland to fund one delegate have been approved. Extra funding for Ahmed from Egypt has been approved. Request from Western Russia to fund a second person was not approved, because the budget was approved for one person. NAWS then decided to fund the second person.

Treasurer Report (report in the Booklet)

All other accounts have been closed. Only EDM account now is the one in Brussels.

Budgets for all the funded delegates are in the booklet.

Balance today is €11,686. After all planned budget expenses, overall funds are at about €1,300 under the established minimum / prudent reserve. Budget decisions will be very difficult.

No questions at this point.

Proposal re. Orientation pack:

To add a paragraph to the Orientation Pack (page 18), that the hosting region of ECCNA should not hold their regional convention in the year of ECCNA.

JD (French Swiss) – people might not want to hold ECCNA. For many regions, their convention is the main source of income. Maybe offer more percentage to hosting community.

Peter (Chair) – biggest cost is the translation equipment. ECCNA is also a fund raising activity for EDM. But most important is to see that ECCNA breaks even.

Joao (Portugal) – this years ECCNA in Portugal is also regional convention. Convention is to celebrate recovery. Don't see any conflict of interest.

Dave (UK) – ECCNA in UK next year. We thought it was already in the guidelines. UK convention is very successful, so people are unhappy it won't take place. To have it in the guidelines would take the conflict out.

Christian (Germanspeaking) – not happy with the proposal. Don't see a conflict. The regional convention can take place a few months apart. EDM should not rely so much on ECCNA but more on 7th tradition.

Peter (Chair) – could we change the wording to “suggestion”?

Joao (Portugal) – don't really agree, but the wording is ok: “to ask the region” means the region can also decide differently.

JD (French sp. Swiss) – local communities can have an identity problem with ECCNA in English language to replace their regional convention. Suggestion to have a small group discussion at next EDM about what ECCNA should be.

Peter (Chair) – is anybody against this proposal?

Greece and Germanspeaking Region are against the proposal. France asks to postpone the decision.

Peter (Chair) – decision will be postponed. Please discuss the question in your region.

Contact list is passed around for changes and additions

Deadline to hand in Resumes for Steering Committee positions is today.

Short break

12 – 13 Community reports

Mahmud (Iran) – NA started 12 years ago. It was difficult the first 5 years, addiction is a crime. Now we are accepted and growing. 5000 groups plus 600 not registered. Membership survey found out more than 50000 people. Literature is all translated in Farsi. Germany, Belgium, Holland, Kuwait and other countries have meetings in Farsi. New branch of World Service Office has been opened in Iran. We attended APF as guests, now we are guests at EDM. Then we can decide where we want to belong.

Answers to questions:

Relations to government - NA started with 2-3 people. We did a lot of PI and gave information about NA. We did not take money from the government. Two years ago, NA in Iran was given an award as the best non-governmental organisation. Thanks to PI.

Women in Iran – more than 1000 women in the fellowship. We do outreach to women by women. Internet is also an option.

Support by professionals – no. But very much service volunteers: more than 90 % do service.

Translation of religious terms – at first people had difficulties to understand “God as we understood him” and also steps 4 and 5. We have literature and do lots of PI about this. Translation of the word “God” can be used “Allah”. But this is a recovery program, not religious, and international. Translation is accepted this way.

Infrastructure of service – as suggested in GTLS. 10 areas, one region, several committees working.

Workshops on steps and traditions – lots of them!!!

Gursu (Turkey) (report sent by email) – one area, about 10 meetings. Problems to grow. Workshop is planned for the regional convention in 2006 to find out what we can do.

requests to EDM: funding of a delegate to winter and/or summer EDM.

request for follow-up FD trip in 2007. Will be discussed with FD committee.

Ewa (Poland) (report sent by email) – the most important event was the FD workshops at our convention. Positive effects: groups are growing, people are more involved in service. Convention was a great financial success.

Asks for experience, how to make literature distribution more effective:

Ahmed (Egypt) – Literature subcommittee meets weekly to sell literature. Also literature sales at the area meeting. Payment of literature in cash.

Stephanie (France) – once a month literature sales on a Saturday afternoon. Translation of books.

Christian (German-speaking Region) – Literature is area service. Areas order directly from Brussels, Groups order from area literature person.

Pavlos (Greece) – literature sold by the two areas. Literature sale is once a month.

Natalia (Western Russia) – approved literature ordered from WSO is stored in an office and sent by mail to groups and areas. Payment to the treasury account and when the money is on the bank, the literature is sent out. Non-approved literature is printed and sold on area level.

Robertas and Tomas (Lithuania) (report handed out) – EDM and workshops in Vilnius was a big event and much success. H+I is working. Prisons are asking for literature. Groups are growing. NA was represented at the “European Citizens against drugs (ECAD)” Annual Conference

Inbal (Israel) – as follow-up to workshops, how do you keep contact with EDM and support infrastructure?

Answer: try to communicate a lot with other fellowships and with the FD committee.

Becky (WSO) – very important to have a consistent plan for follow-up after Workshops and events.

Ahmed (Egypt) (report sent by email) – NA is being registered as NGO (non governmental organisation) with help of WSO. Several IPs have been translated into Arabic. Area guidelines have been changed. Challenges: feedback from EDM is often rejected, because people say “Egypt is different”. Also, many people in NA work in treatment centres. Lack of experienced members to do service. Lack of discipline in meetings and in service. This is a cultural problem! Organisation to present a bid for Winter EDM was too difficult, due to bureaucracy. Participation in EDM is a financial problem: 20 % of budget is for travel of the delegate to EDM and it’s often not enough. Request for funding of the delegate to the next EDM

Asks for experience how to enhance discipline in service and awareness of guidelines. How to increase 7th tradition

Joao (Portugal) – same problem! Organize workshops with workgroups and small group discussions.

Valentine (France) – information about what 7th tradition is for, e.g. it helps addicts in India to recover and pay for the basic text. How much money did we spend on drugs.

Peter (Chair) – information and communication help

Lunch break

14.45 – 17.30 Community reports

Gabi (Hungary) (report sent by email) - one area, the rest are groups. Many members from Hungary went to the Eastern European Convention to Krakow and benefited from this. The wording on the keytags is being changed (*why?*). Request for FD workshops

Asks for experience with H+I in prisons if members have a criminal record. Is it better to do that as a NGO (non government organisation)? Also experiences with PI work; is it against the traditions to include professionals?

Ewa (Poland) – there is an annual presentation for professionals in a treatment centre. Professionals are involved in the organisation.

Peter (Chair) – start with doing PI with the prison officials, so that they understand what NA is.

Inbal (Israel) – make clear distinction between NA and professionals.

Svetlana and Natalia (Western Russia) (report handed out) – after a very long discussion about literature translations, the words for “addict” and “addiction” have been approved. Two FD workshops were planned in Russia and Siberia. Request for FD workshop in Siberia

Ask for feedback on cooperation between Regions that speak the same language, e.g. on literature translations? Experiences on consensus versus majority voting? Experience on regional assembly?

JD (Frenchsp. Swiss) – Literature was first translated in Quebec, but their French is a little different. A meeting between Belgium, France, Frenchspeaking Swiss took place recently. We realized that problems are similar. Good experience. Beginning of a process.

Stephanie (France) – Quebec is doing most of the translation work. The problem is in France, we are not involved in translations enough. English/American culture of the original program is different.

Inigo (Spain) – have a constant communication with the LAZF (Latin American Zonal Forum). We adapt their Spanish to our Spanish.

Ahmed (Egypt) – Different Literature and Translations subcommittee in the different Arabic speaking countries. Worldwide Workshop by NAWS in Bahrain made it easier to share and exchange experience. Not many members read and speak English; they can share with other members in Arabic.

Joao (Portugal) – same language as Brazil. However difficult discussion about language of the medallions. We communicate by email on our experiences. For cultural and historical reasons we prefer to have Portuguese and Brazilian literature separate.

Oksana (Ukraine) – after NAWS workshop, people were inspired to do more service. Delegate is not here for visa problems. We try to make our own FD trips within the Ukraine. Literature translation: there is a long-term discussion about the wording “addiction”. Also many groups used their own preamble with different wording. This changes now; NA preamble is used. Weak subcommittee service structure. Ask for email contacts with other subcommittees to ask questions when they come up.

Malta - gives a short report as a guest at EDM. We have 2 meetings, for 4 ½ years now. Would like some support to help the meetings grow.

JD (Frenchsp. Swiss) (report sent by email) – NA in Frenchsp. Switzerland 18 years old, about 200 people, steady membership, good atmosphere and service, but very slow growth. Drug policy in Switzerland seems that complete abstinence is not an option any more. Inventory of H+I and PI efforts is planned. Are presenting a bid for winter EDM 2007.

Sisko (Sweden) (report sent by email) – very mature fellowship. 12 areas, 400 meetings, lots of service. Regional service tries to do more effective long-term planning. Group assembly about discussion topics and brainstorming session. Out of this, work plans are presented. Workshops on area level are a great tool to get people involved.

Inigo (Spain) (report sent by email) – struggling with service on some levels / areas. NA is not known in many large areas in Spain. There are few treatment centres that follow 12 steps, but other treatment programs. We try to cooperate with them. 2009 World Convention in Barcelona. Area conventions in all areas. Convention on PI with two areas planned. We are benefiting much from EDM, e.g. consensus process, small group discussions.

Olga (Latvia) (report given out) – 40 members, 6 meetings. 90 % of money is from group contributions. H+I committee and phonline committee. Regular contact with several institutions. Communications with WSO, EDM and neighbouring areas. We are a very small fellowship. Don't want to ask for funding but keep on communicating.

Experience asked about cooperation with government:

Inbal (Israel) – we have experiences but now we are in a process of inventory. We do too much not good enough. We need more quality instead of quantity.

Nina (UK) – UK PI committee have strong guidelines and a 5-year-plan for PI.

Miko (Israel) – it takes time. We started with Universities, professionals, the army, municipality. We are establishing relationships with health department, jails and institutions.

Irene (Ireland) (report by email) – NA in Ireland for 27 years now, about 1000 members. 29 regular H+I meetings, area H+I coordinators. Relations with prisons are improving. Russian meeting will open soon. Workshops on the discussion topics were held by the RDs, on invitation of the areas.

Nektarios (Greece) (report by email) - FD workshops took place, one at the convention in northern Greece and one in Athens. 20 years NA celebration in 2007. Legal organisation is registered and will be hopefully be established as non-government organisation until then.

Experience with television in conventions

Irene (Ireland) – Television not allowed for anonymity. We do radio “attraction” with names changed. We contact the radio stations some days before the convention. Don't have TV or fotos with faces blurred out, it looks like we are criminals. Read the press statement before the meetings. Have a PI person. Have posters at the convention referring press to PI desk.

Joao (Portugal) – bad experience with this. We stopped having media at the conventions. Now, for television we show only legs. At ECCNA will have a press office. We allow media, but as controlled situation. We are not secret.

Peter (Chair) – general reporting on the event, no faces.

Yuval and Inbal (Israel) (report sent by email) – at the moment no meetings in the north of Israel. They take place in bomb shelters and these are now occupied by people living there. We need support. NA is not growing in the last years. Inventory and change process is taking place. All service has been done on regional level; this is now changing to independent area services. Outreach is trying to work differently, following the new PI handbook. NAWs will do FD at the Regional Convention in September.

Asks for experience on Regional Service Conference (assembly)

Sisko (Sweden) – at the beginning it was designed as mini-convention with a service conference in the back room. Group assembly takes place in April before the world Service Conference: group conscience for motions at WSC, elections, group consciences for regional matters etc. We now consider having the group assembly separately from elections. We send direct invitations to the groups. We invite members from World Services and hopefully also EDM. Members of Regional Service Committee are funded by Region, Groups fund their GSRs, Areas fund their delegates. Funding can be requested from region.

Stephanie (France) – we fund everybody outside Paris, but only for the cheapest train ticket.

Joao (Portugal) (report handed out) – lack of interest in service. Reduced the number of subcommittees. Spend more time on fellowship issues instead on paperwork. Subcommittees have to present a plan including budget what they want to do. PI flyers are sent to 44 government centres. Step Working Guide is translated and ready for printing.

Christian (Germanspeaking Region) – Court-ordered “donation” from addicts to NA – has the money been returned? I heard there has been some discussion and disunity in the Region and convention committee about the registration fee at ECCNA, what about that?

Answer: We had decided to accept the money. There is still discussion about it. Whether to give it back, donate it to another charity or to keep it.

Dave (UK) (report sent by email) – we have money problems, below our prudent reserve. It seems many areas are sitting on a lot of money not passing on donations. Regional donations of 50 pounds each month to EDM and to World Services. We need experiences on this. PI membership survey shows not only cleantimes, but also how life of people has improved. UK Convention had some problems about speaker name being revealed before the convention and then someone else was asked. Apathy in doing service. Working on having a Regional Assembly. New pamphlet with service experiences. Question about fundraising at ECCNA.

Experiences on direct donations of an area to a regional subcommittees (Parents and carers)?

Paul (FD) – we ask areas to not donate directly but pass on through service structure

Stephanie (France) (report by email) – new website www.narcotiquesanonymes.org. Movie about World Service Conference shall be shown at the convention to make service attractive. New groups outside Paris. Most money comes from the Regional convention. Please send contributions to the “24 heures” magazine.

Group problem: a treasurer had €200 stolen from the car and refuses to give it back. Any experiences?

Inigo (Spain) – RSC decided to write the person a letter and asked to replace the money. The letter was repeatedly sent. We insisted a lot. In the end the person paid back in small amounts.

Joao (Portugal) – trust the person you elected. If he says it was stolen.

Irene (Ireland) – there is a reason for cleantime requirements in service. Responsibility of the person elected to take care of the money.

Christian (Germanspeaking Region) (report sent by email) – Germany, Austria and Germansp.

Switzerland. Problem with service seems to be increasing on all levels. The first Regional Assembly took place at the Regional Convention. All groups were invited; about 10 % took part. Nevertheless it was a good event. We need outreach. Large geographic areas are almost without meetings.

We are not growing any more. Any experiences on this?

Dave (UK) – history presentations by oldtimers can show growth in NA. Creates enthusiasm. Talk positive about service. Take inventories on service. Create new literature on this.

Peter (Chair) – there has also been some communications with Romania.

Paul (FD) – hands out information and reports for the FD session tomorrow. Please read it!

Friday 28. July

9 – 12.30 Fellowship Development

Meeting starts with reading of Just for Today and the 12 Concepts

FD report (was given out and everyone was asked read it)

Paul (FD Chair) and Miko (FD Vice-Chair)

Introduction to Fellowship Development at the EDM – it's how we help each other to carry the message. The FD committee was formed out of the former H+I and PI committees. We send people on FD trips and spend a lot of time and money on organizing trips. Now we also want to try something different: FD training within the fellowships.

Big discussion about what our needs are in FD in the EDM. One is to make a long-term plan. For this we need a lot more information. This is what we ask of you today.

Report on FD trip to Poland (report was given out)

Peter – the trip was prepared on a very short notice. First was contact with the host committee, what they need. Topics were relapse, service and unity. Other communities of the Middle European area were invited. Wolfgang had already been to Poland. We collected some formats and information for the topics from NAWS. We met once before for planning and had a meeting with the host committee when we arrived. The workshops were not planned as “we tell people what to do”. Format was Small Group Discussions, encouraging people to offer their own discussions and solutions, and questions and answers in the end. Translation was organized and people to sit together who spoke the same language. 150 participants came. Wow. Good planning of the convention committee. Energy in the room was incredible. First was the Relapse workshop, next day Service and last day about Unity. Focus of the unity workshop was “what is working with our neighbours” and concentrate on that. It's not about big events. Get in a car and travel. Communicate. We know all these things. Invite other communities to the conventions.

Wolfgang – I had my form in the resource pool and was asked to do the trip. It was a wonderful experience. For the first EDM FD activity in Poland nine years ago there was no format, we did questions and answers. This time we used the workshop format and we didn't talk a lot or tell people what to do. It was good to talk to Ewa before the trip and hear some of the questions. Nine years ago, the fellowship was extremely small and a nice story happened about finding a person to translate then, who was just getting clean. The same person was still there in the committee at these workshops. It's wonderful to see something happening. It was wonderful to see how good the workshop format works. People find their own answers and it's the same answers that are in the literature. It's exciting to watch the fellowship grow by themselves! (Wolfgang is bubbling from enthusiasm). The spiritual part of the program works the same everywhere. But lets not forget cultural and social differences, things do work different in different parts of the world. There are problems that are not written in our literature. So lets consider this when we do outreach work.

Time for questions and discussions

Gabi (Hungary) – people from Hungary took place in this event. It was a great learning experience. We learned it's not the big things first. It's about getting together and doing one step at a time. Show up and reach out to and with others.

Ewa (Poland) – the most touching experience was to meet together with all the neighbouring communities. People drove 10 hours to get here, from Hungary, from Croatia, Slovenia. Very small communities and they are actually so close. We have to expand to help them. I hope it's only the beginning.

Inbal (Israel) – did you have any contact with the fellowship after the trip, is there any follow-up?

Answers - yes there has been contact and follow-up communications by FD, also personal contacts by email.

Inbal (Israel) – It can be a commitment for 2 or 3 years, as a sort of sponsoring for the communities.

Peter – The material is all there, people can use this process in their own fellowships.

Many thanks on all sides.

FD trip / activity in Greece (report was given out)

Conor – we had more time to prepare, but most happened on the very last minute anyway. The activities were in two geographically distant part of Greece (north and south). As preparation, we offered a very general agenda of what might work. They requested a workshop on sponsorship. There were also questions about dealing with the media, the role of trusted servants in the group. We decided to do a mix of small group discussions and large group question and answer sessions. We didn't come with all the answers, but with a new way of asking questions. We started a process of how to have a good discussion. We learned to make the questions very simple. There is a value in being an outsider to do the workshops. We were able to

facilitate workshops on delicate issues, which could be quite difficult for a local member. We made sure not to tell anyone what to do and how, even though there was often the expectation. We saw the need for flexibility and adaptability – things didn't all go as planned, there were unexpected problems and different circumstances. For example translations of written material. Not as many people came to the workshops in Athens, but the work with the people who came was fantastic. The enthusiasm, energy and hospitality shown was incredible. Hopefully the Greek fellowship learned the value of working with small group discussion and continuing fellowship discussion.

Miko – I was there as apprentice for this kind of activity and also as the vice-chair of the FD committee. The preparations of having written materials translated to be laid out on the tables were very helpful. It's also important to get to know the community, their culture, the language barrier before going there. Get the fellowship involved in the preparations. After the trip, people can contact us by email. But it is also important that people continue the work by themselves. The participation in the workshops in northern Greece was amazing. Agenda was planned perfectly to not have other events conflicting with the workshops. We have asked the Greek fellowship for an evaluation. Also they have done a lot of translations for us. For the report, it is very helpful to take lots of notes during the workshops.

Pavlos (Greece) – thanks a lot for this experience. First of all, it was a lot of hard work. Especially the translation material and last minute. We were disappointed by the low attendance in the Athens workshops, because there are not many chances for workshops like this in Greece. The workshops in Athens were not as organized as the convention. We spent a lot of money to organize the workshops and had hoped to get some back. But it was great fun! We don't have a lot of literature in Greek, no new books, pamphlets ... it will take us at least 10-15 years to have all the material translated.

Nektarios (Greece) – the workshops in the northern Greece were planned during the convention and it worked very well. Members in Athens had first asked for the workshops. We don't know why attendance was so low, maybe because of general lack of service. However, it was very inspiring for those attending. I remember the EDM workshops some 5 years ago and they are still inspiring to the people who came.

short break

Group activity “FD training and planning”

The body is split in five small group settings, geographically arranged. Lists with names of people / regions have been prepared by FD committee and put on the tables in the back of the room. Guests (Iran, Dubai, Malta) were also involved. The groups are asked to do a small group work on the following questions:

- identify needs in your community
 - identify resources in your community (experiences, strengths, etc.)
 - discuss how your needs could be met by other communities in your group and what help could you offer.
 - plan an FD activity, addressing issues like timing, costs, personnel, communication, follow-up.
- The discussions are recorded and presented in the large group

Feedback from the small groups:

Group 1: Sweden, Western Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania

Translations to English had to be made and difficulties could be overcome

Experience was to make spiritual connection with others

Many annual activities take place. Invite others, maybe have activities more often.

Accept that we disagree and find solutions.

Participate in the service conference of neighbouring regions: Sweden travels to Russia, Ukraine and invite them to the Swedish service conference. Involve more people in these activities.

Don't look only at NAWS as source of information but contact each other.

Group 2: Ireland, France, UK, French Speaking Swiss., Quebec

Lots of needs: Communication between regions and areas, language problems, keeping archives, research and information gathering, attracting older members to service, financial organisation, PI work ...

Most solutions can be passed on from / to the neighbours by email.

Invite the neighbours to workshops and conventions

Organize workshops to have no other activities at the same time.

Organize subcommittee meetings at local / area conventions to attract people to service

Have a website and a forum.

Have an ex-RD committee to not lose their experience.

Most of the solutions are about communications.

Group 3: Egypt, Dubai, Iran, Turkey, Greece

Identified the needs and the assets, the way we communicate. It's possible to have regular meetings using technology. Send minutes and information. We can also send speaker tapes. Invite neighbouring

communities to the conventions. Pass on literature and experiences. Not only invite people, but also go there. Offer translations for people who come visiting.

Group 4: Israel, Spain, Malta, Portugal, USA, Germany

This group had no direct border. Needs were very polarized. The small communities need a lot, bigger communities can give a lot, but also have needs. It's all about communication, how to access and pass on information.

Resources: we had 20 % of the Malta fellowship at our table (5 from 20), their big resource is showing up. Tried to identify which is the nearest or biggest fellowship to reach out to. E.g. a lot of people from UK visit Malta as tourists. FD sponsorship should be a long-term responsibility and to regularly communicate and reach out.

Group 5: Germanspeaking Region, Hungary, Poland

Resource in Germany is lots of oldtimers but who have lost enthusiasm and in Hungary no oldtimers but lots of enthusiasm. Communities can exchange these resources. All regions have need for FD in some geographic areas. Ideas are to invite speakers from the neighbours to the conventions, offer other language meetings at conventions. Share guidelines and reports. Get communities together when we make presentations to professionals. Show pictures of events at home to make it attractive to come. Solutions can be very simple.

Lunch break

14 – 15 ECCNA 24 in Llandudno – August 3.-5., 2007

Mick (ECCNA 24 Chair) (report given out) – tremendous support by the UK region. Monthly Committee meetings. Fundraising events almost monthly in the UK. Flyer is printed. Website is being prepared. Events: a really exceptional live band. Merchandise will be different small items plus T-Shirts. PI presentation for professionals is planned on the Friday; last year's experience had 65 attendants. What are the requirements for the EDM workshops? Hope also to organize a World Wide Workshop, possibly with NAWS support.

Paul (FD) – offers help for FD workshop to be put on at ECCNA 24.

Bernardo (Treasurer) – pre-registration and registration on site will cost the same? Yes.

Purpose of the PI presentation is also to show the world wide fellowship.

Asia Pacific Forum

Tali (APF Chair) – gives a brief informal report. The last APF meeting in Thailand in February. The first APF was 9 years ago. A lot has changed since then. There were 11 countries, today there are 20. We also had a workshop asking communities to identify their needs. They are very similar as in EDM. NAWS did two workshops on Infrastructure and Atmosphere in Recovery. Another workshop on PI and H+I. China is opening to NA. New-Zealand has a glossary. New area in the Philippines. Guam came back to APF. More H+I in jails. We profit from information we receive from EDM, e.g. the delegates funding form. We have funding problems. Most funding is by merchandise. Any ideas except T-Shirts? We only meet once a year, so we need other means of communication. A website has been developed and is working very well. At the end of the meetings, we hand out an evaluation form to find out what works and what doesn't. Very helpful to plan the agenda! Next APF will be in Nepal some time January-March 2007. The minutes are on the APF-website.

15 – 16.30 ECCNA 25

Yasemin (Finland) – presenting a bid from Finland for ECCNA 25 in 2008.

The Finnish fellowship is not at EDM at the moment, but very active. 110 meetings in 40 cities, lots of activities. Service structure has been revised completely. Elections for RD are taking place.

Venue is the culture hall in Helsinki, a big events hall which can be transformed for all purposes. Restaurant in the venue. Outdoor events possible. Sports and an amusement park nearby. Accommodation options: deals with different hotels from 4-star hotel to youth hostels nearby and easily accessible by Metro. Having the ECCNA in Finland would be a good opportunity to connect. A hilarious little video clip is shown.

Date: July 26-28, 2008.

Questions and answers

There is lots of service willingness, so help for visa will be provided if possible.

Translation equipment has been booked.

Venue costs are very high. Cost of about € 20,000 are however already very good negotiation.

Finnish conventions are attended by about 300 people. 800 to 1000 people would be expected to ECCNA, especially from the nearby Baltic countries, Sweden etc..

Regional convention for 2008 and 20 year celebration will be together with ECCNA.

Fundraising for the event is planned.

The closest hotel to the venue is "Cumulus Olympia", price 80,- for single and 100,- € for double.

Income at ECCNA will be also generated through food stalls, merchandise.

EDM depends very much on ECCNA income. No budget yet. Some questions around that.

A majority of voting members doesn't feel able to vote without a budget, because it seems quite expensive.

Suggestion to ask the Finish committee to work out a rough projected budget and come back with it .

Other possibility to vote on the report and presentation in general. The committee can come back with more precise budget figures at next EDM. Some discussion around this.

The body then decides to vote on the bid. One vote per community. Vote in writing, as yes or no. Majority vote is 50 % plus 1. 17 voting members, majority is 9. Bid is accepted.

Short break

16.30 – 17.30 NAWS report

Anthony (NAWS) –

- Branch office in Iran was opened because it was impossible to meet their needs in literature sales. Last year 596,000 key tags were sold in Iran *without* welcome key tags.
- Another important topic: building relations with communities and with professionals.
- PR round tables project with professionals, correctional facilities, asking them for feedback on NA. Some results were new projects on how to build these relationships. Also PR handbook project.
- Projects to meet growing demand for service tools to help the communities.
- NAWS Fellowship development - offer help to communities to participate themselves in national professional conferences and PI activities.
- Carrying the message costs money. Resources in the fellowship help carry the message more effectively.
- Legal association guidelines: very important that they are up to date and comply with the reality. The guidelines entail legal responsibility. Risk of court cases.
- Please send recommendations for speakers at World Convention 2007.
- Unity day 2006 is on September 3 for a moment of silence and opportunity to share the serenity prayer.
- If you wish NAWS participation in an event in the local community, fill in a request form on the website, possibly one year ahead. NAWS will offer help but can't participate everywhere.

Becky (NAWS) –

- NA Way magazine and NAWS News: almost everyone receives it per mail. It's also online.
- Basic Text Work Group: most stories came in at or after the deadline. The workgroup has diligently selected stories to reflect the world wide fellowship. Input draft will be available on September 1st. Sign up for it on na.org website. Approval draft planned for September 2007.
- PR Handbook will be printed in fall. It is currently being translated in French, Spanish and Arabic.
- Issue discussion topics "Building strong home groups" and "Who is missing from our meetings and why". These are a follow-up from the last cycle. Workshops at ECCNA. Session profiles to be posted soon. They are also in the NA Way magazine. Feedback is welcome.
- Fellowship Development workshops planned at convention in Israel in September. No other requests yet in EDM zone.
- Participation at different conferences are planned, local participation very much encouraged.
- World Pool form for people willing to do PI activities will be made very much simpler.
- Encourage members who are also professionals and would be willing to work in targeted PR workgroups to contact World Services.
- Website is being redesigned. An FTP-area for NA-members only will be opened for people to post guidelines and other material as download offers. If you post something, please have clear, descriptive file names so people know what it is.

Several questions and answers about the website: A simple description how to download will be provided.

Passwords to upload files will be provided to trusted servants of areas and regions. Posting in different languages is fine. No general sharing area is planned for now.

Translations of Basic Text: chapters one-ten will remain the same. Changes include only a new preface and part two / the stories. No changes for the little white booklet planned. NAWS can offer help for translations.

NAWS can also help to register website and domain names.

Some announcements about changes in the agenda.

Resumes for SC positions and webservant elections are distributed (one set per community).

Saturday 29. July

Meeting starts with the reading of 12 Concepts and the Just for Today

9 – 11.15 Treatment centre discussion by NAWS

Some information and chapters 2, 4 and 7 of the new Public Relations handbook are given out as resource material.

Becky (NAWS) - NAWS had asked for input about the topic of treatment centres before the EDM. Some problems identified from the input that was sent in and collected during the session:

- *Boundaries between NA and Treatment Centres are not clear for patients and workers*
- No legal status for most meetings in Treatment Centres
- Little to no relationship with Treatment Centres
- Medication / drug replacement
- Lack of Treatment Centres, because of different government models of prevention or drug replacement
- *NA members bring involvement in Treatment Centres into meetings in many ways (and into Service)*
- Meeting attendance cards
- Sponsorship issues
- Doing more than the local NA community can handle
- *Negative impression of NA from Treatment Centres – (not as good as AA) – intimidates NA*
- *Number of newcomers affects atmosphere*
- Some meetings forbid Treatment Centre patients to attend their meeting.
- Treatment Centres adapting NA literature
- Treatment Centres using the NA name
- NA members who work in Treatment Centres
- Institutional meetings on the meeting list
- Treatment is required

Membership surveys show that a majority of members find NA through treatments. This means that, to find better ways to carry the message, we need to find better relations with treatment centres. Treatment centres are businesses, they don't have traditions. But we do. NA doesn't have opinions on treatment or other outside issues like medication. Members do. We need cooperation not competition with treatment centres. The IP site on na.org is the most visited site, also and especially by professionals.

More discussion about some of the problems identified:

- *Boundaries between NA and Treatment Centres are not clear for patients and workers*

Local NA members begin to work in the local treatment centres. It gets difficult to distinguish whether they speak for NA or as employees of the treatment centres. Treatment centres advertise that they hold NA meetings as part of their treatment. They also use NA literature. This creates confusion about what step work and sponsorship are about. Members who work in treatment centres do marketing for their centres in NA meetings or ask people to work in treatment. "Twelve Step calls" come through treatment centres, not through individual members.

We can't change people and places. What can we do in NA? Give feedback to the treatment centre. Have ongoing communication between NA-group and treatment centre. Keep information up to date. Be of example how you behave in the meeting. Read a statement in the meeting saying e.g. we have no affiliation with the treatment centre, don't talk about the treatment centre. Talk about membership in NA "you are member when you decide". Educate treatment facilities about our program and the difference to AA and other programs.

Ali (Iran service Office) – shares some experience. Mentality in Iran is: addiction is a crime. Prison instead of treatment. Government is involved in every sector of life. So, building relations with the government was really important. PI committee contacted government at highest levels. Consistency in PI, regular contact, be responsive. Demand for panels and speakers, PI workshops is increasing. Try to have strong PI committees in all areas. We invite officials to attend our open meetings. We also build relations with legal and medical

system, try to give information on all levels. Also try to increase the knowledge about the program with the members. Step work, sponsorship, devotion to the NA program as prerequisite for service positions. About 10,000 people attended the last convention in Shiraz. One of the highest Ayatollahs attended and said in an interview afterwards. *"I talk about a God I have never seen. NA members talk about a God they have seen."* **Professional from the Iranian national centre for addiction** - why did NA grow so much so fast. God and the principals of the NA program are working. Any other programs in Iran do not work so well. NA is giving the best help to the health system in Iran. Good cooperation of NA with treatment centres. We also have Nar-Anon meetings for family members.

Small group discussion

The body splits up into the same small groups as on Friday to discuss the question: "How can we build, maintain and improve relations with treatment centres?"

Some points discussed in the groups:

- Ask for outside help for PI workshops and training
- To start relations with treatment centres just go there and do it!
- Send a group guide (what is an NA group) to the professionals
- Public Relations committee should set up working plans
- Make membership surveys to show how the quality of life improves with NA
- Have a PI guide
- Have a Human Resource Pool and use the world pool to find experienced members in PI work
- Target higher professionals for PI work, so they pass information down
- Invite professionals to conventions
- Have follow-ups and update information frequently
- Create pamphlets about the local NA community
- Give presentations to doctors as well as the patients
- Consistency in PI work is important
- Do lots of workshops
- Relations with professionals through PI committees
- Do more PI work
- Educate groups about what is a clear NA message and the traditions
- Do PI training workshops for members
- Have a clear statement in the group readings about what NA is.

short break

11.30 – 12 Bids Winter EDM 2007

JD (French speaking Swiss) – ECCNA in Lausanne in 2000 was a big success in the area. To have EDM in the area / Geneva would be a very good follow-up. The bid has full backing of the area. We would also organize workshops for the local fellowship. 500 SFR (€333 for the room), € 90 for single or double room at hotel. Hotel is not in the centre but next to football stadium. Cheaper accommodation might be possible to find. Date is 1-4. February 2007.

Some discussion about expensive location and costs. Suggestion to vote for EDM to be in Frenchspeaking Switzerland but to ask them to look for a cheaper location if possible.

15 voting communities, majority vote is 8. Decision taken to hold winter EDM in Frenchspeaking Switzerland. The community will check the possibility to find a cheaper location.

Statement is made that travel to the next ECCNA, winter EDM and ECCNA in Finland is very expensive. Fellowships might not be able to afford to participate and to send a delegate for EDM in these places.

12 – 12.15 Elections Web Servant

Regional Nomination of a web servant is seconded by UK.

15 voting communities, majority vote is 8. Roland B. from Germany is elected as the web servant.

12.15 – 12.30 Starter pack committee

Report was included in the booklet. The starter pack committee had been asked to make a short Glossary concerning terms used in this information. They had asked for feedback, what people would like in that Glossary. No feedback received. There seems to be no interest in having the glossary. Any problems related

to translations of the document will be related to the Steering Committee. The document as presented in the meeting booklet is approved. Thanks to Conor and Miko for the work done.

Lunch break

14.15 – 13 Matters arising from the meeting

Discussion about having ECCNA in the year of the World Convention in Barcelona, 2009.

Peter (Chair) – ECCNA is the biggest financial support for EDM. When the World Convention was in Paris 1995, no ECCNA took place. Situation today is possibly different; no archive material from that event. It's also a philosophical question – if we as EDM Zone wish to support the World Convention by encouraging our members to attend and to not have a big event to conflict with it. Consequence would be that we have to fully rely on donations from communities.

Discussions, questions, suggestions about this:

World Convention is a World Services event, so it would not be possible to combine the ECCNA with the World Convention.

Suggestion to combine ECCNA with the Winter EDM, at a different time of year. Very risky.

Idea to find a different option for fund raising for EDM for that year, fund raisers, information, donations etc.

Two international conventions the same year is very probably too much for most people to afford.

No ECCNA means less possible Fellowship Development, less funding. Start financial planning now.

Impacts of World Convention in Barcelona have not yet been discussed at the World Board. Might discuss to have a room for an abbreviated EDM meeting at the World Convention.

Question if EDM might receive some percentage of revenues for not having ECCNA, such as regions hosting the ECCNA receive to make up for not having their Regional Convention.

There will be lots of FD at the World Convention. Topics brought up at EDM could well be incorporated into the program. Resources in terms of experience and people would be no problem.

What can be gained from having the World Convention in Europe? Look at the advantages.

Suggestion to hold ECCNA in an Eastern European country in 2009, as they usually can't travel to ECCNA or the World Convention.

ECCNA in 2006 made 42 % of the income. FD trips are 10 % of the costs. Attendance at EDM is 75 % of total expenses.

Suggestion to not have an EDM meeting that summer.

Having ECCNA in conflict with World Convention is no good sign for unity.

Not having ECCNA is a good example to regions who host ECCNA and who are asked not to have their regional convention, show them that this is possible

Have faith.

Don't have to take a decision now.

But there has been no voice in favour of having both conventions the same year.

Opportunity to think about unity, to communicate with NAWs, to maybe find a way to have a room for EDM at the World Service Conference and other possible solutions.

Suggestion to put a small workgroup together to investigate this some more.

ask for consensus: Does anyone insist on having ECCNA in the year of World Convention in Barcelona in 2009? One person insists. No consensus. Suggestion to have ECCNA in Eastern Europe is re-enforced.

More discussion – some points being said:

Don't separate people who can afford to go to World Convention and to ECCNA in the East.

There is the Baltic Convention especially for Eastern Europe.

Possibility to put in a bid for a convention in Eastern Europe for 2010.

Or Ukraine can ask for time to present a bid for ECCNA at next EDM.

ask for consensus again: does anyone insist on holding a 2009 ECCNA. One person again. Decision taken by not complete consensus. People feel uncomfortable with a decision not by complete consensus.

More discussion: If Ukraine works out a bid for ECCNA 2009 probably nobody would vote for it. Suggestion to leave the decision open until next EDM. If a bid is put in, it will be voted on. If no bid, the decision to not have ECCNA could be carried or discussed again.

short break

No consensus with the decision, not to have ECCNA in 2009. Discussion should be taken back to the fellowship and discussed again at Winter EDM.

JD (Frenchsp. Swiss) Process of consensus based decision making has been followed precisely. We took a decision and then we knocked it over. Should think again of the way how we make decisions.

Joao (Portugal), Stephanie (France) – agree

Dave (UK) – this decision should go back to groups. We have time until next EDM. Groups in our regions will feel included in the decisions if they are asked. Not doing so puts people off of service

Jean-Pierre (Vice-Chair) – positive side of taking this discussion back to the region is, we talk about the role of ECCNA and the regional conventions in our communities.

Peter (Chair) – everyone has a voice in this decision making process and need to express when we are uncomfortable with something.

Sunday 30. July

Meeting start with reading the 12 concepts and the Just for Today meditation.

9 – 9.30 Treasury report

Bernardo (Treasurer)

Sunday morning balance

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| Initial | 11686.68 |
| Refunds | 757.94 |
| Donations | 360,00 |
| Expenses | <u>323.89</u> |
| Balance | 12480.73 |

Refunds: cheaper flights, refunds of per diem not needed

Donations are from Lithuania, Greece, Hungary, ... The donations in the interim period show in the treasury reports sent out in mailing #1 and #2.

Extra expenses: booklet printing, coffee and cookies, more expensive flights

Budget

Incomes

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| ECCNA 23 seed money | 5000.00 |
| ECCNA 23 profit (until Saturday) | 12000.00 |
| Chesapeake Potomac Region (US) donation | 550.00 |

Expenses

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| Portugal Region (10 % ECCNA) | 1200.00 |
| NAWS (10 % ECCNA) | 1200.00 |
| ECCNA 24 seed money | <u>5000.00</u> |
| Final balance | 22530.73 |

ECCNA profit is until Saturday without counting the party and any registrations in the evening.

Earmarked monies / prudent reserve for next meeting is €13,000.

About € 9000 € available for budget expenses NOW.

Necessity to discuss long-term budget planning. The next two ECCNA in Wales 2007 and Finland 2008 are very expensive locations and will possibly not make that much profit. ECCNA 2009 might not take place. At this EDM no definite requests / figures for FD activities and funding, but some planning coming up for winter EDM.

9.30 – 10 Elections of Steering Committee

Chairperson – two nominations.

Frenchspeaking Region second nomination of Jean-Pierre

German-speaking Region seconds nomination of Conor.

16 voting members. Majority is 9. Conor is elected

Vice-chairperson – two nominations

Sweden seconds nomination of José

Greece seconds nomination of Toby

16 voting members. Majority is 9. Toby is elected

Treasurer – one nomination, seconded by Portugal
Questions to Nadi: are you financially solvent – yes
Did you finish previous service commitment – yes always
16 voting members. Majority is 9. Nadi is elected

alternate positions for Secretary and Treasurer are open for election in between, at ECCNA in Wales 2007.

Short break

10.15 – 11.30 ECCNA and other points

Workshops at ECCNA 2007

What workshops should we have at ECCNA 2007? Would we like to invite NAWS to hold workshops?

Suggestions:

Follow-up workshop on FD and Public Relations

A workshop to bridge between service and personal recovery.

Translations workshops.

Workshop on the PR Handbook

Medication issues

Becky (NAWS) – NAWS workshop experience. We used to do H&I and PI and translations. The last two ECCNAs we did it differently. More communication needed about what the local community wants and what the EDM wants. Delegates do not go to work-shops.

Several comments about the need to work closer with the Program committee and to plan workshops without other meetings at the same time.

Peter (Chair) – Three workshops. Public Relations, Fellowship Development and one that targets the members who come to the convention. Maybe leave the third open. Steering Committee will communicate with NAWS and the host committee to prepare the workshops.
The body agrees to this.

Other questions

There is a request to send out mailing #1 earlier, end of August. Not promised, as the Steering Committee are handing over to newly elected members and a lot of information has to be communicated.

Sponsoring new communities

Inbal (Israel) – Question about “sponsoring new communities” as a way to do FD. It was discussed several times but no activities happened.

Paul (FD) – This is what we discussed in the small groups. One community starting longer lasting communication with neighbouring regions. Follow up on activities. We want more discussion on how this could be developed.

Dave (UK) – UK region can perhaps help Malta region and will keep in touch with them.

Valentine (France) – We do it in groups and areas. The “sponsee” groups or areas are not using the “sponsor”. The need has to be there.

Miko (FD) – EDM are sponsoring communities. Maybe we need to develop more detailed methods. I like your idea, we need to talk more about how to do it.

Ewa (Poland) – The people in newer communities do not know about EDM. We need to communicate to them that we are here to help. We need to make the extra efforts.

Peter (Chair) – The discussions in Poland generated the insight that nearby groups, areas and regions need to increase communication. We also need to do this in the EDM and also in all regions. We have the experience and need to utilize it.

Inbal (Israel) – I think we need to have this topic on the agenda for winter EDM in Geneva. We should have teams that support communities with issues they might need help with. That’s what I mean with sponsoring.

Gabi (Hungary) – I think this is happening already. We have continued communication and have plans for follow-up. Your ideas can be incorporated in what is going on.

The body agrees that we want to discuss “sponsoring in FD” further at the next EDM Geneva. Inbal will put some ideas on paper and send it to the new SC so they can prepare the agenda.

ECCNA 23 report

Carlos (ECCNA chair) – We have reached our spiritual and financial goals. Some confusion in organisation but everything worked out. We didn't think so many would register the first day. 1035 registrations total. We think it went well and everybody needing assistance got it. We had fun. 700 people at the party Saturday. Information worked well before the convention, we reached world wide community. Media contacts worked good. TV had a spot on the news and newspapers with national front page article.

Ricardo (ECCNA treasurer) – these are not the final figures. Budget 9,455 euros. Parties and merchandize cost 8,055 euros. The profit is forecast to be 16,000 euros.

Questions and answers:

Bank costs when transferring money to the Brussels account will be about 10 Euros. Big amounts have to be split in half.

Short break

11.45 – 12.30 Matters arising from the meeting

Western Russia asks for experiences on consensus versus majority voting

Joao (Previous SC member, from Portugal) – shares some experience as one of the first Steering Committee members, when the consensus based decision process was introduced to EDM. We found it a beneficial way to find decisions in a way than no-one was strongly against a decision. Sometimes it was difficult. Most times, by talking a little more a solution could be found. We took the risk back then and it still seems a good way of doing things.

Stephanie (France) – we try to find decisions by consensus. It's a good way. But sometimes to have no voice against it does not mean everyone agrees.

Joao (Portugal) – it's a challenge. Sometimes we take decisions and then we take them back again by more discussion. We see what the tendency is in the body, if we need to discuss some more. The core of consensus is, even if we have a different position, we don't stop the decision to happen.

JD (Frenchspeaking Swiss) – our guidelines were based on Robert Rules of Order, aimed at voting. That means one opinion wins over another opinion. Lots of competition. Through participation in EDM we now try to make decisions that feel comfortable to everyone. But maybe not for all decisions. We have to leave room for disagreement also. Consensus is about unity. Don't make decisions when there is big disunity. Then take some time. Trust the process.

Miko (FD) – negative sides of consensus can be: we decide something and then see it was wrong. Or it seems consensus because nobody was listening and was too tired to voice against it. Positive is: consensus is about consideration of all voices and opinions. Take decisions slowly.

Valentine (France) – if we have taken a decision by consensus, we should also follow through.

Ewa (Poland) – we started using consensus 16 months ago. Positive experience. After a discussion, we first try to find consensus. We found it is a way how God's will for us is expressed.

Tom (World Board) – sometimes I don't agree. But I see everyone else agrees. The important is that I had the opportunity to have a voice. Then I can accept the decision better. We use this very effectively on the World Board

Christian (Germanspeaking Region) – we try to use consensus in my home group. We ask people why they are against it. Then we try to decide. It works really well.

Nektarios (Greece) – we started using consensus 6-7 years ago. Most members love it. It's not always easy but a good thing that everyone can have a voice.

Inigo (Spain) – atmosphere in the business meetings has changed a lot. We had more fighting, had to postpone a lot. Now is more cooperation.

12.30 – 13 Meeting sum up

Thanks to everyone and goodbyes to the delegates who are here for the last time and outgoing Steering Committee members.

Decisions taken during the weekend:

- Minutes of the last meeting approved
- "Welcome to the EDM" document is approved. Glossary can be worked on if problems in translation arise.
- **ECCNA 25** in Helsinki, Finland in July (26.-28.), 2008 (decision taken by majority vote)
- **Winter EDM 2007** in Geneva, Frenchspeaking Switzerland (decision taken by majority vote). The community will check the possibility to find a cheaper location.

- **Elections:**
Roland B. from Germany is elected as the web servant.
Conor from Ireland is elected as chairperson
Toby from Spain is elected as vice-chairperson
Nadi from Greece is elected as treasurer
- **ECCNA / regional convention:** The decision about a proposal of the Steering Committee “To add a paragraph to the Orientation Pack (page 18), that the hosting region of ECCNA should not hold their regional convention in the year of ECCNA” was postponed to next EDM after taking it back to the regions.
- **ECCNA / World Convention:** Decision to not hold ECCNA in the year of World Convention in 2009 does not find consensus. Discussion shall be taken back to communities. Decision postponed to next EDM.
- The body agreed to have some further discussion about “sponsoring” communities as a way to do FD at the next EDM Geneva.

Requests for funding:

Turkey to winter EDM (or next summer)

Egypt to winter EDM

Turkey request for FD follow-up

Russia request for FD to Siberia

Hungary request for FD workshop

Meeting Closed