



MINUTES
2010 TII ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 28th April 2010 at 18.00
ZENIT GmbH
Bismarckstrasse 28, 45470 Mülheim an der Ruhr (D)

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The President, Joachim Hafkesbrink, opened the meeting at 18.30 and welcomed the members present. A list of members present and represented by proxy at the 2010 AGM is to be found in Annex 1.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as previously circulated.

2. Election of Members to the TII Board of Management – Casting of Votes

The candidates for election and re-election were invited to introduce themselves to the assembly. In 2010, the assembly was invited to elect or re-elect members to the Board of Management from Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

The two candidates from Luxembourg – George Barton of Intrasoft International and Gaston Trauffler of Luxinnovation – announced that they had come to the gentlemen's agreement that Dr Trauffler would represent Luxembourg on the Board of Management for a first mandate of 2 years and that Mr Barton would take over from him for the second mandate of 2 years in 2012.

The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes, during which the members were able to complete and return their voting forms.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2009 AGM held in Thessaloniki (GR)

The minutes of the 2009 AGM held on 22 April at the Stein Building in Thessaloniki were adopted as previously circulated.

4. President's Report on the State of the Association

The association's President, Joachim Hafkesbrink, expressed pleasure in welcoming members to the first AGM under his Presidency. Despite the recent downturn in the economy, TII had experienced a particular buoyant 2009, with a steady flow of new members and a constant level of activities and events for the benefit of the membership. He was particularly keen that the TII members benefit from the new generation of web technologies for improved business networking, e.g. the development of a TII wiki of innovation tools.

5. Secretary General's Annual Report for 2009

2009 had marked the 25th anniversary of the association. One of the highlights of the year had been the healthy recruitment figures and the intake of 35 new members from 19 countries. This figure equalled the recruitment record established in 2008 and brought membership at year's end to 235 from 36 countries.

A total of 8 events were held during the year, including the annual conference in Thessaloniki, the summer school in Ljubljana, the innovation tour to Finland (Helsinki and Tampere), 2 stand-alone training workshops, one meeting of the Brussels Group, one meeting of the Quality Net subgroup and last, but not least, the inaugural innovation tools fair.

In addition, work started on two new European projects: Take It Up, the promotion pillar of the Europe INNOVA projects, and the ACP Science & Technology Programme aiming to stimulate capacity building and innovation among S&T organisations in the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of countries.

6. Financial Report for 2009

The Secretary General referred to the 2009 accounts, which had been circulated in advance of the AGM. The year ended with a registered operating surplus of €2 002.95.

7. Auditors' Report

The President read out the statement drawn up by the auditors, Dumont & Associés, according to which the association's accounts for 2009 had been examined in line with international auditing standards and gave a true and fair view of the financial position of TII asbl as of 31 December 2009.

8. Vote on Items 5 and 6

At the President's request, the members were invited to vote on the Secretary General's annual report and the accounts for 2009. Both items were approved unanimously by the members present.

9. Discharge of the Auditors

The President requested the members to grant formal discharge to the auditors for the 2009 financial year. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Appointment of the Auditors for 2010

Further to the proposal made by the Board of Management, the President invited the members to vote on the appointment of Mr Pierre Dumont of the audit firm, “Dumont & Associés –Commissaire aux Comptes”, based in Charleville-Mézières (France), as the association’s statutory auditor for the 2010 financial year. The vote was carried unanimously.

11. 2010 Programme of Activities

The Secretary General referred to Document 11, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. So far, one workshop on The Future of Knowledge Transfer had taken place in March; the 2010 Innovation Tour was scheduled to take place in June in the French-speaking Canadian province of Quebec, while the summer school was to be held in Vilnius (Lithuania) in September. Another Innovation Tools Fair was planned in November, to be held in conjunction with the activities of the Take It Up project. The association’s secretariat would continue to provide management services under contract to ProTon Europe.

Richard Beaudoin, who had made the journey especially for the AGM with Mario De Tilly of the host organisation Technopôle Saint-Hyacinthe, made a short presentation to the assembly of the expected highlights of the forthcoming Innovation Tour to Quebec.

12. 2010 Budget

The Secretary General took the members through the figures of the budget for 2010, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Income was expected to be approximately €288 450 while expenditure was forecast to be €285 750, yielding a small surplus of €2 700.

13. Vote on Items 11 and 12

At the invitation of the President, the members voted on the proposed Programme of Activities and Budget for 2010. Both were approved unanimously.

14. Discharge of the Board of Management

The President requested the members to grant formal discharge to the Board of Management for the 2009 financial year. The motion was approved unanimously.

15. Announcement of the Results of the Election to the Board of Management

The counting of the votes having been completed, the President announced the results of the election as follows:

Number of voting forms issued: 26
Valid forms returned: 25

Votes cast for the candidates

Belgium	Guido Giebens	25 votes (re-elected)
Denmark	Morten Dahlgaard Andersen	24 (elected)
France	Jean-Marie Pruvot	25 (elected)
Greece	Theologos Prokopiou	24 (elected)
Luxembourg	George Barton	10
	Gaston Trauffler	15 (elected)
Netherlands	Arjan De Bruin	24 (elected)
Portugal	Carlos Cerqueira	24 (elected)
United Kingdom	Gordon Ollivere	25 (elected)

16. Election of Retiring Board Members to the “Jury d’honneur”

The five retiring members of the Board – Niels Mjaarberg Olesen (Denmark), Michel Duhamel (France), Arnaud Duban (Luxembourg), Gosse Hiemstra (Netherlands) and Iain Bitran (UK) – were unanimously elected to the Jury d’honneur.

17. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the President thanked the members for their attendance and, on behalf of the host organisation ZENIT, invited them to join the welcome reception which followed the AGM. The meeting was closed at 19.45.

Annex 1: List of members present or represented by proxy at the 2010 AGM

N°	Name	Organisation	Proxy
1	Niels Maarbjerg Olesen	Aalborg University (DK)	
2	Guido Giebens	Antrim BVBA/Viisiteam (B)	
3	Simona Haprian	CCIA (RO)	
4	Jean-Paul Henry	Creaction International (B)	Guido Giebens
5	Ljerka Nezic	Croatian Chamber of Economy (HR)	
6	Bruno Woeran	Danube (A)	
7	Monica Antón	Fundación Cartif (E)	
8	Theologos Prokopiou	I4G Incubation Innovation Intelligence (GR)	Joachim Hafkesbrink
9	Olivier De Cock	IBBT (B)	
10	Joachim Hafkesbrink	Innowise (D)	
11	Geroge Barton	Intrasoft International SA (L)	
12	Steffi Finke	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (D)	
13	Péter Mogyorósi	Laser Consult (H)	
14	Gaston Trauffler	Luxinnovation – GIE (L)	
15	Tomas Olofsson	Malmö University (S)	
16	Andrea Di Anselmo	Meta Group (I)	
17	Kalyan Mitra	Patonomics AB (S)	
18	Zsolt Kohalmi	PTA Neti (H)	
19	Gordon Ollivere	RTC North (UK)	
20	Han Van der Meer	Saxion University of Applied Sciences (NL)	
21	Peter Fejer	Semmelweis Innovations (H)	
22	Jasper Hemmes	Syntens (NL)	
23	Tiina Tambaum	Tallinn Univesity (EE)	
24	Alexandre Labe	Tecknowmetrix (F)	
25	Edina Kicsindi	Univesity of Pecs (H)	
26	Marita Niemelä	University of Vaasa (FIN)	
27	Gosse Hiemstra	Van der Meer & Van Tilburg (NL)	
28	Otmar Schuster	Zenit (D)	
29	Albena Antonova	Sofia University (BU)	
30	Manuela Damm	TU Chemnitz (D)	
31	Michel Duhamel	Genodics Sas (F)	
32	Lars Hein	IPU (DK)	
33	Ashgar Jabalbarez	Qeshm Voltage (D)	
34	Slawomir Olko	Silesian University of Technology (P)	