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European Culture expressed in Agricultural Landscapes

Biennial Members' General Assembly (GA)

Place:	Leeuwarden / Niederlande (The Netherlands)
Location:	WTC Congress Center, Heliconweg 52, Leeuwarden
Room:	Meeting room Madrid
Date:	Tuesday, 21 st August 2012
Time:	18:45 – 19.30

Minutes

Schedule:

1. News about the network
2. Welcome of old and new members including member statistics
3. Report on activities following the last meeting in Riga (Latvia) (August 2010)
4. Next activities
5. Member fees
6. Miscellaneous

The given presentation will be on the website soon. There you can find the given information in detail, while the following provides only the minutes with the most important points.

Participants:

Hans Renes (Utrecht University/NL), Alexandra Kruse (BfLS, Overath/DE), Michael Roth (Technical University Dortmund/DE), Zdeněk Kučera (University Prag/CZ), Anu Printsman (Tallinn University/EE), Karl Martin Born (University Vechta/DE), Sebastian Eiter (Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute/NO), Edwin Raap (Landschapsbeheer/NL), Dagmar Stefunkova (Slovak Academy of Sciences/SK), Matthias Bürgi (Swiss Federal Research Institute/CH), Hannes Palang (Tallinn University/EE), Xavier Badan (University Vetagro sup/FR), Bas Pedroli (Wageningen University/NL), Urban Emanuelsson (Swedish Biodiversity Centre Uppsala/SE), Ingrid Sarlöv-Herlin (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Alnarp/SE), Graham Fairclough (University of Newcastle/UK)

News about the network

- **Founding meeting**
 - From 18.00 to 18.45 the same day, there had been a non-public Members' General Assembly as Founding Meeting, where only formally inscribed former members of the Network participated. The members founded the **"Institute for Research on European Agricultural Landscapes (European Culture expressed in Agricultural Landscapes) EUCALAND"^{1,2} as a non-profit association under German law (e.V.).**
 - Further results of the meeting:
- **Approval of the statutes**
 - The persons present have approved the attached statutes unanimously.
- **Election of the board and of two financial controllers**
 - The following persons have been elected unanimously:
 - As President: Hans Renes; as Secretary General: Alexandra Kruse; as Treasurer: Michael Roth

¹ German name: "Institut für Europäische Agrarlandschaftsforschung (European Culture expressed in Agricultural Landscapes) EUCALAND (e.V.)"

² After registration and acceptance of being "non-profit", the association will carry the add-on "e.V."

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- As financial controllers: Csaba Centeri (Szent Istvan University, Gödöllő, Hungary) and Bernd Paulowitz (HisGis, France)

Members – Membership

- The Network has 137 persons and institutions in its database, who had been in contact with the Network in the past for different reasons, mainly: looking for project partners, literature, recent project activities
- The Network had 27 formal members. (+4 -1 since Riga 2010) – please don't forget to send us / to give us the new member form
- 17 countries are represented in the network: AT, BE, CH, CZ, DE, EE, FI, FR, GR, HU, IT, NL, NO, PT, RO, SK, SL

Coun-tries	Mem-bers	Institu-tions	Individ-uals	Univer. etc	Consul-tant	NGO/ Ass	Adm.	Private
17	27	26	1	20	4	2	1	0

Report on activities

- The GA gave an overview on the following points (oder as bullet points, younger ones with some explanations)
 - cooperating organisations
 - organised workshops and special sessions since 2006
 - activity report regarding projects, presentations, participation since 2006
- 2011
 - Formalisation of the Network “Institut für Europäische Agrarlandschaftsforschung (European Culture expressed in Agricultural Landscapes) EUCALAND” as a German association (preliminary acknowledgement in December)
 - CIVILSCAPE: Canary Islands Manifesto (with publication)
 - ERC-Call under Hungarian lead
- 2012
 - UNISCAPE – presentation and publication
 - 2 ERC-Calls a) under Italian lead, b) under Hungarian lead
 - NAEP 2012 Portland (USA)
 - PECSRL conference with publication
 - Signatures at the notary
- Short summary of statements and political positions

Next activities

- Enlargement of the Network
- Consolidate the cooperation with FAO-GIAHS (<http://www.giahs.org/>) (contact?)
- Extension of the cooperation with CoE (guide rurale / The European Rural Heritage Observation Guide; contact: ? volunteers?)
 - Intensification of the cooperation with UNESCO, esp. analyse of the WHC list and sites regarding agricultural landscapes; contact: Alexandra Kruse, Bernd Paulowitz
 - Several project proposals are therefore under development
- Project cooperation with the ESF “Network of Networks” (new: AGORA)
- Glossary (further terms, further translations, volunteers)
- FP7 proposal
- Culture 2007/2013 proposal for network funding and/or others

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- Grundvig program (life long learning): We would like to apply for travel funds, in order to refund participation in working meetings and conferences: **Please, if there is someone with experience, we would be happy to have some help in writing an application**
- Cultural landscape description: Wooded grasslands incl. online tools, invitation of further countries
- COST: resubmission of last year proposals

Member fees

- The members have agreed on the following annual member fees (starting in 2013):
 - 30 Euros for individual members,
 - 100 Euros for institutional members.
 - There was no minimum amount for supporting members fixed yet.

Miscellaneous

- The GA has decided to stick to the idea of having the biennial GA at the PECSRL-meeting. If the participation fee gets (stays) too high, we will organise for the Members' meeting a side-organisation.
- A more regular newsletter than we have today with information about calls and projects and publications shall be set up. The website will provide static information.
- We think about establishing a Linked-In-account
- Next EUCALAND meeting: "water meadows" 2013 (NL), local organiser: Hans Renes. On invitation

The Network is working for you.

The Network IS YOU: We need network funds!!!! We need more volunteers – even for a very short or limited field of actions – please reflect and contact Alexandra

Tasks for every member or friend of EUCALAND

- Please send us the new member form
- Assistance in applications within the Grundvig Program, Lifelong learning
- Volunteers for taking over some smaller or larger tasks, e.g. newsletter, members' data bank, homepage, project tasks

Projects, where you can participate actively:

- Glossary
- Description of agricultural landscape types:
 - 2012: wooden grasslands
 - 2013: water meadows

Minutes: Alexandra Kruse