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The president Thomas Legl welcomes all members , in particular those who attend for the first time (KIMMTA-Hungary, Kruh Svetog Ante-Bosnia Herzegovina).

The agenda of the meeting as well as the.

Minutes of the Odessa assembly in May 2010 are unanimously adopted .

The president concludes the budget situation: euro-TC has more money due to the EC operating grant 2010, which made it possible to employ Julia Kalchhauser on a more regular basis with more hours.

One of the main concerns of the Operational Office is still to try to increase contact to all members,aiming to motivate members to more frequently participate at EURO TC events, which is now much easier through financial means of the operating grants which make it possible to reimburse travel costs, and sometimes even accomodation and subsistence.

Thomas Legl points out that EURO TC is one of the members of the Civil Society Forum on Drugs a body installed by the European Commission . This is a good success for Euro Tc and its reputation within Europe . Euro-TC will try to renew the application for membership in 2011, since the committee is created new every two years.

Euro-TC will probably be present in the NGO ECO Networking conference by the Rebirth Society in Iran, which is also an important part to broaden the European network. Julia Kalchhauser will present the structure and work of euro-TC there.

The DCD II project is in its final phase, the final conference will take place in Vienna in February 2011, when another successful 3 year period will come to an end.

Euro-TC could also strengthen its relationship to Irefrea Portugal and to the EMCDDA, which led to the idea to hold one of the next euro-TC events in Portugal since we received invitations from both the EMCDDA and the chairman of Irefrea Portugal Fernando Mendes.

As Dr. Mendes is a regular supporter of Euro Tc the president proposes to make him an Honorary Member of Euro Tc which is decided unanimously.

Thomas Legl continues by remarking on the sad fact that treatment is losing importance, politics are becoming more and more important, which means that we will have to try to make treatment and its quality more prominent, and more important Internationally again.

As invited plenary speaker Thomas Legl was present at the annual ICAA conference, which this year was held in Mexico, where he was officially representing euro-TC to a broad audience.

He was also invited as speaker at this year's conference on "Urban Drug Policies in a Globalised

World” in Prague with the very active presence of Mayor Pavel Bem. During the Conference the “Prague Declaration” was signed.

Julia Kalchhauser was present as euro-TC representative at the annual Soccer Without Drugs Cup, which was organized by euro-TC member Centro de Solidaridad Zaragoza, Spain this year and was once again an extremely successful event for both organizers and participants.

Euro-TC organized the Theater Therapy Seminar in Reichenau, Austria in November, which was also of outstanding success, counting around 70 participants from Germany, Italy, Hungary and Austria.

The Berlin Symposium, co-organized by Tannenhof has also turned out to be an extraordinary event with approximately 60 participants from different European countries, including not only euro-TC members but also scientific speakers from local authorities and treatment facilities or NGOs. It is remarked that Tannenhof did an extraordinary job providing the local organization at very short term notice

Treasurer Christian Heise follows by giving the financial report:

He presents the possibility/asking which facility would be able to give a small loan to euro-TC to cover the gap until the second part of the money from the European commission will flow after the final report, in order to solve the problem of pre-financing the money given by the grant. He also mentions that most probably the same problem will arise again next year in case we receive the OG again. Acquiring new members would be a good solution not only to have more money but also to be present in countries we are not so far, such as the Scandinavian Countries, the UK, etc. (The Operational Office will take care of a comprehensive promotion of euro-TC's work as well as of a member acquisition.)

Another possibility would be to raise the membership fee from 750 to 850 per year, Christian proposes a sum of 400.- instead of 375.- for the new member states, and to 850.- for all others.

The EC grant enables us to carry out more activities without only relying on voluntary work from member facilities, but therefore we also need more involvement from the members in the form of temporary financial help or hosting some of the annual activities such as the theater seminar, mothers-children work group, etc. In general, more involvement and more responsibility is asked of all members.

Brömer, Schwehm, Stachowske, Wassermann, Capra & Heise offer to discuss the issue with their treasurers and board and if possible, will give a small loan to euro-TC as soon as possible. They will get a copy of the EC Grant Contract, in order to have some solid background.

The move of raising the membership fee to 850 per year for full members is unanimously accepted by the assembly. Those members who have already paid for 2011 will only have to pay the difference of 100.- next year.

Operational Report:

Julia Kalchhauser reports about new developments in maintaining the website, which is partly done directly by the Operational Office for a few months. She will put the ppt-presentations of the Berlin Conference on the site, given that all presenters agree with the publication of their presentations.

All members are invited and reminded to send any info of their facilities to also put them on the

website, in order to distribute the news in a wider network; they are also asked to keep their info on the homepage updated and invited to send contact addresses of persons they know, who might be interested in receiving our newsletter, in order to put them on our mailing list.

Next the “new” members are introducing themselves shortly:

Jelena Damjanac starts by introducing “Kruh Svetog Ante” by briefly reporting about their programs, their community, the whole structure. There is one main facility and 2 counseling centers in other parts of the city (Sarajevo). She states that within the last 3 months a lot has changed for the better, now they start really feeling like a community, that is working well.

Judit Szabo presents KIMMTA. One main motivation for joining euro-TC was their plan of taking part in the Soccer Cup. KIMMTA is a foundation running for 12 years, it is a TC, a rehabilitation center in a little village, integrating farm work into their structure. Judit herself as well as many of her colleagues are priests.

Thomas Legl also welcomes Ruthard Stachowske, who is member of Jugendhilfe Lüneburg, which has 3 TCs, Stachowske is director of one institution (Wilschenbruch), founded in 1993 and also works together in a network with Ludwigsmühle, THBB & extra Munich.

The next point on the agenda is the regional office in the Ukraine, which was decided on in Odessa in May. Thomas Legl asks Jerzy Brozhyna if there has been done some work since the last meeting. He explains that probably in 2011 when activities for 2012 will be planned it would be a good practice to establish the “formal office” in Lviv. It is decided, that a written proposal will be sent to the operational office.

Thomas Legl shortly sums up the activities planned for 2011: one conference, mothers-children workshop group meeting, theater seminar, and maybe also the staff exchange (which many members would be interested in).

Fernando Mendes is willing to co-organize the conference in Coimbra, which could be combined with a meeting with someone from the EMCDDA, in order to take up the invitation to get into more contact with EMCDDA.

Theater Seminar: maybe in Hagen, maybe in Reichenau or Hungary (LeoAmici in Komlo or Pecs). Thomas promises to send out info on staff exchange as well in the near future.

Villa Renata has agreed to organize the mother and children seminar in Venice.

The operational plan is adopted by the assembly.

The next assembly will be connected to the Portugal conference, it is decided unanimously that there will be only one assembly in 2011.

The soccer cup will be held in Guadalajara, the local organizer would like to make the event free of charge for the participants, but it is difficult, since grants are not secured. Modesto Salgado agreed to already accept registrations, LeoAmici & Ukraine already verbally registered. KIMMTA and BWLV also expressed their interest.

As there are no further topics the president closes the assembly thanking Tannenhof for hosting the meeting.