

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AEHT EXECUTIVE BOARD  
HELD IN DUBROVNIK, CROATIA ON NOVEMBER 19TH 2009**

○ **Present:**

<b>COUNTRY/PAYS</b>	<b>Name/Nom</b>
AEHT Head Office Siège de l'AEHT	KOMANICKA Natalia
AEHT Head Office Siège de l'AEHT	SCHINTGEN Nadine
AUSTRIA AUTRICHE	ENENGL Klaus
BELGIUM BELGIQUE	SIEBENS Herman
CROATIA CROATIE	BARANASIC Vesna
ESTONIA ESTONIE	RAND Neeme
FINLAND FINLANDE	NIEMINEN Marit
FRANCE FRANCE	COLLINET Annie
HONGRIE HUNGARY	SASVARI Akos
ICELAND ISLANDE	PEDERSEN Helene H.
IRELAND Irlande	O'HARA John
ITALY ITALIE	MERLONE Rinaldo
LATVIA LETTONIE	OZOLINA Silva LOCMANE Ilze
LITHUANIA LITUANIE	STASIUNIENE Birute RAMUNE Vadeikyte
LUXEMBOURG LUXEMBOURG	ROBERT Louis
MACEDONIA MACEDOINE	NIKOLOVSKI Zoran
MALTA MALTE	ABELA Reginald
POLAND POLOGNE	PIENKOWSKA Boguslawa
PORTUGAL PORTUGAL	PAIS Ana Paula
SLOVAKIA SLOVAQUIE	SENKO Jozef SOTAK Marek
SLOVENIA SLOVENIE	SPEC Jana
SWEDEN SUEDE	LARSSON Arne
TURKEY TURQUIE	CELIKTAS Aydin ARDA Serpil

○ **Invited guest:**

TURKEY TURQUIE	BALTA Murat Bey
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## **1. Introduction**

After a brief welcome, Louis Robert asked delegates to introduce themselves around the table to allow the National Representatives elected in the spring to make themselves known. He took the opportunity to thank John Rees Smith for his work as translator and interpreter over the years, and introduced Natalia Komanicka who would replace him for interpreting assignments in various countries.

## **2. Agenda for the meeting of the Executive Board**

So that those present at the meeting would not have to listen to the Vice-Presidents' reports twice over, Louis Robert proposed that their presentations be deferred until the following day's General Assembly; the agenda and suggested changes were unanimously approved.

## **3. Minutes of the previous meeting (Dubrovnik, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2009)**

The minutes were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## **4. Presentations by the candidates and election of a new Presidium:**

The Presidium consists of a President and five Vice-Presidents.

○ **Election of the President**

The AEHT Head Office had received only one candidacy for the post of Present, namely Klaus Enengl, who joined the AEHT 9 years ago. He briefly introduced himself and spoke of his plans for the coming years. His school, an AEHT member since the AEHT's foundation, was the largest in Austria, with 850 students and 90 teaching staff. He himself had been elected National Representative for Austria for the second time, and had completed four years in the post of treasurer and two mandates as Vice-President. His main objectives were to continue to develop the Association and to increase student involvement. He would be submitting a project to be funded by the EU's 'Youth in Action' programme by the deadline of December 9<sup>th</sup>, which should improve the AEHT's finances (and avoid an increase in the subscription) as well as enabling us to offer a broader range of activities for students of member schools, including organising a Summer Camp for these young people. This camp would aim to bring together around 60 students, selected by the National Representatives on the basis of recommendations made by member schools of each country. A pilot camp would run in Bad Ischl (Austria) in June or September 2010, though the time of year could change in the future. The camp would involve workshops, seminars, an AEHT parliament and sports activities. The students would have to pay only their travelling expenses, the board and lodging being financed by the AEHT. The scheme would be launched in 2010 even if there were no funding forthcoming from the 'Youth in Action' programme. In this case, the AEHT would dip into its reserves. Further details would shortly be sent by e-mail to member schools.

Moreover, it was time to hold discussions about the changes needed to the statutes and rules currently in force, especially the competition rules. Also, Klaus Enengl would like the whole AEHT community to benefit from his experience within the AEHT, and to continue together the success story of our Association.

As there were no other candidates, Klaus Enengl was unanimously elected by acclamation, and he thanked the meeting for the confidence they had placed in him. He could take up the post only after his election had been ratified by the following day's General Assembly. Herman Siebens wondered what

would happen if the General Assembly were to refuse to ratify the election; Louis Robert pointed out that if this were to happen, we would need to begin the elections all over again. He was sure that the National Representatives would convince the members from their respective countries to accept the results of the election.

○ **Election of the Vice-Presidents**

Since the outgoing president, Louis Robert in this case, was automatically elected Vice-President, the remaining four Vice-Presidents were to be elected from among the following candidates:

- Rinaldo Merlone, Italy;
- Annie Collinet, France;
- Bogusława Pienkowska, Poland;
- Ana Paula Pais, Portugal;
- Neeme Rand, Estonia.

Since the last four candidates on the list had been known to the meeting for several years for their work in the Presidium, Louis Robert presented them briefly, after giving Rinaldo Merlone the opportunity to make himself known and to explain in greater detail his reasons for wishing to be a member of the new Presidium. His manifesto is summarised below:

- *Objectives at EU level:*
  - Strengthen contacts with hospitality training establishments in the different European countries;
  - Make Education and Tourism Ministries aware of the objectives and activities of the AEHT, and increase the ministries' involvement;
  - Reinforce links with European organisations (European Union ...) and international bodies (UNESCO);
  - Involve (or associate) the AEHT in the international projects of member schools, such as projects in China and Australia;
  - Promote student exchanges between different European countries (Leonardo da Vinci projects ...) to improve their knowledge of languages and of European civilisations;
  - Promote an integrated European education system.
  
- *Objectives at national level:*
  - Make the AEHT and its activities better known to the Italian schools and encourage non-members to join;
  - Strengthen the links between the 120 Italian member schools and the AEHT by canvassing their proposals and suggestions at national meetings;
  - Set out strategies to create a more constructive and unified atmosphere among the Italian contingent, by reinforcing contacts with the Italian Hotel Association and by encouraging this Italian association to assume its responsibilities in this regard;
  - Undertake to personally try harder to seek out and persuade present and future professional members to lend as much support as they can to the AEHT.

For the election of the Vice-Presidents, 21 national representatives voted in a secret ballot. Jana Spec (SLO) et Hermann Siebens (B) offered their services to count the votes, which were all declared valid. The following four candidates were elected with an absolute majority in the first round, thus rendering a second round unnecessary:

- Ana Paula Pais with 21 votes;
- Neeme Rand with 19 votes;
- Bogusława Pienkowska with 19 votes;
- Annie Collinet with 14 votes.

## **5. Report from the Vice-President responsible for Finances and Treasurer (Klaus Enengl, KE)**

### **A. Exclusions:**

Klaus Enengl presented to the meeting a list of the 20 schools which had not paid their subscriptions for two consecutive years, and which were therefore susceptible to exclusion at the General Assembly:

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| 1. CUB01 LA HABANA                     | 11. S37 HANINGE         |
| 2. DK08 ESBJERG                        | 12. S56 SMEDJEBACKEN    |
| 3. F28 AMIENS                          | 13. SRB01 SUBOTICA      |
| 4. F84 SAINTE SAVINE                   | 14. TR20 ISTANBUL       |
| 5. GB07 LONDON                         | 15. TR22 BOZUYUK        |
| 6. GB14 LONDON                         | 16. TR24 KUMBURGAZ      |
| 7. I117 VALLO DELLA LUCIANA<br>SALERNO | 17. TR25 AYDIN          |
| 8. I81 ANZIO                           | 18. TR26 NIGDE          |
| 9. I89 TORINO                          | 19. UKR03 MYKOLAIV      |
| 10. RUS02 SAMARA                       | 20. VE01 ISLA MARGARITA |

### **B. Resignations:**

17 schools had resigned from the Association, mainly because of financial problems (caused by the present world financial crisis):

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| 1. B11 GENT        | 10. I14 SCIACCA       |
| 2. B999 ROMBOUTS   | 11. I23 FERRARA       |
| 3. F46 CAVAILLON   | 12. I26 BORMIO        |
| 4. F72 MONTPELLIER | 13. PL13 KRAKOW       |
| 5. F82 AJACCIO     | 14. PL14 IWONICZ      |
| 6. F83 OTTANGE     | 15. PL19 SKIERNIEWICE |
| 7. FIN11 JYVASKYLA | 16. S57 SUNDSVALL     |
| 8. GB15 EDGWARE    | 17. TR18 MUGLA        |
| 9. I128 FIRENZE    |                       |

### **C. New members:**

28 schools had joined the AEHT:

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| 1. B22 HASSELT            | 17. NL29 EINDHOVEN            |
| 2. CR19 VIROVITICA        | 18. P11 LAMEGO                |
| 3. CR21 KRK               | 19. P12 AVEIRO                |
| 4. CR22 ZAPRESIC          | 20. RUS09 CHERKESSK           |
| 5. CZ07 ZNOJMO            | 21. TR28 ERZURUM              |
| 6. F89 BIARRITZ           | 22. TR29 ANKARA TEKNIKOKULLAR |
| 7. F90 ILLKIRCH CEFPPA    | 23. TR30 KIRKLARELI           |
| 8. I133 ALTAMURA          | 24. TR31 KONAK-IZMIR          |
| 9. I149 CASTELLANA GROTTA | 25. TR32 ESKIFOCA/IZMIR       |
| 10. I150 GRAVELLONA TOCE  | 26. TR33 AFYON                |
| 11. I151 ROCCARASO        | 27. TR34 ANTALYA              |
| 12. I153 DOLO             | 28. USA01 TAYLOR & FRANCIS    |
| 13. LV04 KULDIGA          |                               |
| 14. N02 ORSKOG            |                               |
| 15. NL27 THE HAGUE        |                               |
| 16. NL28 ALKMAAR          |                               |

In overall terms the number of AEHT member schools had slightly declined (by nine) since October 2008. This was the first fall in numbers for many years, but was not a cause for alarm. KE emphasised the importance of the National Representatives in urging the schools in their respective countries to maintain their AEHT membership despite short-term problems such as the financial crisis.

KE pointed out that as future President he could not at the same time continue in the post of treasurer. At the meeting of the newly-elected Presidium he would propose Hans Russegger as the new treasurer. Hans had retired from his post as teacher at the Bad Ischl school in 2009, and had already carried out to perfection the functions of treasurer from 1991 to 2005. The meeting accepted this proposal by acclamation.

The 2010 budget again made provision for a deficit of €10,000 in anticipation of uncertain subscription receipts and because of the new activities being proposed. The AEHT must therefore continue to exercise prudent financial management and to make savings in as many areas of expenditure as possible.

## **6. 2010 Annual Conference**

According to the AEHT's official calendar the 2010 Annual Conference was to have taken place in Poznan; however as the school's new building would not be finished in 2010, the school had asked us at the end of September 2009 to put back for one year the organisation of this event. The meeting applauded the Lisbon school and the 'Turismo de Portugal I.P.' agency – the national and central authority for tourism, responsible for the promotion, improvement and sustainable development of tourist activity in Portugal – for having taken up the challenge of organising the 2010 Annual Conference at such short notice. Paulo Revés is Director of the department for coordination and management of the agency's 16 public hotel schools in Portugal; he and his team had prepared in record time a presentation on Lisbon, the conference programme as well as the logo and 'Turi', the mascot of the 2010 Annual Conference. The Conference would take place in the premises of a former secondary school which had just been acquired by the Lisbon hotel school to accommodate its new school and its new training hotel. The organisers plan to lay on eight competitions and to host 800 delegates from 30 countries. They were awaiting estimates for accommodation for all these people, as well as for the conference infrastructure. Once this information had been gathered together, they would be informing all member schools of the details by e-mail. Ana Paula Pais thanked the National Representatives in advance for dealing with the promotion of the Conference in their respective countries.

## **7. Occasional Events**

Ana Paula PAIS talked the meeting through the calendar of events organised in 2009 under the aegis of the AEHT. The following events had either already taken place or would do so before the end of the year:

<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
February 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Brescia Golden Trophy for Gastronomy, Colorno, Italy
<b>MARCH</b>	
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	Francoli Cup 2009 in Stresa, Lago Maggiore
March 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Franz Josef's Dining Table – tradition and renewal in Central European gastronomy from the 19 <sup>th</sup> to the 21 <sup>st</sup> century, Budapest (HU)
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	'Antonio Nebbia' Fifth International Hot Food Competition, Cingoli, Italy
March 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Atlantic Tea Festival, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal
<b>APRIL</b>	
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Barman competition – G&T Cup, Bled, Slovenia
April 16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	International Gastronomy Festival: Sport and Health (on the theme of motor sports), Faro, Portugal
April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	'Il Pesce dell'Adriatico' - Adriatic Fish Competition, San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy
April 21 <sup>st</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	'Bartolomeo Scappi' International Competition 2009, Castel San Pietro Terme, Italy
April 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	'Dining with the Ancient Romans' – their gastronomy, culture, history, art and music, Oristano, Sardinia, Italy
<b>MAY</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> week in May <b>deferred to 2010</b>	'Gioacchino Rossini Gourmet' culinary arts contest, Loreto, Italy
May 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	'GASTRO 2009' Gastronomy Competition, Komiža Island, Croatia
May 7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>deferred</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Competition for Hotel Reception Employees and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tourism in the City Competition (on the theme of mountains), Giulianova, Italy
<b>JUNE</b>	
June 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>deferred to 2010</b>	Mediterranean cuisine with summer flavours, Funchal, Madeira, Portugal
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
October <b>deferred to 2010</b>	Gastronomy of the Baltic workshop, Warsaw, Poland
October - <b>cancelled</b>	Seminar on 'Mushrooms in Polish Cuisine of Yore', Swidnica, Poland
October 26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Eurocup 2009 – Young Barman Competition (16 <sup>th</sup> edition), Prešov, Slovakia
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
November 17 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> AEHT Annual Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> Christmas in Europe, Poznan, Poland

Nadine Schintgen reminded the organisers to send their reports as early as possible in order to receive their subsidy agreed by the AEHT as the beginning of 2009. For this year, three

reports are still awaited. The AEHT Head Office would wait another six months, then 2009 would be finalised, after which time no further subsidies could be claimed.

For 2010 at least twelve events were planned; the organisers would have the opportunity to present their events at the following day's General Assembly. The 2010 calendar was shaping up as follows:

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
February 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	International Festival of Gastronomy: Sports and Health (Topic: Extrem sports), Faro (P)
<b>MARCH</b>	
March	Seminar on 'Dining with the population of Uragica' - their gastronomy, culture, history, art and music, Oristano-Cabras, Sardinia (I)
March 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	"In the West-Pomeranian land of fish flavours"- Seminar-workshop on Baltic fish, Kolobrzeg (PL)
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Competition 'Il Piatto Verde – Theme: The Herbs of the Force', Riolo Terme (I)
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	International Prize of Enogastronomy "Giacchino Rossini Gourmet", Loreto (I)
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	5th edition of the Bartender G&T Cup Competition, Bled (SLO)
<b>APRIL</b>	
April 13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bartolomeo Scappi competition (Pastry – cooking – bar – sommelier competitions), Castel San Pietro Terme (I)
April 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition of the international competition on the typical gastronomy in the Teramo region, « Teramo in Tavola », Teramo (I)
<b>MAY</b>	
May	5 <sup>th</sup> competition for Hotel Receptionists and 3 <sup>rd</sup> competition in City tourism (Topic: mountains), Giulianova (I)
May	Gastronomy Competition «GASTRO 2010 » (HR)
<b>JUNE or SEPTEMBER</b>	
June or September	AEHT Summer camp, Bad Ischl (A)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
October 5 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	AEHT Annual Conference, Lisbon (P)
October/November	Eurocup 2010 - Junior bartenders competition (17 <sup>th</sup> ed.), Prešov (SK)
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	19th Christmas in Europe, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, Azores (P)

## 7. Fixed Events

### Christmas in Europe 2009

Bogusława Pienkowska (BP) regretted the last-minute cancellations which occurred this year for Christmas in Europe in Poznan. Applicants should be aware that this event required the organising school to make a considerable investment in funding and in staffing, and in future years applicants must treat this investment with respect. So for this year there were still some places available, and any schools interested in attending were requested to speak directly to BP after the meeting.

## 2009 Annual Conference

Arne Larsson expressed regret that the process of allocation into teams had taken two hours. It was needlessly exhausting and disconcerting for the students, and was to be avoided at all costs. Louis Robert agreed, pointing out that there had been a number of difficulties in putting together the judging panels. The online registration system would be further developed in order to make it easier to form student teams and judging panels. Teachers who register students who do not master one of the two official AEHT languages are not helping students, because they are exposing them to criticisms from other delegations, to the frustrations of their team-mates and to possible exclusion. As the AEHT was created with the objective of serving students' needs, all teachers should serve on the judging panels, at least for one day. Herman Siebens also emphasised that when students register, they should tick only the language(s) which they really speak fluently and which they can use during the competitions. Students who had claimed on the form that they mastered the two languages had been moved from an English-speaking to a French-speaking team, though their command of French was only rudimentary.

Jana Spec also insisted that the directors should check the level of fluency before registering their students. There had been too many communication problems between team-members in recent years. This was not fair towards those who did fulfil the selection criteria.

There were other rules which had been infringed during this conference, namely the formation of teams including students from the same country and even from the same school, and cases of exceeding the maximum of 25% of participants from the same country for the same contest, notably the culinary arts competition. Also some schools had registered more than one student for the same contest. In future all of these points would be checked more rigorously.

Herman Siebens suggested that the Conference programme could be improved by the addition of seminars or workshops for the teachers and directors.

## 12. Date of the next meeting of the Executive Board

Louis Robert congratulated Natalia Komanicka for her excellent work as interpreter, which she had carried out for the first time at the Executive Board meeting. Applause from those present confirmed the meeting's satisfaction, and their agreement that Nathalia Komanicka should be confirmed in the post.

The next meeting of the Executive Board would be held in Lisbon, Portugal on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2010.

(arrival on March 5<sup>th</sup>, departure on March 7<sup>th</sup>)

Diekirch, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2009



Louis Robert,  
Outgoing President



Nadine Schintgen,  
General Secretary