

**MINUTES OF THE AEHT GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD ON
OCTOBER 18TH 2007 IN JESOLO LIDO, ITALY**

Present:

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CROATIA	CR12	TURISTICKA I UGOSTITELJSKA SKOLA DUBROVNIK	Zupska 2	DUBROVNIK	Jancic	NEDJELKO
CROATIA	CR13	UGOSTITELJSKO-TURISTICKO UCILISTE	Kombolova 2a	NOVI ZAGREB	Nada	STANIC
CROATIA	CR04	HOTELIJERSKO-TURISTICKA SKOLA	Drage Gervaisa 2	OPATIJA	Ksenija	BELJAN
CROATIA	CR15	UGOSTITELJSKA SKOLA OAPTIJA	Kumiciceva 14	OPATIJA	Ersilija	KOPANI
CROATIA	CR06	SECONDARY SCHOOL OF CATERING AND TOURISM "ANTONA STIFANICA"	Prvomajska 6	POREC	Vesna	BARANASIC
CROATIA	CR10	SKOLA ZA TURIZAM, UGOSTITELJSTVO I TRGOVINU PULA	Kandlerova 48	PULA KANDLEROVA	Vedrana	BRAJKOVIC
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ESTONIA	EE02	TALLINN SCHOOL OF SERVICE	Majaka 2	TALLINN	Raino	LIBLIK
ESTONIA	EE03	TARTU VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CENTRE	Vanemuise 35	TARTU	Andrus	KOMPUS
FINLAND	FIN02	HELSINKI CULINARY SCHOOL PERHO	Perhonkatu 11	HELSINKI	Marit	NIEMINEN
FRANCE	F56	LYCEE POLYVALENT DE BAZEILLES	Parc du Château de Montvillers	BAZEILLES	Laurence	DROMZEE
FRANCE	F23	LP HOTELIER FRANÇOIS BISE	86, Rue d'Asnières	BONNEVILLE CEDEX	Annie	COLLINET
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FRANCE	F19	LYCEE DES METIERS JEAN DROUANT	20, rue Médéric	PARIS	Christian	BADINAND
FRANCE	F76	LYCEE HOTELIER SACRE-COEUR	43, Avenue de la Gare	SAINT CHELY D'APCHER	Pierre	MARTIN
FRANCE	F20	LYCEE TECHNIQUE HOTELIER SAINTE-ANNE	250, Boulevard Laënnec	SAINT-NAZAIRE CEDEX	Joseph	LE GAL
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ITALY	I72	IPSSAR	Viale Dante 24	CASTELLANA GROTTA (BA)	Francesco	TARTAGLIA
ITALY	I12	IPSSAR "BALCONE DELLE MARCHE"	Via Mazzini 2	CINGOLI (MC)	Elio	CARFAGNA
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ITALY	I06	IPSSAR "ANGELO CELLETTI"	Via Gianola	FORMIA (LT)	Erasmus	COLARUOTOLO
ITALY	I114	I.P.S.S.C.T. "L. DI POPPA" - SEDE ASS. DI GIULIANOVA	Via Bonpadre, 2	GIULIANOVA (TE)	Giuliana	CALZONETTI
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ITALY	I113	IPSSCT DON ZEFIRINO IODI	Via della Canalina 21/1	REGGIO EMILIA (RE)	Paolo Francesco	BARONI
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PORTUGAL	P06	ESCOLA PROFISSIONAL DE HOTELARIA E TURISMO DA MADEIRA	Travessa dos Piornais	FUNCHAL / MADEIRA	Maria Tomásia	ALVES
PORTUGAL	P07	ESCOLA DE FORMACAO TURISTICA E HOTELEIRA	Largo Almirante Dunn	PONTA DELGADA / ACORES	Filipe	ROCHA
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Welcome Speech

The President, Louis Robert, warmly congratulated the IPSSARCT "ELENA CORNARO" Institute and all its co-workers for their warm welcome and for their well organized conference.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Killarney, November 9th 2006)

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

3. President's Report and Report on Fixed Events (Louis Robert, LR)

Louis Robert reminded the meeting that the current Presidium had been elected in November 2006 at the Killarney Annual Conference, and that the remits of the various vice-presidents had changed in several respects, as illustrated by his Powerpoint presentation. It was pointed out that since Hans Russegger's departure the tasks of Treasurer and Vice-President responsible for Financial Matters had been taken over by a single person, namely Klaus Enengl. The details of the new portfolios could be consulted in the AEHT's 2007 brochure and on the website at www.aeht.eu.

Louis Robert took the opportunity to congratulate the Presidium for its closely coordinated team-work and thanked the General Secretary Nadine Schintgen and the Translator and Interpreter John Rees Smith for their commitment to the Association; the meeting applauded this dedication.

Other innovations had followed the election of the Presidium: a new website had been created, including an on-line discussion forum. The National Representatives were requested to visit the site periodically in order to check, complete and update the information in the 'Hospitality Education' section for their respective countries.

Louis Robert thanked Christiane Keller, more usually called 'Mother Christmas' and Jo Laengy, the AEHT's official photographer, who were warmly applauded for the tireless efforts on behalf of our Association.

LR also mentioned the considerable contribution made by Competitions Committee to the improvement of the rules and the smooth running of the competitions which took place during the conference. It had become clear that it was absolutely vital for the Competitions Committee to accompany the Presidium when it held its meeting six months before the event at the location of the next Annual Conference, in order to ensure that experience gained at one conference was made available to the organizers of the next.

2008 was an exceptional year as it was the year when the AEHT would celebrate its 20th anniversary. On this occasion the AEHT wished to seek the services of a 'Council of Elders' to help it 'remember its past'.

This council would consist of honorary Presidium members (retired vice-presidents and treasurers); it was to have been officially set up during the 2007 annual conference, but since most of the potential members had been unable to attend, its formation had been deferred until March 2008 in Kuressaare, Estonia, when the Council would be set up in parallel with the Executive Board meeting.

The remit of the Council of Elders would be to study a number of points, namely:

- the development of new activities, for example a new type of competitions specially aimed at higher education establishments;
- the organisation of specific events such as the 20th anniversary of the AEHT in Kuressaare (and the publication of a brochure to mark the occasion);
- the search for sponsors and other sources of funding;
- advice to be offered to the Presidium in the context of large projects;
- any ideas and initiatives which could improve and extend the AEHT's range of activities.

It was anticipated that the Council of Elders would eventually be self-financing through the recruitment of more professional partners. Meanwhile, to enable the Council to begin operating, it was necessary to make a budget allocation which would need to be approved by the General Assembly. Klaus Enengl would return to this matter when the time came to discuss the 2008 budget.

Nadine Schintgen passed round a petition of which the objective was to support the Bulgarian teachers who were on strike in support of their demands listed below:

- Making education a priority for Bulgarian society and the Bulgarian government;
- Investing at least 5% of GDP in the national education system;
- Instituting a genuine reform based on a long-term programme of education development, to be negotiated with all the parties concerned: teachers, parents, students, employees and state bodies. This programme should come into effect under the present government and remain in force under all future governments;
- Restoring to Bulgarian teachers a position of respect which is their due in any civilised society;
- Giving every educated Bulgarian citizen the opportunity to become a decent citizen in today's Europe;
- Granting all teachers a salary increase of 100% (two increases of 50% each, one on October 1st 2007, the other on January 1st 2008), given that teachers starting their career earn €150, rising to €200 after 25 years experience.

In 2005 our support for Romania had had a highly successful outcome: the Bucharest school was able to remain in its premises and to keep the two training hotels which had been funded by the United Nations development programme. The AEHT has a real impact at an international level, and has a duty to give its support to worthy causes.

4. Report from the Vice-President in charge of Professional Placements (Bogusława Pienkowska, BP)

Bogusława Pienkowska ran through the statistics relating to placements in units of the ACCOR group in 2007. France followed by Germany, with 27 and 18 placements respectively, counted as the most 'hospitable' countries. ACCOR Group hotels in the United Kingdom provided eight placements which were snapped up within a week of being publicised. The AEHT must redouble its efforts to find more hotels to satisfy the large number of teachers clamouring for placements in English-speaking countries. The largest number of teachers on placement was hosted by hotels in the United Kingdom, followed by France, Germany and Austria; Novotels were the hotels which hosted the largest number of placements.

Out of the 35 teachers who applied for the scheme only 25 eventually carried out their placement. 22 women and three men took part in the ACCOR placement programme. Language teachers represent by far the largest group of participants (17 out of 25).

The participants included four Poles, three Austrians, three Romanians, three Russians, two French, two Croats, two Italians, two Portuguese, one Czech, one Slovene, one Finn and one Turk.

In general the comments made by participants following their placement were very positive and provided evidence that the scheme should continue in future years. However, it was important to point out that last-minute withdrawals caused a lot of damage to the collaborative arrangements between ACCOR and the AEHT.

Bogusława Pienkowska appealed to National Representatives to urge school directors to send only reliable teachers on placement and to persuade them not to withdraw once they had registered; if they were forced to withdraw because of circumstances beyond their control, they should inform the receiving hotel as soon as possible, as well as *Renata DLUGASZEK and Bogusława PIENKOWSKA at the Szkoła Policealna Nr 13 in Warsaw, Fax: (48) 22 840-48-97, E-mail : AEHTACCOR@WP.PL.*

In 2007, three teachers created problems: some of them had simply not turned up at the hotel, without providing excuses to the hotel director. We should remember that the ACCOR placements are periods of observation for teachers, and are in no way opportunities for tourism!

There followed two highly interesting video presentations of the various brands and commitments of the ACCOR Group; the presentations were introduced by Frédérique Poggi, Manager at the Human Resources Directorate of the ACCOR Hotels Department.

Below are the salient points from these presentations:

- The ACCOR group currently has the following brands:

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| - Sofitel | - Suitehotel | - Etap |
| - Pullman | - Atria | - Formule 1 |
| - Novotel | - All Seasons | - Motel6 |
| - Mercure | - Ibis | - Studio 6 |

- ACCOR has also taken over the Dorint Hotel chain in Germany.

- The Group intends to create 20,000 additional bedrooms by 2010, mostly in Asia and in Europe.
- Last year:
 - The ACCOR website received 202 million visits.
 - 169,000 co-workers took part in training courses in a branch of the ACCOR Academy;
 - The Lenôtre School trained +/- 3,000 chefs

The group actively invites contributions from its employees and the group's 'ideas box' has already received 550,000 ideas, many of which have already been implemented.

As far as its commitments are concerned, the Group has invested heavily in sustainable development, in the campaign against sexual tourism and against certain diseases.

Frédérique Poggi emphasised that in general terms the collaboration between ACCOR and the AEHT was very positive in 2007. She did however point out that the problems which arose are damaging to the image of the ACCOR-AEHT partnership. She also expressed her disappointment that some places on offer, for example in France, had not been taken up. Louis Robert underlined that school directors should do more to encourage their teachers to take part in the scheme, and should ensure that participants are more carefully selected.

Observations made by participating teachers were published on the website. Michel Gaillot enquired whether teacher placements could be arranged in the Middle East and in Africa; Frédérique Poggi replied that this depended mostly on the AEHT's policy; before a decision was made, it would be necessary to examine the legal implications of such an expansion of the scheme.

5. Report from the Vice-President in charge of Seminars and Occasional Events, of Publication of Information on National Educational Systems and of EU Educational Programmes (Ana Paula PAIS, APP)

a) Events in 2007

Ana Paula PAIS gave a Powerpoint presentation of the events organised under the aegis of the AEHT in 2007. Details of the events may be consulted in the AEHT annual report published on its webpage. The head office frequently has insufficient information to be able to produce reports of the different events; organisers are requested to send an article and photographs of events to the AEHT secretariat.

b) Call for proposals for 2008

APP appealed for new proposals and asked organizers to give a brief presentation of the events offered in their respective countries. The proposals are summarised as follows:

Serpil Arda briefly presented the 2nd International Thrace Cup to take place from April 9th to 13th 2008 at the Anatolian Hotel and Tourism School in Tekirdag (Turkey) during their National Tourism Week. There would be competitions in the following areas:

- bar

- food service
- flambé work
- culinary arts
- pastry

Registration would cost €150 per person sharing a double room and €200 per person occupying a single room.

The 4th International “Antonio Nebbia” hot food competition entitled “Finger-food and cocktail – Innovation in Tradition” organised in collaboration with the Provincial Association of Macerata Chefs would take place from February 17th to 19th in Cingoli (I). More detailed information was available at <http://www.ipssartcingoli.it/> and at <http://www.assocuochimacerata.it>.

The “Bartolomeo Scappi” International Competition 2008 would take place from April 16th to 19th in Castel San Pietro Terme (I); a maximum of 20 schools could be accepted as participants and lodging would be free of charge for all participants.

The 4th Competition for Hotel Reception Employees would take place in May in Giulianova; participation for one student per school would be free of charge, with a supplement of €30 per day (a total of €90) payable for each additional student and teacher. Only students aged between 17 and 19 would be eligible.

The seminar on ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) to take place from November 12th to 16th in Waterford (IRL) was specially designed to help teaching staff to put their own teaching materials on WebCT and to organise video conferences. They would also have the opportunity to work in a radio station and to familiarise themselves with HOTS (computerised simulations).

Also, on December 1st 2007 a table decorating contest would take place in Forlimpopoli (I) at the « Pelligrino Artusi » hotel school. For further information, meeting delegates were invited to consult the organizing school’s website at <http://www.iisforlimpopoli.it> .

FEBURARY

17 – 19 February	4 th Antonio Nebbia International Hot Food Competition entitled 'Finger-food and cocktail – innovation in tradition, Cingoli, Italy
- 15 December 2007	- deadline for receiving applications
- 19 January 2008	- deadline for receiving recipes, contact details and reports
- 30 January 2008	- date of publication of the list of schools selected for the final

MARCH

12 March	12 th Cocktail Contest - Francoli Cup 2008, Ghemme, Italy
13 – 16 March	International Festival of Gastronomy: Sport and Health (Theme: nautical activities), Faro, Portugal
14 – 15 March	'GASTRO 2008' Gastronomy competition, Porec, Croatia
Exact dates to be confirmed	Seminar on 'Return to the Ice Age – traditional Italian Ice-cream making', Senigallia, Italy

APRIL

9 – 13 April	2 nd International Thrace Cup at the Anatolian Hotel and Tourism School, Tekirdag, Turkey
- 1 March 2008	- registration deadline
16 – 19 April	'Bartolomeo Scappi' International Competition 2008, Castel San Pietro Terme, Italy
22 – 25 April	Seminar entitled 'From Sea to Plate – sustainable methods for preparing fish and shellfish', Gothenburg, Sweden

MAY

8 – 11 May	4 th Competition for Hotel Reception Staff and 2 nd Competition for Tourism in the City, Giulianova, Italy
31 January 2008	- registration deadline

JUNE

25 – 29 June	Seminar on 'Secrets of Madeira Wines', Funchal, Portugal
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OCTOBER

14 – 19 October	21 st AEHT Annual Conference, Kuressaare, Estonia
Exact dates to be confirmed	Workshop entitled 'On the trail of juicy game', Rzeszow, Poland

NOVEMBER

12 – 16 November	Workshop on 'Information and Communication Technology', Waterford, Ireland
November	Eurocup 2008 – 16 th Young Bartender Competition, Prešov, Slovakia

DECEMBER

5 – 10 December	Christmas in Europe, Château-Chinon, France
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DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

date to be confirmed	Seminar on 'New Tracks for Horse-riders – creating a new tourist attraction', Kołobrzeg, Poland
date to be confirmed	Seminar entitled 'White Truffles: from Tradition to Contemporary Cuisine', Porec, Croatia

APP reminded the meeting of the essential rules for organisers of occasional events:

- send out the proposal as early as possible (at least six months before the event);
- make the cost of board and lodging as low as possible;
- promote the AEHT (using the AEHT CD-ROM) at the start of the event in order to make it known to participants from non-member schools;
- send an article and photographs to be published on the AEHT website (among other places).

c) European Projects

- **'E-LINGUA' Leonardo da Vinci Project**

The Leonardo da Vinci E-LINGUA innovation transfer project submitted in March 2007 aimed to transfer Europe-wide the 'Weblingua' programme (awarded the European languages certification label in 2006), a multimedia resource for online training in oral communication in five European languages (EN, DE, ES, IT and FR) for nine different hotel and tourism professions (45 modules representing 140 hours of language learning) containing only specific situations relating to each branch of the industry. Initially the programme was developed for employees in Western European countries who had designed the product, and the AEHT wished to try out these resources in new countries and with a new target audience – young people undergoing initial training whose native tongue was not one of the five languages offered by the programme.

Bidding for European projects had turned out to be a laborious process and the bids had not always been successful. In August 2007 the European Commission finalised the selection process for projects submitted in the spring. Because of the high number of applications received and of the very limited budget for innovation transfer projects, the project submitted by the AEHT was not accepted, but the proposers were asked to resubmit the project when a new call was put out.

6. Report from the Vice-president in charge of Higher Education (Alfonso Benvenuto, AB)

In November 2006 Alfonso Benvenuto had again requested national representatives to send him the contact details of the schools offering higher education programmes in hospitality studies in their countries. The task now consisted of checking whether all the schools which figure on the list do indeed offer higher education programmes. The list drawn up from this information would enable him to organise a conference on higher education in 2008 with a view to possibly setting up a higher education programme aimed at students graduating from our member schools.

Alfonso Benvenuto also suggested submitting a bid for Leonardo da Vinci funding to set up a system for certifying schools for HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point – a method of ensuring food safety and hygiene).

7. Financial report from the Treasurer (Klaus Enengl, KE)

Klaus Enengl informed the meeting that as of today 80 schools had not yet paid their annual subscription, representing an unpaid sum of around €50,000. A certain number of schools would have to be excluded, following a final reminder to be sent out following this annual conference, for not having paid their subscriptions for three years.

The 2006 out-turn reflected the excellent financial health of the AEHT. Following the budget cuts imposed on all its ministries in 2007, the Luxembourg Government had reduced by one third (from €30,000 to €20,000) the annual subsidy granted to the AEHT; this made it even more imperative to seek new sources of funding.

In September 2007, Danielle Snauwaert and Jürgen Clausen had come to the AEHT head office to audit the AEHT's accounts. Since they were unable to attend the present meeting Klaus Enengl read the report which they had given him; the report indicated that the accounts were well kept and that the out-turn which they showed was a true reflection of the AEHT's financial situation. The Assembly unanimously approved the 2006 balance sheet and renewed for a further year the mandate of the auditors.

Klaus Enengl proposed that a sum of €10,000 should be included in the 2008 budget (totalling €135,100) in order to provide advance finance for the activities of the Council of Elders; the proposal was accepted by acclamation of the General Assembly. The meeting approved by acclamation the activities of the Treasurer and Presidium for 2006.

KE then read out a list of new members, exclusions and resignations (often resulting from a change of director at the school in question):

A) Exclusions:

The exclusions would not be announced until the beginning of 2008, and only for those schools which by then had still not heeded reminders to pay their subscription.

B) Resignations:

1. USA01 CENET – Jackson, USA
2. FIN06 Pori
3. B04 Brakel
4. I54 Darfo Boario Terme
5. NL15 Leiden
6. B11 Gent
7. D06 Berlin
8. FIN04 Rovaniemi

C) New admissions:

1. TR25 Kusadasi – Aydin
2. NL26 Heerhugowaard
3. I133 Altamura
4. PL17 Grodzisk Mazowiecki
5. CR18 Bjelovar
6. PL16 Oleszyce
7. CR17 Rovinj
8. S57 Sundsvall

9.	EE06	Voru County
10.	PL15	Zary
11.	PL14	Iwonicz-Zdroj
12.	PL13	Krakow
13.	PL12	Wroclaw
14.	I132	Rende
15.	E17	Almeria
16.	A15	Weyer
17.	L992-PROF	Dexia Bil – Luxembourg
18.	ME01	Niksic
19.	L996-PROF	Siemens – Luxembourg
20.	TR24	Kumburgaz
21.	UKR03	Mykolaiv
22.	RUS02	Samara
23.	CR16	Opatija
24.	CR15	Sibenik
25.	VN03	Hue City
26.	I131	Nuraxinieddu Oristano
27.	TR23	Diyarbakir
28.	I130	Ischia
29.	SK06	Humenne
30.	B999-PROF	Cafés Rombouts – Aartselaar
31.	CH04	Bellinzona
32.	F997-PROF	Grand Marnier – Paris
33.	IRL12	Dublin
34.	VE01	Venezuela
35.	TR22	Bozuyuk
36.	L994-IND	Luxembourg
37.	L993-IND	Luxembourg
38.	I134	Martina Franca
39.	I135	Gallarate
40.	I136	Falcade
41.	I137	Milazzo
42.	I138	Maglie
43.	I139	Chatillon
44.	I140	Varese

Any school which is a subsidiary on another establishment must take out separate AEHT membership and pay its own subscription (e.g. the case of the Teramo school which is a subsidiary of the Giulianova school).

The meeting voted by acclamation to approve these new membership applications and resignations.

The General Assembly also voted by acclamation to approve the AEHT membership applications of schools from Armenia and Georgia.

8. Report from the Vice-President responsible for the Promotion of the AEHT and for its Website (Neeme Rand, NR)

Neeme Rand reminded the meeting that the new website had been set up by Ahti Paju from the Kuressaare school and was managed by Nadine Schintgen, for whom the task necessitated a process of lifelong learning. He projected onto a large screen some statistics relating to the use of our website and gave a commentary on them: since it was launched in the spring of 2006 the site had already received 460,000 visits. Since the link to our professional partner Villeroy and Boch had been set up in September 2007, 165 visitors had clicked on the link. The system we have set up enabled us to discover easily which countries visit our site most, and which documents are most frequently consulted, and in which language. For example 75% of those who consult the in-house newsletter look at the English version. Furthermore, many people visit the site on Saturdays. This information would enable us to adapt the website to the needs of its users. All of these statistics clearly show an increasing interest in our website.

9. Approval of Newly Nominated Honorary Member

The General Assembly approved the nomination of Danielle Snauwaert, former director of the ColomaPlus Institute in Mechelen, Belgium, and for several years an AEHT auditor.

10. Future Annual Conferences and 2008 Annual Conferences in Kuressaare, Estonia

The calendar for future Annual Conferences is as follows :

2008: Kuressaare (Estonia) October 14th to 19th

2009: Dubrovnik, Croatia

2010: Poznan, Poland

2011: Portugal

2012: Ohrid, Macedonia

2013: Paris, France

2014: Belgrade, Serbia

Neeme Rand showed a video describing the tourist attractions of Estonia to give us a foretaste of the pleasures in store for delegates to the Kuressaare Annual Conference. He described the programme and mentioned that the provisional prices would be between €390 per person sharing a two- or three-bedded room in a two-star hotel and €640 per person in a single room in a four-star hotel. Kuressaare may be reached via Tallin (30-minute flight), via Riga or via Stockholm. For further information delegates were invited to consult the website at www.aehtkuressaare.eu accessible from the AEHT website. This site would be completed by Christmas 2007. NR invited the meeting to help themselves to the brochures which described the programme, the excursions, the competitions and the prices for participants in the conference.

11. Christmas in Europe

Christmas in Europe 2007 would take place from November 30th to December 5th 2007 in Semmering, Austria. Jürgen Kürner, director of the organizing school,

presented the programme of the event: the organizers were expecting 18 schools from 14 countries.

The venues for Christmas in Europe for the coming years are:

- 2007: Semmering, Austria
- 2008: Château-Chinon, France
- 2009: Poznan, Poland
- 2010: Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2011: Azores, Portugal
- 2012: Tampere, Finland (to be confirmed)
- 2013: Marseilles, France (to be confirmed)

12. Other Business

- Alfonso Benvenuto announced the publication of a book entitled 'Management of Public Service', a volume containing legal advice vital for those wishing to set up their own business in Italy. The book is in Italian – a French and English version would shortly be published. For further information delegates were invited to consult the website at www.gpstudios.it (currently under development).
- There followed a presentation of the '*Cucinando a ...*' project by Mauro Zardetto of ARTMOVIE. The project is an action programme aiming to establish a link between the teaching world (teachers and students in European hotel and tourism schools) and the world of work (restaurant owners and the food industry) with the purpose of promoting traditional Italian products and creating a new model of European Culinary Arts; this would be eclectic given its potential for generating fruitful combinations of products of different origins, while retaining its national cultural roots and specificities. For this purpose he wished to set up, for teachers at AEHT schools, international training projects and events to promote traditional products and wines which had received a European quality label (AOP, AOC, DOP, IGP, DOC, etc.). These events could take the form of conferences, seminars, visits, competitions, etc. In order to begin the process, Mauro Zardetto planned to organise for teachers in April or May 2008 a four-day conference in the Veneto region, probably in Treviso. Anyone interested was cordially invited to take part in this conference. If this event were successful he would organise seminars on produce from the Veneto region, possibly linked to competitions.

13. Date of the Next General Assembly (Kuressaare)

The next General Assembly would take place during the Kuressaare (EE) Annual Conference in October 2008.



Louis Robert,
President



Nadine Schintgen,
General Secretary