

Introduction

Following our first Newsletter, dated 1st of March 2007 (also attached) we herewith inform you about the progress the Federation Working Group have made since. The Federation Working Group met in Munich on the 31st of March. Present were: Piret Vahtramae (Estonia), Susanne Huber and Andreas Pfeiffer (Germany), Sija Geers-van Gemeren and Dorien Pronk-Larive (Netherlands), Jan Sorbo (Norway), Graciano Paulo (Portugal), Dean Pekarovic (Slovenia), Sandie Mathers (UK).

The Federation Working Group in Munich



Short report of the items on the agenda in Munich

Short report of the ISRRT meeting in Vienna.

The conclusion was that there was nothing discussed in that meeting that would interfere with or influence the task of our working group.

Organization model

The working group feels that: the Federation should be governed by a General Assembly; the day to day management should be delegated to an executive Board; should not have permanent standing committees, but project groups assigned to specific projects with clear start and end dates, budgets etc as to be decided upon by the General Assembly. The relationship and way of cooperation with ISRRT is a separate item. In consultation with ISRRT the group will develop several options to be discussed in the next European meeting.

Draft constitution

A draft was discussed item-by-item. Several changes were made and options discussed. The conclusion was that additional research would have to be undertaken to find good examples and ideas for some bottlenecks.

The constitution will only contain the permanent outlines of the Federation. Internal Rules will regulate all matters that may need to be changed in the coming years after the establishment of the Federation, because "practice makes perfect".

Financial Planning

Several options were discussed and will be elaborated this month.



Setting up a federation (technical and juridical aspects)

The federation will need a registered office, which can be a virtual one for a start with a good web site and easy accessibility by means of a call center. If the countries agree to establish the Federation in November, they will also indicate the country where it will be officially registered.

Planning of the next European meeting

It will be possible to organize the meeting in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the group agreed with this. This country is not too expensive, has good public transport and is easy to reach for the central European countries.

Taking into account national meetings and RSNA the only possible dates appear to be **Friday 16th and Saturday 17th of November**. These dates are fixed and all necessary arrangements will be prepared. Please note these dates in your agenda!

Check and update of our timetable

To enable the national society Boards to discuss and comment on the draft documents it will be necessary to send these out well before summer holidays. Our timetable is too tight however and some deadlines are moved a bit. See the attachment.

The European meeting in Ljubljana will be the moment of go or no go. The societies present will have to decide if they will found the Federation or not.

