NEWSLETTER 3

EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP

Report

Since our second newsletter, dated the 23rd of April the European working group has been working on the draft documents that will lay the foundation of the European Federation.

Draft constitution.

Following the working group meeting in Munich additional research has been done about how most European federations of societies are structured. After ample discussion we reached consensus about a draft document. The attached draft will be on the agenda of the European meeting in November, but already in this stage any feed back from you is welcome.

The starting points, as mentioned in our Newsletter 2 remain unchanged in this draft constitution:

- the Federation will be governed by a General Assembly.
- the day-to-day management will be delegated to the Executive Board.
- the Federation will have a financial and a nomination committee, but no standing committees. Projects

should be undertaken by specialised, temporary, project groups.

Draft Internal Rules.

The constitution only contains the permanent outlines of the Federation. Internal Rules will regulate all matters that may need to be changed in the coming years, because "practice makes perfect". The group is discussing a first draft of the Internal Rules at the moment and according to our timetable this draft will be sent out to you in September. You may understand that this is the most difficult part of our work and that it needs a lot of reflection. For some items, like for instance "membership", several scenarios will have to be developed. It depends on the decisions of the founding countries in which direction the Federation will go

The Internal Rules that we are discussing now contain the following chapters:

I. Definitions

II. Membership

II.1 Full members

II.2 Affiliated members

II.3 Associate members

II.4 Duties

II.5 Rights

II.6 Criteria for membership

II.7 Procedure for application

II.8 Membership fee

II.9 Termination of membership

III. Internal organisationDuties and responsibilities of:

III.1 General Assembly

III.2 Executive Board

III.3 Finance Committee

III.4 Nomination Committee

III.5 Indemnity

IV. Election and voting procedures



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Outlines financial plan



In the time table we sent you with our Newsletter 2, we promised to send you the financial plan in May. Unfortunately this is delayed.

It appears to be very difficult to draft an unambiguous financial plan for the Federation, because again much depends on the decisions that the founding countries will make in November.

Of course a membership fee will be due, but we will try to keep this as low as possible by seeking sponsorship and other funding. To strengthen the identity of the federation we are looking into the possibility of providing a Federation membership card to all national members of the united societies.

This card would give the holder discounts with international firms and events.

Relationship with the ISRRT

On the occasion of the Henre meeting and UKRC Sija Geers had an informal meeting with Robert George and Sandy Yule on the 10th of June in Manchester to explore the various possibilities of cooperation between the ISRRT and a European Federation. Unfortunately it was impossible for Stanley Muscat to attend this informal meeting. If the federation is founded it will be important to join forces in the work for radiography. Several possible models and a transition plan will be developed for the meeting in November. These models will aim at strengthening both organisations. It has to be ensured that the work that has been started up in Europe by ECRRT, under the umbrella of the ISRRT, will be continued and also worldwide activities of the ISRRT will be actively supported by the Federation.

Robert George has

expressed that ISRRT wishes to undertake all endeavours to maintain and ensure continuation of the existing positive relationship with Europe. Robert George and Sandy Yule have asked if it was possible for representatives from the ISRRT are present during the November meeting. The working group proposes to invite them for the informative part of the meeting in Friday afternoon, but leaves the decision to you.

"Strengthen both organizations"



European Meeting 2007

In our last Newsletter we announced that the venue of the meeting would be **Ljubljana**. It now appears however that flight connections are not as easy and cheap

as we thought. Therefore the group decided to change the venue into **Prague**. We thank Dean and the Slovenian society for the arrangements they had already pro-

posed and for the hospitality shown.

The planned dates remain unchanged Friday 16th and Saturday 17th of November.

Outlines agenda European Meeting 2007

The meeting will be on Friday from 14.00 - 19.00 hrs. followed by a dinner in the hotel and on Saturday from 09.00 until 18.00 hrs.

This will allow some participants to arrive on Friday morning and to save an extra night. We would appreciate if participants attended the whole meeting and did not book flights that induce an early leave on Saturday. We will send you all details about the venue soon.

Friday 16th November 2007 from 14.00-19.00 hrs

On Friday we intend to present and discuss the outlines of the Federation, based on the documents that you will receive in September.

Saturday 17th November 2007 from 09.00-18.00 hrs

On Saturday those countries that agree with the establishment of the Federation will be asked to sign a declaration of intent. To sign this declaration the delegate will need a written mandate of his/her society. After that the day will be spent on discussing the finances, the internal organisation, the transition plan and time table until the official juridical establishment of the Federation in 2008.



Remaining steps for 2007

Discuss the draft of the constitution and develop the internal rules	European working group	July/august 2007
Give needed information to the European working group see page 4 of Newsletter 3	Council members	July 2007
Council members will discuss the draft consti- tution within their society and send comments to the European working group	Council members	July / August 2007
Develop a financial plan	European working group	August 2007
Send information and invitation for the meeting in November in Prague	European working group	End of August 2007
Distribute the draft internal rules and financial plan to all European societies and council members for feedback	European working group	1st September 2007
Council members will discuss the draft proposal within their society and send comments	Council members	20th September 2007
Discussion about the received comments	European working group	Last week of September 2007
Send a proposal to all European societies and council members	European working group	Half October 2007
Decision meeting for all European societies	European Societies of	16th / 17th November 2007
	Radiographers	In Prague



Meeting of the European Societies

16th and 17th November 2007 in Prague!

We need input from you!

To facilitate our work in the coming months we would like to know from you:

- how many members your society has (to estimate the membership fee and the production costs of the membership card)
- if you intend to participate in the meeting and if yes how many persons will be attending (The maximum number per country will be 2)
- if you would agree or not with the presence of the ISRRT president, Regional Vice-President and Secretary General in the meeting on Friday afternoon.

Please send your answers to: pronklarive@cs.com



We wish you nice summer holidays and will be back with more news in September. In the meantime all other remarks and comments are very welcome to support our work.

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