



Minutes of the LOLA (Europe) meeting 28 of November 2009 – Amsterdam

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Attendance:

Peter Ryder (Socitm) – Chair
Torbjörn Larsson (KommITS - President)
Christian Bonfré (KommITS)
Arend van Beek (VIAG - President)
Antoinette van Leeuwen (VIAG)
Eddy van de Stock (V-ICT-OR - President)

1. Apologies for Absence – Michael Voel Jensen

2. Minutes from meeting on 27/28 June 2009

2.1 Agreed.

2.2 Matters Arising – will be covered fully at the next full meeting

3. Minutes International meeting 10th October

3.1 Noted

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4. Progress on the joint Netherlands/Belgium Project - To be finalised

5. Invite Norway to LOLA

Sweden has contact details for the Norwegian equivalent of our organisations.

Torbjörn will follow this up and pass on details to Peter who will open a dialogue with them.

6. International Conference 2011

6.1 Socitm outlined their position where they are not at this stage happy to underwrite the costs but are still very much supportive of International. This position should become clearer following the December board meeting. They also were concerned about the numbers of delegates such a conference would attract from the UK if it was held abroad

6.2 V-ICT-OR are likely to support the conference but noted that if any society pulled out additional costs would have to be shared by those that are left. They added that now Belgium have the new president of the EU and Amsterdam is very central then these two locations seemed to be favourite to hold the conference.

6.3 VIAG were concerned that there had not been a full business case and stated that this was a requirement before they could commit. They also stated that they had two big conferences in 2011 so a third one may not attract the delegates therefore they would prefer the conference to be put back to 2012. They also noted that a smaller conference could still achieve the requirements but would carry less risk.

6.4 KommITS had also the same concerns and the same discussions within its board. They felt that LOLA and sharing best practice was still important along with the conference. They also said that if the other societies were backing the conference then they would as well.

6.5 generally it agreed that the ability to lobby and chase the EU would give the best

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chance of success however with the next round of bidding due early next year agreements had to be made in January or February on the way forward.

6.6 It was felt that a way forward might be for each LOLA board member who represents a local authority could get together to bid for project funding.

6.7 The discussion then moved to the basic questions of do we want a conference, putting together a business case and setting goals.

6.8 After further discussion in which Belgium's very successful EU bids were looked at and it was confirmed that they were going to be bidding again early in 2011 it was agreed:

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- Each LOLA society would put forward project proposals
- LOLA would then have a facilitated brainstorming day to discuss common projects
- This would be in January/February 2011
- Belgium would provide a resource to prepare a paper for submission to the EU for funding
- Belgium would be the prime contact with the EU and the other LOLA Europe societies would be included in the bid (this should add weight)
- If successful each Society would nominate a project officer but the project would be run by Belgium (costs of these project officers should be include in the bid)
- Funds would be included in the project for a conference either at start up and/or for dissemination of results at the end.

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7. Any Other Business

7.1 It was requested that the book prepared previously by LOLA on e-government should be updated. Societies will consider this another time depending on the above

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8. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

In January or February – location to be decided