

FIPLV Reports and Meetings 2007 – 2017

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Year 2017 FIPLV Executive Committee meeting (Varna)

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FIPLV Executive Committee

Varna, 21st June 2017 (10.00-13.00)

Minutes (Draft)

1. Welcome, apologies and approval of/additions to the Agenda

Present: Terry Lamb, Sylvia Velikova, Judith Richters

Apologies: Paolo Balboni

2. Minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising

Minutes were confirmed as accurate. Most items would be covered in the agenda. Other matters arising:

Item 4: TL had contacted Poland and they were very supportive of the new Region and had ensured representation of his association at the Varna conference. He suggested that Poland would be very interested in hosting an event.

Goran had added EC contact details to the web.

Item 5.4: A news update had been sent out by TL, which had been well received.

Item 6.2: TL had circulated consultation document on CEFR.

Item 7.8: Facebook had been launched and Goran had provided the information requested.

3. Reports of the members of the ExCo

The need for individual officers to produce separate reports was discussed. Options considered were a composite report drafted by TL with reports from other officers incorporated, or the continuation of separate reports. The latter was considered to be

the most straightforward in ensuring transparency of ExCo activity and in avoiding making the reporting more complex for the Secretary General.

This would be confirmed at WC and oral updates would be provided. TL's report was incorporated in the latest news update, which would be refocused as a written report from the Secretary General.

4. Relations with Regions and Member Associations

4.1. Regions: This meeting was taking part at the launch of the East European Region. There would be a meeting to discuss this at the conference on Saturday where it was suggested that the region may be broadened to form the Central and East European Region in order to be more inclusive and viable. This would be discussed with the WC. The NBR was circulating regular newsletters, the latest of which included the news from the Secretary General. The next NBR Conference would take place in Vilnius, Lithuania in 2018. The possibility of a North American Region had been discussed several times and the CASLT (Canada) President had joined the ACTFL team and TL in a meeting held in Boston (November 2016) to discuss the 2018 World Congress.

4.2. Most of our member associations were responding to emails and other information. Positive responses to the news update had been received from many associations as well as updates to association contact details. The Latvian association had been invited to participate in a European project meeting (MIME) in Riga, representing FIPLV, for which costs would be covered, but there had been no response. TL had attended a meeting of the Board of IDV in Newcastle-upon-Tyne (UK) in April and there was a positive commitment to our collaborations. FIPLV activities were endorsed and particular interest was expressed about opportunities to work with UNESCO. FIPLV participation at the conference in Switzerland in 2018 was also suggested as this would be the 50th anniversary of IDV.

5. Development of the Federation

5.1. Membership promotions: TL had been in contact with several associations who were discussing membership of FIPLV: IATEFL; NZALT; SALT; international association of Japanese teachers. JR had contacted S. American associations of English teachers and had so far had had a positive response from Argentina.

5.2. Membership requests: No formal requests had been received yet, but we were hopeful that some would come in. NZALT were discussing at their Executive meeting.

5.3. Associate members: Bili had become our first associate member and were featured on the website. Reverso had also asked to become an associate member – this was discussed and referred to WC. The concept of associate membership was discussed critically and would be discussed further with WC to ensure that our approach to this was ethical. Moscow State Linguistic University was wishing to remain part of FIPLV, though the teacher association located there had folded; associate membership was being discussed with them. One Voice for Languages in Ireland was also interested in associate membership, subject to finances; it is not a membership association and does not yet have statutes as its aim is simply to bring together different organisations.

5.4. Communications: The news update was well-received as a source of interesting and useful information. However, unless ExCo decides to have an additional member to work on Communications, TL felt that three issues per year (January, May, September) was a more realistic target than four.

6. External relations

6.1. UNESCO

6.2. Council of Europe

6.3. ECML

6.4. European Commission

6.5. Others

These would be discussed at WC, though the need to engage more with UNESCO in particular was reiterated. JR requested that emails from UNESCO were forwarded to ExCo.

7. Consultation on strategic plan, projects, priorities and activities

7.1. Strategic Plan: This was discussed and suggestions made for amendments. Some of the activities (e.g. online discussions, position papers, webinars) depended on having an additional member of ExCo.

7.2. Restructure: Updated documents (Statutes in particular) had been produced to incorporate the WC input in Tallinn last year. This had raised some additional issues to be

discussed so it had been decided not to open up the WC to all associations as planned until the new structures had been approved by WA next year in New Orleans.

7.3. Brochures and poster: TL had brought one of the old brochures for discussion.

7.4. Publications: Kirsti still had some copies of the History but TL had also discovered boxes of FIPLV documents/publications etc at ECML in Graz. These would need to be opened and sorted when TL is able to stay on after a meeting there some time in the future.

7.5. Working documents: The three documents which had been turned into one would be launched when the new structure had been approved.

7.6. Succession planning: We needed to consider encouraging people to stand for election next year as we would probably need at least one and possibly two new officers. Discussions had been held with some associations, but these needed to continue.

7.7. Representation: TL had invited the President of the Latvian association to attend a meeting in Riga on our behalf but she had not responded. However, such representation opportunities were seen as a positive opportunity for our members and would cut costs entailed if ExCo do this. It would also make it possible for us to be represented more widely where this was desirable. Time constraints could also be alleviated in this way.

7.8. Website/Facebook/Twitter: These were ongoing. Facebook was being automatically updated by Twitter but probably needed some attention to attract more people. The website would benefit from someone with more time to dedicate to it. It had been developed and maintained by TL and Goran ever since it was redesigned, but both would welcome the opportunity of handing it over to someone who was committed to keeping it updated.

7.9. Projects: The Open World Research Initiative, which has FIPLV as an associate member, had been launched and TL had been working with them in London. Supporting Multilingual Classrooms (ECML, Council of Europe and European Commission) was being coordinated by TL (together with Brigitte Gerber from Switzerland) and was likely to be extended to a third year.

7.10 World Congress: TL would attend the ACTFL convention in Nashville in November; the University of Westminster had agreed to pay the travel costs and thanks were extended to the University for this.

8. Finance

8.1 Treasurer's report: SV presented her report on activity. She raised a question about whether annual budgets could be set with a deficit as otherwise the regular income from membership could not cover the necessary activities. However, there are reserves. This was to be discussed openly with WC.

8.2. Provisional budget 2017: SV had produced a provisional report but would revise it following consultation with WC on the above issue.

9. Future meeting dates

These were likely to take place next year in Vilnius and New Orleans, unless WC raised issues that needed to be discussed at length before that.

10. Any other business

No other business

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Year 2016 FIPLV Secretary General To Table of Contents

Report of the Secretary General, Terry Lamb This year has been a challenging one, including a major change to a new job situated in London. (Please note that my email address has changed: t.lamb1@westminster.ac.uk). We are planning, however, to provide more regular communications with you in the shape of a short 'newsletter' four times a year and will contact you two weeks before each of these is sent out with a request for news, announcements, updates etc that you may wish to share. We will also soon be launching a Facebook page so that you can help make FIPLV more visible

amongst your members. Most teachers are very pleased when they learn that their association is affiliated to FIPLV with its NGO status with UNESCO and the Council of Europe, nurturing a sense of a global community of language professionals. We would strongly encourage you to share our activities, website (fiplv.com), twitter account (@fiplv) etc with your members, as it also enhances their reasons for membership of a professional association. I would next like to welcome our new member association, the Slovene Association of Teachers of Languages for Specific Purposes. It is wonderful for us to have a new member in Europe and we look forward to collaboration. You will already have seen news about their first conference on the FIPLV website and Twitter, but please take a minute to look at their website:

http://www.sdutsj.edus.si/english_index.html We are also in talks with several other associations who are interested in joining our global family – more news on that next year hopefully. This year we have begun a process of modernisation by discussing as a new Executive ways in which we can simplify our procedures whilst at the same time providing more opportunities for you to be involved and to get together. Some of this cannot happen until the next World Assembly as it involves changes to the Statutes, but we plan to hold a meeting for all representatives of member associations whenever we have an event, rather than just at the World Congress every three years. We will also be introducing the possibility of voting online, enabling everyone to have a voice in decisions and not just those able to attend meetings. Changes in our procedures were discussed at the World Council meeting which took place in Tallinn, Estonia, in June this year (see <https://fiplv.com/who-we-are/documents/>). Meetings of World Council and Executive Committee were organised prior to the highly successful FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region Conference in Tallinn, organised by Ene Peterson, Chair of the Estonian Association for Foreign Language Teachers, and her team. The conference brought together people from various parts of the globe and provided a stimulating and diverse programme, including a wonderful cultural programme. You will find further news about this conference in the electronic newsletter of the Nordic-Baltic Region here. (All NBR newsletters can be found on the FIPLV website: <https://fiplv.com/members-2/the-nordic-baltic-region/>) Another exciting development this year is the organisation of the launch of another FIPLV Region, namely the East European Region, which was approved by World 2 Council earlier this year. This will be launched at an exciting conference in Varna, on the beautiful Black Sea coast of Bulgaria, 22-25 June 2017. The regional conference is, as always the case with our regional conferences, open to the world, so please consider submitting a proposal and/or attending the conference to support our member association BETA (Bulgarian English Teachers' Association) who have agreed to host this first conference. You will find more information here: <http://www.betiatefl.org/annual-conference/conference-call/> If you click on 'second call' you will get the latest information. Please note the deadline for proposals is 10th March 2017 and reduced fees apply for members of FIPLV member associations. We will also be holding the Executive Committee and World Council meetings there, but propose to open up the

World Council meeting to all representatives of FIPLV member associations who are attending. At the end of 2015, the ECML LACS project came to an end. Please take a look at the tools that were developed during the project. One was an Online Directory of language associations/organisations that is searchable and that is intended to facilitate collaboration. (This is of course never finished as it needs constant updating.) The other was a Mediation Tool to help you all to use ECML materials in your own contexts. It consists of multimedia case studies that are organised around a series of frequently asked questions. You will find both of these products on the LACS website and ask you to share them with your own members: <http://lacs.ecml.at> FIPLV continues to be involved in ECML activities of course. Together with Brigitte Gerber from the University of Geneva, I am coordinating a project funded jointly by the ECML of the Council of Europe and the European Commission that is called Supporting Multilingual Classrooms. This involves bringing tailor-made workshops to different European countries who have applied for such support. You will see more on this here:

<http://www.ecml.at/TrainingConsultancy/Multilingualclassrooms/tabid/1816/Default.aspx> Another important piece of news is that FIPLV has been invited to represent language teachers on the European Civil Society Platform for Multilingualism (ECSPM), a major alliance which will provide policy briefings with which to advise the European Commission and EU Member States on matters which are dear to the hearts of all of FIPLV's member associations. I would advise you to take a look at the website of ECSPM: <http://ecspm.org> With this, FIPLV's advocacy of language teaching is further extended to the European Commission. Although it seems quite a long way off, we have started planning for the next World Congress with our hosting association, ACTFL. This will be held in New Orleans, USA, 16-18 November 2018 with pre-convention workshops on the 15th. Last month, ACTFL's 2016 Convention took place in Boston and was an enormous success with 8,500 participants. You can find out about it on the ACTFL website: <https://www.actfl.org/convention-expo/2016-annual-convention-and-world-languages-expo> and you may have been able to follow aspects of it through the FIPLV or ACTFL Twitter accounts. In 2018 we will also be selecting the venue of the 2021 World Congress so you may wish to start thinking about that. Please don't imagine that you have to aspire to the same numbers as our North American colleagues (Canada's was also a very large event in 2015 with representatives from some 35 different countries). Our World Congresses always adapt to local practices whilst adding value by internationalising them. To finish, there are a few issues that I would ask you to address:

1. I am attaching the latest version of our membership list. Please could you check it and write to me with any changes. It would be helpful if you sent me a quick email even if they are still accurate too. I would like to be able to post an updated list by mid January so could you please get back to me on this by 13th January?
2. You will, rather belatedly, have received a request for membership fees from our new Treasurer, Sylvia Velikova. Many thanks to those of you who have paid them already. The reason for the delay is that it was rather complicated and long-winded to change treasurers given that our account

is in Switzerland. It required us sending forms around Europe to get signatures and it was impossible to do it electronically. Many thanks to Sylvia for her persistence with the bank. It was quite an initiation to the role! Sylvia has now managed to pay our fees to UNESCO and the Council of Europe and requested your fees too. Thank you for dealing with this. 3. It used to be the case that we requested an annual report from our members, following a specific format. It is a valuable way of sharing with other associations the kinds of activities you are involved in. In our World Council this year, we decided that we would relax this requirement and suggest that you could instead send us any report you provide to members or others. This will save you some time. It can be in the original language produced too as we would like much greater visibility of other languages on our website. If you like, you can provide a short summary in English, French or German. Please could you send me your 2016 reports by the end of January? 4. I am going to send you two separate emails. One is the call for nominations for the FIPLV International Award 2016. We decided that we would from now on call for this at the end of the year so that it can reflect activity for the full year of the award. We know that some of you already have ideas about who you might nominate. The other email relates to a consultation over revisions to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. In July I attended the expert meeting at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and now you have the opportunity to comment directly. May I, on behalf of FIPLV Executive, wish you all a wonderful Christmas if you celebrate it, happy holidays, and a successful and satisfying new year 2017. We must hope and pray for peace and joy for everyone in the world. I thank you for playing your part in this, as we continue to persevere in our task of opening minds to different languages and cultures. With warmest regards Terry Professor Terry LAMB FIPLV Secretary General

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FIPLV Executive Committee

London, 27th November 2016 (09.00-14.00)

Minutes (confirmed)

11. Welcome, apologies and approval of/additions to the Agenda

Present: Judith Richters (FIPLV Vice President), Sylvia Velikova (Treasurer), Terry Lamb (Secretary General)

Apologies: Paolo Balboni (President)

12. Minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising

Minutes were approved. Matters arising will be addressed on the agenda.

13. Reports of the members of the ExCo

It was decided to produce our annual reports in January of each year.

14. Relations with Regions and Member Associations

Email to be sent more regularly. Members usually respond positively. Reports will be requested from members in March; these will be their annual reports now.

East European Region will be launched in June 2017 in Varna, Bulgaria. TL to contact Mirek to ask if he might chair the region.

Sylvia will write to Sigurborg to ask for advice on setting up the region.

The Slovenian association has become a member.

Contact details of Sylvia and Judith have to be added to the Exco list.

5. Development of the Federation

5.1 membership promotions: New Zealand Association; Japanese association; SALT is discussing. List of South American associations sent to Judith to be contacted. CASLA (Chinese association)? Speak to Gerda. Send out a call for FIPLV award candidates.

5.2 membership requests: -

5.3 associate members: We will invite language centres and publishers, for example, to be corporate members: benefits include links from association member tab on the website, publicity for their events/materials, promoting contacts between them and our member associations/teachers etc. through website and Twitter and Facebook and email. We can also inform them of our events in case they wish to send information. They can also contact us for advice or links with members. TL to draft letter and send to some organisations.

5.4 publicity (website etc.): News and Twitter feed regularly updated. Regular newsletter; 2 weeks before sending ask members for any information they want to share.

6. External relations

6.1 UNESCO: will chase up next year. Terry to forward any communications that relate to languages.

6.2 Council of Europe: CEFR meeting attended; TL to circulate next consultation document on CEFR).

6.3 ECML: TL/JR to attend Professional Network Forum ; SMC (Supporting Multilingual

Classrooms)-contract renewed for 2016-2017; Memorandum of Cooperation renewed; JR on Think Tank on Language of Schooling.

6.4 *European Commission*: ECSPM membership – we will attend the meeting before deciding whether we need to approach the EC independently or not.

6.5 *Others*: -

7. Consultation on strategic plan, projects, priorities and activities

7.1. *Strategic Plan*: Judith to draft

7.2. *Restructure*: as the official restructure will only happen in 2018 when the Statutes can be changed, we will already make the WC meeting in Bulgaria more inclusive by inviting any member association representatives to attend. We will circulate a document (for WA in 2018) to WC for feedback before then.

7.3. *Brochures and poster*: we will provide text and have them designed and printed in Bulgaria. TL to look for old leaflet and send it to Sylvia. Sylvia will get costed. We can also ask Goran. These can then be placed on the website as pdfs.

7.4. *Publications*: TL to write to Kirsti to find out how many there are and to get them sent to us.

7.5. *Working documents*: JR to finish and send to TL.

7.6. *Succession planning*: not discussed yet.

7.7. *Representation*: In order to be able to plan representation of FIPLV and prevent duplication/overrepresentation, FIPLV Executive need to approve any intended representation by anyone outside the Executive Committee prior to agreeing to or arranging the meetings/visits. We need to consider carefully how to involve others in representation to ensure that representatives are fully aware of current and proposed developments in FIPLV and able to consult on them.

7.8. *Website*: Sylvia will develop and launch the Facebook site. TL to ask Goran if we have an email account.

7.9. *Projects*: Open World Research Initiative, Terry participates; Language of Schooling (ECML-project), Judith participates

7.10 *World Congress*: 2018 (New Orleans) – TL planning with ACTFL (Boston)

Ask associations who is interested to organise the WC in 2021.

15. Finance

Sylvia will produce a draft budget for January, which will be sent to WC for approval. Problems with the bank are almost solved and payments are being received from associations.

16. Future meeting dates

Executive Committee: 21st June 2017 (am)

World Council: 21st June 2017 (pm)

17. Any other business

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FIPLV Executive Committee

Tallinn, 9-6-2016 (09.00-13.00)

Present

Judith Richters (FIPLV Vice President), Terry Lamb (Secretary General)

Apologies

Paolo Balboni (President), Sylvia Velikova (Treasurer)

The main focus of the Executive Committee was to build on the previous meeting in Venice and to prepare for the World Council meeting which would follow in the afternoon. The discussion worked through the following agenda and decided on issues to be discussed later, given that only two members of ExCo could be present. As such, the World Council minutes can also serve as a record of the Executive Committee meeting.

18. Welcome, apologies and approval of/additions to the Agenda

19. Minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising

20. Reports of the members of the ExCo

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FIPLV World Council
Tallinn, 9-6-2016 (14.00-17.00)
Minutes

Present

Geraldo de Carvalho (IDV (German)), Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region/STIL (Iceland)), Terry Lamb (FIPLV Secretary General/FIPLV Europe Region/ALL), Judith Richters (FIPLV Vice President/Levende Talen)

1. Welcome, apologies and approval of/additions to the Agenda

JR welcomed WC members and the agenda was approved. The main focus is on item 7 as part of our consultation on proposed changes to FIPLV.

Apologies from Paolo Balboni (FIPLV President), Cecilia Odé (Mapryal), Sylvia Velikova (FIPLV Honorary Treasurer)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising

The minutes had been approved by email as an accurate record and had been circulated.

3. Reports of the members of the ExCo

Terry provided a brief oral report on the end of his activities as President and will produce a report (Action: Terry). Others are available on the website. Reports from the new ExCo will be made in December 2016.

4. Relations with Regions and Member Associations

NBR and in particular Ene Peterson were thanked for organising the NBR Conference in Tallinn, which promises to be excellent, and also for arranging a room for FIPLV meetings. Geraldo and IDV were also thanked for their hard work to ensure that German has a strong presence in the conference. There is a full German strand throughout the two days. Apart from that, there has been friendly communication with many associations in response to Terry's emails. He has created a wider list of people to include on his general mailing list, asking if anyone wished to be removed. No one has asked for this. The intention is not to bombard them with too many emails as there have been comments on email overload in the past. More targeted mailing lists will also be created for different communications. In recognition of member associations' workloads, a proposal was made to the WC members: to ask members to send FIPLV their national reports rather than producing an annual report specifically written for FIPLV (using the pro-forma). We are happy for this to be in the original format and in the national language or any other language they are produced in, as FIPLV is a multilingual federation. A very short summary in English/French/German would be helpful. The reports are shared on the FIPLV website so that others can get ideas for activities and see what other associations' national reports look like etc. We hope that this will encourage more reports to be shared. Action: TL to write to members.

5. Development of the Federation – all under item 7

- 5.1 membership promotions
- 5.2 membership requests
- 5.3 associate members
- 5.4 publicity (website etc.)

6. External relations

- 6.1 UNESCO - under item 7
- 6.2 Council of Europe (CEFR meeting) – Terry gave an update on the Strasbourg CEFR meeting, which was discussing proposals for an extension to the CEFR. The question was raised regarding who had requested all the changes and additions. New descriptors have been developed for mediation, plus-levels, young learners,

literature and art, reading for pleasure and intercultural competence.

6.3 ECML – Judith has applied to join a think tank on the language of schooling; Terry is co-coordinating a project called Supporting Multi Classrooms, funded by the European Commission and ECML/Council of Europe.

6.4 European Commission – It was agreed that FIPLV will become a member of the new European Civil Society Platform for Multilingualism (ECSPM), which has developed from a 'platform' in the service of the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission into an NGO and e-platform. We are very pleased to have been invited.

6.5 Others - Terry reported that FIPLV had been invited to contribute to a UK research proposal funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, which is led by King's College London, The University of Westminster, the Open University and Queen Mary University London. This proposal has been successful.

7. Consultation on strategic plan, projects, priorities and activities > see notes from the Exco in Venice

- a. The ExCo proposes a simplification of the organisation, in terms of having less 'levels' and meetings and more online discussion and voting. The WC is very much in favour. We now have to think about how to bring about these changes. Should we ask WA members if we can hold a special online meeting of WA to propose changes to the Statutes – with changes and rationale. Or do we try to continue and change things in the next WA in 2018? There are concerns about changing Statutes without a meeting as this is not a possibility in the Statutes and some members may object. The WA in 2018 can change the statutes and can do it in person. Also the election of officers will need to be approved as an online election in 2018, following the precedent set in 2015, approved by WA. In the WA face-to-face meeting participants can make proposals, which are then ratified online by WA-members not present. We decided that we could wait until 2018 for this major step, as it would mainly affect the constitution of one meeting of WC in 2017, which we can make into an open meeting.
- b. It was felt that the structure of having both a WC and a WA was unnecessary, particularly given the point that WC has very few members according to the Statutes. It is a shame only to have a forum for representatives of all member associations only once every three years – either face-to-face or virtual or, most likely, both (given that many associations are unable to attend the meetings). We agreed that the annual meeting would become a WA, as we need to have an Assembly (as a term) – after 2018. Members attending an FIPLV-related conference can then participate in this WA, to have a greater voice in what is happening in FIPLV. Any decisions proposed in these meetings would then be ratified by

an online vote in order to be more inclusive and not disadvantage associations that were unable to attend. We decided not to present a proposition to change the statutes until the WA in 2018. In the meantime the ExCo will work out a proposal and present it to the current WC-members.

- c. Facebook – There was a feeling that we should have one FIPLV-page but not open for people to comment or advertise; then a closed user group (Forum) – to discuss issues related to running language teacher associations - where representatives can apply to participate. We wondered who these representatives might be and how we would know who they are and proposed that these may possibly be Board members only (including FIPLV representatives), as discussions would relate to association work only. In the first instance, this would replace the idea of the Presidents' Forum agreed last year as it would enable sharing of ideas more widely.
- d. Special Interest Groups – We agreed with the idea of introducing SIGs as proposed by our Italian member association, as this would enable associations to be more involved in issues of concern to them. A SIG would be proposed by members and find contacts via our Facebook Forum. They could operate flexibly in any way they proposed and that was agreed by the rest of the group. As our financial position becomes stronger, we may be able to provide limited funding if a proposal is made.
- e. LACS – Terry will discuss the future, especially of the database, with ECML. For now we will put a link from the FIPLV website.
- f. We agreed with ExCo's proposal to contact UNESCO with a request for calling a debate on aspects of multilingualism at a future meeting of NGOs. We would also contact the European Commission, request a meeting and ask if one of our FIPLV meetings could be hosted by them.
- g. Regions - The WC approved the forming of an Eastern European region; - The Regions (Art 6) – WC members felt that no funding from FIPLV is needed as some raise their own funding or do not need funding. FIPLV supports them by organising meetings on the occasion of the regional conference and funding ExCo to attend and present.
- h. The revised set of three documents (condensed into one document) was approved by the WC and it was agreed that parts of the original documents are more suited to having greater prominence on the website. Action - the Exco is to work on this.

8. Finance

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9. Future meeting dates

Next year June in Varna, Bulgaria (FIPLV East European Region / BETA conference).

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

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FIPLV World Council

Tallinn, 9-6-2016 (14.00-17.00)

Draft Minutes

Present

Geraldo de Carvalho (IDV (German)), Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region/STIL (Iceland)), Terry Lamb (FIPLV Secretary General/FIPLV Europe Region/ALL), Judith Richters (FIPLV Vice President/Levende Talen)

28. Welcome, apologies and approval of/additions to the Agenda

JR welcomed WC members and the agenda was approved. The main focus is on item 7 as part of our consultation on proposed changes to FIPLV.

Apologies from Paolo Balboni (FIPLV President), Cecilia Odé (Mapryal), Sylvia Velikova (FIPLV Honorary Treasurer)

29. Minutes of the previous meeting, and matters arising

The minutes had been approved by email as an accurate record and had been circulated.

30. Reports of the members of the ExCo

Terry provided a brief oral report on the end of his activities as President and will produce a report (Action: Terry). Others are available on the website. Reports from the new ExCo will be made in December 2016.

31. Relations with Regions and Member Associations

NBR and in particular Ene Peterson were thanked for organising the NBR Conference in Tallinn, which promises to be excellent, and also for arranging a room for FIPLV meetings. Geraldo and IDV were also thanked for their hard work to ensure that German has a strong presence in the conference. There is a full German strand throughout the two days. Apart from that, there has been friendly communication with many associations in response to Terry's emails. He has created a wider list of people to include on his general mailing list, asking if anyone wished to be removed. No one has asked for this. The intention is not to bombard them with too many emails as there have been comments on email overload in the past. More targeted mailing lists will also be created for different communications. In recognition of member associations' workloads, a proposal was made to the WC members: to ask members to send FIPLV their national reports rather than producing an annual report specifically written for FIPLV (using the pro-forma). We are happy for this to be in the original format and in the national language or any other language they are produced in, as FIPLV is a multilingual federation. A very short summary in English/French/German would be helpful. The reports are shared on the FIPLV website so that others can get ideas for activities and see what other associations' national reports look like etc. We hope that this will encourage more reports to be shared. Action: TL to write to members.

32. Development of the Federation – all under item 7

- 5.1 membership promotions
- 5.2 membership requests
- 5.3 associate members
- 5.4 publicity (website etc.)

33. External relations

- 6.1 UNESCO - under item 7
- 6.2 Council of Europe (CEFR meeting) – Terry gave an update on the Strasbourg CEFR meeting, which was discussing proposals for an extension to the CEFR. The question was raised regarding who had requested all the changes and additions. New descriptors have been developed for mediation, plus-levels, young learners, literature and art, reading for pleasure and intercultural competence.
- 6.3 ECML – Judith has applied to join a think tank on the language of schooling;

Terry is co-coordinating a project called Supporting Multi Classrooms, funded by the European Commission and ECML/Council of Europe.

6.4 European Commission – It was agreed that FIPLV will become a member of the new European Civil Society Platform for Multilingualism (ECSPM), which has developed from a 'platform' in the service of the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission into an NGO and e-platform. We are very pleased to have been invited.

6.5 Others - Terry reported that FIPLV had been invited to contribute to a UK research proposal funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, which is led by King's College London, The University of Westminster, the Open University and Queen Mary University London. This proposal has been successful.

34. Consultation on strategic plan, projects, priorities and activities > see notes from the Exco in Venice

- a. The ExCo proposes a simplification of the organisation, in terms of having less 'levels' and meetings and more online discussion and voting. The WC is very much in favour. We now have to think about how to bring about these changes. Should we ask WA members if we can hold a special online meeting of WA to propose changes to the Statutes – with changes and rationale. Or do we try to continue and change things in the next WA in 2018? There are concerns about changing Statutes without a meeting as this is not a possibility in the Statutes and some members may object. The WA in 2018 can change the statutes and can do it in person. Also the election of officers will need to be approved as an online election in 2018, following the precedent set in 2015, approved by WA. In the WA face-to-face meeting participants can make proposals, which are then ratified online by WA-members not present. We decided that we could wait until 2018 for this major step, as it would mainly affect the constitution of one meeting of WC in 2017, which we can make into an open meeting.
- b. It was felt that the structure of having both a WC and a WA was unnecessary, particularly given the point that WC has very few members according to the Statutes. It is a shame only to have a forum for representatives of all member associations only once every three years – either face-to-face or virtual or, most likely, both (given that many associations are unable to attend the meetings). We agreed that the annual meeting would become a WA, as we need to have an Assembly (as a term) – after 2018. Members attending an FIPLV-related conference can then participate in this WA, to have a greater voice in what is happening in FIPLV. Any decisions proposed in these meetings would then be ratified by an online vote in order to be more inclusive and not disadvantage associations that were unable to attend. We decided not to present a

proposition to change the statutes until the WA in 2018. In the meantime the ExCo will work out a proposal and present it to the current WC-members.

- c. Facebook – There was a feeling that we should have one FIPLV-page but not open for people to comment or advertise; then a closed user group (Forum) – to discuss issues related to running language teacher associations - where representatives can apply to participate. We wondered who these representatives might be and how we would know who they are and proposed that these may possibly be Board members only (including FIPLV representatives), as discussions would relate to association work only. In the first instance, this would replace the idea of the Presidents' Forum agreed last year as it would enable sharing of ideas more widely.
- d. Special Interest Groups – We agreed with the idea of introducing SIGs as proposed by our Italian member association, as this would enable associations to be more involved in issues of concern to them. A SIG would be proposed by members and find contacts via our Facebook Forum. They could operate flexibly in any way they proposed and that was agreed by the rest of the group. As our financial position becomes stronger, we may be able to provide limited funding if a proposal is made.
- e. LACS – Terry will discuss the future, especially of the database, with ECML. For now we will put a link from the FIPLV website.
- f. We agreed with ExCo's proposal to contact UNESCO with a request for calling a debate on aspects of multilingualism at a future meeting of NGOs. We would also contact the European Commission, request a meeting and ask if one of our FIPLV meetings could be hosted by them.
- g. Regions - The WC approved the forming of an Eastern European region; - The Regions (Art 6) – WC members felt that no funding from FIPLV is needed as some raise their own funding or do not need funding. FIPLV supports them by organising meetings on the occasion of the regional conference and funding ExCo to attend and present.
- h. The revised set of three documents (condensed into one document) was approved by the WC and it was agreed that parts of the original documents are more suited to having greater prominence on the website. Action - the Exco is to work on this.

35. Finance

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changing the details of our bank account should be resolved as soon as possible.
Tomorrow ExCo will meet with Kirsti (former FIPLV Treasurer).

36. Future meeting dates

Next year June in Varna, Bulgaria (FIPLV East European Region / BETA conference).

37. Any other business

There was no other business.

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FIPLV Executive Committee

Venice, 19th March 2016 (9.30 start)

Draft Minutes

Present Paolo Balboni (PB) (President)
 Judith Richters (JR) (Vice President)
 Sylvia Velikova (SV) (Treasurer General)
 Terry Lamb (TL) (Secretary General)
 Goran Vodicka (GV) (Communications Officer)

1 Welcome, apologies and approval of / additions to the Agenda

As this was the first meeting of the new Executive Committee, we spent some time getting to know each other. We had negotiated the agenda in advance but said that we wanted to use it in order to induct new officers and to prioritise thinking about ways in which FIPLV could benefit from the fresh ideas they bring. These processes continued throughout the very long day, including over meals, so it is impossible and unnecessary to capture all of the richness of the discussions here in these minutes. For this reason, the minutes will be brief and will not report on how colleagues were briefed on the various categories; we will, however, prepare a consultation document in time for the World Council (WC) meeting in Tallinn that captures some of our new ideas on developing FIPLV for the 21st century. **Action:** PB/TL to produce a consultation document/draft strategic plan to be commented on by JR/SV before discussion with WC.

Paolo and his wife were thanked for offering to host the meeting in their home. In fact, they also provided our meals throughout the day and we were very grateful for the wonderful food.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting, and matters arising

These were agreed. A check had shown that there was no outstanding action.

4 Reports of the members of the ExCo

Provided verbally. Reports from the past President and Vice President from 2015 would be completed later.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

TL had written to a newly prepared list of contacts. The list consists of all Presidents, FIPLV contacts and Office contacts. He had received many congratulatory emails welcoming the new Executive Committee.

We had not requested reports from members but would like to find ways of simplifying this process for the future. **Action:** Discuss with WC.

The NBR conference in Tallinn promises to be very successful, thanks to the efforts of Ene Peterson (Estonia). Geraldo de Carvalho has been involved in promoting and reviewing papers in German.

Possible new regions have been discussed to varying degrees with members: East European; North American; Middle East; South American. **Action:** TL follow up with each.

There was discussion about the role of regions, which would form part of our Strategic Plan and consultation document.

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

6.2 Membership Requests

6.4 Associate Members (and development of new categories, e.g. corporate members)

6.5 Membership Fees

6.6 Publicity (Website etc)

6.7 Publications

A quick update was provided. There had been no formal membership requests, but we had had enquiries from a number of associations. We also have contact addresses for some Spanish associations. **Action:** TL to pass to JR.

We need more time to consider the issue of different categories of associate membership, including corporate and strategic. There may be financial implications (tax) of getting sponsorship. **Action:** Discuss by email or in a future meeting.

We spent considerable time discussing publicity, including evaluating the roles of the FIPLV website and a possible Facebook page. **Action:** SV to write a short paper about Facebook to be considered at the WC meeting. Other possibilities for marketing and publicity were discussed and integrated into our consultation document/draft strategic plan.

Kirsti will bring publications to Tallinn but we need to decide what to do with them and how to offer them for sale. There is now increasing interest in research into language teacher associations, partly stimulated by the ECML/FIPLV LACS project so there may be some interest in, for example, the History publication. **Action:** EC to discuss.

We still have the Editor of Publication role in the Statutes, but it was agreed that this could be removed when the Statutes are next revised and approved. In the meantime, we would think about whether we might make use of this role in a revised form, e.g. publishing an online bulletin. **Action:** ExCo to discuss

We would also like to consider appointing an advisory group consisting of former board members and other invited advisors.

Our three 'working documents' would be simplified and revised to avoid overlap. **Action:** PB to draft

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.2 Council of Europe

7.3 ECML

7.4 European Commission

7.5 Other

Relationships were very active with Council of Europe and ECML. TL is working closely with ECML and has also been invited to a consultation on the CEFR in June in Strasbourg. There will be other opportunities for FIPLV involvement with new ECML activities.

We have been responding to requests from UNESCO as usual. However, PB suggested that we take a more pro-active line and ask for a discussion of multilingualism in a future meeting as well as considering how else we might work with them on their existing activities and documents. **Action:** ExCo to organise

TL is co-coordinating a Consultancy project co-funded by the EC and ECML on Multilingual Classrooms. We should ask them if they would host a future ExCo meeting to facilitate a meeting with them. We have also been invited to join a 'civil platform', the new manifestation of the former EU European Platform for Multilingualism and are waiting for further details. We were also partners in the EC-funded Lucide project, which is now completed. Through these various actions we hope to develop closer relationships with the EC. **Action:** ExCo to organise

8 Strategic Plan, Projects, Priorities and Activities on the bases of points 1-7

TL reported that FIPLV was invited to contribute to a UK research proposal funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, which is led by King's College London. The University of Westminster, the Open University and Queen Mary University London. This proposal has been successful.

There has also been a proposal from APLV (France) for us to discuss that relates to facilitating exchanges. **Action:** TL to circulate.

We need to consider the process for deciding on which member association will host the World Congress in 2021. We will request proposals in 2017 so that we will be able to announce the venue when we are in New Orleans.

Other plans for refreshing FIPLV, e.g. developing special interest groups, forming an online forum for association presidents, use of Facebook and regular newsletters, will be included in our draft strategic plan/ consultation documents for consultation with WC.

9 Preparation for World Council meeting 2016, Talinn

WC will act as an initial discussion forum for our new proposals outlined in our draft strategic plan and consultation documents. There will be an ExCo meeting in the morning of Thursday 9th June followed by WC at 14.00.

10 Finances: Notional Budget for 2016

A notional budget was set and agreed in Niagara Falls. We had a lengthy discussion about finances, mostly focused on the difficulties so far with communications with the bank. We had a number of questions for the former Treasurer. **Action:** TL to contact Kirsti.

11 Future meeting dates

The next meeting will take place in Tallinn.

12 Any Other Business

There was no other business as we had spent the whole day not only in formal but also informal and very energetic discussions.

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Professor Terry Lamb

March 2015

This report follows fairly quickly on the heels of my previous report in September 2014, so will simply provide an update on that one. The period has been dominated by preparations for the World Congress in Niagara Falls, Canada, which will take place later this week. It is a pleasure to work with our Canadian colleagues on this event, which promises to be a wonderful experience for all. Other activities have included further work with the ECML in Graz and continuation of our communications strategy.

Our **communications strategy** continues to develop. We now have over 1000 followers on Twitter, including our member associations, their own members and other language professionals all around the world. This means that our information about members' events and dissemination of items of interest, including teaching resources, is reaching further out to teachers in classrooms. I would strongly urge our member associations to use Twitter if possible, as it is a very convenient way of reaching out to a wider public. It really does not take up much time and also, if linked to your website, is a convenient way of ensuring that there is something new on there every day. Please encourage your own members to follow us: our Twitter handle is **@fiplv**.

We continue to work hard on our **FIPLV website** (fiplv.com), which is fast becoming the place to go for language-related news and ideas. The number of visitors increases month by month and in fact is accelerating; we have now had nearly 23,000 visitors. Following our meetings in Niagara Falls, our next phase of activity will be to encourage sponsorship, and we are now in a good position for that. However, the more visitors we have the better, so please continue to encourage your own members to visit our site regularly to find the latest languages-related news, resources and other information as well as to make connections with teachers in other parts of the world - for professional development purposes, to exchange materials, to encourage participation in competitions, to find partnership schools etc. We are trying to build up the Resources section of the website, and I tend to add useful resources I find through Twitter etc, but it would be excellent to have some activities and resources recommended by you, our member associations. Please just send anything to me.

We expect to have some new people on and supporting our Executive Committee, and this should enable us to take forward more of our ideas for the website, such as online discussions and webinars. It is, of course, already possible for you to interact with the items of news and other content by entering your email address at the bottom of the webpages. The website is being constantly (almost daily) updated with news and twitter activity, making it worth visiting at regular intervals, and we welcome comments on any of the items there which you can make directly onto the site or by contacting me at my email address: T.Lamb@sheffield.ac.uk. The Calendar is also filling up, so please send in any dates, preferably with weblinks, so that we can showcase your activities, and take a look at what others are doing. On the home page you will find a list entitled 'what we share with you', and there you will find a link to a particular item called 'Support with promoting language learning'. This idea came from a member association and it offers advice on and examples of ways in which to make a case for language learning, given that most associations have told us that they need to campaign for language learning. You will see that I have also offered to support associations myself with their campaigning activities, drawing on my own experience of campaigning in the UK (<http://www.speaktothefuture.org/>). We would welcome any contributions of expertise or artefacts in this area to add to the website, e.g. flyers, brochures, campaign ideas etc.

Indeed, I would welcome any feedback on the website, as well as anything you are prepared to share with others.

We had planned to hold our first electronic discussion last year, but this has not yet happened because of other priorities. Nevertheless, we still intend to organise this, beginning with a focus on the draft **Handbook for Language Teacher Associations**, which was the product of the FIPLV-led LACS project based at the European Centre for Modern Languages in Graz, Austria. The draft handbook can be found on the website here: (<http://www.fiplv.com/members-2/managing-a-language-teacher-association>). We have some ideas for future discussions, and would also welcome your own suggestions, as well as offering the space to any members wishing to lead a discussion themselves that other members can join in with, including discussions in a range of languages. We also have plans for joint development of position papers by means of this discussion forum, just as we have done already with our partners on the ECML Professional Network Forum; themes would be those identified by members.

I would like to thank once again our Communications Officer, Goran Vodička, who is giving up his time voluntarily to support the Federation and all of our members.

Finally, in relation to communications, we moved away from newsletters a few years ago with the intention of having more dynamic forms of communication via the website and Twitter. If you think it would be useful to have an electronic bulletin occasionally, please let me know and we will identify someone to pull this together.

Our strong relationship with the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) in Graz, Austria, continues to flourish. We have a memorandum of cooperation with ECML, and of course our official address is the ECML address. On behalf of FIPLV, I have led the project **LACS2 (Language Associations and Collaborative Support: Empowering Language Networks)**, which is developing guidance and case studies for language teacher associations on how to adapt ECML projects for use in different contexts. The project will come to an end this year, but we plan to submit a new project proposal in the next month. Support from ECML for such projects is tremendous, and they also offer a great opportunity to bring together our members from various parts of Europe and Canada.

In February 2015, we had a Networking Meeting of the LACS2 project, which brought together some of the people who had participated in the LACS2 Workshop last year, many of them presidents of member associations, and they helped us enormously to work towards our final project products. These include a searchable online **Directory of Language Organisations**, which will include a wide range of organisations and will facilitate collaboration locally, nationally and internationally. Please take a look at the Directory (<http://lacs.ecml.at/Directory/tabid/3553/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>), bearing in mind that it is still under development. In addition, most of the Networking Meeting time was spent developing and refining a tool to enable teachers to analyse and

adapt ECML projects. The tool will consist of a series of questions, but each one will contain examples of different approaches to using the project materials in different contexts as a way of stimulating ideas.

As part of the LACS2 project, we have organised regional workshops on themes related to ECML projects past and present. These have taken place in Helsinki, Finland (2012), Varna, Bulgaria (2013), and Malta (2013). The final event will take place in Niagara Falls as part of the World Congress and will consist of examples of ways in which ECML projects are being used in Canada, presented by colleagues there who have collaborated in the project teams. We have been very lucky to have the support of our project team member, Dr Wendy Carr from the University of British Columbia, who is also Vice President of our member association CASLT, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers. She has made, and continues to make, a brilliant contribution to our work.

LACS2 will continue to promote ECML projects through its own communications strategy. Please follow the project through the following media:

<http://lacs.ecml.at/>

<https://twitter.com/LACSECML>

<https://plus.google.com/1012569319791345...>

<http://facebook.com/LACS.ECML>

<http://www.fiplv.com>

Just prior to the LACS2 Networking Meeting in Graz, I attended our annual meeting of the Professional Network Forum, a group of international NGOs with a special interest in languages, in which opportunities for further cooperation were discussed as well as updates on the Graz Declaration on Language Education. (See <http://www.ecml.at/Aboutus/ProfessionalNetworkForum/tabid/137/language/en-GB/Default.aspx> for a list of members of the Professional Network Forum.) More news on that will follow as some exciting possibilities arose during the meeting.

I would once again like to thank all of our friends at ECML and the Council of Europe for their support and friendship. We very much enjoy and appreciate our partnership with them.

With regard to the **European Commission**, FIPLV Europe's partnership in the project **LUCIDE (Languages in Urban Communities – Integration and Diversity for Europe)** continued in September 2014 at a fascinating conference held at the London School of Economics. It was actually the concluding conference, marking the end of the project in its current phase, although, at the project meeting following the conference, plans were made to continue as a virtual network, which provides the possibility of further collaborations. The conference brought together all of the partners involved in developing this major network of multilingual cities around the world, as well as some

other guests from the academic and policy worlds, and introduced the findings of the research as well as information about what the final products will look like. We look forward to sharing these with you all, as a number of your own countries (including Canada and Australia) were involved. (The full list of participating cities can be found on the LUCIDE website: <http://www.urbanlanguages.eu/>.) LUCIDE has built up a picture of how communication occurs in multilingual settings across the EU and beyond. Its resources aim to help institutions (councils, schools, hospitals) and local and national economies make better productive use of diversity as an economic resource and to strengthen social cohesion by fostering better communication and mutual understanding. It is clear that this project is intimately aligned to the underlying principles and aims of FIPLV, and we are delighted to have been involved. This participation is further endorsement of FIPLV's status and its ability to reach hundreds of thousands of language teachers and other professionals around the globe.

Following the success of the project launch of **Why Languages Matter!** in October 2013, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (see <http://fiplv.com/campaigning-for-languages/reasons-for-learning-a-language/>, in September 2014 we held a further project, this time a two-week festival of languages called **The World in Our City: Languages Live!**. This formed part of a major public engagement project organised by the University of Sheffield, England, called Festival of the Mind, and received funding from the University. Although this was only held in Sheffield, I intend to write up the details of the project in case other associations are interested in replicating aspects of it. Like Why Languages Matter!, it was intended to engage the general public in reflecting on their own experience of language learning and use as well as on the positive contributions brought to the city by Sheffield multilingualism (where 140 languages are spoken). It consisted of an exhibition, including once again the Why Languages Matter! interactive exhibition, but also a series of talks about languages and the arts and languages and business, multilingual poetry recitals, multilingual storytelling, performances by children from schools and community groups, and a live radio debate. If you would like help with similar events, please get in touch.

In terms of our **membership**, we continue to face the same financial challenges as language teacher associations worldwide, so activity is limited to the sorts of activities I describe above, which are all funded by other organisations. Members are now paying much less than previously, but we would prefer to have many members paying lower fees, so that more can benefit from our global networks. I would therefore urge you not only to pay your fees, but also to encourage other associations in your networks to do so. Ongoing discussions with other associations continue to take place, in particular with our partner in Iran, whom we are helping to set up an association with the ambition of developing a Middle Eastern Region of FIPLV.

Throughout this year we have been working hard on the **World Conference of Modern Languages**, which will take place in Niagara Falls, Canada 26-28 March 2015. I am extremely grateful to CASLT, as well as to OMLTA (the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association) for agreeing to host this conference and for all of their hard work organising it. I am also grateful to OLBI (the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute) at the University of Ottawa, one of our partners in the Professional Network Forum, which is also involved in the conference. Our call for proposals resulted in approximately 300 abstracts from many countries around the world, and we have been able to put together an exciting programme. I am really pleased that our member association, IDV, was also very involved in developing and promoting a German stream in the congress, and am grateful for their contribution. The congress promises to be a highlight of 2015, so please try to follow the activities on Twitter under the hashtag #WCML2015. We hope to share some of the presentations etc later through our website.

Finally, in addition to the activities above, I continued to make the most of my academic travels, funded by other bodies, to promote FIPLV around the world and to meet our members where possible. In October 2014, I was invited to present a keynote paper on multilingualism at a conference at the University of Southern Queensland, Australia, and the following weekend I presented in Granada, Spain, at a conference organised by the Granada English Teachers' Association (GRETA). I look forward to other visits to member countries, such as Bulgaria, where I will soon be presenting once again at BETA's annual conference, thanks to funding from the British Council and BETA. Once again, I must add that I am fortunate that my work at the University of Sheffield offers opportunities to represent not only the University but also FIPLV in such activities, and would once again like to express my gratitude to my colleagues in Sheffield for their support.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow members of the FIPLV Executive Committee, as well as all volunteers actively engaged in language teacher associations, for all of their support and commitment to supporting the professional lives of language teachers around the globe. In particular, as they prepare to step down from their roles, I would like to thank Kirsti Santaholma for her diligent work as Honorary Treasurer, and Denis Cunningham, who has spent a large proportion of his life working tirelessly on behalf of FIPLV. We plan to continue to involve them in our new (virtual) advisory group, as it would be a waste to lose their expertise and experience. This is, in fact, my penultimate report as President of FIPLV, after three terms (nine years!) in office. I hope I have served you well, and also hope to continue to serve you in a different capacity, as there are plenty of plans afoot.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2015-16, both face-to-face and virtually. Involvement in FIPLV is one of the most rewarding activities in my career, as it is such a privilege to meet and work with so many committed people. Please continue to stay in touch via our social media. I wish you all the very best for the coming year.

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Report of the Secretary General (16 August 2014 – 28 February 2015)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It covers a period of six months.

2 Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

2.1 Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current and former members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Iran, New Zealand, Taiwan and Turkey to explore the possibility of forming FIPLV Regions or national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

2.2 FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of recent Awards have had their presentations. There remains one recipient of 2008 yet to receive her presentation, but planning is underway. The criteria and call for nominations will be prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2015 after our meetings.

2.3 Linguapax

Activities continue at a more modest level. These include the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network and the Linguapax Award. The recipient of the 2015 Linguapax Award was Xavier Elbo, based in Bolivia.

2.4 Australia/France School Exchange

At the initiative of Laure Peskine (APLV), a school exchange was established between the Lycée Jean Racine in Paris and Mater Christi College in Melbourne. Jean-Luc Breton continues to be the contact in Paris, while I have represented my school. Following a visit by sixteen of my students (to his class of *première*) during my school's trip to France in 2013, individual student exchanges have been established. One of my students has stayed in Paris and attended the Lycée Jean Racine, while two from Paris will be hosted by families in Melbourne in June. Other Facebook exchanges and friendships have formed. My school also hosted a group of nine students from the Institution Sainte Marie in Toulon in 2014, which led to my visiting the school in September last year to meet the principal and trip organiser from the school. Exchanges and visits are anticipated in the future.

3 Operational Matters

My attention to procedural tasks has included the following:

3.1 Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents – the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – annually and will do the same after our virtual meetings.

3.1.1 FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

3.1.2 Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

- all member associations and FIPLV Regions
- FIPLV Executive and World Council
- international unilingual associations (especially IDV and LATEUM)
- national multilingual associations (especially ACTFL, AFMLTA, ALL, ANILS, APLV, EVOL, GMF, KMF, LTAL, MAG, MANYE, NZALT, PTN and SUKOL)

3.2 External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

- the distribution of *Education in a Multilingual World*
- collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to enjoy consultative partnership status with UNESCO. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

3.2.1 UNESCO

- Anna Maria Majlőf, (and other officers of UNESCO) (29 September)
- experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

3.2.2 Other Associations

- TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

3.2.3 Other

- associations or organisations in China, Germany, Iran and Turkey re membership of FIPLV
- participants of the conferences which I have attended

3.2.4 Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

4 Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings as well as work on publications.

4.1 Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2015-2017** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

4.2 Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has stabilised. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2012 - 1905 & 889; 2013: 1709 & 747; 2014: 1815 & 680. In 2015 (to 28 February), 377 have been received and 157 sent.

4.3 Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meetings of the FIPLV Executive and World Council. These were virtual and asynchronous during the week of 1-7 September. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the Executive, World Council and World Assembly meetings to take place in Niagara Falls at the end of March were prepared and circulated.

4.4 Call for Nominations

The offices of the FIPLV Executive and World Council fall vacant at the end of 2015. To prepare for the next triennium (2016-2018) the call for nominations was distributed on schedule. The following nominations were received by the deadline: Judith Richters (VLLT) for Vice President; and Maritta Riekkki (SUKOL) & Sylvia Velikova (BETA) for Treasurer General. Late nominations were received for: Paolo Balboni (ANILS) for President (or Vice President); Terry Lamb nominated by IDV for Secretary General; and Csilla Sardi (MANYE) for Editor of Publications. Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL) and Geraldo de Carvalho (IDV) were identified to represent their federations on the World Council.

4.5 Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

5 Representation

I have not had the honour to represent FIPLV formally at conferences or other events since the last report. Invitations for future events include:

- presentation at CASLT Annual Conference/FIPLV 2015, Niagara Falls (Canada), 26-28 March 2015
- (plenary) paper at the LATEUM Biennial Conference, Moscow (Russian Federation), 1-2 October 2015

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1) for 2014, which is available upon request. Noteworthy encounters during the last six months include:

- Budapest (Hungary): Katalin Vincze (Semmelweis Uni)
- Freiburg (Germany): Eynar Leupold
- Grenoble (France): John Evans
- Melbourne (Australia): Linnea Donnelly, Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Sylvia Gelman
- Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward
- Paris (France): Laure Peskine (APLV); Anna Maria Majlőf (UNESCO); Jean-Luc Breton (Lycée Jean Racine)
- Torquay (Australia): Michael Wiley (international school in China)
- Toulon (France): Jacques Bouteille (Principal) & William Mathon (Teacher) of Institution Sainte Marie
- Vienna (Austria): Andrea Burziwal

6 Publications

In the last six months, I am unaware of any articles or texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences).

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- "Generating Change in the Classroom", keynote paper at ISLPR Global, to be published in the Proceedings (which I may co-edit)
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Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

28 February 2015

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Report of the Secretary General

(1 March – 31 December 2015)

1 Introduction

This final report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It covers a period of ten months.

2 Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

2.1 Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current and former members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Iran, New Zealand, Taiwan and Turkey to explore the possibility of forming FIPLV Regions or national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as

Chinese and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

2.2 FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of recent Awards have had their presentations. There remains one recipient of 2008 yet to receive her presentation, but planning is underway for later in 2016. The process for the FIPLV International Award of 2015 was finalised, nominations received and member associations informed.

2.3 Linguapax

Activities continue at a more modest level. These include the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network and the Linguapax Award.

2.4 Australia/France School Exchange

At the initiative of Laure Peskine (APLV), a school exchange was established between the Lycée Jean Racine in Paris and Mater Christi College in Melbourne. Jean-Luc Breton continues to be the contact in Paris, while I have represented my school. Individual student exchanges have been established. One of my students has stayed in Paris and attended the Lycée Jean Racine, while two from Paris were hosted by families in Melbourne in 2015. Other Facebook exchanges and friendships have formed. My school also hosted a group of nine students from the Institution Sainte Marie in Toulon in 2014, which led to my visiting the school in September last year to meet the principal and trip organiser from the school. Exchanges and visits are anticipated in the future.

3 Operational Matters

My attention to procedural tasks has included the following:

3.1 Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents – the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement - where required.

3.1.1 FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

3.1.2 Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

- all member associations and FIPLV Regions
- FIPLV Executive and World Council

- international unilingual associations (especially IDV and LATEUM)
- national multilingual associations (especially ACTFL, AFMLTA, ALL, ANILS, APLV, EVOL, KMF, LTAL, MAG, MANYE, PTN and SUKOL)

3.2 External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

- the distribution of *Education in a Multilingual World*
- collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to enjoy consultative partnership status with UNESCO. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

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- Anna Maria Majlöff, (and other officers of UNESCO) (28 September)
- experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

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4.3 Meetings

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4.4 Call for Nominations

The offices of the FIPLV Executive and World Council fell vacant at the end of 2015. Elections took place to confirm the officers in place for the next triennium of 2016-2018.

4.5 Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. All tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

5 Representation

I had the honour to represent FIPLV formally at the CASLT Annual Conference/FIPLV 2015 in Niagara Falls since the last report. Invitations for future events include:

- AFMLTA meeting to present 2015 FIPLV Award to Joe Lo Bianco, Melbourne 19 February
- FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR) Conference, Tallinn (Estonia), 9-11 June
- ISAPL International Conference, Tbilisi (Georgia), 16-20 June
- LATEUM jubilee celebration to present FIPLV Awards to Natalia Gvishiani and Ekaterina Mikhailovskaya, Moscow (Russian Federation), September

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- Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward
- Niagara Falls: Jane Aubrey, Wendy Carr, Marie-Josée Hamel, Guy Leclair, Hilaire Lemoine, Nicole Thibault, Caroline Turnbull (CASLT); Marty Abbott, Jacque Bott Van Houten (ACTFL); Kari Jukarainen (SUKOL); Sigurborg Jónsdóttir, Petrina Rose Karlsdóttir (STIL); Evelin Müüripeal, Ene Peterson, Tonu Tender (EVOL); Sarah Breslin (ECML); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Thérèse Mecader (DEET/Victoria); Linnea Donnelly (MLTAV)
- Paris (France): Anna Maria Majlőf (UNESCO); Fabienne Lallement (FIPF); Jean-Luc Breton (Lycée Jean Racine)
- Zürich (Switzerland): Peter Ehrhard (FIPF); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ)

6 Publications

In the last ten months, I am aware of the following articles or texts having appeared:

- "Personal Reflections", www.fiplv.com
- "Student Exchange between Mater Christi College (Melbourne, Australia) and the Lycée Jean Racine (Paris, France)", www.fiplv.com

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Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council as I depart the Executive after 23 years.

Denis Cunningham

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor, FIPLV

31 December 2015

Year 2015 FIPLV Executive Committee meeting in Niagara Falls

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FIPLV Executive Committee

Niagara Falls - Canada

24 March 2015

Minutes

Participants

Terry Lamb

President

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General

Kirsti Santaholma

Treasurer General

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

T Lamb welcomed members of the ExCo to the meeting. He invited the use of a range of languages.

1.2 Apologies

P Balboni.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Approved. Other items could be added during the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Executive Meeting – Virtual & asynchronous – 1-7 September 2014

The minutes had been approved and circulated.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

4 Reports

4.1 President

T Lamb would provide a full report of his activity on behalf of FIPLV to the meeting of the World Council.

4.2 Vice President

No report.

4.3 Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meetings and invited questions. He would distribute all reports, including his own.

4.4 Treasurer-General

K Santaholma would provide a report. Financial reports would be done for the calendar year in future. It was also decided that ExCo members would prepare a report to the end of 2015 for sharing with the members of the new ExCo.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

5.1.1 Europe

Refer forthcoming report, specifically the activities of the LUCIDE Project and on behalf of the Council of Europe.

5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region

No report. However, this region was active with S Jónsdóttir working on the LACS Project with the President.

5.1.3 Other

The President had worked with Ali Maleki (of Iran) to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between A Maleki's centres and the Uni of Sheffield.

5.2 International Unilingual Associations

The only report received was from IDV (German). There had been contact with FIPF (French), LATEUM (EFL), MAPRYAL (Russian) and ReteAIM (Italian), but none with ILEI (Esperanto).

5.3 National Multilingual Associations

A report had been received from SUKOL (Finland). In addition to coverage in the reports of T Lamb and D Cunningham and the LACS Project, specific contact had taken place with ACTFL, ALL, MAG and VLLT.

5.4 National Unilingual Associations

A report was received from BETA (Bulgaria). T Lamb had been in contact with ASOCOPI (Columbia).

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

The President would work with ASOCOPI to form an FIPLV Region for Latin America, use the forthcoming conference in SE Europe for a Region there, while discussing with ACTFL and CASLT the possibility of forming another in North America. D Cunningham would try to have meetings in Korea and Taiwan during the current trip.

6.2 Membership Requests

None.

6.3 Financial Status of Members

Informal communication with ExCo members showed that the financial status of associations all over the world was uncertain. The lower fees had led to a small increase in membership.

6.4 Associate Members

There was the need to explore the ideas of strategic partners, sponsors and associate members. D Cunningham provided background on the proposal to identify associate members (ie, language centres, publishers and other organisations with a similar philosophy to FIPLV) and reminded others that draft sponsorship letters had been prepared some time ago. This was covered by the Regulations of the Statutes. With the website operating well, these ideas for additional revenue could be explored again. Another possible target was associations for community languages.

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.1.1 Relations

Relations continued to be good, as D Cunningham tried to meet with UNESCO representatives when in Paris. T Lamb had planned to attend the NGO meeting in Paris, but this did not happen. He or P Balboni would try to attend a future meeting. T Lamb had been contacted for input to a publication, but the deadline was discouraging.

7.2 Council of Europe

Relations were strong and further details could be found in the President's report. The policy unit still existed but was smaller.

7.2.1 ECML

The LACS Project would end this year, with a new round of bids available in May for the next period. FIPLV would prepare another project proposal.

7.3 European Commission

A civil society platform for multilingualism had been established. The chair (Bessie Dandrinis) was keen to involve FIPLV.

7.3.1 REAL

Nothing had been heard of REAL.

8 Operations and Publications

8.1 Strategic Plan

The President had checked the current strategic plan to confirm that most tasks had been completed. He would await the term of the new ExCo (from 2016) before reviewing the plan.

8.2 Membership Fees

To be reviewed from the beginning of 2016.

8.3 Website

The number of hits was being monitored by Goran Vodicka on a regular basis; it stood at 21500 and was increasing rapidly. The previous URL and contract had been closed, replaced by another for www.fiplv.com. G Vodicka, who would be called the "communications officer", would be paid an honorarium of 200 pounds. There was the need to update the international recognition element.

8.4 Brochure

The President was still to do this, now less urgent with the emergence of the website.

8.5 Publication Sales

No publications had been sold. There was interest in the FIPLV History, so there was the need to advertise it (and other publications) on the website. K Santaholma agreed to continue to distribute these. D Cunningham would send her the publicity blurbs from the past.

8.6 Review of Working Documents

D Cunningham would update the three documents before distribution to member associations. All had a particular focus and need at the time they were prepared in the past.

8.7 Files

Files were on hand at the ECML in Graz and with the Secretary General. There was no need to digitise documents from the past. D Cunningham would send copies of the minutes of meetings from 1993 (for archiving on the website), while retaining other key documents and publications for the moment.

8.8 Presidents' Forum

The proposed Presidents' Forum could include topics such as, "what do we do with files?"

9 Priorities and Activities

9.1 Succession Planning

The President was concerned about the lack of members represented to vote for ExCo positions, especially for the position of Treasurer General for which two nominations had been received. It would be recommended to the World Council that this vote be delayed for an electronic vote. For other positions, it was recommended that a show of hands record the voting. Concern surrounded the nomination for the role of Editor of Publications, vacant in recent years. The position had to be advertised, as it was required by the Statutes. There was no concrete role of an Editor as publications had been replaced by the website. A critical role could be associated with the website – as webmaster, for example - to assist the President, but this would depend on whether he could downsize his involvement in the website. The ExCo would recommend to the World Council that the position not be filled at this stage, as FIPLV was no longer producing publications. The nominee could be involved voluntarily in the proposed advisory board. It was suggested that D Cunningham chair the election committee, subject to World Assembly endorsement.

9.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

A small team continued to operate the initiatives of Linguapax.

9.3 Discussion Papers

Discussion papers would be placed on the website.

9.4 Representation

Refer reports. D Cunningham would possibly attend LATEUM 2015 at no cost to FIPLV.

9.5 Other

9.5.1 Advisory Board

This item would be referred to the World Council.

10 Projects

10.1 Virtual Conference

No action. This was embraced by the website and may be covered further through volunteers.

10.2 APLV Proposal

Laure Peskine (APLV) had sent a proposal, which would be investigated after the meetings. Other projects included LACS (at the ECML) and LUCIDE (European Commission). Refer President's report.

11 FIPLV World Congress

11.1 FIPLV 2015 - Niagara Falls (Canada)

With in excess of 1000 participants expected, a small profit was anticipated.

11.2 FIPLV 2018 - Call for Expressions of Interest

D Cunningham had distributed the invitation to host FIPLV 2018. Offers had been received from ACTFL (USA) and LTAL (Lithuania). In response to a request for more information, ACTFL had responded and prepared a package for the meeting of the World Council.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2016

K Santaholma would prepare this, factoring in a meeting of the new ExCo in January and support for the

NBR Seminar in Tallinn (Estonia) in June.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

None. To be discussed at forthcoming meetings and in 2016.

13 Recognition and Tasks

13.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

No nominations had been received.

13.2 FIPLV International Award

D Cunningham would distribute a call for nominations with the deadline being the end of September and the announcement of recipients being in (late) October.

13.3 List of Tasks Update (DC)

T Lamb would delete obsolete items. After that, D Cunningham would update the List of Tasks after the meetings before distributing them to the ExCo officers.

14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

14.1 World Council 2015

Completed.

14.2 Executive Meeting 1 2016

The new ExCo would probably have a face-to-face meeting in January.

14.3 World Council 2016

It was proposed that the World Council meet in Tallinn (Estonia) in June.

14.4 FIPLV Timeline 2015-2016 (DC)

D Cunningham would continue to update the FIPLV Timeline until the end of 2015.

15 Any Other Business

Nil.

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FIPLV World Council

Niagara Falls - Canada

25 March 2015

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb (FIPLV President/FIPLV Europe Region/ALL(UK)), Denis Cunningham (FIPLV Secretary General), Kirsti Santaholma (FIPLV Treasurer General), Geraldo de Carvalho (IDV (German)), Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region/STIL (Iceland)), Christine O'Leary (FIPF (French))

Languages Used: English, French, German

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everyone and thanked them for being available.

1.2 Languages to be Used during the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Apologies

Paolo Balboni (FIPLV Vice President), Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL).

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved. Additional items could be included, as required.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 World Council Meeting – Virtual & asynchronous – 1-7 September 2014

The minutes had been approved by email as an accurate record and had been circulated. Skype would be investigated in future.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Tasks had been completed or were referred to the current agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 Executive

4.1.1 Overview of Activities of the Executive

Reports would be available. The President spoke to the strategic plan and communications strategy. The website was receiving many hits, while Twitter had 1000 followers. He had been involved in projects through the ECML, the European Commission and in Sheffield. D Cunningham had also initiated student exchanges between his students and schools in France. D Cunningham to send the Typology of Associations to T Lamb.

4.1.2 Financial Report

K Santaholma spoke to the report. There had been a profit in 2014 as more members had paid and expenditure had been reduced (by the virtual meetings). The intention was to have more funds available for bursaries and subsidies to assist attendance at conferences, etc.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Treasurer General and external auditor.

4.2 Regions

4.2.1 Europe

Refer the President's report. The role of FIPLV Europe was useful in attracting Europe-based funding.

4.2.2 Nordic-Baltic Region

S Jónsdóttir reported that individual members would report separately and an NBR newsletter had been established. The association in Norway had collapsed, so the NBR was trying to create a replacement. There was project work in Lithuania, while EVOL (Estonia) would host the next NBR Seminar in Tallinn in June 2016.

4.2.3 Other

Work undertaken within the precinct of the FIPLV Region for Western Europe was covered by the President's report and ECML activities.

4.3 International Unilingual Associations

4.3.1 FIPF (French)

C O'Leary reported that the next FIPF World Congress would take place in Liège (Belgium) in 2016. There was a lot of activity in the FIPF regions, including conferences. A *Livre blanc* had been established on the teaching of French in different countries; this included statistics, teacher training, the state of play and pedagogy. This would be published as well as being available online.

4.3.2 IDV (German)

This was the only report from international unilingual associations received before the meeting. G de Carvalho spoke of the biennial Deutsche Olympiade, which was supported by the Goethe Institut. Winners were funded for the final in Frankfurt in August. There was a conference in Tallinn (Estonia) in October 2014. The Executive Board met twice a year. The new website was very important. IDV received sponsorship from publishers, which included coverage of the DarfWeb conference and the IDV Magazine. There are 103 member associations. The next general assembly would be in Lübeck in July 2015, where all delegates would be funded by DAG (Deutsche Auslandsgesellschaft). IDV had contributed to a German strand in FIPLV 2015.

4.3.3 ILEI/4.3.4 LATEUM/4.3.5 MAPRYAL/4.3.6 ReteAIM

No reports received but there had been ongoing contact with all except ILEI (Esperanto). FIPLV had been informed that AEDA (Arabic) had disappeared.

4.4 National Multilingual Associations

The only report received was from SUKOL (Finland). Reports would be placed on the website.

4.5 National Unilingual Associations

A report had been received from BETA (Bulgaria). It had also been circulated prior to the conference. ASOCOPI (Colombia) had promoted FIPLV 2015, so that Colombia was represented.

5 Development of the Federation

This item was referred directly to the meeting of the World Assembly as part of the triennial report.

5.1 List of Member Associations

5.2 Membership Promotion

5.3 Associate Members

5.4 Regionalisation

5.5 Applications for Membership

5.6 External Relations

5.6.1 UNESCO

5.6.2 Council of Europe

5.6.2.1 ECML

5.6.3 European Commission

5.6.4 Other

6 Operations and Publications

6.1 Strategic Plan

Referred to meeting of World Assembly. There was the need to make membership more possible in the next triennium.

6.2 Membership Fees

The current rates were retained and approved.

6.3 Website

It was recommended that more content in other languages be included on the homepage and website. Discussion referred to World Assembly.

6.4 Brochure

Discussion referred to World Assembly.

6.5 Mission Statement

Discussion referred to World Assembly. D Cunningham would update this after the meetings.

6.6 Profile

Discussion referred to World Assembly. D Cunningham would update this after the meetings.

6.7 Rationale

Discussion referred to World Assembly. D Cunningham would update this after the meetings.

6.8 Review of Working Documents

Discussion referred to World Assembly.

6.9 Files

There were many files housed at the ECML in Graz and with the Secretary General in Melbourne. Other officers retained role-specific files. Important documents and publications would be retained. The publication of the FIPLV History for the period of 1931-2006 meant that some earlier files were less relevant. D Cunningham had electronic copies of minutes of meetings from 1993 and would share these with the President. A process of filing required attention; this could be funded.

7 Priorities and Activities

Items #7.1 - 7.3 were referred to the meeting of the World Assembly.

7.1 Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

7.2 Linguapax/Language Rights/Solidarity

7.3 Discussion Papers

7.4 Proposals from the World Council/Member Associations

Proposals included the Presidents' Forum – through the website or email? – and the advisory board. FIPF had a multilingual website.

8 Projects

Item #8 was referred to the World Assembly.

8.1 Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS)

8.2 Proposals from the World Council

9 Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

Approved.

10 FIPLV World Congress

10.1 2015 – Niagara Falls (Canada)

This was looking to be a resounding success with over 1100 anticipated.

10.2 2018 – Call for Expressions of Interest

D Cunningham had invited member associations to offer to host FIPLV 2018. BETA (Bulgaria) had offered but withdrew in favour of hosting a regional conference in 2016. This would provide the potential to attract new members from south-eastern Europe. Two offers remained: ACTFL (USA) and LTAL (Lithuania). ACTFL had responded to the later request for additional details and

would present a portfolio of information to support their bid at the meeting of the World Assembly. FIPLV would invite members to provide more information in future.

11 Recognition and Tasks

11.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

The President nominated D Cunningham, stating the reasons for the nomination. This was supported by all members present.

11.2 FIPLV International Award

There were several in 2014. D Cunningham would call for nominations later in 2015. Christine O'Leary would be added to the (email) list of World Council members.

12 FIPLV Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2015

K Santaholma spoke to the notional budget, pointing out that the new ExCo would need to meet in January and again with the World Council in Estonia in June. The notional budget was approved.

12.2 Sponsorship

Models of sponsorship were discussed, including ways in which international unilingual federations attracted government and corporate funding. The ECML assisted FIPLV in housing the head office. Expenditure was minimal, but included the website (which is now less expensive than the previous one), an annual fee to UNESCO, representation and meetings. Further discussion referred to the World Assembly.

13 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

13.1 World Council 2016

It was proposed that the World Council meet next in Tallinn (Estonia) in June 2016 at the time of the NBR Seminar.

14 Any Other Business

14.1 Elections

It was felt that the election process should be more inclusive (of member associations not attending the meeting of the World Assembly). An electronic vote following the meeting of the World Assembly was a possibility. D

Cunningham would be asked to chair the election process. The position of Editor of Publications needed to be included.

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FIPLV WORLD ASSEMBLY MEETING

Niagara Falls - Canada

25 March 2015

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb (FIPLV President/ALL (UK)), Denis Cunningham (FIPLV Secretary General), Kirsti Santaholma (FIPLV Treasurer General), Marty Abbott (ACTFL (USA)), Geraldo de Carvalho (IDV (German)), Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (NBR/STIL (Iceland)), Kari Jukarainen (SUKOL (Finland)), Christine O'Leary (FIPF (French)), Caroline Turnbull (CASLT (Canada))

Languages Used: **English, French, German**

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Assembly meeting.

1.2 Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Introductions

Each participant made a personal introduction. D Cunningham explained the structure and voting rights of FIPLV and the meeting.

1.4 Apologies

Paolo Balboni (FIPLV Vice President/ReteAIM (Italian)), Judith Richters (VLLT (Netherlands)), Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL (Russian)), Sylvia Velikova (BETA (Bulgaria)).

1.5 Approval of the Agenda

The draft agenda was approved.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 7 June 2012 (Helsinki – Finland)

Approved previously by email by the Assembly.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

No relevant items were detected which were not on the agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 World Council Triennial Report

4.1.1 Executive Report

The President discussed the strategic plan, which had a focus on survival in difficult times. The survey distributed under the LACS Project revealed that teacher associations experienced shrinking membership in the face of English increasing; succession planning remained a challenge. The FIPLV reduction of fees had led to increased membership in a flexible approach. The website and Twitter had enhanced the profile, as both were increasing in hits. The website was the cornerstone of the communications strategy, also containing resources and papers. A new focus was associations supporting L1 teaching, sometimes covered by the tag of community languages. Membership promotion remained a priority. The NBR was very active. The possibility of new FIPLV regions in south-east Europe, North and South America and involving Iran had been discussed. D Cunningham tabled a certificate of appreciation from ISLPR (International Second Language Proficiency Ratings) Global after his participation in the ISLPR Global International Conference in Ankara (Turkey) in 2014. Collaboration between ACTFL (USA) and CASLT (Canada) was strong and they would meet in Niagara Falls. FIPLV maintained good relations with UNESCO and the Council

of Europe, while the ECML (European Centre for Modern Languages) hosted the FIPLV head office. There was less direct contact with the European Commission, but FIPLV would be represented on a new civil society platform for multilingualism. D Cunningham would distribute all reports received.

4.1.2 Financial Report (Treasurer-General)

K Santaholma explained that the final 2015 report would be produced at the end of the year, which was more logical given the early date of the 2015 meetings. At the end of 2012, revenue stood at 6900 euros and expenditure at 5500 euros. Three years later, funds had increased with the reduction in the number of meetings; for example, in 2013 income was 5300 euros and expenditure 3700 euros and in 2014 4800 euros and 400 euros respectively. There was very little expenditure (ie the annual UNESCO fee, the (less expensive) website, etc) with Skype to be explored for future virtual meetings. The accounts had been audited externally, as required by the Statutes.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

Approved.

4.1.4 Approval of the World Council Report

The World Assembly approved the report.

4.2 Member Reports

4.2.1 International Unilingual Associations

A written report had been received from IDV (German) prior to the meeting. G de Carvalho was invited to speak to the report. In doing so, he explained that there was an international Executive of five, representing each continent. They met personally twice a year with other meetings conducted by Skype. There were no regions in IDV. As Christine O'Leary was present, she was invited to present on behalf of FIPF (French). She reported that FIPF was divided into 'commissions' or regions, grouping local associations and conducting activities at the regional level. Each commission had an executive in what was an expensive operation.

4.2.2 Regions

Covered under the report to the World Council.

4.2.3 National Multilingual Associations

Member associations had different structures and membership varied across (the primary, secondary and tertiary) sectors or included all three. Increased collaboration across all sectors could be a focus for the future, as it had been in the past.

Representatives were invited to present their specific situations. Kari Jukarainen of SUKOL (Finland) reported that concerns included a lack of money, a reduction in members and the “crowded curriculum”. Sigurborg Jónsdóttir of STIL (Iceland) iterated these concerns, also pointing out the intention to introduce Scandinavian languages earlier in schooling in a new curriculum, which could give languages an economic focus. Marty Abbott of ACTFL (USA) indicated that the ACTFL situation was worse with state-based policies and the pervasive view that English was enough. Only 18.5 per cent of K-12 students were doing a language in addition to English. Strategies were required, such as advocacy teams, a seal of biliteracy - a public way of recognising the value of languages – and a new campaign of “Lead with languages” and a focus on cognitive development. There was a national focus on the economy and national security, supported by the Government. A concern was the recruitment and retention of languages teachers. ACTFL had 12500 members. Caroline Turnbull of CASLT (Canada) was thanked for the organisation of FIPLV 2015. She reported similar concerns, such as teacher recruitment and retention, despite few languages teachers retiring. The CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference) was being rolled out. National networking days beyond languages were conducted. Teachers were “time-poor”. There was a tiered membership structure. A “think tank” was required on teacher recruitment and retention, as had occurred at the meeting of the FIPLV World Assembly in 2000. A paper on 2000 recommendations was on the (previous) website.

4.2.4 National Unilingual Associations

BETA (Bulgaria) had sent a report. It was proposed to have representatives of national unilingual associations able to be included in the World Council in the future (under a new clause #7.1.3). Approved by the World Council, this would require a formal change by the World Assembly meeting in 2018.

5 Operations and Publications

5.1 World Congresses

Two offers had been received to host FIPLV 2018. ACTFL (USA) and LTAL (Lithuania). Marty Abbott presented a portfolio in support of the ACTFL bid. The advantages and disadvantages of each bid were discussed before a vote in support of the ACTFL bid. As a result, Marty Abbott was invited to promote FIPLV 2018 (in New Orleans) at the closing ceremony of FIPLV 2015, resuming a prior FIPLV practice. D Cunningham would write to Egle Sleinotiene of LTAL to thank her for the offer.

5.2 Publications

5.2.1 Website

Goran Vodicka (the webmaster) was monitoring statistics of the website: still slow but accelerating, the website had received 21500 hits with 1500 in the recent two weeks. All were invited to offer items, conference details, resources, etc. Interactive features were still to be developed. The easy navigability of the site was a bonus, as it would become more multilingual, include a blog site and open access.

5.2.2 Brochure

The brochure did not require an update before the arrival of the new ExCo in 2016.

5.2.3 Mission Statement/5.2.4 Rationale/5.2.5 Profile

These three documents had been prepared in the past to provide information on FIPLV in response to specific needs. They were updated annually. They would be updated by D Cunningham after the meetings.

5.2.6 Other

5.2.6.1 Twitter

Twitter had 1000 followers.

6 Projects and Activities

6.1 Discussion papers

Discussion papers would be replaced by the online forum over time. There were plenty of ideas. Members would be encouraged to join in discussions and compose position papers.

6.2 Collaboration of Teachers

Specific collaboration of teachers across countries was covered by the LACS 1 and 2 Projects. The LACS 2 Project would end in 2015, so the President would prepare a new proposal for the next four years.

6.3 Linguapax and Language Rights

Linguapax activities continued under the management of a small team in Barcelona. An annual report was published and the International Linguapax Award attracted high profile nominations.

6.4 International Award

D Cunningham provided details of the background of this award. The Award had been allocated in 2013 and 2014, of which details were contained on the website. He would call for nominations later in 2015. G de Carvalho would provide T Lamb with details of

the certificate to be awarded to a German teacher association in India so that he could prepare and send the certificate.

6.5 Proposals from the World Council/Member Associations

All were invited to submit proposals, which FIPLV could disseminate internationally. There could be collaboration among English-speaking (as an L1) countries across continents to address the monolingual Anglophone challenge.

6.6 Other

Refer the President's report, specifically on the LUCIDE Project (on multilingual cities) and "Why Languages Matter".

7 Membership Fees 2016-2018

It was resolved to retain the fees at the current levels.

8 Elections

The Secretary General explained the process according to the Election Procedure. However, it was decided to vote through a show of hands to expedite the process where there was only one candidate for the position. The Secretary General agreed to chair the Election Committee and run the process.

8.1 Executive

The result of the elections for the Executive Committee for 2016-2018 was:

8.1.1 President

Paolo Balboni (ANILS, Italy)

8.1.2 Vice-President

Judith Richters (VLLT, Netherlands)

8.1.3 Secretary-General

Terry Lamb (ALL, UK)

8.1.4 Treasurer-General

There were two nominations: Maritta Riekkö of SUKOL (Finland) and Sylvia Velikova of BETA (Bulgaria). Concern had been expressed about the small number of member associations represented to vote. As the World Assembly was the over-arching level of FIPLV, it could invoke clause #13 of the Election Procedure, so it was resolved to replace the vote by an electronic vote open to all member associations. T Lamb and Christine O'Leary agreed to provide a rationale for this electronic vote before sending

the details to the Secretary General for him to distribute to member associations, inviting them to vote. D Cunningham to inform the two nominees of this decision.

8.1.5 Editor of Publications

Csilla Sárdi (MANYE, Hungary)

8.2 World Council

8.2.1 Election of Representatives of Multilingual Member Associations not in an FIPLV Region

There were no nominations. The Secretary General explained that, in the past, the Executive approached member associations (not in an FIPLV Region) to nominate a representative. The members of the World Assembly felt that this process required attention. T Lamb and Christine O'Leary agreed to work on a process to implement this in future. This would require a request for biodata as part of the invitation to member associations (not in an FIPLV Region) to nominate. The ExCo would then decide. D Cunningham would wait to receive the proposed process before contacting member associations.

8.2.2 Delegates of FIPLV Regions

Delegates of FIPLV Regions were elected by the specific Region. Sigurborg Jónsdóttir was the NBR Chair and Terry Lamb was the Chair of FIPLV-Europe and the Western/Central European Region, so it was logical for both to represent their respective regions.

8.2.3 Representatives of International Unilingual Associations

International unilingual associations were responsible for nominating their own representatives to the FIPLV World Council and informed FIPLV of their identity. Geraldo de Carvalho was nominated to represent IDV (German) and Cecilia Odé MAPRYAL (Russian). The Secretary General would contact the other international unilingual associations to obtain the identities of their representatives.

9 2016 Notional Budget

K Santaholma spoke to the notional budget and would send this to D Cunningham for distribution to members. Approved.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 Position of Editor of Publications

As FIPLV no longer produced publications, it was proposed to delete this position. This would have to be covered by the revision of the Statutes for a decision at the meeting of the World Assembly in 2018.

10.2 Expression of Gratitude

The President thanked K Santaholma and D Cunningham for their contribution to FIPLV over the years. The meeting of the World Council had approved the nomination of D Cunningham for the title of Honorary FIPLV Counsellor after 23 years working for FIPLV (as an ExCo member). As those present at this meeting met the requirements of Clause #4.2 of the Regulations of the Statutes, it appeared that this nomination had followed due process.

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Professor Terry Lamb

September 2014

This report covers activity since my last report in July 2013. The past year has seen an acceleration of interest in FIPLV beyond its traditional language teacher association members, as publicity for next year's World Congress in Canada, exposure to large numbers of languages organisations through the development of the LACS project based at ECML, and increasing traffic on the FIPLV website as well as its Twitter account begin to attract wider attention. Our membership is also beginning to increase, as is the number of strategic partners. These developments are crucial to FIPLV Strategy, as they place us in a better position to attract sponsorship, which, in turn, will enable us to provide increasing benefits to our members.

FIPLV's **communications strategy** continues to develop. The number of followers of our **Twitter** account has almost doubled in the last year, and these include language teachers and their associations as well as other language professionals all around the world. Our address is **@fiplv** and we would love you to join us there if you are one of the growing number of people who use this means of social networking. We would also ask language teacher associations to circulate this address to all of your individual

members. We will be circulating regular updates on FIPLV as well as on our member associations, and re-tweeting interesting news and practice from those who follow us.

We have also put a great deal of effort into our **FIPLV website** (fiplv.com), which is fast becoming a major resource of language-related news and ideas with an increasing number of visitors. As well as being a repository for our FIPLV documents and reports, and for shared news and resources, the website will eventually facilitate interactivity, for example, enabling members to post and respond to messages, and supporting Webinars and electronic discussions. In order to do this, just enter your email address at the bottom of the webpages. The website is being constantly (almost daily) updated with news and twitter activity, making it worth visiting at regular intervals, and we welcome comments on any of the items there which you can make directly onto the site or by contacting me at my email address: T.Lamb@sheffield.ac.uk. The Calendar is also filling up, so please send in any dates, preferably with weblinks, so that we can showcase your activities, and take a look at what others are doing. On the home page you will find a list entitled 'what we share with you', and there you will find a link to a particular item called 'Support with promoting language learning'. This was requested by a member association and it offers advice on and examples of ways in which to make a case for language learning, given that most associations have told us that they need to campaign for language learning. You will see that I have also offered to support associations myself with their campaigning activities, drawing on my own experience of campaigning in the UK (<http://www.speaktothefuture.org/>). We would welcome any contributions of expertise in this area to add to the website, e.g. flyers, brochures, campaign ideas etc. Indeed, I would welcome any feedback on the website, as well as anything you are prepared to share with others.

We had planned to hold our first electronic discussion this year, but this has not yet happened because of other priorities. Nevertheless, we still intend to organise this, beginning with a focus on the draft Handbook for Language Teacher Associations, which was the product of the FIPLV-led LACS project based at the European Centre for Modern Languages in Graz, Austria. The draft handbook can be found on the website here: (<http://www.fiplv.com/members-2/managing-a-language-teacher-association>). We welcome any ideas for further discussions, and also offer the space to any members wishing to lead a discussion themselves that other members can join in with. We also have plans for joint development of position papers by means of this discussion forum, as we have done with our partners in the ECML Professional Network Forum, on themes where members feel it would be useful to get a global perspective.

Additional features will be added to the website in the future, and we would appreciate any suggestions from members. The intention is that the FIPLV website is a resource not only for those of you involved in working with and for associations, but also for classroom teachers and other professionals in all types of institution. We hope that member associations will begin to encourage their members to use the FIPLV website

both for resources and other information as well as to take part in international discussions and to make connections with teachers in other parts of the world - for professional development purposes, to exchange materials, to encourage participation in competitions, to find partnership schools etc. We will soon be adding other media to the website, with videos of presentations and webinars etc. In addition, we always try to select news which is interesting and which is about languages generally - which we also tweet so that associations can re-tweet to their members. We moved away from newsletters a few years ago with the intention of having more dynamic forms of communication via the website. I would like to thank once again our Communications Officer, Goran Vodička, who is giving up his time voluntarily to support the Federation and all of our members.

We continue to have a strong relationship with the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML), with whom we have a memorandum of cooperation. On behalf of FIPLV, I lead on the project LACS2 (Language Associations and Collaborative Support: Empowering Language Networks), which is developing guidance and case studies for language teacher associations on how to adapt ECML projects for use in different contexts. A major outcome of the project is also the development of a searchable online **Directory of Language Organisations**, which will include a wide range of organisations and will facilitate collaboration locally, nationally and internationally. Please take a look at the Directory (<http://www.lacs.ecml.at/Directory/tabid/3553/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>), bearing in mind that it is still under development. In May 2014, we organised a workshop in Graz, which included 33 representatives from European countries, and which involved them in developing the project further.

As part of the LACS2 project, we are organising four (or five) regional workshops on themes related to ECML projects past and present. Following the success of the first workshops in Helsinki (2012), and Varna, Bulgaria (2013), the third LACS2 regional workshop took place in Malta in September 2013. This full-day event was again sponsored by ECML as well as the Ministry of Education in Malta, and featured workshops on two ECML projects (FREPA and MoreDOTS) as well as presentations by myself and others. The target audience consisted of teachers of all languages in Malta and the South European region. Straight after this, I delivered a keynote paper entitled 'Catering for individual needs in the context of the 21st century English classroom' at the MATEFL Conference for English teachers.

LACS2 will continue to promote ECML projects through its own communications strategy. Please follow the project through the following media:

<http://lacs.ecml.at/>

<https://twitter.com/LACSECML>

<https://plus.google.com/1012569319791345...>

<http://facebook.com/LACS.ECML>

<http://www.fiplv.com>

In March 2014, on behalf of FIPLV, I acted as rapporteur at a High Level Conference on Quality Education and Language Competences for 21st Century Society: Traditions, Challenges and Visions, held in Graz to celebrate Austria's chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (see here for full details including videos), and this was followed by the annual meeting of the Professional Network Forum, a group of international NGOs with a special interest in languages, in which opportunities for additional cooperation were discussed as well as updates on the Graz Declaration on Language Education. (See <http://www.ecml.at/Aboutus/ProfessionalNetworkForum/tabid/137/language/en-GB/Default.aspx> for a list of members of the Professional Network Forum.) In June 2014, I was invited by ECML to act as moderator of the meeting of the National Contact Points and National Nominating Authorities, key organisations involved in ECML work in the member states.

In April 2014, I was funded by the Bulgarian English Teachers' Association (BETA) and the British Council to attend the BETA international conference in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, where I presented a keynote paper entitled 'Towards a Pedagogy for Autonomy: Exploring the relationships between learning and teacher autonomy'. It was wonderful to see old friends again, and it was particularly enjoyable since BETA had recently been accepted as a member of FIPLV. The third LACS2 workshop will take place in Malta in September 2013. This full-day event is again sponsored by ECML as well as the Ministry of Education in Malta, and will feature workshops on two ECML projects (FREPA and MoreDOTS) as well as presentations by myself and others. The target audience consists of teachers of all languages in Malta and the South European region, though we also hope that other teachers who are attending the MATEFL Conference for English teachers which follows immediately after the LACS2 workshop will also attend. I have been invited to present at that conference too, sponsored by MATEFL. Following that, I will carry out a consultancy on behalf of ECML for the Maltese Ministry which is developing a national languages strategy.

I would like to thank all of our friends at ECML and the Council of Europe for their support and friendship, especially Waldemar Martiniuk, the former Executive Director, who left ECML in 2013. However, I am delighted to report that Sarah Breslin, former Director of Scottish CILT and a strong supporter of language teacher associations, particularly SALT, the Scottish Association of Language Teachers, has taken up the post as Executive Director. We wish her well in her role.

With regard to the **European Commission**, FIPLV Europe continues to be a partner in a project, which is developing a major network of multilingual cities around the world, entitled **LUCIDE (Languages in Urban Communities – Integration and Diversity for Europe)**. LUCIDE is a network which is developing ideas about how to manage multilingual citizen communities. It is building up a picture of how communication occurs in multilingual settings across the EU and beyond. It aims to help institutions (councils, schools, hospitals) and local and national economies make better productive

use of diversity as an economic resource and to strengthen social cohesion by fostering better communication and mutual understanding. It is clear that this project is intimately aligned to the underlying principles and aims of FIPLV, and we are delighted to be involved. This participation is further endorsement of FIPLV's status and its ability to reach hundreds of thousands of language teachers and other professionals around the globe. Further information on LUCIDE can be found here:

<http://www.urbanlanguages.eu/>. The project is now coming to an end and we look forward to the final conference in September 2014 as well as the toolkit and book which will be published in the near future.

In October 2013, we also launched a new project called **Why Languages Matter!**, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. You can see more about this on our website (<http://fiplv.com/campaigning-for-languages/reasons-for-learning-a-language/>). This is an interactive exhibition, which was launched in my home city of Sheffield, but it has already travelled to Malta, and will hopefully be useful in other contexts. Please contact me if you are interested in this project, which engages the general public in reflecting on why languages matter, whilst enabling us to build up a picture of the reasons for learning languages in different contexts.

In terms of our **membership**, we continue to face the same financial challenges as language teacher associations worldwide, so activity is limited to the sorts of activities I describe above, which are funded by other organisations. However, following the review of our fee structure in 2012, we are delighted to welcome the following new members: ASOCOPI (Colombia). BETA (Bulgaria) and ACTFL (USA). Members are now paying much less than previously, but we would prefer to have many members paying lower fees, so that more can benefit from our global networks. I would therefore urge you not only to pay your fees, but also to encourage other associations in your networks to do so. Ongoing discussions with other associations are taking place. I was invited to the ISLPR conference in Ankara, Turkey, in July 2014, but was unable to attend when the date was shifted to August. Nevertheless, we had very fruitful discussions by email, which included discussions on the logistics of setting up an association in Iran, establishing a regional network of associations in the Middle East, and contributing to my academic journal *Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*. In the event, we were represented at the conference by Denis Cunningham who was able to continue the discussions in person.

Throughout this year we have been working hard on the **World Conference of Modern Languages**, which will take place in Niagara Falls, Canada in 26-28 March 2015. I am extremely grateful to CASLT, as well as to OMLTA (the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association) for agreeing to host this conference. I am also grateful to OLBI (the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute) at the University of Ottawa, which has also offered to be involved in the conference. Our call for proposals resulted in approximately 300 abstracts from many countries around the world, including many of

our member associations, and we are currently working through these in order to determine the content of the programme. I am really pleased that our member association, IDV, has been so proactive in promoting a German stream in the congress, and am grateful for their contribution. The congress promises to be a highlight of 2015, so please make every effort to come and join in. Please remember that for members of FIPLV member associations there is a reduced fee, one of the benefits of membership of FIPLV.

We continue to have discussions with **other organisations**, which are bringing increasing benefits to members associations. For example, we have a strategic partnership with Expolingua Berlin, so that our members attending this major exhibition 21-22 November 2014 will be entitled to free admission to the exhibition and seminar programme. To access this, please contact me for the code, which will be needed on arrival at the exhibition. Other organisations I have been in discussion with with regard to FIPLV collaboration include: The Chinese Society of Education, Worldcrunch, EULETA - the European Legal English Teachers' Association, and Language and Cultural Encounters, amongst others.

Finally, in addition to the activities above, I continued to make the most of my academic travels, funded by other bodies, to promote FIPLV around the world and to meet our members where possible. In September 2013, I was fortunate to be invited to attend a conference entitled 'Unity in diversity: languages for mobility, jobs and active citizenship' in Vilnius, Lithuania. The event marked the European Day of Languages, and was organised under the auspices of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This was my first visit to Lithuania, and I was overwhelmed by the welcome I received from colleagues there, especially those involved in Lietuvos kalbų pedagogų asociacija, our member association in Lithuania. In addition, the past year has involved me in other visits: to various ministries and polytechnics in Malaysia and Singapore; to Granada, Spain, where I offered a keynote on languages in education policy; to Thessaloniki, where I was engaged in discussions about a regional network of English teacher associations (South East Europe Teachers' Association) as well as delivering a keynote on 21st century learning at a conference organised by TESOL Macedonia-Thrace; to Konin, Poland, to present a keynote on learner autonomy and to meet our members there; to Sweden and Ireland to teach and examine student teachers; and to Brisbane, Australia, to participate in the conference of our Strategic Partner, AILA, and to convene a symposium on space, place and autonomy in language learning and teaching. Once again, I must add that I am fortunate that my work at the University of Sheffield offers opportunities to represent not only the University but also FIPLV in such activities, and would one again like to express my gratitude to my colleagues in Sheffield for their support.

In conclusion, I would like as ever to thank my fellow members of the FIPLV Executive Committee, as well as all volunteers actively engaged in language teacher associations, for all of their support and commitment to supporting the professional lives of language teachers around the globe.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2014-15, hopefully at the World Congress in Niagara Falls. However, I also hope that we will be able to continue to meet virtually through Twitter and our website too, so please join us there! I wish you well for the coming year.

Terry Lamb

President FIPLV

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Report of the Secretary General

(1 June 2013 – 15 August 2014)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It covers a period of fifteen months.

2 Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

2.1 Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current and former members while exploring the existence of other

national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Iran, Malaysia, New Zealand and Turkey to explore the possibility of forming FIPLV Regions or national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

2.2 FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of recent Awards have had their presentations. There remains one recipient of 2008 yet to receive her presentation, but planning is underway. The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2014, for which the deadline was 30 June. Five have been received.

2.3 Linguapax

Activities continue at a more modest level. These include the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network and the Linguapax Award. The recipient of the 2014 Linguapax Award was the Escola Valenciana in Valencia (Spain).

2.4 Australia/France School Exchange

At the initiative of Laure Peskine (APLV), a school exchange has been established between the Lycée Jean Racine in Paris and Mater Christi College in Melbourne. After preliminary meetings, Jean-Luc Breton has become the contact in Paris, while I have represented my school. This has led to Jean-Luc's hosting sixteen of my students (in his class of *première*) during my school's trip to France in 2013. After initial contact, friendships have formed.

3 Operational Matters

My attention to procedural tasks has included the following:

3.1 Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents – the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – annually and will do the same after our virtual meetings.

3.1.1 FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

3.1.2 Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

- all member associations and FIPLV Regions
- FIPLV Executive and World Council
- international unilingual associations (especially IDV and LATEUM)
- national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ALL, ANILS, APLV, EVOL, GMF, KMF, LMS, LTAL, MAG, MANYE, NZALT, PTN, SAALT and SUKOL)

3.2 External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

- the distribution of *Education in a Multilingual World*
- collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to enjoy consultative partnership status with UNESCO. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

3.2.1 UNESCO

- Anna Maria Majlöff, (and other officers of UNESCO) (4 June & 1 October)
- experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

3.2.2 European Commission/ Council of Europe

- Terry has taken over liaison with the European Commission and the Council of Europe

3.2.3 Other Associations

- TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

3.2.4 Other

- associations in Germany, Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV
- participants of the conferences which I have attended

3.2.5 Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

4 Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Paris as well as work on publications.

4.1 Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2013-2015** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

4.2 Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has stabilised. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2011 – 1922 & 861; 2012 – 1905 & 889; 2013: 1709 & 747. In 2014 (to 15 August), 1069 have been received and 369 sent. These figures do not include 'spam' or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

4.3 Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meetings of the FIPLV Executive and World Council in Paris. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the Executive and World Council meetings to take place virtually and asynchronously on 1-7 September 2014 were prepared and circulated.

4.4 Call for Nominations

The offices of the FIPLV Executive and World Council fall vacant at the end of 2015. To prepare for the next triennium (2016-2018) a call for nominations was distributed for which the deadline is 24 September.

4.5 Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

5 Representation

I have had the honour to represent FIPLV formally at conferences or other events since the last report:

- ISLPR Global International Conference on TESOL, Ankara (Turkey), 11-12 August 2014

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 June 2013, there have been the following:

- keynote paper at ISLPR Global, Ankara (Turkey), 11 August
- official launch of D Ingram, *A Short History of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations Inc (AFMLTA Inc)* at ISLPR Global, Ankara (Turkey), 12 August
- introduction to FIPLV at ISLPR Global, Ankara (Turkey), 12 August

Invitations for future events include:

- GMF International Conference, Freiburg (Germany), 25-27 September 2014
- presentation at CASLT Annual Conference/FIPLV 2015, Niagara Falls (Canada), 26-28 March 2015
- plenary paper at the LATEUM Biennial Conference, Moscow (Russian Federation), September/October 2015

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1) for 2013, which is available upon request. Noteworthy encounters during the last fifteen months include:

- Ankara (Turkey): David Ingram, Ali Maleki (ISLPR Global); Bitā Asadi, Mahsa Bahrani et al (Iran)
- Grenoble (France): John Evans
- Kandy (Sri Lanka): Stanley Perera (virtually)
- Leipzig (Germany): Rainer Berthelmann (GMF); Susan Coetzee van Rooy (SAALT)
- Melbourne (Australia): Linnea Donnelly, Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ)
- Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward, Friederike Klippel (Uni of Munich)
- Paris (France): Laure Peskine (APLV); Anna Maria Majlōf (UNESCO); Jean-Luc Breton (Lycée Jean Racine)

6 Publications

In the last fifteen months, I am aware of some articles and texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences):

- “Addressing Multilingualism in Australian Cities: Melbourne”, in *Linguapax Review 2014*, pp 75-84
- significant contribution to D Ingram, *A Short History of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations Inc (AFMLTA Inc)*, (Iran, 2014)

I was again invited to be on the Scientific Council/Editorial Board of the publications of the LTAL International Conference in Lithuania in 2013 and 2014. Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

- “Generating Change in the Classroom”, keynote paper at ISLPR Global, to be published in the Proceedings (which I may co-edit)
- Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos
- “Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation”. Plenary presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of QUEST Romania – Constanta (Romania), December 2007

7 Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

15 August 2014

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Report of the FIPLV Treasurer

2013 - 2014

Kirsti Santaholma (kirsti.santaholma@gmail.com) 1 July 2013 – 30 August 2014

END OF YEAR 2013

July 2013

Meeting of the Executive Committee and the World Council in Paris. Thanks to the AFPL for letting us to have the meetings in their office. Back in Finland some work with the expenses of the meeting.

August, September, October, November, December 2013: reminders sent to some members with a few positive reactions.

Preparing the membership of new members: Bulgarian (BAPA) and Columbian (Asocopi) associations.

At the end of the year 2013 there were 15 national multilingual associations and 5 international unilingual associations as paying members.

The expenses of the year 2013 were very reasonable and thus the federation had a positive financial year, +1647,78 €. With the new membership fee the federation has to diminish many of its expenses. The website has become its most important forum.

BEGINNING OF YEAR 2014

February 2014: letter and invoice sent to members

March – May 2014: membership fees coming, discussions with some members

June 2014 checking the membership fees and sending reminders

June – July: the financial report 2013 prepared

August: the financial report 2013 audited

By the end of August 2014 17 national multilingual associations and 3 international unilingual associations had paid their membership fee.

Helsinki 30.8.2014

Kirsti Santaholma

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FIPLV Executive Committee

Virtual and Asynchronous Meeting

1-7 September 2014

Minutes

Participants

Terry Lamb	President
Paolo Balboni	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

T Lamb welcomed members of the ExCo to the first virtual meeting. He invited the use of a range of languages. He also expressed his gratitude to D Cunningham for preparing the agenda and a coherent report of the meeting, P Balboni for acting as convenor of the meeting, as well as identifying points for further discussion, and to K Santaholma for her detailed financial report. Next year the ExCo would have the opportunity to meet again face to face, but this could not be justified this year in the absence of another event with which to coincide. He hoped that FIPLV members would appreciate the desire to find ways of saving money in times of financial constraint.

1.2 Apologies

Nil

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Approved. Other items could be added during the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Executive Meeting - Paris (France) - 3 July 2013

The minutes had been approved and circulated.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

4 Reports

4.1 President

T Lamb had provided a full report of his activity on behalf of FIPLV, which would be circulated to all members and placed on the website. He described a very active year, which was starting to show the shoots of new and exciting opportunities for FIPLV and which had been focused a great deal on services to members, including work on the 2015 World Congress. The full report is attached.

4.2 Vice President

P Balboni reported that he had acted as he had in the previous years: trying to promote FIPLV in international and in Italian conferences, including the next European Day of Languages, to be held in Florence because of the Italian Semester of European Presidency. Most of the rest of his activity had been focused on devising, together with ExCo colleagues, a way to carry out a virtual meeting, and in discussing with them - in groups or individually - actions for the future of FIPLV. In other words, he had been more of an 'advisor', a 'counsellor' than an active vice-president.

4.3 Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meetings and invited questions. He would distribute all reports, including his own.

4.4 Treasurer-General

K Santaholma had tried to obtain as many funds as possible and to spend as little as possible. This effort had been quite successful as there were now some new member associations with lots of members (like the American ACTFL), associations that were thinking of leaving but had decided to remain as paying members (like LMS of Sweden) and a couple of others. This year had not been very costly, as all the

communication had taken place virtually. The full report is attached.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

5.1.1 Europe

No report. However, there had been significant activity at the European level, including an invitation to participate at a high level event in Vilnius (Lithuania) in September 2013 (funded by the European Union) and the LACS Workshop in Graz, which brought together a number of representatives of FIPLV members and which stimulated interest in membership among others. FIPLV, through the LACS project, was also developing a directory of languages organisations, which would facilitate collaboration at a regional level, and this was followed through in the workshop, which asked regional groups to develop manageable projects to be carried out in the coming months. These would be followed up in the autumn to find out what progress had been made. Also, FIPLV Europe continued to be a partner in the LUCIDE project, funded by the European Commission. FIPLV also worked closely with the Council of Europe, and this year had high profile involvement in both High Level Conferences of the Council as well as in ECML workshops.

5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region

No report.

5.1.3 Other

The President had begun discussions with CASLT regarding a North American Region, and there was significant involvement of ACTFL in the FIPLV 2015 World Congress. FIPLV was delighted that ACTFL had rejoined FIPLV. They had invited T Lamb to their conference two years earlier, but he could not make it, and this was followed by a meeting with ECML in Graz, attended by K Santaholma.

5.2 International Unilingual Associations

The only reports received were from IDV and ReteAIM. Refer attached.

5.3 National Multilingual Associations

Reports were received from ALL (UK), APLV (France), EVOL (Estonia), SUKOL (Finland). Refer attached.

5.4 National Unilingual Associations

A report was received from BETA (Bulgaria). Refer attached.

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

The review of membership fees had been part of the strategy to promote membership. It has produced some new members, but it was noticeable that progress was being made with others for whom the old fees would have been prohibitive. We needed to give this longer to settle in, and needed to promote the good value as strongly as possible in meetings with potential members. Similarly, the strategy for membership promotion also included the efforts paid to the website and to Twitter, both of which were known to be key in any marketing activity. The close friendship between David Ingram (Director of ISLPR Global) led to T Lamb and D Cunningham being invited as key speakers at the Global ISLPR International Conference in Ankara on 11-12 August. D Cunningham had met with representatives of Iran and Turkey

to discuss the possibility of their forming a national or international association for teachers of ESOL across the two countries. This built on discussions between ISLPR and T Lamb, in which it was decided that an Iranian association would be set up initially, which would then develop regional collaborations. Discussions and initial planning for association formation and/or association membership of FIPLV had been held with a number of other countries, including Slovenia (where a request had been lodged with the Ministry for support), Bosnia-Herzegovina (where FIPLV/ECML may be holding a workshop in 2015), Ireland (where close contacts have been built up through ECML National Contact Points), Portugal, Belgium, Brazil, Japan and others.

6.2 Membership Requests

None currently, though several were expected in the coming months.

6.3 Financial Status of Members

Informal communication with ExCo members showed that the financial status of associations all over the world was far from leading to optimism. No member had contacted the Treasurer General to ask for a reduced fee, but as some members had not paid, financial problems might be the reason.

6.4 Associate Members

There was a need to discuss different categories of relationships with other organisations. FIPLV had tended to talk about strategic partnerships with organisations where it would be inappropriate for them to pay membership fees as FIPLV would also need to pay them membership fees e.g. AILA, ICC, EALTA and other members of the ECML Professional Network Forum as well as organisations such as EULETA - the European Legal English Teachers' Association, Wordcrunch and Expolingua Berlin, the last of these providing benefits for our members in return for endorsement of the event by FIPLV. These partnerships brought mutual benefits through promotion of events, collaborative campaigning, and enlarged reach of the associations, which could attract sponsorship. (There had also been discussions with AAAL (American Association of Applied Linguistics), a member of AILA, which was holding its annual conference in Toronto just prior to the FIPLV World Congress, regarding joint publicity for the two conferences). FIPLV was also receiving requests to publicise organisations, resources etc, and these would appear to be more like potential sponsors. This would increase as visits to the website and Twitter activity increased. Some organisations had asked for further details. There was some coverage related to this in the Statutes, as well as a standard letter to use with potential sponsors, but this needed to be revisited. FIPLV then needed to define who associate partners might be and how to recruit them. It would be useful to have a proposal produced on all of this, with a proposed strategy for recruitment.

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.1.1 Relations

Relations continued to be good, as D Cunningham tried to meet with UNESCO representatives when in Paris. He intended to visit UNESCO when in Europe later in the month. T Lamb had only attended the NGO meeting in Paris once, but would be prepared to attend the next meeting in December if this were approved by the ExCo. P Balboni was also available if needed.

7.2 Council of Europe

7.2.1 ECML

Relations were strong, and further details could be found in the President's report. FIPLV was also running a languages festival in Sheffield city centre (The World in Our City: Languages Live!) to celebrate the European Day of Languages, as part of the Festival of the Mind, and had received materials from the Council of Europe to support this and to promote the Council's work. If possible, T Lamb would also attend the Council of Europe NGO meeting in Strasbourg in January for the first time.

7.3 European Commission

FIPLV was involved in the European Commission's LUCIDE project; further details could be found on the website. The President had also been invited to participate in the high level event in Vilnius (Lithuania) in September 2013 (funded by the European Union). P Balboni would represent FIPLV in the Day of Languages organised by the Commission in Florence, under the Italian Presidency of the Union.

7.3.1 REAL

P Balboni tried to contact REAL, both on the website and through personal mail to the president, but no answer was received. REAL appeared to have finished its operational phase, but this had led to some damage to FIPLV.

8 Operations and Publications

8.1 Strategic Plan

Good progress had been made in all sections of the Strategic Plan, which has been valuable for informing priorities and activities. The Plan had only been informally evaluated, but would be evaluated more formally in 2015 as the President developed the plan for the next three years. P Balboni agreed that the key moment would be in Canada 2015 when a new ExCo would be elected to take over FIPLV for the next three (2016-2018) or six years. This new group would have to draw up a new strategic plan – the current one aimed more at surviving these stormy years than at designing a long-term future. This aim has been reached, and the present ExCo was proud of it. Yet, P Balboni suggested that a way should be found to ease some forms of cooperation between the present ExCo and the new one, so that the experience gained and the work on this strategic plan flowed smoothly into the next one.

8.2 Restructure

T Lamb would like to propose the establishment of an FIPLV Advisory Board (or some such title), consisting of former members of ExCo and other co-opted members for strategic purposes. With the turnover of experienced officers in 2015, it was important to involve all those who wished to remain connected with FIPLV activity and to have a voice in its development. This group could be a virtual group, possibly set up and then convened by the current Vice President (who may continue to convene beyond the term of office). FIPLV would need to think more about this, including how formal or informal to make it. P Balboni thought an Advisory Board would be the right answer to the suggestion he gave above. The Board could include all active members of former Executive Committees and World Councils, i.e. people who knew the nature and ways of FIPLV, its potentialities and limits. P Balboni, who was no longer running as Vice President, was used to running virtual activities and was ready to participate in this new board and help in any form. Though not strictly about restructuring, T Lamb would also like to continue the email list of Presidents of every association, which could become a dynamic community and support group consisting of new and more experienced Presidents. This would also facilitate sharing of ideas and potential collaborations. The complete list of Presidents and other officers was updated regularly and was included on the website.

8.3 Membership Fees

See above; the review had had some impact, and LMS Sweden had decided to remain a member, for example, while others had been enabled to join or to consider joining. FIPLV needed to wait a while to see the full impact.

8.4 Website

The number of hits was being monitored by Goran Vodicka on a regular basis, using both the figures which were visible to all (and which were crucial in attracting potential sponsors to feel that advertising themselves there would increase their visibility) and the data which could be seen behind the website. These data were very valuable as they showed what caused the peaks in viewing as well as which countries were viewing. Interestingly, over the past year, the highest number of visits had come from the UK, followed by the USA, Canada, Germany, France, Bulgaria, Italy, Brazil, Colombia, Australia, Finland, then Austria. Looking at the full list suggested that further promotion was needed by some member associations. FIPLV thanked G Vodicka for his work on this as without him FIPLV would not have such a good website, which had drawn praise from many people. T Atanasoska had not been able to contribute over the past year, due to her new circumstances and different priorities, so G Vodicka had had to take on additional work. An honorarium for this work needed resolution. Further contributions from member associations and from ExCo officers were still needed. In particular, the section on campaigning for languages, which had been further developed following the request from Sweden, was highlighted and needed discussion on ways to build on what was there. P Balboni argued that today everyone is obsessed with websites to check and so some websites were visited far less than one would like. A solution may be the list of Presidents. Every time a new document or campaign or relevant information was added to the website, all Presidents could be informed about the new entry (asking them to forward the information to their local sections), so they would be reminded about the FIPLV website and visit it. FIPLV also needed to confirm that all were happy to put association reports onto the website, and to avoid any complaints. P Balboni thought the reports not only could but should be included on the website. They were sent to FIPLV and FIPLV should make them available to all members. Further comments can be seen in the President's report.

8.5 Brochure

Unfortunately time had not allowed revision of the Brochure and for it to be published as a pdf. This would be done in the coming months.

8.6 Publication Sales

No publications had been sold.

8.7 Review of Working Documents

D Cunningham would update the three documents before distribution to member associations. A revised list of members to include ACTFL was required, so that it could be publicised on the website and on Twitter. As agreed, this would be completed after the minutes of meetings was finalised.

8.8 Files

Files were on hand at the ECML in Graz and with the Secretary General.

9 Priorities and Activities

9.1 Succession Planning

In the past, D Cunningham had sought to ensure the balance of representation among strong member associations, languages, gender and geographical coverage. T Lamb had engaged actively in discussions related to this, in particular with Canada and Bulgaria. It was important that associations put forward candidates for the posts, and T Lamb planned to contact others in the near future.

9.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

A small team continued to operate the initiatives of Linguapax. One of these continued to be the International Linguapax Award, awarded in 2014 to the Escola Valenciana.

9.3 Discussion Papers

None, though T Lamb in his report invited members to suggest possible discussions. T Lamb led an e-discussion for ECML on Spaces for Learning, and this could be the focus of an FIPLV discussion. Other ideas included: 21st century learning; valuing multilingualism, promoting language learning; e-learning; technology-enhanced learning. FIPLV needed people to offer to lead these discussions. P Balboni suggested another perspective, to be added to the language-centred list of topics above. He had recently carried out research on the role of language teacher associations in defining the language policy in European school systems, and he found that all associations were facing structural problems, not just temporary ones, in re-defining their role in a world where social media provided contact among professionals, the web hosted training webinars, cities were larger and larger so that participating in the association's meetings took more and more travel time, and so on. A good example of this crisis was the end of REAL activity, on the one hand, and the decision about lower fees made by FIPLV last year. A thread of documents and discussion could be based on the dissemination of the (although incomplete) LACS manual to all Presidents. He was ready to work on this.

9.4 Representation

D Cunningham had represented the Federation at the ISLPR Global International Conference in Ankara (Turkey) in August at no cost to FIPLV. He agreed to co-edit the conference proceedings. T Lamb has represented FIPLV in various locations, mostly not at the expense of FIPLV. (See the President's report for further details). He was sorry that the change of date for the ISLPR Conference in Turkey meant that he could no longer attend and present, as he was at that time committed to visiting Australia. Nevertheless he remained in close contact with the organisers, and was encouraging publication of papers in his own journal, *Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*, for which he arranged free access for a limited time for all conference participants. P Balboni had participated in numerous conferences and meetings of Italian teachers across the world, and he always asked organisers to introduce him not only as the Director of the Itals Centre but also as the representative of FIPLV.

9.5 Other

10 Projects

T Lamb had planned to include FIPLV in several research bids this year during his sabbatical. However, he had to postpone his sabbatical as he took up some Head of School responsibilities, so these bids would be carried over to next year. It was important to include FIPLV in such projects as a leading partner or a minor partner.

10.1 Virtual Conference

There would be recordings of talks at the World Congress. If anyone wished to think about how to turn this into a virtual conference, they could contact Guy Leclair to discuss.

11 FIPLV World Congress

11.1 FIPLV 2015 - Niagara Falls (Canada)

This was looking to be a resounding success. There had been an unprecedented number of proposals submitted (well over 300) and two groups were now refereeing them; T Lamb was on both groups - one for the general submissions, and one for submissions to the German strand, with IDV and Goethe Institut involvement. The number of international submissions was high, justifying the organisation of a World Congress together with FIPLV as a way of enhancing the successful CASLT conferences by attracting international participants. There was a great deal of activity involved, and updates would be provided when appropriate.

11.2 FIPLV 2018 - Call for Expressions of Interest

D Cunningham would distribute a request for offers to host FIPLV 2018 after the meetings. This would be sent to all member associations. There had already been a suggestion that the next congress could be held in the Middle East, such as Turkey, but this would depend on the development of associations in that region.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2015

Refer attached.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

FIPLV had been asked to publicise organisations such as Babble and Speak, TranslateMedia, Speechyard, Language and Cultural Encounters, CONTACT, WeSpeak, etc. It would be good to have a policy on this (see above) so that FIPLV automatically offered a number of realistic sponsorship rates to them. Some were small and simply wanted a mention or a link, but FIPLV could do more by displaying logos on a special page.

13 Recognition and Tasks

13.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

No nominations had been received.

13.2 FIPLV International Award

The following proposals (see attachments) were received: APLV: Christian Puren; BETA: Sylvia Velikova; EVOL: Ene Peterson; IDV: InDaF - The Indo-German Teachers Association; and SUKOL: Kirsti Santaholma. After checking the details of the nominations, the ExCo recommended all to the FIPLV Council.

13.3 List of Tasks Update (DC)

D Cunningham would update the List of Tasks after the meetings before distributing them to the ExCo officers.

14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

14.1 World Council 2014

This took place virtually and concurrently with the meeting of the Executive.

14.2 Executive Meeting 2015

It was proposed that the Executive meet in Niagara Falls during the afternoon of 24 March.

14.3 World Council 2015

It was proposed that the World Council meet in Niagara Falls during the morning of 25 March.

14.4 World Assembly 2015

It was proposed that the World Assembly meet in Niagara Falls in the afternoon of 25 March.

14.5 FIPLV Timeline 2014-2016 (DC)

D Cunningham would update the FIPLV Timeline after the meetings and share this for the website.

15 Any Other Business

Nil.

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FIPLV World Council Virtual and Asynchronous Meeting 1-7 September 2014 Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	FIPLV President/FIPLV Region: Europe
Paolo Balboni	FIPLV Vice President/Rete AIM
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Geraldo de Carvalho	IDV (German)
Kirsti Santaholma	FIPLV Treasurer General

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everyone and thanked them for being available. He commented that it was a milestone to have the first virtual and asynchronous meeting. Some things would not go as smoothly as hoped, but FIPLV would learn from this. Next year we would have the opportunity to meet again face to face, but this could not be justified this year in the absence of another event to fit in with. He hoped that FIPLV members would appreciate the desire to find ways of saving money in times of financial constraint.

1.2 Languages to be Used during the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Apologies

Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL)

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved. Additional items could be included, as required.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 World Council Meeting – Paris (France) - 4 July 2013

The minutes had been approved by email as an accurate record and had been circulated.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected as missing from the current agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 Executive

4.1.1 Overview of Activities of the Executive

Full reports had been provided by the President, Secretary General and Treasurer and would be uploaded onto the website. This had been a very active year, which was starting to show the shoots of new and exciting opportunities for FIPLV and which had been focused a great deal on services to members, including work on the 2015 World Congress. The Vice President, P Balboni, reported that during this year he had acted as he had previously: trying to promote FIPLV in international and in Italian

conferences, including the next European Day of Languages, to be held in Florence because of the Italian Semester of European Presidency. Most of the rest of his activity had been focused in devising, together with ExCo colleagues, a way to carry out a virtual meeting, and in discussing with them - in groups or individually - actions for the future of FIPLV.

4.1.2 Financial Report

Refer attached.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Treasurer General and external auditor.

4.2 Regions

4.2.1 Europe

There had been significant activity at a European level, including an invitation to participate at a high level event in Vilnius (Lithuania) in September 2013 (funded by the European Union) and the LACS Workshop in Graz, which brought together a number of representatives of FIPLV members and which stimulated interest in membership among others. FIPLV, through the LACS project, was also developing a directory of languages organisations, which would facilitate collaboration at a regional level, and this was followed through in the workshop, which asked regional groups to develop manageable projects to be carried out in the coming months. These would be followed up in the autumn to find out what progress had been made. Also, FIPLV Europe continued to be a partner in the LUCIDE project, funded by the European Commission. FIPLV also worked closely with the Council of Europe and this year had high profile involvement in both High Level Conferences of the Council as well as in ECML workshops.

4.2.2 Nordic-Baltic Region

No report.

4.2.3 Other

Nil

4.3 International Unilingual Associations

Reports were received from IDV (German) and Rete AIM (Italian), so items 4.3.1 AEDA (Arabic), 4.3.2 FIPF (French), ILEI (Esperanto), LATEUM (EFL) and MAPRYAL (Russian) were not discussed specifically.

4.3.3 IDV (German)

The IDV was engaged in trying to contribute to the 2015 FIPLV World Congress in Canada with a German strand in the Congress. After receiving an acceptance of this proposal and the extension of the deadline until 15 August, IDV started a campaign via email and Facebook in order to encourage IDV members to participate. Some 25 abstracts had been received by Guy Leclair on behalf of FIPLV 2015. If IDV could gather a significant number of participants who could get financing for the trip to Canada, IDV would try as well to participate, represented by Geraldo de Carvalho. This depended on financing as well.

4.3.7 Rete AIM (Italian)

P Balboni expanded on the circulated report by noting that virtual associations, such as ReteAIM, were perhaps the only possible response to financial problems, which were widespread among associative movements of whatever kind. So he urged FIPLV to proceed along the path to virtualisation, trying some experiences of world conferences organised on an asynchronous basis.

4.4 National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received electronically from ALL (UK), ANILS (Italy), APLV (France), EVOL (Estonia), STIL (Iceland) and SUKOL (Finland).

4.5 National Unilingual Associations

A report had been received from BETA (Bulgaria).

5 Development of the Federation

5.1 List of Member Associations

D Cunningham requested amendments to the current list. He would update the list, using feedback and member association reports.

5.2 Membership Promotion

The review of membership fees had been part of the strategy to promote membership. It had produced some new members, but it was noticeable that progress was being made with others, for whom the old fees would have been prohibitive. We needed to give this longer to settle in, and we needed to promote the good value as strongly as possible in our meetings with potential members. Similarly, the strategy for membership promotion also included the efforts paid to the website and to Twitter, both of which were known to be key in any marketing activity. D Cunningham had attended the recent ISLPR Global International Conference in Ankara, where he had met with colleagues from Iran and Turkey, both of whom were exploring possibilities of forming national associations with the intention of joining FIPLV. This built on ongoing discussions between ISLPR and T Lamb, in which it was decided that an

Iranian association would be set up initially, which would then develop regional collaborations. Discussions and initial planning for association formation and/or association membership of FIPLV had been held with a number of other countries, including Slovenia (where a request had been lodged with the Ministry for support), Bosnia-Herzegovina (where FIPLV/ECML might hold a workshop in 2015), Ireland (where close contacts had been built up through ECML National Contact Points), Portugal, Belgium, Brazil, Japan and others.

5.3 Associate Members

There was a need to discuss different categories of relationships with other organisations. FIPLV had tended to talk about strategic partnerships with organisations where it would be inappropriate for them to pay membership fees as FIPLV would also need to pay them membership fees, e.g. AILA, ICC, EALTA and other members of the ECML Professional Network Forum, as well as organisations such as EULETA - the European Legal English Teachers' Association, Wordcrunch and Expolingua Berlin, the last of these providing benefits for FIPLV members in return for endorsement of the event by FIPLV. These partnerships brought mutual benefits through promotion of events, collaborative campaigning, and enlarged reach of the associations, which could attract sponsorship. (There had also been discussions with AAAL (American Association of Applied Linguistics), a member of AILA, which was holding its annual conference in Toronto just prior to the FIPLV World Congress, regarding joint publicity for the two conferences). FIPLV was also getting requests to publicise organisations, resources, etc, and these would appear to be more like potential sponsors. This would increase as visits to the website and Twitter activity increased. T Lamb had mentioned this to a couple of organisations, who had asked for further details. There was something related to this in the Statutes, as well as a standard letter to use with potential sponsors, but it needed to be revisited. FIPLV would then need to define who associate partners might be and how to recruit them. It would be useful to have a proposal produced on all of this, with a proposed strategy for recruitment.

5.4 Regionalisation

It may be that recent discussions in Ankara could lead to the formation of an FIPLV region across Iran and Turkey. The President had also begun discussions regarding a North American Region with CASLT, and there was significant involvement of ACTFL in the 2015 World Congress. FIPLV was delighted that ACTFL had rejoined FIPLV. They had invited T Lamb to their conference two years earlier, but he could not make it, and this was followed by a meeting with ECML in Graz, which K Santaholma attended.

There had not been any further development in relation to other regions, such as in Australasia, though the time may be ripe for approaching New Zealand again.

5.5 Applications for Membership

None currently, though several were expected in the coming months.

5.6 External Relations

5.6.1 UNESCO

D Cunningham visited officers of UNESCO whenever in Paris. Relations were good, despite staff changes at UNESCO. He would try to visit again later in the month when in Europe (at no cost to FIPLV). T Lamb was planning to attend the UNESCO NGO meeting in Paris in December if approved by the ExCo.

5.6.2 Council of Europe

FIPLV was running a languages festival in Sheffield city centre (The World in Our City: Languages Live!) to celebrate the European Day of Languages, as part of the Festival of the Mind, and had received materials from the Council of Europe to support this and to promote the Council's work. If possible, T Lamb would also attend the Council of Europe NGO meeting in Strasbourg in January for the first time. Relations were good and the Council of Europe knew that FIPLV was available to support when needed.

5.6.2.1 ECML

Relations were strong, and further details could be found in the President's report.

5.6.3 European Commission

FIPLV was involved in the European Commission's LUCIDE project and further details could be found on the website. The President had also been invited to participate in the high level event in Vilnius (Lithuania) in September 2013 (funded by the European Union). P Balboni would represent FIPLV at the Day of Languages organised by the Commission in Florence, under the Italian Presidency of the Union

5.6.4 Other

FIPLV had built positive relations with a number of other organisations, including those which wished to develop strategic partnerships and those in the Professional Network Forum. (See above for further information).

6 Operations and Publications

6.1 Strategic Plan

Good progress had been made in all sections of the Strategic Plan, which has been valuable for informing priorities and activities. The Plan had only been informally evaluated, but would be evaluated more formally in 2015 as the President developed the plan for the next three years. P Balboni agreed that the key moment would be in Canada 2015 when a new ExCo would be elected to take over FIPLV for the next three or six years from the end of 2015. This new group of people would have to prepare a new strategic plan – the current one aimed more at surviving in these stormy years than at designing a long-term future. This aim has been reached, and the present ExCo was to be proud of it. Yet, P Balboni suggested that a way should be found to facilitate some forms of cooperation between the present ExCo and the new one, so that the experience gained and the work on this strategic plan flowed smoothly into the next one. P Balboni also suggested starting virtual conferences. The structure could be of this type: a call for ‘videopapers’ on a topic. Participants whose abstract was accepted, prepared a 10-minute video (with subtitles in English if they used other languages) which would be uploaded on the website. On a given day, a discussion forum could be opened for each video, so that participants could add their opinions and discuss them. Videos and forums could be turned into pdf summaries collected in a virtual book on the website, with ISBN.

6.2 Review of Constitution

No proposals for change had been received in the lead-up to the meetings.

6.3 Membership Fees

See above - the review had had some impact, and LMS (Sweden) had decided to remain a member, for example, while others had been enabled to join or to consider joining. FIPLV needed to wait a while to see the full impact.

6.4 Restructure

T Lamb proposed the establishment of an FIPLV Advisory Board (or some such title), consisting of former members of the ExCo and other co-opted members for strategic purposes. With the turnover of experienced officers in 2015, it was important to involve all those who wished to remain connected with FIPLV activity and to have a voice in its development. This group could be a virtual group, possibly set up and then convened by the current Vice President (who might continue to convene beyond the term of office). FIPLV would need to think more about this, including how formal or informal to make it. P Balboni thought an Advisory Board would be the right answer to the suggestion he gave above. The Board could include all active members of former Executive Committees and World Councils, i.e. people who knew the nature and ways of FIPLV, its potentialities and limits. P Balboni, who was no longer running

as Vice President, was used to running virtual activities and was ready to participate in this new board and help in any form. Though not strictly about restructuring, T Lamb would also like to propose that the existing email list of Presidents of every association could become a dynamic community and support group consisting of new and more experienced Presidents. This would also facilitate sharing of ideas and potential collaborations.

6.5 Website

The number of hits was being monitored by Goran Vodicka on a regular basis, using both the figures which were visible to all (and which were crucial in attracting potential sponsors to feel that advertising themselves there would increase their visibility) and the data which could be seen behind the website. These data were very valuable as they showed what caused the peaks in viewing as well as which countries were viewing. Interestingly, over the past year, the highest number of visits had come from the UK, followed by the USA, Canada, Germany, France, Bulgaria, Italy, Brazil, Colombia, Australia, Finland, then Austria. Looking at the full list suggested that further promotion was needed by some member associations. FIPLV thanked G Vodicka for his work on this. Without him FIPLV would not have such a good website, which had drawn praise from many people. T Atanasoska had not been able to contribute over the past year, due to her new circumstances and different priorities, so G Vodicka had had to take on additional work. FIPLV still needed further contributions from member associations, and from ExCo officers. The section on campaigning for languages was highlighted and had been further developed following the request from Sweden. Ideas were sought on how FIPLV could build on what was there. P Balboni argued that today everyone was obsessed with websites to check and so some websites were visited far less than one would like. A solution may be the list of Presidents. Every time a new document or campaign or relevant information was added to the website, all Presidents could be informed about the new entry (asking them to forward the information to their local sections), so they would be reminded about the FIPLV website and visit it. FIPLV also planned to upload association reports onto the website, so that they could be made available to other members. Further comments can be seen in the President's report.

6.6 Brochure

Unfortunately time had not allowed the Brochure to be revised and published as a pdf file. This would be done in the coming months.

6.7 Mission Statement

D Cunningham would update this after the meetings.

6.8 Profile

D Cunningham would update this after the meetings.

6.9 Rationale

D Cunningham would update this after the meetings.

6.10 Files

Files and publications were housed at the ECML in Graz and with the Secretary General in Melbourne. Other officers retained role-specific files.

7 Priorities and Activities

7.1 Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

This was primarily being taken forward through FIPLV work with the ECML, in the LACS project (Language Associations and Collaborative Support). See President's report for further information.

7.2 Linguapax/Language Rights/Solidarity

A small group was continuing Linguapax activities, especially the annual Linguapax Award.

7.3 Discussion Papers

None, though T Lamb in his report invited members to suggest possible discussions. T Lamb led an e-discussion for ECML on Spaces for Learning, and this could be the focus of an FIPLV discussion. Other ideas included: 21st century learning; valuing multilingualism, promoting language learning; e-learning; technology-enhanced learning. FIPLV needed people to offer to lead these discussions. P Balboni suggested another perspective to be added to the language-centred list of topics above. He had recently carried out research on the role of language teachers associations in defining the language policy in European school systems, and he found that all associations were facing structural problems, not just temporary ones, in re-defining their role in a world where social media provided contact among professionals, the web hosts training webinars, cities were larger and larger so that participating in the association's meetings took more and more travel time, and so on. A good example of this crisis was the end of REAL activity, on the one hand, and the decision about lower fees made by FIPLV last year. A thread of documents and discussion could be based on the dissemination of the (although incomplete) LACS manual to all Presidents. He was ready to work at this.

7.4 Proposals from the World Council/Member Associations

Nil.

8 Projects

8.1 Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS)

The current phase of LACS (Phase 2) would end in 2015, so the team was currently working hard on the final products. In February 2015 there would be a LACS Networking Meeting organised in Graz. This was also being used as a sounding board for FIPLV activities as well as ECML activities.

8.2 Proposals from the World Council

Nil.

9 Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

Approved by those participating in the virtual discussion.

10 FIPLV World Congress

10.1 2015 – Niagara Falls (Canada)

This was looking to be a resounding success. There had been an unprecedented number of proposals submitted (well over 300) and two groups were now refereeing them; T Lamb was on both groups - one for the general submissions, and one for submissions to the German strand, with IDV and Goethe Institut involvement. The number of international submissions was high, justifying the organisation of a World Congress together with FIPLV as a way of enhancing the successful CASLT conferences by attracting international participants. There was a great deal of activity involved, and updates would be provided when appropriate.

10.2 2018 – Call for Expressions of Interest

D Cunningham would invite offers after the meetings.

11 Recognition and Tasks

11.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

None.

11.2 FIPLV International Award

Nominations had been received from the following:

11.2.1 APLV (France): Christian Puren

11.2.2 BETA (Bulgaria): Sylvia Velikova

11.2.3 EVOL (Estonia): Ene Peterson

11.2.4 IDV (German): InDaF – The Indo-German Teachers Association

11.2.5 SUKOL (Finland): Kirsti Santaholma

They were endorsed by those involved in the discussion of the World Council.

12 FIPLV Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2015

Refer attached.

12.2 Sponsorship

13 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

13.1 World Council 2015

It was proposed that the World Council meet next during the morning of 25 March in Niagara Falls (Canada).

13.2 World Assembly 2015

It was proposed that the World Assembly meet next in the afternoon of 25 March in Niagara Falls (Canada).

14 Any Other Business

None

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Dr Terry Lamb

July 2013

This report covers activity since my last report in June 2012. This continues to be an exciting period of activity in my Presidential role, as we continue to modernise the Federation in order to meet the needs of member associations and to attract new members.

FIPLV's **communications strategy** continues to develop. Since we opened a **Twitter** account in 2012, we have built up a following of almost 400, including language teachers and their associations as well as other language professionals around the world. Our address is **@fiplv** and we would love you to join us there if you are one of the growing number of people who use this means of social networking. We would also ask

language teacher associations to circulate this address to all of your individual members. We will be circulating regular updates on FIPLV as well as on our member associations, and retweeting interesting news and practice from those who follow us.

We also continue to develop our new **FIPLV website**, which was launched earlier this year as fiplv.com. As well as being a repository for our FIPLV documents and reports, and for shared news and resources, this new website will facilitate interactivity, for example, enabling members to post and respond to messages, and supporting Webinars and electronic discussions. In order to do this, just enter your email address at the bottom of the webpages. The website is being constantly updated with news and twitter activity, making it worth visiting at regular intervals, and we welcome comments on any of the items there which you can make directly onto the site. The Calendar is also starting to look more full, so please send in any dates so that we can showcase activities. On the home page you will find a list entitled 'what we share with you', and there you will find a link to items which were requested by a member association, namely support for associations who need to campaign for the importance of languages on the curriculum. You will see that I have also offered to support associations with campaigning, drawing on my own experience of campaigning in the UK (<http://www.speaktothefuture.org/>). We would welcome any contributions of expertise in this area to add to the website, e.g. flyers, brochures, campaign ideas etc.

We are planning our first electronic discussion soon, beginning with a focus on the draft Handbook for Language Teacher Associations, which was the product of the FIPLV-led LACS project based at the European Centre for Modern Languages in Graz, Austria. The draft handbook can be found on the website here: (<http://fiplv.com/members-2/managing-a-language-teacher-association/>). We welcome any ideas for further discussions, and also offer the space to any members wishing to lead a discussion themselves. We also have plans for joint development of position papers by means of this discussion forum, as we have done with our partners in the ECML Professional Network Forum, on themes where members feel it would be useful to get a global perspective

Additional features will be added to the website in the future, and we would appreciate any suggestions from members. The intention is that the FIPLV website will be a resource not only for those of you involved in working with and for associations, but also for classroom teachers and other professionals in all types of institution. We hope that member associations will begin to encourage their members to use the FIPLV website both for resources and other information as well as to take part in international discussions and to make connections with teachers in other parts of the world - for professional development purposes, to exchange materials, to encourage participation in competitions, to find partnership schools etc. We will soon be adding other media to the website, with videos of presentations etc. In addition, we always try to select news which is interesting and which is about languages generally - which we also tweet so

that associations can retweet to their members. We moved away from newsletters a few years ago with the intention of having more dynamic forms of communication via the website. I hope that this will happen when you send me items of interesting news from our and your members. I would like to thank once again our Communications Officers, Tatjana Atanasoska and Goran Vodicka, who are giving up their time voluntarily to support the Federation and all of our members.

We continue to have a strong relationship with the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML), with whom we have a memorandum of cooperation. At the end of 2012, I edited a special issue of the journal, the *International Journal of Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*, which reported on six of the completed ECML projects, including LACS. My article on LACS is of particular interest to language teacher associations and is entitled 'Language associations and collaborative support: language teacher associations as empowering spaces for professional networks', drawing on my research in this area.

In February 2013, the annual meeting of the Professional Network Forum was held in Graz, in which opportunities for additional cooperation were discussed as well as updates on the Graz Declaration on Language Education. (See <http://www.ecml.at/Aboutus/ProfessionalNetworkForum/tabid/137/language/en-GB/Default.aspx> for a list of members of the Professional Network Forum.) To recap, the members of the Professional Network Forum on Language Education consists of international NGOs, who have agreed to work together on various key initiatives, including:

1. An overview of European and international reference sources on which to base national, regional, and local language education policies, strategies, and practices.
2. Closer international and regional cooperation in sharing and applying relevant research, and ensuring that relevant research projects are properly designed to address new challenges.
3. New approaches to learning, teaching, and assessment in multilingual and multicultural classrooms, including among recently arrived migrants.
4. Improved mutual recognition of language qualifications, specifically in less widely taught languages and languages for specific purposes.
5. The development of a common approach to the assurance and enhancement of the quality of support for language learning across all sectors, and of schemes for promoting quality and outstanding achievement in language education.
6. Ways of identifying the professional competences needed by language teaching professionals working in different contexts, including more effective use of new technologies in (language) education, innovative pre-service language teacher education, and mobility programmes for teachers.
7. An open forum for discussion of language education policies and their implementation leading to more integrated approaches to language education at national, regional, and local levels.

8. A common language to discuss and develop ways of assessing linguistic and plurilingual competences, and a redefinition of the concept of literacy in multilingual communities.
9. Further development and implementation of Council of Europe tools, such as: the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and the European Language Portfolio (ELP); the development of reference standards for competences in the languages of schooling, academic education and language courses for migrants, as well as for the most widely used non-European languages; the wider use of 'personal language profiles' (e.g. in language portfolios).
10. Implementation of relevant Council of Europe recommendations, such as Recommendation (2008)7 on the use of the CEFR and the promotion of plurilingualism.

Once again we had the opportunity to discuss ways of collaborating with a view to bringing further benefits to our members, and FIPLV is planning to send out a questionnaire to other members of the Forum shortly to concretise this. This year in Graz we also discussed initial plans for a High-level Conference in the framework of the Austrian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (Nov 2013-May 2014), in which FIPLV will be involved. Further information on how this will benefit our members will be circulated closer to the date.

In February 2013, we had the second Expert Team Meeting of the follow-up project to LACS, which ended in 2011. The project, entitled **LACS2: Empowering Language Networks** is continuing to develop the work of the first LACS project by encouraging collaboration between all types of language teacher associations, including those which support teachers of the languages of schooling as first or second languages and those which support heritage language teachers, as well as other language organisations. The aim is to develop a worldwide network of organisations committed to language learning, and to encourage mutual support and collaborative activity. The project has six 'work packages' (or modules of activity):

1. Production of a Directory of associations and other language organisations; these will be searchable and on the project website, and serve as a communications tool for us and the public; research to be carried out through regional audit;
2. Multimedia communications strategy, with some of these media facilitating statistical monitoring too; they will be used to promote ECML as a whole, past and present programmes, and specific projects on a rolling basis;
3. At least four regional events: operating in ways appropriate to the region;
4. Case studies of activities in different countries/regions, to illustrate ways in which ECML projects are being used and having an impact; these will include information on how projects have been adapted;
5. Guidance on how to adapt projects to different contexts;
6. Continued encouragement of language associations and organisations to collaborate and share (following the first LACS project).

In the course of the project we are organising four (or five) **regional workshops** on themes related to ECML projects past and present. The first of these took place as a pilot in Helsinki in the course of the World Congress in July 2012, and it brought together teachers of Finnish as first and second language as well as teachers of foreign languages. This workshop focused on the ECML MARILLE project (MAJoRity language Instruction as basis for pLuriLingual Education). For further information on this project, please see the project website: www.marille.ecml.at. It was indeed the MARILLE project workshop which revealed a potential role for FIPLV in facilitating cooperation between different types of language teacher associations with a view to supporting the holistic language development of learners, which is now being realised through the new LACS2. In June 2013, I was funded by ECML and the Bulgarian English Teachers' Association (BETA) to attend the BETA international conference in Varna, Bulgaria. This enabled me to have discussions about FIPLV membership with BETA and other associations in the region. The third LACS2 workshop will take place in Malta in September 2013. This full-day event is again sponsored by ECML as well as the Ministry of Education in Malta, and will feature workshops on two ECML projects (FREPA and MoreDOTS) as well as presentations by myself and others. The target audience consists of teachers of all languages in Malta and the South European region, though we also hope that other teachers who are attending the MATEFL Conference for English teachers which follows immediately after the LACS2 workshop will also attend. I have been invited to present at that conference too, sponsored by MATEFL. Following that, I will carry out a consultancy on behalf of ECML for the Maltese Ministry which is developing a national languages strategy.

LACS2 will continue to promote ECML projects through its own communications strategy. Please follow the project through the following media:

<http://lacs.ecml.at/>

<https://twitter.com/LACSECML>

<https://plus.google.com/1012569319791345...>

<http://facebook.com/LACS.ECML>

<http://www.fipltv.org/>

I would like to thank all of our friends at ECML and the Council of Europe for their support and friendship. I am delighted that the Executive Director of ECML, Waldemar Martiniuk, was able to attend our World Congress in Helsinki in 2012, and would like to offer him special thanks for his friendship and support over his years as ECML Director. We are sorry that he is now leaving the post and wish him well for the future. I am sure our paths will continue to cross.

With regard to the **European Commission**, FIPLV Europe continues to be a partner in a project, which is developing a major network of multilingual cities around the world,

entitled **LUCIDE (Languages in Urban Communities – Integration and Diversity for Europe)**. LUCIDE is a network which is developing ideas about how to manage multilingual citizen communities. It is building up a picture of how communication occurs in multilingual settings across the EU and beyond. It aims to help institutions (councils, schools, hospitals) and local and national economies make better productive use of diversity as an economic resource and to strengthen social cohesion by fostering better communication and mutual understanding. It is clear that this project is intimately aligned to the underlying principles and aims of FIPLV, and we are delighted to be involved. This participation is further endorsement of FIPLV's status and its ability to reach hundreds of thousands of language teachers and other professionals around the globe. Further information on LUCIDE can be found here:

<http://www.urbanlanguages.eu/>

FIPLV Europe was also involved in initial discussion on a further EC bid for a project on European Citizenship, coordinated by **MEET – Movement towards a European Education Trust**, a citizens' initiative based in Strasbourg, France, which is committed to a high quality European education for all. See the website for further information: <http://www.euroedtrust.eu/home>. In September 2012, I was invited to a meeting on this in Strasbourg, and was also invited to a private meeting with the Vice President of the European Parliament, Miguel Angel Martínez Martínez, about languages education and the role of FIPLV.

FIPLV was also involved in the **Language Rich Europe** project, led by the British Council. This project carried out research into European policies for multilingualism, and FIPLV acted as a critical reviewer of the publication as well as being invited to the LRE Conference in Bucharest, Rumania, in June 2012, where I gave a plenary presentation. In February 2013, I organised one of two seminars on this in my home University of Sheffield.

In December 2012, the EC invited me to join their delegation to Beijing for an **EC-China summit on languages**. This was an exciting opportunity to be involved in discussions in that area, and I look forward to increased communications with China and the many language teachers there.

In terms of our **membership**, we continue to face the same financial challenges as language teacher associations worldwide, so activity is limited to the sorts of activities I describe above, which are funded by other organisations. However, over the past year we have reviewed and revised our fee structure which is now much more realistic for members, particularly in these challenging economic times. The consultation on this took place with FIPLV World Council, and following its approval, member associations were contacted to request their fees. I must stress, therefore that the new structure is radically altered, and members will find themselves paying far less than previously. However, our preference is to have many members paying lower fees, so that more can

benefit from our global networks, so I would urge you not only to pay your fees, but also to encourage other associations in your networks to do so. Ongoing discussions with other associations are taking place; for example, during my visit to Varna, there was much interest from the Bulgarian English Teachers' Association and TESOL Macedonia-Thrace in joining the Federation. We continue to work towards an extension of our regionalisation agenda, and enable associations to form regional groups along the lines of our highly successful Nordic-Baltic region, in different parts of the world. In April of this year I was invited to attend the excellent conference (Languages without Borders) of CASLT, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers, which took place in Winnipeg, Canada, and there we discussed the FIPLV World Conference and possible regional involvement from ACTFL in the USA. Many thanks to CASLT for making my visit possible.

The announcement at the CASLT Conference that Canada would be hosting the **FIPLV World Conference in 2015** was the source of great excitement. More details on this event, which will take place in Niagara Falls 26-28 March 2015, will follow throughout the coming year, but for now please make a note and prepare your holiday plans for what promises to be a wonderful event to look forward to. I am extremely grateful to CASLT, as well as to OMLTA (the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association) for agreeing to host this conference. I am also grateful to OLBI (the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute) at the University of Ottawa, which has also offered to be involved in the conference, and which invited me to do a presentation during my visit to Canada.

Now that the website is coming to life, the intention is to approach organisations who may be interested in being associate members or sponsors. I have been speaking to some, who have looked at the new website, and who are very interested. This would then enable us to raise more funding to subsidise membership and to enable us to offer bursaries for our conferences, which is what we would dearly love to do.

Finally, in addition to the activities above, I had had the wonderful opportunity to meet other teachers around the world. I must add that most of my travel is not funded by FIPLV, but makes the most of invitations to speak and carry out consultancies in other countries. Since my last report I have also presented a keynote speech in Istanbul at a conference for English teachers, a keynote speech at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland, and taken part in a research workshop on international languages in education policy in Shanghai. I am of course fortunate that my work at the University of Sheffield offers opportunities to represent not only the University but also FIPLV in such activities, and would like to thank my colleagues in Sheffield for their support.

In conclusion, I would like as ever to thank my fellow members of the FIPLV Executive Committee, as well as all volunteers actively engaged in language teacher associations, for all of their support and commitment to supporting the professional lives of language teachers around the globe.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2013-14. However, I also hope that we will be able to meet virtually through Twitter and our website too, so please join us there!

Terry Lamb

President FIPLV

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Report of the FIPLV Treasurer

2012 - 2013

Kirsti Santaholma (kirsti.santaholma@gmail.com) 6 June 2012 – 30 June 2013

END OF YEAR 2012

June 2012:

The FIPLV World Congress 2012 took place in Helsinki. I had quite an important role in organizing the congress, reserving the place, choosing speakers, answering lots of questions...

Just before the congress we had the official meetings: the Executive Committee in my house, the World Council and the World Assembly in the office of Sukol. We discussed the structure of membership fees and suggested an important reduction of fees in order to have more members. The new fee has been paid since the beginning of the year 2013.

After the congress I negotiated the costs of the members of FIPLV Executive members with Sukol and finally paid what was decided. The congress did not give any profit to Sukol, nor to FIPLV.

Our ex-member ACTFL had a symposium with ECML in Graz where we had been invited. As the others were not able to participate, I flew to Graz and took part in the symposium trying to make the Americans rejoin us. They promised to consider their membership but have not made a positive decision until now (end of June 2013).

July and August 2012: holiday

September, October, November, December 2012: reminders sent to some members with a few positive reactions

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January and February 2013: discussions about the new fee with the members of Executive Committee

March 2013: letter of new membership fee prepared

April 2013: letter and invoice sent to members

May 2013: fees being paid, discussions with members about the fees, finding new addresses for some members
finalizing the financial report 2012

making some preparations for the meetings in Paris in July 2013

paying the membership fee of Unesco

June 2014: having the financial report 2012 audited

checking the membership fees and sending reminders

Helsinki 30.6.2013

Kirsti Santaholma

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Report of the Secretary General

(1 May 2012 – 31 May 2013)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It covers a period of thirteen months.

2 Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

2.1 Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current and former members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Estonia, Malaysia and New Zealand to explore the possibility of forming national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV. However, EVOL of Estonia has recently joined FIPLV.

2.2 FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of recent Awards have had their presentations. There remains one recipient of 2008 yet to receive her presentation, but planning is underway. The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2013, for which the deadline is 14 June. None has been received.

2.3 Linguapax

The Linguapax Institute has regrettably suffered from the economic difficulties encountered by Spain and the EU. Nevertheless, activities continue at a more modest level. These include the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network and the Linguapax Award. The recipient of the 2013 Linguapax Award was the Ledikasyon pu Travayer of Mauritius.

2.4 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014

The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 continues to be a focus of papers and reports.

3 Operational Matters

My attention to procedural tasks has included the following:

3.1 Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents – the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – annually and will do the same after our meetings.

3.1.1 FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

3.1.2 Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

- all member associations and FIPLV Regions
- FIPLV Executive and World Council
- international unilingual associations (FIPF, IDV, ILEI and LATEUM)
- national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ANILS, APLV, KMF, LMS (Sweden), LTAL, MAG, MANYE, PTN, SAALT and SUKOL)

3.2 External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

- the distribution of *Education in a Multilingual World*
- collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV has been granted consultative partnership status by UNESCO, covered by the new directives governing partnership. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

3.2.1 UNESCO

- Budget meeting (11 June)
- Marie-Ange Théobald, Sabina Colombo and Anna Maria Majlöv, (and other officers of UNESCO) (11 June)
- experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

3.2.2 European Commission/ Council of Europe

- Terry has taken over liaison with the European Commission and the Council of Europe

3.2.3 Other Associations

- TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

3.2.4 Other

- associations in Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV
- participants of the conferences which I have attended

3.2.5 Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

4 Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Helsinki as well as work on publications.

4.1 Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2012-2015** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

4.2 Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has stabilised. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2011 – 1922 & 861; 2012 – 1905 & 889. In 2013 (to 31 May), 734 have been received and 368 sent. These figures do not include 'spam' or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

4.3 Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meetings of the FIPLV Executive, World Council and World Assembly in Helsinki. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the Executive and World Council meetings to take place in Paris on 3-4 July 2013 were prepared and circulated.

4.4 Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

5 Representation

I have had the honour to represent FIPLV formally at conferences or other events since the last report:

- FIPLV World Congress (FIPLV 2012), Helsinki (Finland), 8-9 June
- MLTAV Annual Congress reception, Melbourne (Australia), 11 May

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 May 2012, there has been the following:

- paper at FIPLV 2015, Helsinki (Finland), 8 June

Invitations for future events include:

- presentation at LKPA/LTAL International Conference, Klaipeda (Lithuania), 7-8 June 2013
- presentation at LKPA/LTAL International Conference, Vilnius (Lithuania), 25-26 September 2013
- plenary paper at the LATEUM Biennial Conference, Moscow (Russian Federation), 2-4 October 2013

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last thirteen months include:

- Brisbane (Australia): Marcel Noest (MLTAQ)
- Frankfurt (Germany): Marcel Noest (MLTAQ)

- Gold Coast (Australia): Marie-Claire Patron (Bond Uni)
- Grenoble (France): John Evans, Gilles Terrier
- Helsinki (Finland): Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (NBR); Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL); Kari Jukarainen, Sari Saarinen (SUKOL); Ene Peterson, Evelin Muripeal (EVOL); Irina Kozlova, Vita Kalnberzina (LALT); Egle Sleinotiene (LTAL); Helena von Schantz (LMS); Toby van Dyk, Arlys van Wyk (SAALT); Ragga Jónsdóttir (STIL); Waldek Martyniuk (ECML); Daniel Xerri (Malta); Tuula Penttilä (ex-SUKOL/FIPLV); Sirkka Talari (ex-SUKOL)
- Melbourne (Australia): Heather Brown, Megan McLaughlin (AFMLTA); Linnea Donnelly, Andrew Ferguson, Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Nada Perkovic (Uni Paul-Valéry); Friederike Klippel (Uni of Munich)
- Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward
- Odessa (Ukraine): Andrea Meyer (German school)
- Paris (France): Hélène Ladevie, Laure Peskine (APLV); Sabina Colombo, Anna Maria Majlöf, Marie-Ange Théobald (UNESCO); Onno Serroo (ILC);

6 Publications

In the last thirteen months, I am aware of some articles and texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences):

- "Coping with Change in the Classroom". Paper provided for Proceedings of LKPA/LTAL International Conference, 4-5 June 2012, Vilnius (Lithuania)
- & P Balboni, "FIPLV". EL.LE – *Educazione linguistica. Language Education*, 1:1

I was again invited to be on the Scientific Council/Editorial Board of the publications of the LTAL International Conference in Lithuania in 2012 and 2013. Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

- article for the 2013 Linguapax Review
- Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

- “Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation”. Plenary presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of QUEST Romania – Constanta (Romania), December 2007
- contribution to *LingAppl Quarterly* (at the Uni of NSW, Sydney)

7 Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

31 May 2013

Year 2013 FIPLV Council meeting in Paris, France, 3 July 2013 (confirmed minutes)

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Paris – France

3 July 2013

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	FIPLV President
Paolo Balboni	FIPLV Vice President
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	FIPLV Treasurer General

Language Used: **English**

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Council meeting.

1.2 Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

He iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Apologies

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region), Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL (Russian))

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 World Council Meeting – Helsinki (Finland) - 7 June 2012

The minutes had been approved by email as an accurate record.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 Executive

4.1.1 Overview of Activities of the Executive

The President tabled his report in addition to that of the Secretary General being circulated previously. T Lamb, in speaking to the report, indicated that it had been a busy year with the communication strategy in place and 400 followers on Twitter. The website was nearing completion with planning for electronic discussions, a section on

campaigning for languages and position papers for member associations. His involvement in the ECML Professional Network Forum led to a high level conference on the promotion of languages. The LACS2 project was well underway, as this led to workshops in Bulgaria and Malta. The membership restructure had taken place, leading to a decline in revenue, so corporate memberships were required. He had attended the 2013 CASLT Conference in Winnipeg, so could confirm that CASLT (Canada) would host FIPLV 2015 in Niagara Falls. Involvement in the language rich Europe project of the EC led to a meeting with the Vice President of the European Parliament.

4.1.2 Financial Report

K Santaholma spoke to the tabled report, presenting a balanced budget. She stated that the accounts had been duly audited as required and that the balance at the end of 2012 was CHF 22425.59 (18563.90 euros), an increase of some 4000 euros. Expenditure had been reduced. K Santaholma provided an overview of the financial situation of members vis-à-vis FIPLV: some had paid, some had left, while other payments had been inconsistent. She suggested that membership dues be based on the number of members of an association at the end of the preceding year. This was agreed, so the Treasurer-General would inform member associations. The website was viewed as a necessary ongoing cost.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Treasurer General and external auditor.

4.2 Regions

4.2.1 Europe

Refer #4.1.1 above.

4.2.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir had been unwell. The President had shared communications with Helena von Schantz of LMS (Sweden) with Sigurborg Jónsdóttir. EVOL (Estonia), the most recent FIPLV member, would host the NBR Seminar in Tallinn in 2014. Planning was underway.

4.2.3 Western/Central Europe (WCER)

Covered under activities of the President, in particular. Refer #4.1.1 above.

4.2.4 Other

The President had discussed the idea of an FIPLV Region for North America with CASLT (Canada) officers, when he was in Canada. This could be in the context of FIPLV 2015 in Niagara Falls. The President had also promoted FIPLV at a workshop in Malta and at another in Bulgaria, where several countries of South-eastern Europe were represented.

4.3 International Unilingual Associations

There were no written reports, so the following items were not discussed specifically: 4.3.1 AEDA (Arabic), 4.3.2 FIPF (French), 4.3.3 IDV (German), 4.3.4 ILEI (Esperanto), 4.3.5 LATEUM (EFL), 4.3.6 MAPRYAL (Russian) and 4.3.7 ReteAIM (Italian). However, FIPF and IDV were involved in the LACS project with the President and there had been recent contact from LATEUM. P Balboni indicated that the report from ReteAIM was coming. A discussion with international unilingual associations on how FIPLV could assist them was foreshadowed. P Balboni would prepare a draft paper on this. In discussion, the need for more publicity on the LACS production – a guide for member associations – was expressed. There existed international federations for Chinese, Japanese and Spanish, but none had responded to overtures in the recent past.

4.4 Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received electronically from APLV (France), CASLT (Canada), STIL (Iceland) and SUKOL (Finland). The attached report from AFMLTA (Australia) could not be opened, while a printed report was received from VLLT (Netherlands). P Balboni indicated that the ANILS (Italy) report was on the way. D Cunningham would distribute those reports he could.

4.5 National Unilingual Associations

There were no members in this category. However, P Balboni had attended an AATI (American Association of Teachers of Italian) conference in Strasbourg in June. He could approach them about membership of FIPLV, as their national affiliate (ACTFL) was not a member of FIPLV.

5 Development of the Federation

5.1 List of Member Associations

D Cunningham would update and distribute the List after the meeting.

5.2 Membership Promotion

T Lamb, in particular, had travelled and met with members of various associations in Europe and Latin America. It was hoped that this would lead to new members.

5.3 Associate Members

Members of the ECML Professional Network Forum had become de facto associate members, which would be a reciprocal arrangement at no cost. Activity in LACS2 was creating additional possibilities.

5.4 Regionalisation

The LACS2 project was also presenting possibilities for new FIPLV regions in Europe. Planning for FIPLV 2015 in Canada offered potential in North America.

5.5 Applications for Membership

None, but some were anticipated from Bulgaria and Colombia.

5.6 External Relations

5.6.1 UNESCO

D Cunningham reported that relations were good and that UNESCO had granted FIPLV consultative partnership status in its restructure. D Cunningham had finalised and sent the FIPLV report for 2012. He expected to meet with UNESCO officials later in the week.

5.6.2 Council of Europe (COE)

Links to the COE Language Policy Unit, especially through the ECML, were good.

5.6.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

Refer #4.1.1 above.

5.6.3 European Commission (EC)

The EC had sent the President to an EU/China summit in Beijing. He had also been involved in a workshop in Bucharest and had organised another in Sheffield, before meeting with the Vice President of the European Parliament. He often visited Europe House, the EC headquarters in London.

5.6.4 Other

Nil.

6 Operations and Publications

6.1 Strategic Plan

Underway. Refer #4.1.1 above.

6.2 Review of Statutes

This was deemed unnecessary.

6.3 Membership Fees

The new fee structure was in place, leading to a reduction in revenue. There remained the need to attract new members and sponsorship. The new fee structure would be reviewed in 2014.

6.4 Restructure

The position of Editor of Publications remained, but there was no need to have it filled for now. It may be that this would change with a renewed focus on the website.

6.5 Website

The President spoke about the new website, which was developing well. P Balboni presented a proposal of a multimedia web journal for FIPLV. This would be put in place after the meeting. Other suggestions included: hosting (referred) articles of member associations (in the original language and a summary in English); and sending out emails frequently to alert members to the website, including a link to the website and attachment. The Treasurer-General believed that the webmaster and assistant should be paid, so it was agreed that honoraria of 300 euros and 200 euros be paid to Tatjana and Goran respectively.

6.6 Brochure/Flyer

The brochure/flyer required no printed update before 2014, but an updated digital version would be placed on the website.

6.7 Mission Statement/6.8 Profile/6.9 Rationale/6.10 Review of Working Documents

D Cunningham would update these before circulation and placement on the website.

6.11 Files

D Cunningham continued to collect documents to recreate the FIPLV files.

7 Priorities and Activities

7.1 Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

The best recent example was in the work of the LACS2 project and the website (refer #4.1.1 above). D Cunningham and Laure Peskine of APLV (France) were also working on a student exchange between Australia and France. The request for another exchange circulated by D Cunningham, on behalf of a colleague in Croatia, had been answered by a colleague in France.

7.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

Sadly, the Linguapax Centre in Barcelona had suffered and closed as a result of the economic situation. A small Linguapax team continued to work and were in the

process of finalising the *2013 Linguapax Review*, to which D Cunningham had contributed.

7.3 Discussion papers

Henceforth, discussion papers would be online through the website. Topics would include language learning and teaching, ICT and others. This would increase as more members used the website. Member associations could be invited to suggest other topics. P Balboni would reflect on the matter.

7.4 Proposals from the World Council or Member Associations

A proposal by Laure Peskine of APLV (France) to publicise and establish student exchanges had already been answered by D Cunningham in his meeting with a colleague from Paris. Such a service could be expanded internationally through the (blog on the) website. T Lamb would reflect on it.

8 Projects

8.1 Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS2)

Covered under #4.1.1.

8.2 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

Some officers included a consideration of this in papers and presentations.

8.3 Proposals from the World Council

None.

9 Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive.

10 FIPLV World Congress

10.1 FIPLV 2012 – Helsinki (Finland)

Refer minutes of ExCo.

10.2 FIPLV 2015

The President had attended the CASLT (Canada) conference in Winnipeg, where he had the opportunity to discuss FIPLV 2015. He reported that CASLT were excited about hosting FIPLV 2015 (through their member association in Ontario) in Niagara Falls on 26-28 March 2015.

11 Recognition and Tasks

11.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

11.2 FIPLV International Award

The meeting accepted the recommendation of the Executive and approved the three nominations of: Elena Berdnikova by LALT (Latvia), Anna-Kaisa Mustaparta by SUKOL (Finland) and Audour Torfadóttir by STIL (Iceland), pending payment of dues. D Cunningham would contact the three member associations, pointing out that the Award was subject to payment of dues.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2014

K Santaholma would model the notional budget for 2014 on the previous one, taking into account the drop in revenue.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought now that the new website was in place.

13 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

13.1 World Council Meeting 2014

This could take place in Tallinn in conjunction with the NBR Seminar being organised by EVOL (Estonia).

14 Any Other Business

The President thanked all for their input.

Year 2013 FIPLV Executive Committee meeting in Paris, 3 July 2013

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FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Paris – France

3 July 2013

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	President
Paolo Balboni	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General

Languages of Use: English

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

T Lamb welcomed the others and invited them to use the language(s) of choice. He thanked the Secretary for preparing the meetings and Laure Peskine, Secretary of APLV, for hosting the ExCo and meetings.

1.2 Apologies

Nil.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Approved. Other items might be added during the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Executive Meeting 1/12 — Helsinki (Finland) - 6 June 2012

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

4 Reports

4.1 President

The President spoke to the tabled report and invited questions. The report would be placed on the website and despatched by D Cunningham to member associations.

4.2 Vice President

P Balboni reported that his illness had prevented his working the full year. He had collaborated in defining the new membership fee policy and represented FIPLV at some conferences in Europe and Northern Africa. The rest of his contribution was in working out the proposal of a multimedial web journal for FIPLV.

4.3 Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting and invited questions. He would distribute all reports.

4.4 Treasurer-General

K Santaholma spoke to the tabled report and invited questions. She had attended a forum in Graz and met with officers of ACTFL. The President would follow up with ACTFL in the context of FIPLV 2015.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

5.1.1 Europe

Much of the President's activity in projects could be considered under the banner of FIPLV-Europe. This included the follow-up of LACS in LACS2 and other projects. It was affirmed that the President exercise flexibility in designating the most appropriate platform – FIPLV, FIPLV-Europe or the Western/Central Europe Region – for bids and projects.

5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir had been unwell, so activities were curtailed. However, planning was underway for 2014.

5.1.3 Western/Central European Region (WCER)

This continued to be covered by the work of the President in LACS2, which promoted ECML projects and explored (regional) networks beyond language teacher associations. For this, Europe had been divided into five 'areas' (or networks). A WER Conference or meeting was planned for 2014.

5.1.4 Other

Referred to World Council meeting.

5.2 International Unilingual Associations

No formal reports. Discussion referred to World Council meeting.

5.3 National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received electronically from APLV (France), CASLT (Canada), STIL (Iceland) and SUKOL (Finland). The attached report from AFMLTA (Australia) could not be opened, while a printed report was received from VLLT (Netherlands). D Cunningham would distribute those reports he could.

5.4 National Unilingual Associations.

No members in this category, at this stage.

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

EVOL (Estonia) had requested and been granted membership upon payment of the annual fee.

6.2 Membership Requests

The new fee structure and website were attracting interest, as two English teacher associations – in Bulgaria and Northern Greece – could be the first to join under the new membership category of national unilingual associations.

6.3 Financial Status of Members

Covered under #4.4 above. The financial situation of member associations was a general concern. K Santaholma would follow up with members who had not paid. To facilitate contact and payment, a second contact email address for (some) member associations would assist. In addition to the Treasurer, the President or liaison contact could be included. The email address of the Treasurer could also be included on the List of Members.

6.4 Associate Members

The members of the ECML Professional Network Forum had all agreed to assist each other, so these became non-paying de facto associate members by mutual agreement and reciprocity. The President would continue to discuss the possibility of associate membership with representatives of languages organisations. D Cunningham would again send the draft sponsorship letters to the other members of the ExCo.

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.1.1 Relations

UNESCO had granted FIPLV “consultative partnership” status in the organisational restructure governing NGOs. There was ongoing contact with UNESCO officers. D Cunningham would meet with UNESCO officials later in the week.

7.1.2 2012 and 2013 Reports

The 2012 FIPLV report had been completed and sent to UNESCO. D Cunningham requested input and would draft the 2013 report in the coming months.

7.2 Council of Europe (COE)

T Lamb reported that the language policy unit had been downsized. Most collaboration with the COE was through the ECML.

7.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President reported that relations were very strong and that FIPLV was involved in the new ECML LACS2 project. T Lamb had focused on ECML projects in Issue #3 of the 2012 volume of his publication of the *International Journal of Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*. A new Director of the ECML was to be appointed.

7.3 European Commission (EC)

Relations with the EC were strong. Refer #4.1 above. Further discussion referred to the World Council meeting.

7.3.1 REAL

There was little recent information and appeared to be little activity.

8 Operations and Publications

8.1 Strategic Plan

The President tabled the draft strategic plan, indicating that much of it was underway. He invited comments from the ExCo members. The President would update the information and place it on the website.

8.2 Restructure

The Statutes were discussed, but it was decided to leave the situation as it stood, as it worked.

8.3 Membership Fees

The new fee structure was in place. Further discussion referred to the World Council meeting.

8.4 Website

Tatjana Atanasoska, who was the new webmaster, was working well with the President. G Vodicka was also assisting. D Cunningham had reviewed the content of the previous website

and made recommendations on what should be retained. Once the process of transferring files and information to the new website was completed, the old website would be closed and the original URL (www.fiplv.org) retained for the new website. P Balboni would send a list of links for the website to the webmaster.

8.5 Brochure/Flyer

The President would place a pdf version of the brochure/flyer on the new website. It required no update before 2014 and may not be needed at all.

8.6 Publication Sales

K Santaholma would contact the webmaster re publicity for sales on the new website and send her advertisements for the texts available for sale.

8.7 Review of Working Documents

The three documents would be retained. D Cunningham would update them before distribution.

8.8 Files

Digitisation of the files and documents was postponed. There had been no action on re-creating the FIPLV files, as there was limited space in Graz. D Cunningham would try to contact Ayo Banjo of Nigeria.

8.9 FIPLV Presentation

The ppt presentation prepared by Cecilia Odé was to be updated and placed on the website. T Lamb to take this action.

9 Priorities and Activities

9.1 Succession Planning

It was imperative to plan for the next triennium, as some officers were not to continue.

9.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

Refer #4.3 above. Further discussion referred to the World Council meeting.

9.3 Discussion Papers

Referred to World Council meeting.

9.4 Representation

Refer #4.1, #4.2, #4.3 and #4.4 reports above.

9.5 Other

Referred to World Council meeting.

10 Projects

10.1 Virtual Conference

This would be subsumed within the website as recordings of presentations.

10.2 Other

LACS2, covered under #4.1 above, was underway. It included six work packages. A link would be established on the website. The LUCIDE project, covering languages in urban communities, was going well.

11 FIPLV World Congresses

11.1 FIPLV 2012

Those who attended were very happy, despite the congress not being a financial success. The keynote speakers were very good and the atmosphere was very positive. Gratitude was expressed to SUKOL (Finland) for its organisation and hospitality.

11.2 FIPLV 2015

Discussion referred to World Council meeting.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2014

K Santaholma would draft the notional budget to reflect the drop in membership fees. What was needed were a flexible approach, a concerted effort to reduce expenditure and more action on raising revenue.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

Covered under discussions above.

13 Recognition and Tasks

13.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

13.2 FIPLV International Award

There were three nominations: Elena Berdnikova by LALT (Latvia), Anna-Kaisa Mustaparta by SUKOL (Finland) and Audour Torfadóttir by STIL (Iceland). All were endorsed by the meeting, pending payment of dues, and referred to the World Council. D Cunningham would contact the three member associations, pointing out that the Award was subject to payment of dues (by LALT (Latvia) and STIL (Iceland)).

13.3 List of Tasks Update

Officers had updated the previous version by identifying tasks that they had completed, while P Balboni had edited the document to remove all obsolete tasks. D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

14.1 World Council Meeting 2013

As no additional members of the World Council were expected, meetings of the ExCo and World Council were combined.

14.2 Executive Meeting 2014

This meeting could coincide with the NBR activity to be organised by EVOL (Estonia), possibly in June. D Cunningham would write to CASLT (Canada) to invite them to nominate a member of the FIPLV World Council.

14.3 FIPLV Timeline 2013-2015

D Cunningham requested details of conferences and would update the Timeline upon returning home.

14.4 Executive Meeting 2016

A meeting of the new ExCo for 2016-2018 was foreshadowed for January 2016.

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Dr Terry Lamb

June 2012

This report covers activity since my last report in September 2011. This has been an exciting period of activity in my Presidential role, as we continue to modernise the Federation in order to meet the needs of member associations and to attract new members, with a new Strategic Plan to guide our renewal.

FIPLV has made great progress in the development of our **communications strategy**. In January 2012, we entered the world of **Twitter**, and we are now building up a following of language teachers and their associations around the world. Our address is **@fiplv** and we would love you to join us there if you are one of the growing number of people who use this means of social networking. We would also ask language teacher associations to circulate this address to all of

your individual members. We will be circulating regular updates on FIPLV as well as on our member associations, and retweeting interesting news and practice from those who follow us.

We have also been designing our new **FIPLV website**, which will soon be launched. As well as being a repository for our FIPLV documents and reports, and for shared resources, this new website will facilitate interactivity, for example, enabling members to post and respond to messages, and supporting Webinars and electronic discussions. We are planning our first electronic discussion in the Autumn, where the Marille project will be the focus. We will also be using the interactive features to enrich our online Handbook for Language Teacher Associations, which has resulted from our work on the previous ECML LACS project. The website will also be dynamic through its display of our Twitter activity, and has a Calendar where we will encourage you to promote your activities. Additional features will be added in the future, and we would love you to make any suggestions. I would like to thank our Communications Officers, Tatjana Atanasoska and Goran Vodicka, who are giving up their time voluntarily to support the Federation and all of our members.

Our relationship with the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) continues to go from strength to strength, and we have renewed our memorandum of cooperation between ECML and FIPLV. In February 2012, the third meeting of the Professional Network Forum was held in Graz, in which opportunities for additional cooperation were discussed as well as updates on the Graz Declaration on Language Education. The [members](#) of the Professional Network Forum on Language Education undertake to work together on various key initiatives, including:

1. An overview of European and international reference sources on which to base national, regional, and local language education policies, strategies, and practices.
2. Closer international and regional cooperation in sharing and applying relevant research, and ensuring that relevant research projects are properly designed to address new challenges.
3. New approaches to learning, teaching, and assessment in multilingual and multicultural classrooms, including among recently arrived migrants.
4. Improved mutual recognition of language qualifications, specifically in less widely taught languages and languages for specific purposes.
5. The development of a common approach to the assurance and enhancement of the quality of support for language learning across all sectors, and of schemes for promoting quality and outstanding achievement in language education.
6. Ways of identifying the professional competences needed by language teaching professionals working in different contexts, including more effective use of new technologies in (language) education, innovative pre-service language teacher education, and mobility programmes for teachers.
7. An open forum for discussion of language education policies and their implementation leading to more integrated approaches to language education at

national, regional, and local levels.

8. A common language to discuss and develop ways of assessing linguistic and plurilingual competences, and a redefinition of the concept of literacy in multilingual communities.
9. Further development and implementation of Council of Europe tools, such as: the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and the European Language Portfolio (ELP); the development of reference standards for competences in the languages of schooling, academic education and language courses for migrants, as well as for the most widely used non-European languages; the wider use of 'personal language profiles' (e.g. in language portfolios).
10. Implementation of relevant Council of Europe recommendations, such as Recommendation (2008)7 on the use of the CEFR and the promotion of plurilingualism.

Once again we had the opportunity to discuss ways of collaborating with a view to bringing further benefits to our members. This is being taken forward in the new ECML LACS2 project, which I coordinate in behalf of FIPLV, and which began this year. The Professional Network Forum this year was attended by the following:

- AILA – Bernd Rüschoff
- ALTE – Emyr Davies
- CEL/ELC – Maurizio Viezzi, Manuel Célio Conceicao
- CercleS – Johann Fischer
- EALTA – Gudrun Erickson
- EAQUALS – Peter Brown
- EPA – Johannes Theiner
- EUNIC – Martin Gilbert
- FIPLV – Terry Lamb
- IAM – Britta Hufeisen
- ICC – Rob Williams
- Language Policy Unit of the Council of Europe – Philia Thalgott
- OLBI – Marie José Hamel
- ECML – Michael Armstrong, Susanna Slivensky, Waldemar Martyniuk

Further information and links are available from the ECML website

(<http://www.ecml.at/Aboutus/ProfessionalNetworkForum/tabid/137/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>), and will soon be posted on the new FIPLV website.

Last year saw the end of the ECML funded project **LACS (Language Associations and Collaborative Support)**, one of the projects of the ECML 2008-2011 programme (Empowering Language

Professionals). This project was developed to create opportunities for language teacher associations to benefit from greater collaboration with one another as well as engagement with the range of ECML projects. As coordinator of the project, I was working for four years with a project team consisting of other FIPLV colleagues who represented other partner organisations: Sigurborg Jónsdóttir from Iceland (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region and FIPLV Europe), Marianne Hepp from Italy (FIPLV and IDV) Janina Zielinska from Poland (FIPLV and FIPF), and Nicole Thibault, former Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT). In addition, for the first two years, IDV was represented by Lucka Pristavec from Slovenia and in the second half of 2010, the team was enhanced by an ECML Fellow, Tatjana Atanasoska.

The LACS project was aimed at exploring the ways in which language teacher associations around the world support their members through professional development activities and action to influence policy. A number of surveys and a workshop were organised over the years in order to explore association needs and to share expertise. The resulting **Handbook for Language Teacher Associations**, available in English, French and German, is now almost ready for online publication and will soon be seen on the LACS website as well as the FIPLV website. The Handbook has been divided into 12 sections, which consider important aspects of association work as identified by those associations represented at the LACS Workshop, as well as the priorities identified in the questionnaire returns.

Each section analyses feedback from associations in order to identify key principles and orientations, and contains rich exemplification of association activity through direct use of quotation as well as the inclusion of case studies contributed by associations. The sections are:

1. Introduction
2. Definition of a language teacher association
3. Rationale for membership of a language teacher association
4. Member recruitment and retention activities and resources
5. Dissemination through events
6. Association websites
7. Publications
8. Involvement in policy
9. Involvement in research
10. Fundraising activities
11. Useful collaborations
12. Evaluation

We hope that associations will find it useful to learn about other associations, and that this will provide food for thought in considering their own priorities. It is intended that this handbook will be regularly updated online, so if you have any additional ideas or contributions, please let the FIPLV President (Dr Terry Lamb, T.Lamb@sheffield.ac.uk) know directly or, preferably, post your ideas and contributions online.

The good news is that we were successful last year in our application for a new ECML project, which is one of the new projects forming part of the ECML Programme 2012-2015, Learning through Languages. The project, entitled **LACS2: Empowering Language Networks** will further develop the work of the first LACS project by encouraging collaboration between all types of language teacher associations, including those which support teachers of the languages of schooling as first or second languages and those which support heritage language teachers, as well as other language organisations. The aim is to develop a worldwide network of organisations committed to language learning, and to encourage mutual support and collaborative activity. In the course of the project we will be organising four (or five) **regional workshops** on themes related to ECML projects past and present. The first of these will take place as a pilot in Helsinki in the course of the World Congress, and will bring together teachers of Finnish as first and second language as well as teachers of foreign languages. I will be working with Eija Aalto from the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, with whom I worked on the previous ECML MARILLE project (MAJoRity language Instruction as basis for pLuriLingual Education). For further information on this project, please see the project website: <http://marille.ecml.at/>. It was indeed the MARILLE project workshop which revealed a potential role for FIPLV in facilitating cooperation between different types of language teacher associations with a view to supporting the holistic language development of learners, which is now being realised through the new LACS2.

LACS2 will be promoting ECML projects through its own communications strategy. Please follow the project through the following media:

<http://lacs.ecml.at/>
<https://twitter.com/LACSECML>
<https://plus.google.com/1012569319791345...>
<http://facebook.com/LACS.ECML>
<http://www.fiplv.org/> or <http://fiplv.com>

Once again, I would like to thank all of our friends at ECML and the Council of Europe for their support and friendship. I am delighted that the Executive Director of ECML, Waldemar Martiniuk, is able to attend our World Congress in Helsinki this June, and we look forward to further development of our partnership. One example of this is a special issue of my journal, the *International Journal of Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*, which will report on six of the completed ECML projects, including LACS, late in 2012.

With regard to the European Commission, FIPLV Europe has been invited to be a partner in a new project, which is intended to build on the LETPP (Languages in Europe: Theory, Policy, Practice) project which came to an end last year. (Further information on LETPP, including reports and podcasts from the various project meetings and conferences, can be found at <http://www.letpp.eu/>.) The new project is developing a major network of multilingual cities around the world, and is entitled **LUCIDE (Languages in Urban Communities – Integration and Diversity for Europe)**. LUCIDE is a network which is developing ideas about how to manage multilingual citizen communities. It is building up a picture of how communication occurs in multilingual settings across the EU and beyond. It aims to help institutions (councils, schools, hospitals) and local and national economies make better productive use of diversity as an economic resource and to strengthen social cohesion by fostering better communication and mutual understanding. It is clear that this project is intimately aligned to the underlying principles and aims of FIPLV, and we are delighted to be involved. This invitation is further endorsement of

FIPLV's status and its ability to reach hundreds of thousands of language teachers and other professionals around the globe. Further information on LUCIDE can be found here: <http://www.urbanlanguages.eu/>

FIPLV Europe has also recently been included in a further EC bid for a project on European Citizenship, coordinated by **MEET – Movement towards a European Education Trust**, a citizens' initiative based in Strasbourg, France, which is committed to a high quality European education for all. We await the outcome of this bid, but hope that it will enable us to organise a workshop on multilingualism in 2013. See the website for further information: <http://www.euroedtrust.eu/home>

FIPLV has also had some involvement in the Language Rich Europe project, led by the British Council. This is researching European policies for multilingualism, and I acted as critical reviewer of the publication as well as being invited to the LRE Conference in Bucharest, Rumania, in June, as plenary speaker.

I was also invited in May to be the keynote speaker at a conference in Oslo, Norway, which celebrated the end of a national project led by the Norwegian National Centre for Foreign Languages in Education. The project was a pilot for the introduction of the second foreign language to learners in primary schools, and my talk was entitled Transition from Primary to Secondary Language Learning: Progression, Differentiation, and Motivation.

In terms of our **membership**, we continue to face the same financial challenges as language teacher associations worldwide, so activity is limited to the sorts of funded activities I describe above. I hope that our higher visibility and capacity to support members will result in increasing membership so that we can facilitate even more collaboration. We are currently reviewing our membership strategy, and hope to include a much broader spectrum of associations and organisations as described above in the section on LACS2. We are also considering a fee structure which is more realistic for members, particularly in these challenging economic times. Our preference is to have many members paying lower fees, so that more can benefit from our global networks. Nevertheless, we are having ongoing regarding membership a number of associations, such as Albania (ELTA), Austria (Teachers of English in Austria), Colombia (ASOCOPI), Lithuania (LATEFL), and Malta (MATEFL), as well as a range of associations in Ireland and Turkey. We hope also to build on our regionalisation agenda, and enable associations to form regional groups along the lines of our highly successful Nordic-Baltic region (which is also sharing its conference with us in Helsinki this year), in different parts of the world.

Finally, in the year of our World Congress, I would like to extend an enormous **thanks to SUKOL, the Federation of Foreign Language Teachers in Finland**, our Finnish member association, for hosting us and organising our triennial gathering. I do not underestimate the amount of work and commitment which has gone into this, and am personally very grateful.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow members of the FIPLV Executive Committee, as well as all volunteers actively engaged in language teacher associations, for all of their support and commitment to supporting the professional lives of language teachers around the globe.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2012 (and don't forget we will be able to meet via Twitter and our website too)!

Terry Lamb

President,

FIPLV

June 2012

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2009-11 REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT May 2012

I became vice president in 2009 and it took some months before I could fully realize what my duties were.

During the biennium 2010-2011 my main tasks, besides giving some advice about the site, which I did, was to contact associations around the world sending them a letter to introduce FIPLV and propose them to contact us. The outcomes of this activity were described in the 2011 report and were not very encouraging: most associations are unilingual, above all concerning English – but most of them are local branches of Tesol; some of the French Teachers Associations are members of FIPF and many Italian Teachers Associations are members of ReteAIM – which makes it difficult to ask them to pay also the FIPLV fee.

As I reported in Prague to the Executive Committee, the most astonishing fact was that I had practically no answers, not even formal thanks for the contact.

The rest of my activity was carried out together with the colleagues of the Executive Committee, concerning:

- a. New expansion policies for FIPLV, above all as concerns offering our members something more, which means more information, more official documents, more high level formation;
- b. The possibilities of using ICT to increase interaction among members: videoconferencing seems to be the cheapest and more efficient instrument to organize intercontinental meetings;
- c. The new website;
- d. The possibility of having a more substantial newsletter, involving active participation of members;
- e. A different fee policy to help small associations, above all when they are already members of an international monolingual association.

I thank all the members of the World Council and of the Executive committee for trusting me with this prestigious position, which I honoured as well as I could, although not as much as I should have wished to.

Paolo Balboni Vicepresident.

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Report of the Secretary General (1 August 2011 – 30 April 2012)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It covers a period of nine months.

Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current and former members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Estonia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Romania to explore the possibility of forming national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese, Polish and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Award have had their presentations. There remains one recipient of 2008 yet to receive her presentation, but planning is underway.

The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2012, for which the deadline is 30 April. None has been received.

Linguapax

The Linguapax Institute has rejuvenated activities under the Linguapax umbrella. This involves the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network, further Linguapax World Congresses and the Linguapax Award. The recipient of the 2012 Linguapax Award was Jon Landaburu. The component of the Linguapax History, which I prepared, has been published and is available on-line. The Linguapax Institute is planning an international event for 2013.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014

To be built into the FIPLV Strategic Plan, the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 continues to be a focus of papers and reports.

Operational Matters

My attention to procedural tasks has included the following:

Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents – the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – annually and will do the same after our meetings. Paolo Balboni has prepared a draft synthesis of three of these documents

FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

all member associations and FIPLV Regions

FIPLV Executive and World Council

international unilingual associations (FIPF, IDV, ILEI and LATEUM)

national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ANILS, APLV, KMF, LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), LTAL, MANYE, NZALT, PTN, SAALT and SUKOL)

External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

follow-up on 2008, The International Year of Languages and 2010, The International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

the distribution of *Education in a Multilingual World*

collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV has been granted consultative status by UNESCO, covered by the new directives governing partnership (rather than relational categories). Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

UNESCO

Executive Board (23 September)

Marie-Ange Théobald and Anna Maria Majlöff, (and other officers of UNESCO) on 23 September (2011)

experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

European Commission/ Council of Europe

Terry has taken over liaison with the European Commission and the Council of Europe

Other Associations

TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

Other

associations in Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV

participants of the conferences which I have attended

Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Prague as well as work on publications.

Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2012-2015** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has begun to stabilise. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2010 - 1780 & 992; 2011 – 1922 & 861. In 2012 (to 30 April), 696 have been received and 361 sent. These figures do not include ‘spam’ or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meetings of the FIPLV Executive and World Council in Prague. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the Executive, World Council and World Assembly meetings to take place in Helsinki on 6-7 June 2012 were prepared and circulated.

Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

Representation

I have had the honour to represent FIPLV formally at conferences or other events since the last report:

IATEFL/LAKMA International Conference, Vilnius (Lithuania), 22 September

Meetings with management and staff of Vilnius University, Vilnius Viduvinė Mokykla, Soros International House, Public Service Language Centre, Vilnius (Lithuania), 20-21 September

Meeting with Minister of Education, Sciences and Culture, Vilnius (Lithuania), 20 September

Meeting of MANYE Board members, Budapest (Hungary), 12 September

Second FIPF Conference for Europe, Prague (Czech Republic), 9-10 September

Linguapax International Conference, Melbourne (Australia), 18 August 2011

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 August 2011, there has been the following:

seminar with students at the Vilnius University Institute of Foreign Languages, Vilnius (Lithuania), 20 September

Invitations for future events include:

presentation at LKPA/LTAL International Conference, Vilnius (Lithuania), 4-5 June 2012

presentation at FIPLV 2012, Helsinki (Finland), 8-9 June 2012

plenary paper at the LATEUM Biennial Conference in 2013

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last nine months have included:

Budapest (Hungary): Kinga Klaudy, Peter Medgyes, György Szépe, András Szóllosy (MANYE)

Grenoble (France): John Evans, Gilles Terrier

Melbourne (Australia): Miquel Essomba (Linguapax Institute); Margaret Florey (Linguapax/Uni of Melbourne); Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Nada Perkovic (Uni Paul-Valéry);

Munich (Germany): Friederike Klippel (Uni of Munich), Leonora Fröhlich-Ward

Paris (France): Anna Maria Majlőf, Marie-Ange Théobald (UNESCO)

Pécs (Hungary): Katakin Eklics (Janus Pannonius Uni)

Prague (Czech Republic): Marie Vachkova, Marie Fenclová, Bohuslav Manek, Josef Hendrich (KMF); Josef Hendrich, Michel Candelier (FIPLV); Jean-Pierre Cuq, Piewha Chi Lee, Dario Pagel, Jacques Pêcheur, Madeleine Rolle-Boumlic, Janina Zielinska, (FIPF); Jean-Yves PetitGirard (APLV); Olga Ozolina (LALT)

Vienna (Austria): Andrea Burziwal

Vilnius (Lithuania): Egle Sleinotienė, Olga Medvedeva (LTAL); Nijole Brazienė (Vilnius Uni); Daiva Malinauskienė (SOROS International House); Egle Petronienė (LAKMA); Gavin Dudeney (IATEFL)

Publications

In the last nine months, I am aware of some articles and texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences):

“Languages: Challenges and Solutions”. Requested paper for volume to celebrate 50-year career of Svetlana Ter-Minasova, 2008

I was again invited to be on the Scientific Council/Editorial Board of the publications of the LTAL International Conference in Lithuania in 2012. Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

“Coping with Change in the Classroom”. Paper provided for Proceedings of LTAL International Conference, 4-5 June 2012, Vilnius (Lithuania)

Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

“Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation”. Plenary presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of QUEST Romania – Constanta (Romania), December 2007

contribution to *LingAppl Quarterly* (at the Uni of NSW, Sydney)

Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

30 April 2012

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**FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS DE LANGUES
VIVANTES**

REPORT to UNESCO - 2012

1 Introduction

To continue providing information to UNESCO, FIPLV again has pleasure in submitting its fifteenth annual report on activities, which impinge upon the priorities, programs and projects of UNESCO.

Relations

FIPLV enjoys 'consultative partnership' status with UNESCO. This report is again designed to provide for further accountability, as membership extends globally.

Procedural Matters

These activities have continued throughout the year.

Communication

To further ensure reliable communication between FIPLV and UNESCO, FIPLV President, Terry Lamb, is an additional FIPLV contact for UNESCO information.

Meetings

In 2012, the FIPLV Secretary General attended the UNESCO Budget meeting and discussion on 11 June, as well as meeting with Marie-Ange Théobald and Anna Maria Majlöv (11 June). He also took the opportunity to establish contact with Sabina Colombo, now responsible for NGO relations.

Operational Matters

FIPLV has continued to support UNESCO in the organisation of activities, representation and participation, publications and responses. Examples include:

promotion of *Education in a Multilingual World* for translation into other languages

informal participation in the Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace throughout all FIPLV activities

promotion of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) 2005-2014

promotion of UNESCO activity more generally (e.g. joint action on literacy) through a dedicated space on the FIPLV website (fiplv.com), as well as through

TwitterRepresentation

Members of the FIPLV Executive were active in their participation and activities, which reflected UNESCO priorities. Relations with UNESCO are referred to in all our activities and materials.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

This became a reference for the discussions within FIPLV and presents an orientation for activities within the Federation, while the Executive Committee has encouraged and supported especially those initiatives and projects at the regional and national level, which would contribute to the success of the UN project.

Conference Participation and Presentations

FIPLV officers represented FIPLV at conferences and workshops in 2012, where they were able to further FIPLV and UNESCO priorities in formal and informal ways:

MLTAV Annual Congress, Melbourne (Australia), May 11

FIPLV World Council meeting, Helsinki (Finland), June 7

FIPLV World Assembly meeting, Helsinki (Finland), June 7

FIPLV World Congress, Helsinki (Finland), June 8-9

meetings of the All Party Parliamentary Group, House of Lords, London (UK)

meeting with the House of Commons Select Committee on Education (UK) to give evidence on the new secondary curriculum proposals

presentation of a discussion paper at the Westminster Forum on the new languages curriculum (UK)

Council of Europe activities, such as meetings of the ECML Professional Network Forum, the project LACS (ECML-funded), the project Maledive (ECML-funded)

European Commission activities, such as the project Lucide (EC-funded project on languages in urban contexts), the project Language Rich Europe (EC-funded), the MEET campaign (European education), and the EU-China Summit on Languages in Beijing (EC-funded),

the Speak to the Future campaign for languages (UK)

In addition to representation at conferences and other events, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations, papers and articles. The predictable duplication of content, where the audience is not the same, continues. Presentations which focussed on or referred to UNESCO priorities, included:

“Promoting multilingualism in schools: issues from research and practice”. Keynote, FIPLV World Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

“Coping with change in the classroom”. Paper presented at the FIPLV World Congress, Helsinki (Finland)

“Developing plurilingualism in schools”. Keynote, Romanian launch of the Language Rich Europe Project, British Council, Bucharest (Romania)

“Transition from primary to secondary language learning: Progression, differentiation, motivation”. Keynote, National Conference on Early Language Learning, Norwegian National Centre for Foreign Languages in Education, Oslo (Norway)

“Transition from primary to secondary language learning: Progression, autonomy, motivation”. Keynote paper, Transitions in Modern Languages Conference, Aston Business School, Birmingham (UK)

“Engaging learners in language learning: learner motivation, learner voice, learner autonomy”. Keynote, atb8 Conference, York(UK)

“Interview with Terry Lamb”, in *Synergies Europe*, 6, (Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, University of Ottawa, (Canada)), 21-24

Some are to be published in the future.

Invitations or offers of future presentations include:

presentation at the Seventh LKPA International Conference, Klaipeda (Lithuania), June 7-8

presentations at an international conference, Vilnius (Lithuania), September

presentation at the LATEUM International Conference, Moscow (Russia), September

presentations at the University of Bremen, Bremen (Germany), ongoing

Publications

Monographs or articles, which embraced or impinged upon UNESCO priorities, included:

Lamb, T.E., Atanasoska, T., Hepp, M., Jönsdottir, S. and Zielinsky, J. (2012) *Learning from each other: A handbook for language teacher associations*. Graz, Austria: European Centre for Modern Languages.
(<http://lacs.ecml.at/Folder/tabid/2643/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>)

Lamb, T.E. (2012) “Language associations and collaborative support: language teacher associations as empowering spaces for professional networks”, *Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*, 6/3, 287-308

Lamb, T.E. (2011) "Fragile Identities: Exploring Learner Identity, Learner Autonomy and Motivation through Young Learners' Voices", *Canadian Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 14/2, 68-85

Lamb, T.E. (2011) "Reconceptualising Intercultural Education: A Model from Language Education", *Hermeneia, a Journal of Hermeneutics, Art Theory and Criticism*, 11, 79-87

"Coping with change in the classroom", *Languages, Culture, Globalisation*, 4-5 June 2011 Vilnius (Lithuania)

Balboni, P., & Cunningham, D. "FIPLV", *EL.LE – Educazione linguistica. Language Education*, 1:1

Other articles, previously submitted for publication, include:

Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation. Paper submitted for CD-ROM publication by QUEST Romania.

Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

Conclusion

The relationship between UNESCO and FIPLV has been fruitful over many years, which FIPLV is desirous of not only continuing, but also expanding.

Appendices

Where presentations are published, only the publication is listed in most cases. All are available upon request:

Appendix 1: Balboni, P., & Cunningham, D. "FIPLV", *EL.LE – Educazione linguistica. Language Education*, 1:1

Appendix 2: "Coping with change in the classroom". Paper presented at the FIPLV World Congress, Helsinki (Finland), June 8

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

31 December 2012

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FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1

Helsinki – Finland

6 June 2012

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	President
Paolo Balboni	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General

Languages of Use: English

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

T Lamb welcomed the others and invited them to use the language(s) of choice. He thanked K Santaholma, in particular, for hosting the ExCo and meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Nil.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

The President thanked P Balboni for chairing the previous meetings and D Cunningham for preparing the meetings and agendas. Other items might be added during the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Executive Meeting 1/11 — Prague (Czech Republic) — 9 September 2011

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

4 Reports

4.1 President

The President spoke to the tabled report and invited questions. The report would be placed on the website and despatched by D Cunningham to member associations.

4.2 Vice President

P Balboni spoke to the report previously sent by email and invited questions.

4.3 Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting and invited questions.

4.4 Treasurer-General

K Santaholma spoke to the tabled report and invited questions. D Cunningham would edit and distribute the report. He would also write to LATEUM to query payment of membership fees.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

5.1.1 Europe

Much of the President's activity in projects could be considered under the banner of FIPLV-Europe. This included the partnership in the Languages in Theory, Policy and Practice Project and its follow-up (LUCIDE). It was decided that the President exercise flexibility in designating the most appropriate platform – FIPLV, FIPLV-Europe or the Western /Central Europe Region – for bids and projects.

5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

SUKOL would host the joint FIPLV 2012 World Congress/NBR Conference. There was no formal report, but Sigurborg Jónsdóttir was working on the LACS2 Project and had contacted other regional members re FIPLV 2012. There had been no meetings in 2012, but one was scheduled for Helsinki in the following days.

5.1.3 Western/Central European Region (WCER)

This was covered to some degree by the work of the President in LACS2, which promoted ECML projects and explored (regional) networks beyond language teacher associations. For this, Europe had been divided into five 'areas' (or networks).

5.1.4 Other

P Balboni had experienced minimal success in Latin America as most language teacher associations were unilingual for English and affiliated to TESOL. T Lamb and Aija Aalto would present a workshop at FIPLV 2012 as a pilot for the ECML LACS2 project. It was intended that this expand beyond Europe to North America and could capitalise on FIPF/IDV collaboration. Canada is again sending a representative to join the LACS2 Expert Group.

5.2 International Unilingual Associations

FIPLV collaborated closely with FIPF (French) and IDV (German) through the LACS1 project, while ReteAIM (Italian) was involved in FIPLV 2012. K Santaholma would attend the FIPF World Congress in Durban (South Africa). ILEI (Esperanto) had paid and MAPRYAL (Russian) had sent a report. D Cunningham would contact LATEUM (EFL). Reports would be distributed with the minutes of the meeting.

5.3 National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received from AFMLTA (Australia) and APLV (France). APLV had publicised T Lamb's proposed workshop in France on autonomy, while D Cunningham would meet with APLV officers in Paris. There had been contact with several other members. To be added to the agenda next time: 5.4 National Unilingual Associations.

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

There was the need to work on services and the website to engage teachers and associations. These would be discussed later in the meeting. Twitter and Facebook would also be used.

6.1.1 Estonia

The newly formed federation in Estonia (EVOL) had not joined. D Cunningham would meet with Ene Peterson during FIPLV 2012 in Helsinki.

6.2 Membership Requests

There were no requests, but there had been contact with colleagues in Albania, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia and Turkey.

6.3 Financial Status of Members

Covered under #4.4 above. The financial situation of member associations was a general concern. K Santaholma would follow up with members who had not paid.

6.4 Associate Members

There were none at present. D Cunningham explained that this category was intended to attract organisations of similar philosophy: for example, language centres, other (literary/higher education) associations, government organisations, assessment or accreditation organisations, publishers, bookshops, etc. Members of the ECML Professional Network Forum could be considered as associate members through a reciprocal arrangement within the Forum. Again, it was stressed that a new successful website was essential as a platform of promotion.

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.1.2 Relations

UNESCO had granted FIPLV “consultative partnership” status in the organisational restructure governing NGOs. There was ongoing contact with UNESCO officers. D Cunningham would attend the budget meeting at UNESCO the following week before drafting the budget response on behalf of FIPLV.

7.1.2 2011 and 2012 Reports

The 2011 FIPLV report had been completed and sent to UNESCO. D Cunningham requested input and would draft the 2012 report in the coming months.

7.2 Council of Europe (COE)

T Lamb was invited to meetings of the COE but usually could not attend. Janina Zielinska (FIPF) had also represented FIPLV at the meeting in January. There was ongoing contact through the ECML in Graz and all necessary reports were completed and returned as requested. T Lamb reported that the COE Languages Division had become the Languages Unit.

7.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President reported that relations were very strong and that FIPLV was involved in a new ECML project. T Lamb would focus on ECML projects in Issue #3 of the 2012 volume of his publication of the *International Journal of Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*.

7.3 European Commission (EC)

There had been no direct contact with the EC. However, FIPLV was a partner in the LUCIDE Project (Refer #5.1 above) as well as being a partner in the MEET Project, where FIPLV would assist in dissemination.

7.3.1 REAL

There was little recent information.

8 Operations and Publications

8.1 Strategic Plan

The President spoke to the tabled draft strategic plan and invited comments. It was intended that this be distributed to members for input. It was hoped that a revised version would accompany the minutes.

8.2 Restructure

The Statutes were discussed in the context of a perceived need to change.

8.3 Membership Fees

There was the need to reduce fees to maintain and encourage membership. Especially in the face of the global financial situation, Regulation #6.3 needed revision. It was proposed that a new basic fee of 85 euros be introduced for associations with fewer than 100 members.

8.4 Website

Tatjana Atanasoska, who was working with the President, was the new webmaster. A good copy of the logo was required, probably from Marie Blomkvist. The new draft website was examined with comment invited and provided. The original URL of www.fiplv.org would be retained. There was the need to emphasise what FIPLV provides. The website was seen as a service.

8.5 Brochure/Flyer

The brochure/flyer required no update before 2013 and may not be needed at all.

8.6 Publication Sales

Copies of the History would be given to presenters at FIPLV 2012. Others could be distributed while the History could form part of the FIPLV International Award. Others could be sold, but there had been little success in this area.

8.7 Review of Working Documents

The three documents would be retained. D Cunningham would update them before distribution. These would co-exist with the separate synthesis drafted by P Balboni.

8.8 Files

Digitisation of the files and documents was postponed. There had been no action on re-creating the FIPLV files, as there was limited space in Graz.

8.9 LACS1 Handbook

T Lamb reported that the English and German versions of the Handbook produced through LACS1 were complete, while the French version was awaited. The publication was about to appear as a draft.

9 Priorities and Activities

9.1 Succession Planning

Thought and planning was required as the next term of office was the last that could be held by two members of the ExCo.

9.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

Refer #4.3 report. An international Linguapax conference was planned for 2013.

9.3 Discussion Papers

It was planned that the new website accommodate e-discussions after individuals were invited to propose topics.

9.4 Representation

Refer #4.1, #4.2 and #4.3 reports above. K Santaholma would represent FIPLV at a forthcoming ECML/ACTFL forum in Graz.

9.5 Other

The British Council, which is coordinating a project on language policies, Language Rich Europe, had invited the President to comment and be involved in activities. He is presenting a keynote paper at the Romanian launch in Bucharest later in June.

10 Projects

10.1 Virtual Conference

This could be done through the new website, with sessions being streamed online. The first will take place later in the year as a follow-up to the Helsinki LACS2 workshop. P Balboni would meet with Daniel Xerri during FIPLV 2012 to discuss possibilities for the next LACS2 workshop.

10.2 Other

LACS2 and LUCIDE were covered under #4.1 above.

11 FIPLV World Congresses

11.1 FIPLV 2012

Planning was complete. FIPLV expressed its gratitude to SUKOL for hosting FIPLV 2012.

11.2 FIPLV 2015

D Cunningham had invited member associations to offer to host FIPLV 2015. CASLT (Canada) has expressed interest, but a meeting in July would confirm this.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2013

K Santaholma would draft the notional budget to reflect the discussion and decisions on membership fees. The possibility of a virtual ExCo meeting in 2013 was raised.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought after the upgrade of the website.

13 Recognition and Tasks

13.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

13.2 FIPLV International Award

There were no nominations.

13.3 List of Tasks Update

Officers were asked to update the current version by identifying tasks that they had completed. D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

14.1 World Council Meeting 2012

As very few were expected at this meeting the following day, the President proposed that duplication of topics for discussion be minimised. As a result, the meeting of the World Council could become a think tank on such topics as: fees, membership, regions, the strategic plan and the website. It was essential that the World Council be asked to empower the ExCo to revise the fee structure for the next triennium.

14.2 World Assembly 2012

This could be devoted, in part at least, to a discussion of the Statutes. The elections would also take place.

14.3 Executive Meeting 2/2012

No additional meeting was considered.

14.4 FIPLV Timeline 2012-2015

D Cunningham would update this upon returning home. The website calendar could remove the need for the Timeline. Members but not outsiders could be asked to provide input.

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Helsinki – Finland

7 June 2012

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	FIPLV President
Paolo Balboni	FIPLV Vice President
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	FIPLV Treasurer General
Sigurborg Jónsdóttir	FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region
Cecilia Odé	MAPRYAL (Russian)

Language Used: English

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Council meeting.

1.2 Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

He iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Apologies

Jean-Pierre Cuq (FIPF)

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 World Council Meeting – Prague (Czech Republic) – 10 September 2011

The minutes had been approved by email as an accurate record.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 Executive

The President and Vice President tabled their reports in addition to that of the Secretary General being circulated previously.

4.1.1 Overview of Activities of the Executive

T Lamb spoke to his report, highlighting the planned communications strategy, the ECML, the Professional Network Forum (leading to mutual associate members), the Graz Declaration on Language Education, the LACS1 (and Handbook) and LACS2 projects, partnership in two European Commission projects (LUCIDE and MEET) and the very strong relations with the ECML (especially after the UK had withdrawn funding and membership). P Balboni spoke about his efforts to identify and attract members, especially in Latin America, where he discovered that most were unilingual and sponsored by organisations identified with their language, such as TESOL. These efforts failed, as there were very few multilingual associations identified in Latin America, where an FIPLV Region was still desired. He had also worked on the revision of the Statutes.

4.1.2 Financial Report

K Santaholma spoke to the tabled report, presenting a balanced budget. She stated that the accounts had been duly audited as required and that the balance at the end of 2011 was CHF 17787.92 (14225.71 euros). She provided an overview of the financial situation of members vis-à-vis FIPLV: some had paid, some had left, while other payments had been inconsistent. Expenditure had been reduced, while affiliations were retained with UNESCO and the Council of Europe. The website was viewed as a necessary ongoing cost. The account remained in Luzern, where it was decided to

retain it in Swiss francs (because of currency fluctuations and uncertainty), while the proposed account in Graz had still not been opened. K Santaholma was thanked for her efforts.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Treasurer General and external auditor.

4.2 Regions

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

4.2.1 Europe

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

4.2.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

4.2.3 Western/Central Europe (WCER)

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

4.2.4 Other

None.

4.3 International Unilingual Associations

There were few written reports, so the following items were not discussed specifically:

4.3.1 AEDA (Arabic), 4.3.2 FIPF (French), 4.3.3 IDV (German), 4.3.4 ILEI (Esperanto), 4.3.5 LATEUM (EFL) and 4.3.7 ReteAIM (Italian). The report of MAPRYAL (Russian) was tabled and discussed.

4.4 Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received and distributed electronically prior to the meeting from AFMLTA (Australia) and APLV (France). All reports would be distributed to member associations.

5 Development of the Federation

5.1 List of Member Associations

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

5.2 Membership Promotion

Discussion of the strategic plan (under #6.1) impacted on this. The category of national unilingual associations had been added to the Statutes, so members in this category required recruiting. A revision of the fee structure was necessary. The evolution of the

MARILE into the MALADIVE project in the next ECML triennium allowed for a consideration of members representing the major language in a given member state, such as Dutch in the Netherlands. The Language Policy Unit of the Council of Europe had adopted a holistic approach to language learning. FIPLV would drive the notion of 'languages', as had been adopted in Australia and other countries, and this was reflected in the new LACS2 project.

5.3 Associate Members

Members of the ECML Professional Network Forum had become de facto associate members, which would be a reciprocal arrangement at no cost. It was expected that LACS2 would open up additional possibilities.

5.4 Regionalisation

FIPLV-Europe was a concept used where appropriate in partnerships, such as LUCIDE, but the notion of the broader FIPLV was more appropriate at times. FIPLV retained this flexibility. 'Europe' had various definitions, determined by the membership within different organisations; for example, the number and identity of members varied according to whether one envisaged the European Union, the Council of Europe, the European Commission, the ECML, etc. In the context of the LACS2 project, Europe was divided into five 'regions'. This project could lead to new FIPLV Regions.

5.5 Applications for Membership

None.

5.6 External Relations

5.6.1 UNESCO

D Cunningham reported that relations were good and that UNESCO had granted FIPLV consultative partnership status in its restructure. D Cunningham had finalised and sent the FIPLV report for 2011. He expected to meet with UNESCO officials and attend a budget meeting at UNESCO during the trip.

5.6.2 Council of Europe (COE)

Links to the COE Language Policy Unit were good, and discussions regarding the new focus on Languages of Schooling coincided with FIPLV's new priorities.

5.6.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

Refer #4.1/#4.1.1 above.

5.6.3 European Commission (EC)

There was little direct contact with the EC, but FIPLV was involved in such projects as LETPP, LUCIDE and MEET.

5.6.4 Other

T Lamb had represented FIPLV at the REAL workshop in Krakow, but there was no real involvement in REAL.

6 Operations and Publications

6.1 Strategic Plan

T Lamb spoke to the revised strategy plan. There was the need to increase membership. It was intended to include FIPLV in further bids for projects and seek sponsorship of the website after it had been successfully re-launched. This had an impact on services of value to members and the level of membership fees. A communications strategy focused on the newly developing website and use of Twitter, but also embraced ECML projects, services offered, regional events (under LACS2), e-discussion papers, the LACS1 Handbook (a dynamic document to be discussed section by section) and the need to work on FIPLV Regions.

6.2 Review of Statutes

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

6.3 Membership Fees

There was the need to revise the membership fee structure, so the World Council empowered the ExCo to develop some concrete proposals for later consideration (by the World Council). As a starting point, P Balboni proposed a graduated structure for different member numbers: 50 euros (0-100 members), 75 euros (101-200), 150 euros (201-400), 250 euros (401-600), 350 euros (601-800), 500 euros (801-1000), 800 euros (1001-1300) and 1000 euros (1301+ members). Another proposal presented was a vastly reduced membership rate for a trial period of three years. There was the need to explain the reason for the restructure of the fees: concrete reasons, a response to concerns expressed by members in the face of a global economic crisis, expansion of membership to improve FIPLV's representativeness, use of new technologies, attracting new funding and reflecting the funding received for some projects. There would be further email discussion with members of the World Council.

6.4 Restructure

The position of Editor of Publications remained, but there was no need to have it filled for now. It may be that this would change with a renewed focus on the website.

6.5 Website

The President presented the draft website and spoke to its strengths.

6.6 Brochure/Flyer

The brochure/flyer required no update before 2013.

6.7 Mission Statement/6.8 Profile/6.9 Rationale/6.10 Review of Working Documents

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

6.11 Files

D Cunningham continued to collect documents to recreate the FIPLV files.

7 Priorities and Activities

7.1 Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

7.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

7.3 Discussion papers

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

7.4 Proposals from the World Council or Member Associations

None.

8 Projects

8.1 Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS)

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

8.2 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

8.3 Proposals from the World Council

None.

9 Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive.

10 FIPLV World Congresses

10.1 FIPLV 2012 – Helsinki (Finland)

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

10.2 FIPLV 2015

Referred to meeting of World Assembly.

11 Recognition and Tasks

11.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

11.2 FIPLV International Award

There were no nominations.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2012

K Santaholma would model the notional budget for 2013 on the previous one.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought after the upgrade of the website.

13 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

13.1 World Assembly 2012

This had been prepared, including the elections. As there were no multiple nominations for positions, it was resolved to vote by a show of hands.

13.2 World Council Meeting 2013

This was to be decided at a later date.

14 Any Other Business

The President thanked all for their input.

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FIPLV WORLD ASSEMBLY MEETING

Helsinki - Finland

7 June 2012

Minutes

Present

Paolo Balboni	FIPLV Vice President/ReteAIM (Italian)
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Sigurborg Jónsdóttir	NBR/STIL (Iceland)
Terry Lamb	FIPLV President/ALL (UK)
Cecilia Odé	MAPRYAL (Russian)
Kirsti Santaholma	FIPLV Treasurer General/SUKOL (Finland)
Tobie van Dyk	SAALT (South Africa)
Helena von Schantz	LMS (Sweden)

Languages Used: English

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Assembly meeting.

1.2 Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Introductions

Each participant made a personal introduction. D Cunningham explained the structure and voting rights of FIPLV and the meeting.

1.4 Apologies

Jean-Pierre Cuq (FIPF), Brynhildur Anna Ragnarsdóttir (STIL, Iceland), Toon van der Ven (VLLT, The Netherlands)

1.5 Approval of the Agenda

The draft agenda was approved.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 1 September 2009 (Graz – Austria)

Approved by the Assembly by email.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

No relevant items were detected which were not on the agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 World Council Triennial Report

4.1.1 Executive Report

The President informed the meeting that reports had been distributed or would be and would be placed on the website. He outlined recent activities in the context of a triennial overview. He saw the communications strategy as a means of fostering collaboration worldwide, especially in sharing practices through the new website and Twitter, which was also seen as a way of interesting journalists. The relationship with the ECML was very good. The Handbook for language teacher associations (as a product of the LACS1 project) was available in draft form. The ECML-based Professional Network Forum had prepared the Graz Declaration on Languages. European Commission projects included Languages in Europe: Theory, Policy, Practice (LTPP), an international network of multilingual cities (LUCIDE) and another on European citizenship (MEET). FIPLV had assisted in conferences and publications. There was the need to influence policy and practice in languages.

4.1.2 Financial Report (Treasurer-General)

K Santaholma detailed member payments, identifying follow-up where required. Many had paid for 2011. Affiliations continued with UNESCO and the Council of Europe. The cost of meetings had been reduced, as all possible saving had been done. D Cunningham continued to fund much of the expenses of his trips.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

Approved.

4.1.4 Approval of the World Council Report

The World Assembly approved the report.

4.2 Member Reports

4.2.1 International Unilingual Associations

The MAPRYAL (Russian) report had been received just prior to the meeting. FIPF (French) and IDV (German) were involved through the LACS project. P Balboni provided an oral report on behalf of ReteAIM (Italian), an international association with no budget, established for the exchange of information and materials.

4.2.3 Regions

T Lamb provided an oral report on behalf of FIPLV-Europe, which was used more as a strategy to reflect EU-based projects, where appropriate. The Nordic-Baltic Region was involved in the LACS project and had organised a very successful seminar and meetings in Reykjavik in 2010. A meeting was planned for the next day.

4.2.3 National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received from AFMLTA (Australia) and APLV (France), while others (e.g., SAALT (South Africa), STIL (Iceland)) were expected. D Cunningham would distribute all reports received to member associations.

5 Operations and Publications

The President spoke to the draft strategic plan, inviting comments.

5.1 World Congresses

FIPLV 2012 would take place in Helsinki. Confirmation was awaited from CASLT (Canada) about FIPLV 2015. Planning was required soon for FIPLV 2018.

5.2 Publications

5.2.1 Website

The President showed the new, draft website, inviting input. The previous URL (www.fipltv.org) would be retained for which the annual cost would be 99 euros. Links would be established. The site would include a blog for input and for which responsibility could be rotated (by member associations?). Prior approval of contributors (i.e., FIPLV members) and contributions would be necessary and a calendar of events would be made available for member association input. Other approaches were considered, including the translations of updated documents. There was the need to create a situation where individuals (students or teachers) were encouraged to provide input to the website. There could be regular input from universities and perhaps the EU. The focus should be multilingual. There was general support for the directions discussed.

5.2.2 Brochure

The brochure did not require an update and its need could be superseded by the website.

5.2.3 Mission Statement/5.2.4 Rationale/5.2.5 Profile

These three documents had been prepared in the past to provide information on FIPLV in response to specific needs. They would be updated by D Cunningham after the meetings, while a fused version was being drafted.

5.2.6 Other

D Cunningham had been the guest editor for an issue of *Hermeneia* (based in Iasi, Romania). He had included articles by individual members of member associations. T Lamb was responsible for a journal, *Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*, in which he would focus on the LACS project.

6 Projects and Activities

6.1 Discussion papers

Refer #5.2.1 above.

6.2 Collaboration of Teachers

Refer #4.1.1 above.

6.3 Linguapax and Language Rights

The Linguapax Institute planned an international conference in 2013, but the impact of finances in Spain could affect this. Linguapax could be the focus of future discussion on the website.

6.4 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

Refer #6.1 of the minutes of the World Council meeting and previous papers by D Cunningham.

6.5 International Award

D Cunningham provided details of the background of this award. There were no nominations for 2012. D Cunningham would distribute the call for nominations again in 2013. Recipients could also be invited as a keynote speaker to conferences, as being considered in South Africa.

6.6 Proposals from the World Council/Member Associations

C Odé requested FIPLV to sign a petition on behalf of Russian becoming an official language of the EU. This matter was referred to the meeting of the Nordic-Baltic Region in order that the view of its members could be canvassed.

6.7 Other

Refer to LUCIDE Project. FIPLV should work more closely with public opinion, which should be added to the Mission Statement. Helena von Schantz, who had expertise in this area, would draft the wording.

7 Membership Fees 2013-2015

The President outlined the thinking and previous discussions at the meetings (of the ExCo and World Council). There was the need to reduce the amount of membership fees in response to the financial situation of members. Sponsorship was still required, but FIPLV would also like to consider scholarships for members. The change in fees was seen in response to member concern and the global economic situation and part of a 'relaunch' of FIPLV with its renewed operations where technologies would be used more. The ExCo and World Council were empowered to address the revision of membership fees. The bank account (in Swiss francs) would be retained.

8 Elections

The Secretary General explained the process according to the Election Procedure. However, it was decided to vote through a show of hands to expedite the process, especially as there was only one candidate for each position except that of Editor of Publications (where there was none).

8.1 Executive

The result of the elections for the Executive Committee for 2013-2015 was:

8.1.1 President

Terry Lamb (ALL, UK)

8.1.2 Vice-President

Paolo Balboni (ANILS, Italy)

8.1.3 Secretary-General

Denis Cunningham (AFMLTA, Australia)

8.1.4 Treasurer-General

Kirsti Santaholma (SUKOL, Finland)

8.1.6 Editor of Publications

No nomination.

8.2 World Council

8.2.1 Election of Representatives of Multilingual Member Associations

There were no nominations. The Secretary General suggested that, as in the past, the Executive approach member associations (not in an FIPLV Region) to nominate a representative. In the first instance, this would include CASLT (Canada) and SAALT (South Africa). The members of the World Assembly agreed.

8.2.2 Delegates of FIPLV Regions

Delegates of FIPLV Regions were elected by the specific Region. Sigurborg Jónsdóttir was the NBR Chair and Terry Lamb was the Chair of FIPLV-Europe and the Western/Central European Region.

8.2.3 Representatives of International Unilingual Associations

International unilingual associations were responsible for nominating their own representatives to the FIPLV World Council and informed FIPLV of their identity. Presumably, Marianne Hepp would represent IDV, Janina Zielinska FIPF, while a formal nomination had been received from MAPRYAL for Cecilia Odé. The Secretary General would contact the other international unilingual associations to obtain the identities of their representatives.

9 2013 Notional Budget

K Santaholma would prepare the notional budget for 2013 after resolution of the level of membership fees. Payment of the new webmaster, to be decided by the ExCo, would be an honorarium. This arrangement was approved by the World Assembly.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 New President of STIL (Iceland)

The new President of STIL was Brynhildur Anna Ragnarsdóttir. STIL (Iceland) would be thirty in 2015.

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Dr Terry Lamb

September 2011

This report of activity from June 2010 represents a wide range of activity on behalf of FIPLV. The year has been an extremely busy one, with much time being devoted to completing project LACS at ECML which will officially end later this month, as well as the completion of the LE TPP project, funded by the European Commission, and to contact with associations around the globe.

Our relationship with the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) continues to be strong, following the formal signing of a memorandum of cooperation between ECML and FIPLV. In January 2011, a further meeting of an expanded Professional Network Forum was held in Graz, in which opportunities for additional cooperation were discussed as well as updates on the Graz Declaration on Language Education. I chaired the second half of this meeting in which there was discussion about ECML's new programme of activities (2012-2015) and a possible joint conference of the associations for 2013. Direct outcomes of this meeting were an invitation to Canada to present my research at a research seminar held at OLBI (The Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute) in Ottawa, Canada, which I did in April 2011, and an invitation to represent FIPLV as part of a round table discussion in the Belgian Parliament, organised by the European Language Council in January 2011, as part of an EC funded project entitled MOLAN (Motivating Language Learners through Innovative Teaching and Learning Practices). Reciprocal arrangements with other associations such as AILA were reinforced, including attendance at the AILA World Congress in Beijing in August 2011, which I was this time unfortunately unable to attend due to pressures of work. I raised the issue of associate membership of each others' associations, and this was viewed positively. It seems sensible to promote each other through weblinks.

Minutes of the meeting can be found in the appendix to this report, including a complete list of members of the expanded Forum.

This year sees the completion of the ECML funded project LACS (Language Associations and Collaborative Support), one of the projects of the ECML 2008-2011 programme (Empowering Language Professionals). This project was developed to create opportunities for language teacher associations to benefit from greater collaboration with one another as well as engagement with the range of ECML projects. As coordinator of the project, I have been working for the past four years with a project team consisting of other FIPLV colleagues who represent other partner organisations: Sigurborg Jónsdóttir from Iceland (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region and FIPLV Europe), Marianne Hepp

from Italy (FIPLV and IDV) Janina Zielinska from Poland (FIPLV and FIPF), and Nicole Thibault, former Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT). In the first two years, IDV was represented by Lucka Pristavec from Slovenia. In the second half of 2010 the team was enhanced by an ECML Fellow, Tatjana Atanasoska, who continues to contribute greatly to the LACS project.

The LACS project has been aimed at exploring the ways in which language teacher associations around the world support their members through professional development activities and action to influence policy. A number of surveys and a workshop were organised over the years in order to explore association needs and to share expertise.

In 2010-11, the main focus has been on completion of an on-line publication entitled *Learning from each other: a handbook for language teacher associations*. This contains information and case studies provided by associations on the following issues:

Recruitment of new members

How associations get funding

Organisation of training events and other association activities

How to communicate with members (website, publications, blogs etc)

Evaluation strategies to improve the work of the association

Collaboration with different partners (other language associations, policy makers, etc)

How associations can represent their members in policy and curriculum development

The publication contains input from a wide range of associations which contributed to the surveys and the workshops. A further major survey was carried out in 2010-11 in order to provide greater depth to the publication. It was also used to identify case studies written by various associations.

In addition, LACS is setting up a blogging space to ensure that associations and their members can continue to communicate with one another.

A great deal of time has been spent on this work, and we have now reached the stage where English, French and German versions are being finalised. We are also producing publicity material for the project as well as a folder which can be used by associations.

At the end of September, the final conference of the previous ECML programme will see presentations from all projects, including LACS. Together with Daniel Xerri from the Maltese Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (MATEFL). I will also take part in a further presentation from members of the Professional Network Forum.

Follow up work which will begin in earnest in September 2011 focuses largely on the redesign of the FIPLV website. I would like to thank our webmaster, Marie Blomkvist, for all of her hard work over the years. In her place, Tatjana Atanasoska has kindly volunteered to take on the role of Communications Officer. Tatjana has been an active member of the LACS project over the past year, and has developed an understanding of the needs of language teacher associations. She will bring this to the modernisation of our communications systems, including the website which we wish to make far more interactive.

The other ECML project in which I have been involved is MARILLE (MAJoRity language Instruction as basis for pLuriLingual Education), which also had its workshop immediately after the LACS workshop. Further information can be found at this project's website: www.marille.ecml.at. The project workshop revealed a potential role for FIPLV in facilitating cooperation between different types of language teacher associations with a view to supporting the holistic language development of learners.

The need for collaboration across associations representing teachers involved in different kinds of language education (first language, second language, foreign language, community/heritage language) was picked up at the Council of Europe's Intergovernmental Policy Forum "The rights of learners to quality and equity in education – the role of language and intercultural skills". This event was held in Geneva, Switzerland, 2-4 November 2010, and information can be found at http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/conference_EN.asp. As President of FIPLV, I was invited and funded by the Council of Europe's Language Policy Division to contribute to the event, which included chairing a discussion group and taking part in a plenary presentation.

I would like to thank all of our friends at ECML and the Council of Europe for their support and collegiality. We look forward to further development of our partnership. We have prepared an application for a follow-up to the LACS project, focusing on the development of regional collaborations amongst language teacher associations in Europe, and we await the outcome of this application. I am also editing a special issue

of the *International Journal of Innovation in Language Learning and Teaching*, which will report on some of the ECML projects, including LACS.

With regard to the European Commission, FIPLV Europe continued to be involved as part of the Languages in Europe: Theory, Policy, Practice (LE TPP) project. This was a one year project which came to an end earlier in 2011. The project outcomes can be found in a publication which explores the two major strands of languages for social cohesion (questions of identity, community and mutual understanding), and languages for intercultural communication (questions of commerce, employability, and international relations). Further information, including reports and podcasts from the various project meetings and conferences, can be found at <http://www.letpp.eu/>.

This project provided an exciting opportunity for FIPLV Europe to be involved in EC activity. A further more ambitious application has since been made to the EC for a major project on multilingual cities, and FIPLV will again be involved as an associate partner.

Other activity on behalf of FIPLV in 2010-11 includes:

Facilitation of a workshop for ECML National Contact Points and National Nominating Authorities in June 2010 in Graz

A presentation at a REAL workshop in Krakow, Poland in August 2010, which provided the opportunity to clarify that FIPLV is not just concerned with policy but also with classroom-based practice. Evidence was drawn from the FIPLV Nordic Baltic Region's successful conference in June 2010 which focused entirely on practice.

Contribution to a special issue of the *Hermeneia* journal, edited by Denis Cunningham

Facilitation of a workshop on assessment for learning and assessment for autonomy in Cyprus, October 2010, organised by the European Association for Language Testing and Assessment (EALTA), a member of the Professional Network Forum

Contribution to development of the Australian language curriculum in early 2011

Funded invitation to the conference of the Canadian Association of Modern Language Teachers (CASLT) in Montreal (April 2011), during which time I presented a paper and took part in a panel discussion on language policy in Europe. The time was also useful for discussions regarding CASLT's membership of FIPLV, the potential for hosting a World Conference in Canada in the future, and possible regional FIPLV developments across North America. Many thanks to the organisers for their kind hospitality and spirit of collaboration.

Funded invitation to Helsinki to speak at a SUKOL Conference in April 2011, which enabled further discussions to take place regarding SUKOL's hosting of the 2012 FIPLV World Congress. This was a wonderful event with SUKOL members travelling from all over Finland. I would like to thank SUKOL for its generous hospitality.



Although not directly a result of my FIPLV Presidency, an invitation to work in Valparaíso, Chile in August 2011 provided an opportunity for discussions regarding potential membership of one of the Chilean teacher associations.

Ongoing discussions regarding membership have ensued, in particular with Albania (ELTA), Austria (Teachers of English in Austria), Colombia (ASOCOPI), Lithuania (LATEFL), and Malta (MATEFL).

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the Executive Committee as well as all our other voluntary members who contribute so much to each other's professional development, for all of their hard work and dedication to FIPLV. I am privileged in my role to meet such dedicated teachers, ready to take responsibility for making the world of language learning and teaching better for all. I must reiterate, as ever, that through collaboration, made possible through membership of FIPLV, our work becomes a little easier, as we recognise that wherever we are in the world, we are faced by similar challenges, and that it is beneficial to share our attempts to address such challenges.

I look forward to meeting more of you in 2011-2012!

Terry Lamb

President, FIPLV

September 2011

APPENDIX 1

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES, GRAZ

2nd meeting of the Professional Network Forum on Language Education

Graz, 6 January 2011

DGIV/EDU/GRAZ(2011)14 – 28 April 2011

Meeting minutes

Opening of the meeting

<Appendix I: Agenda>

The meeting was opened at 09.00 on Thursday 6 January 2011 by Alan DOBSON, Chair of the ECML Governing Board and Waldemar MARTYNIUK Executive Director of the ECML.

The participants were welcomed (Appendix II: List of participants):

AILA – Bernd Rüschhoff

ALTE – Emyr Davies

CEL/ELC – Wolfgang Mackiewicz

CercleS – Johann Fischer

EALTA – Gudrun Erickson

EAQUALS – Peter Brown

FIPLV – Terry Lamb

OLBI – Aline Germain-Rutherford

ECML – Michael Armstrong, Catherine Seewald, Anna Kehl

in particular those who participated for the first time in a Network Forum meeting:

CEL/ELC – Maurizio Viezzi

EUNIC – Martin Hope

EPA – Johannes Theiner

IAM – Britta Hufeisen

ICC – Rob Williams

Mr MARTYNIUK also transmitted the best wishes and apologies of those invited to the event who were not able participate on this occasion :

Ms Ólöf Ólafsdóttir, Director of Education and Languages of the Council of Europe;

Mr Harald Hartung, Head of Unit C5 – Multilingualism Policy, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission,

Ms Susanna Slivensky, Deputy Executive Director / Head of Programmes of the ECML,

Mr Joseph Sheils, Head of the Council of Europe Language Policy Division;

Mr Alexey Kozhemyakov, Head of the Council of Europe Secretariat of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages,

who apologised for not being able to attend the event.

II. Background

Encouraged by its Governing Board, the ECML seeks to intensify its relationships with institutions and associations with similar aims working in the field of language education and assessment.

Following on from the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in 2008 by the ECML and the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) of the University of Ottawa, the Centre has developed a generic bilateral cooperation agreement which outlines the modalities of the desired cooperation and formalises the commitment to work together. The objective of the agreement is to ensure synergies at institutional level in the pursuit of common goals through the exchange of expertise, information and documentation, the attendance at partner events and the cooperation in joint activities. The impact of the cooperation is evaluated by each partner at yearly intervals and reported jointly or separately to the ECML's Governing Board and the Governing Body of the partner organisations. The Governing Board of the ECML may choose to include this data in its Annual Report to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The term of the Memorandum corresponds to the duration of the ECML's 3rd medium-term programme "*Empowering Language Professionals*" (2008-2011) and should be subject to revision by agreement between the Parties.

The agreement was signed so far by a number of leading INGOs having participatory status with the Council of Europe: the International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA), the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE), the European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education (CercleS), the, the European

Association for Quality Language Services (EAQUALS), the European Association for Language Testing in Europe (EALTA), the International Certificate Conference (ICC), the International Federation of Modern Language Associations (FIPLV), and the Conseil européen pour les langues / European Language Council (CEL/ELC).

The initiative to set up a Professional Network Forum on Language Education allowing leaders of INGOs to meet once a year or once every two years under the auspices of the Council of Europe at the ECML in Graz emerged from this context. Three new members joined the Forum in 2011: the European Parents Association (EPA), the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC) and the International Association of Multilingualism (IAM).

Mr MARTYNIUK reminded that the Professional Network Forum was set up in order to provide a platform for experts for cooperation and exchange of the latest developments, as well as for synergetic activities. The purpose of the ECML was in particular to intensify the links with NGOs and civil society considered as important partners in the Centre's activities.

The Graz Declaration on language education 2010 "Quality education for plurilingual people living in multilingual societies" signed by all network partners was disseminated throughout 2010 and served as a basis for the call for submissions for the next ECML programme of activities 2012-2015.

III. Aims of the meeting

<Appendix I: Agenda>

The five aims of the meeting were:

To exchange information and discuss the latest developments of the network partner, focusing on the presentation of new Network members, the developments in their organisations, their follow up to the Graz Declaration 2010, developments and outlook on activities of the Council of Europe and the European Union;

To present the "Call for submissions for the ECML programme of activities 2012-2015" as an output of the Graz Declaration 2010;

To explore ways of disseminating and promoting the Call and to discuss possible areas, themes, and formats for the partners' involvement;

To present the concept and the draft agenda of the "ECML conference 2011" which will conclude the Centre's programme of activities 2008-2011 and to discuss the partners' involvement;

To agree on a brief statement that summarises the forum outputs and which could be published.

IV. Content and organisation

The event was organised around four main sessions and one concluding one. The main sessions were based on brief presentations given by each partner organisation, followed by extensive discussions:

1. Update on partners: new memberships, partner activities, highlights and burning issues¹

Bearing in mind the report of the first meeting of the Professional Network Forum (7 January 2010), the new members were invited to briefly present the profile and highlights of their organisation. The other members were invited to highlight the latest developments with regard to activities, initiatives, projects, events, products, publications, since the launch of the Graz Declaration 2010 that could be highlighted and promoted/disseminated through the Network.

1.1 New members (*in alphabetical order*)

1.1.1. European Parents' Association (EPA) (*new member*)

[www.epa-parents.eu]

[PowerPoint presentation: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Johannes THEINER, President of the European Parents' Association (EPA), presented the European Parents' Association (EPA) which joined the Professional Network Forum. The association celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2010. It comprises 50 associations of parents and families from 24 European countries, represents 150 millions of European citizens and represents the unique stakeholder organisation of parents at the European Commission. Considering that parents are potential supporters of the learners and all educational concepts, the main concerns of EPA are to optimise conditions for the child's education, to promote the rights and the role of parents in education as primary educators, to support "parental participation" in public education, to encourage active European citizenship and parents to be open for lifelong learning.

EPA supports the participation and collaboration of parents (dissemination of information on developments, about innovative educational practices, training,

¹ This information can also be found in the individual PowerPoint presentations and handouts provided by the participants: see the special file on the ECML website www.ecml.at

opportunities for exchange, lobbying, etc). The work of the EPA focuses on networking and representation activities, including the organisation of two annual conferences that bring together professionals and (non-specialist) parents, the involvement in EU consultations and initiatives (such as Piccolingo) and in Council of Europe working groups, cooperation with national, regional and local networks. Within this framework, the meeting “Parents as successful teachers” on 7 January 2011 intended to develop materials to help parents to be teachers in early language learning.

On 25-26 March 2011, an international Conference on assessment and evaluation in school will be organised by EPA in Budapest in cooperation with the Hungarian Pedagogic Society/Comenius Workshop. The ECML will receive an official invitation.

1.1.2. European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC) (*new member*)

[www.eunic-online.eu]

[PowerPoint presentation: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Martin HOPE, Director Benelux and EU Office, British Council / EUNIC, presented the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC). EUNIC is the network of the international cultural relations institutes from the member states of the European Union. EUNIC is based on unique clusters around the world (see the list of members on the website): 30 members from 26 countries work in over 150 countries with over 2 000 branches, among others in the field of languages, education and intercultural dialogue. Traditionally the individual member organisations (such as Goethe Institut, Alliance française, Camoes, etc) are well known for providing language courses, supporting learners, and promoting their own cultures. Moreover they increasingly work together as a network to promote education. In this context, EUNIC is highly interested in further developing cooperation with the Council of Europe and the European Union.

EUNIC is currently involved in the EU project “Language rich Europe” which promotes multilingualism for stable and prosperous societies and which involves an interdisciplinary network of over 1200 decisions-makers from 19 countries and 3 regions. Addressing the increased mobility and migration in Europe, the project attempts to improve language policies and practices in language education and multilingual services. To this end, a comparative analysis of countries’ performance against European standards and recommendations on multilingualism policy and practices will enable the establishment of the Language Rich Europe Index. This sustainable benchmarking tool will provide national databases on language diversity based on 150 criteria that cover national, foreign, regional and immigrant languages in (pre-)primary, lower and upper secondary, adult vocational and university education, in

business, in the media, as well as in public services and public spaces. The results will be published in 2012 and will contribute to raise awareness of the work of the EU and the Council of Europe, to highlight the national strengths, to develop national action plans, to share good practice, to develop synergies for better language education, and to cooperate on improvements.

EUNIC is also involved in the EU project “EC civil society platform to promote multilingualism”. This activity focuses on research and practice in the area of lifelong learning, preschool education and social/community services for social inclusion. An online multilingualism observatory will be set up and will provide information on key motivators and inhibitors of learning languages, highlight the best positive practices to learn languages in local and regional contexts and offer tools evaluated and assessed for suitability according to context. The results should contribute to support local and regional authorities in developing and better implementing language policies and to raise awareness of language learning among the general public. They will be disseminated through national and pan-European networks of local and regional authorities, as well as through the Professional Network Forum.

Mr HOPE stressed the need to ensure that the recommendations of the European Union and the Council of Europe are implemented in the individual states. Data on implementation could provide a powerful lever in approaching governments. Moreover the results should be made easily accessible to the end users including parents and head teachers.

1.1.3. International Association of Multilingualism (IAM)

[www.iammultilingualism.org]

[PowerPoint presentation at www.ecml.at]

Ms Britta HUFSEIN, Member of the International Association of Multilingualism (IAM) and ECML link person, presented the International Association of Multilingualism (IAM). IAM is an international network of scholars who share an interest in multilingualism (currently 136 individual members from 23 countries around the world). IAM seeks to establish a network of professionals interested in the field of multilingualism, in particular on multiple language acquisition and learning to improve research in the area. To this end, it aims to raise awareness on related issues, to disseminate related theories, to foster exchange, cooperation with researchers and network synergies on a regular basis, and to attract new researchers. IAM organises conferences on a 2-year basis and

participates in projects and external events. Some members were or are involved in the ECML project “Creating synergy for the learning of subsequent languages” (2000-2003), EU projects (for example “Languages in a network of European Excellence, FP6 - LINEE, “Europäische Mehrsprachigkeit: Interkomprehension”), as well as research projects (EuroComCenter, Galatea). The project results are published in book series edited in different languages and the *International Journal of Multilingualism*.

IAM offers for the Professional Network Forum biannual conferences, publication opportunities in the *International Journal of Multilingualism* and the association’s book series, as well as expertise in the field of multilingualism, cooperation, joint projects and its participation in ECML activities. The next key event this year will be the 7th International Conference on Third Language Acquisition and Multilingualism (University of Warsaw, 15-17 September 2011) at which the ECML director has been invited to give a keynote speech.

1.2. Other members

1.2.1. International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA)

[<http://www.aila.info/>]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2010: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Bernd RÜSCHOFF, Vice-President of the International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA), highlighted the latest developments in his organisation.

AILA disseminated the Graz Declaration 2010 through its channels and newsletters, discussed the paper within the network, and raised awareness of young researchers on the work of the ECML and the Professional Network Forum within the framework of the AILA biannual conference. The Declaration was also presented at the AILA Executive Meeting in Australia as an interested example of regional cooperation on burning topics and of good practice to foster regional cooperation.

The 16th AILA World Congress with the theme “Harmony in Diversity: Language, Culture, Society” will be held on 23-28 August 2011 in Beijing, China. One of the topics will focus on applied linguistics on a regional basis. The Graz Declaration and the Professional Network Forum will also be presented in this context.

Considering the burning issues raised in the Graz Declaration, AILA is trying to establish a new special interest group and a research network on migration, mobility and social inclusion to tackle the linguistic hybridity in individuals, social groups and societies and the influences of multilingualism on these levels.

If members of the Professional Network Forum are interested in attending the AILA conference or in contributing to the research network on migration and mobility, please contact Mr Rüschoff.

1.2.2 Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE)

[<http://www.alte.org>]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2010: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Emyr DAVIES, representative of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE), presented the latest developments from the Association. ALTE currently has 34 members, representing the testing of 27 languages. ALTE has over 40 affiliate institutions.

A number of large meetings and smaller interest group meetings took place in 2010:

ALTE's 38th bi-annual meeting and conference (Rome, Italy, 12-14 May 2010) with the theme "Reference level descriptions and assessment" explored the ways in which the reference level descriptions – in particular in relation to Italian, French, German and English – have built on the work of the CEFR and discussed their impact on assessment. John Trim, one of the authors of the CEFR, opened the conference with a review of the origins and development of the CEFR and described how the reference level descriptors have evolved out of earlier work done in relation to the CEFR;

ALTE's 39th meeting and conference (Prague, Czech Republic, 10-12 November 2010) with the theme "Fairness and quality management in language testing" discussed ethics in language testing, in particular ways of ensuring the fairness of language tests and testing practices and of ensuring the quality demands of examinations in relation to their functions and purposes;

the 32nd Language Testing Research Colloquium (LTRC) "Crossing the threshold: Investigating levels, domains and frameworks in language assessment" (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 14-16 April 2010) focused on proficiency levels, language domains and the role of interpretative frameworks of reference for language learning, teaching and assessment;

“Language assessment for integration in the Italian context: International perspectives and the CVCL experience” (Rome, Italy, 11 May 2010) aimed to facilitate an exchange of ideas and experiences between practitioners, consultants and legislators and to inform interested members of the public.

One aspect of ALTE’s work focuses on the professional development programme including a 3-tier training programme in language testing and specialised language courses with ALTE experts:

Launch of the first Tier 3 language testing course: “The application of structural equation modeling in language testing research” (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 8-9 November 2010).

ALTE Foundation courses in language testing, testing speaking and listening (Rome, Italy, 15 May 2010) and ALTE Foundation course in language testing: getting started (Prague, Czech Republic, 13 November 2010)

“ALTE testing course: An introduction to assessing writing” (Rome, Italy, 10-11 May 2010): addressed the main issues associated with the assessment of writing including a model of writing ability and a framework for testing writing, choosing, designing and critiquing test formats and tasks, as well as rating scales, raters and the rating process;

ALTE Introductory course in language testing 2010 (Bilbao, Spain, 20-24 September 2010) and ALTE Introductory course in language reading 2010 (Bilbao, Spain, 27 September – 1st October 2010).

Moreover, the work performed by the following ALTE special interest groups could be of interest to the members of the Professional Network Forum:

The Language Assessment for Migration and Integration Special Interest Group provides a platform for language testers to discuss the issues they are confronted with in their own countries and to support each other in attempting to ensure issues of test fairness and their relationship to civil and human rights are properly understood and considered by policy makers.

The Young Learners (Teenagers & Children) Special Interest Group focuses on the testing of children in the international context.

One of the key issues discussed by the ALTE Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) Special Interest Group is the relationship between language for specific purpose examinations and general language examinations.

The ALTE website provides updated information on the ongoing work of these working groups.

The revised version of the *Manual for Language Test Development and Examining – For use with the CEFR* is now available on the Council of Europe website:

[http://www.coe.int/T/DG4/Linguistic/ManualtLangageTest-Alte2011_EN.pdf].

ALTE was commissioned to prepare this revised version of the Manual by the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe and representatives of many ALTE Members and Affiliates, particularly members of the ALTE CEFR/Manual Special Interest Group and their colleagues, contributed to the revision by supplying materials and reviewing draft texts at various stages in the process. The Manual is a useful addition to the ‘toolkit’, which offers support to assessment providers and other practitioners with an interest in language testing in the use of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*.

Among the key events organised this year ALTE’s 4th International Conference will take place from

7-9 July 2011 in Krakow, Poland, with the theme “The impact of language frameworks on assessment, learning and teaching”. Five hundred participants are expected. Waldemar Martyniuk has been invited to give a keynote speech. This will be an excellent opportunity to disseminate information about the Professional Network Forum.

1.2.3. European Association for Language Testing and Assessment (EALTA)

[www.ealta.eu.org]

[PowerPoint presentation, updated version January 2011: see www.ecml.at]

Ms Gudrun ERICKSON, Secretary of the European Association for Language Testing and Assessment (EALTA), presented the latest developments of the European Association for Language Testing and Assessment (EALTA), a professional association for language testers in Europe which aims to cover and represent the interests of those who work in language testing and assessment or associated areas of language education and applied linguistics in Europe.

EALTA membership mainly includes teacher educators, teachers, people involved in the development of tests in national or institutional testing unites or centres, students in higher education and researchers from 63 countries. In 2010, there was an increase in membership (numbers from December 2010): 1232 individuals (+28%), 145 associate members (+34%), 54 institutional organisations (stable) and 17 experts (increase by 2). Membership is free for individuals and associate members, and there are low fees for

institutions and experts. One key principle is to try to keep costs very low and to be as inclusive as possible.

EALTA makes all its materials on previous projects, from the conferences and other events available for free on the website (www.ealta.eu.org > Resources > 2010). The latest online resources are:

Feliana Kaftandjieva's second doctorate on six recent standard-setting methods and accompanying MPI programme

Materials from EALTA's 7th Annual Conference (The Hague, Netherlands)

Materials from EALTA's first Summer School (York, United Kingdom) include guidelines for good practice, emphasize common guidelines and deal with issues relating to the classroom and teacher education: *Good practice in language testing and assessment: an educational perspective*

Materials from a joint IATEFL TEA SIG/EALTA conference (Barcelona, Spain): *Putting the CEFR to good use* (proceedings to be published)

Materials from the first SIG symposium on classroom based language assessment (Cyprus)

Materials from the first SIG symposium on writing (Warwick, United Kingdom).

In October 2011 a volume on *Collaboration in language testing and assessment* will be published.

EALTA's annual conferences illustrate the wide field of testing and assessment. In 2011, the theme of the annual conference (Siena, Italy) will be "Ethics in language testing and assessment" and will include aspects from classroom all the way to large scale testing. Pre-conference workshops and colloquia will cover topics such as Assessing writing – task development and constructing rating scales and Using the Manual for relating examination to the CEFR.

1.2.4. European Association for Quality Language Service (EAQUALS)

[www.eaquals.org]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2010: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Peter BROWN, Founding Chair, European Association for Quality Language Services- (EAQUALS), highlighted the following developments in his association which aims to promote and guarantee quality in language teaching and learning:

The work on linguistic integration and migration continues.

EAQUALS held a highly successful international conference in Berlin, Germany, on 22-24 April 2010. The theme of the conference, 'upholding and accrediting excellence in language education', was chosen to mark the completion of a new version of EAQUALS Accreditation Scheme Manual.

Standards in curriculum and quality in general management have been extended: the new ISO 29990:2010 entitled “Learning services for non-formal education and training -- Basic requirements for service providers” provides basic standards in general training services.

EAQUALS and the British Council have joined together to create a Core Inventory for CEFR levels A1 to C1 for English. The Core Inventory has been published under the title *A Core Inventory for General English* and edited by Brian North, Angeles Ortega and Susan Sheehan. It was launched at the British Council on 11 November 2010 as part of EAQUALS yearly SIP (Special Interest Project) workshop (London, 11-13 November 2010). The Inventory maps the communality of interpretation of the CEFR for General English in terms of curriculum content for young adults. The aim was to produce a resource that can be used by both teachers and learners alongside CEFR descriptors in order to set their priorities (to download the publication: <http://www.eaquals.org/news/item.asp?n=11821>).

EAQUALS 2011 International Conference, on the theme of Enhancing Classroom Language Learning: the Challenges for Teachers, Trainers and Managers, will be held in Prague on 8-9 April 2011 (more information at: <http://www.eaquals.org/news/item.asp?n=12644>).

EAQUALS celebrates its 20th anniversary in Trieste, Italy, in November 2011.

1.2.5. Conseil européen des langues (CEL) / European Language Council (ELC)

[www.celelc.org]

[PowerPoint presentation, updated version January 2011: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Wolfgang MACKIEWICZ, Director of the Conseil européen pour les langues / European Language Council (CEL/ELC), presented the Council's latest developments.

In 2010, CEL/ELC mainly focused on fine-tuning of burning issues and finalised the Council's mission statement (see PowerPoint presentation, p. 4-5).

It organised a Forum (Brussels, Belgium, 2-3 December 2010) with the theme "The multilingual challenge: the next generation" and invited the Executive Director of the ECML to give a keynote speech; the event discussed the role of languages in the internationalisation of higher education, challenges to strategies for language learning and teaching, the relevance of multilingualism to business performance and employability, language mediation and new technological tools, as well as new research designed to address the increasing multilingual challenge.

The CEL/ELC has almost completed its three LLP projects entitled LanQua (a European quality benchmark for the area of languages), MOLAN and MULTICOM and launched three new LLP projects: The "European benchmark framework for Mandarin Chinese", "Optimising professional translator training in a multilingual Europe" and "CELAN – Network for the promotion of language strategies for competitiveness and employability".

Moreover the Business Platform has been consolidated with CELAN and the OMC Thematic Working Group "Languages for jobs".

The CEL/ELC will design a short- and medium-term agenda for 2011-2020 and agree on the format of the new institutional website at its Strategy Board Meeting in Spring 2011. The ECML will be invited to the MOLAN Closing Conference

1.2.6. European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education (CercleS)

[www.cercles.org]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2010: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Johann FISCHER, President of the European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education (CercleS) and Acting Director Centre for Languages and Transferable Skills, presented the latest developments of the organisation. Its aim is to improve language teaching, learning, assessment at university level and to offer a platform for teachers and staff at university to learn from mutual experience. The confederation has about 340 members and continues to grow.

The 11th CercleS conference took place from 2 - 4 September 2010 in Helsinki, Finland. The theme “University Language Centres – Language Policy and Innovation” reflected the importance of languages and language learning in modern society through six thematic lines: Putting policies into practice, Learning outcomes: strategies and realities, Personalising learning environments and networking, Plurilingualism and English as a Lingua Franca, Managing change and quality assurance, and Current issues in languages for specific purposes. The ECML offered a set of materials for exhibition and distribution purposes. The updated conference materials can be consulted at [<http://www.cercles.org/en/main.html>].

In 2009 and 2010, focus groups were set up in order to bring together the competences available within the individual institutions, to learn from each other and further develop ideas, to enhance the quality of their everyday work, and to stimulate innovation and involve more CercleS members in the daily task of the network. It is hoped that the activities of these Focus Groups will lead to more workshops and seminars in various parts of Europe making CercleS more active and more visible. The II CercleS Focus Group meeting was organised in Messina, Italy, from 14-16 May 2010.

Current priorities focus in particular on the following activities:

CercleS seminar with the theme “Ten years of the CEFR and the ELP. The central role of the learner in using the CEFR and the ELP” will be held from 24-26 November 2011 in Groningen, Netherlands. This event will celebrate the triple anniversary of the European Day of Languages, the CEFR and the ELP. It will enable to look back on the use and the impact of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) launched in 2001 and the European Language Portfolio (ELP), and will look forward to new challenges and opportunities [more information at www.rug.nl/languagecentre and www.cercles.org].

CercleS is developing an academic journal which will soon be published. The journal will be available online and in print format from 2011.

The ECML Call for submissions for the 4th programme of activities was disseminated among the CercleS members in December 2010. Further ways will be explored to improve cooperation with the ECML and to make it more efficient and interactive.

1.2.7. International Federation of Language Teacher Associations / Fédération internationale des professeurs de langues vivantes (FIPLV)

[www.fipltv.org]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2010: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Terry LAMB, President of the International Federation of Language Teacher Associations (FIPLV), presented the latest developments of his organisation. The federation comprises national multilingualism associations and international unilingual associations in over 100 countries and covers several hundred thousand teachers of languages worldwide. It provides a global network of support for language professionals, contributes to their professional development, disseminates the latest international research, and campaigns on issues of concern.

Current activities:

Terry Lamb was invited to comment on the Australian language curriculum (the Australian context is multilingual, but primarily English).

The EU project “Languages of Europe: Theory, policy and practice” (LETPP) has come to an end (<http://www.letpp.eu>). The results include a review of current policy and policies at European and national levels, an analysis of how things are changing and suggestions for future action in relation to such central issues as the future model of language policy, the lingua franca, multilingual education, languages beyond school, languages and the worldwide web and multilingual cities.

The FIPLV participated in the Council of Europe Intergovernmental Policy Forum “The rights of learners to quality and equity in education – the role of language and intercultural skills” (Geneva, Switzerland, 2-4 November 2010). (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/conference_EN.asp)

The FIPLV is involved in the ECML project “Majority language instruction as basis for plurilingual education (MARILLE)” which intends to support teachers in multilingual classrooms and to promote plurilingualism in the majority language classroom. (<http://marille.ecml.at>).

The ECML project “Language associations and collaborative support (LACS)” continues until 2011. It aims empower teachers through their involvement in associations and to disseminate news about associations and the ECML. (<http://lacs.ecml.at>)

The current priorities focus on continuing to build on membership, opening up membership to unilingual associations (latest member in Georgia), regionalising further as experience has shown that it is much easier to operate on a regional level rather than on a global level, continuing to be involved and looking into new projects, modernising the FIPLV website and structure, and exploring the needs for associations in the 21st century.

1.2.8. International Language Network (ICC)

[<http://www.icc-languages.eu/ecml.php>]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2011: see www.ecml.at]

Mr Rob WILLIAMS, Chair of the International Language Network (ICC), presented the latest developments in his network. Elected President in 2010 he replaces Mr Rolf Schärer.

ICC is a network of interested parties in language and vocational education to promote and improve the learning and teaching of languages in adult education, to work in the field of quality assurance and certification, to share expertise and best practice, to collaborate in joint innovative projects, to train teachers, and to disseminate expertise and best practice. The network comprises a range of practitioners and stakeholders in language education including publishers, associations, schools, teachers, etc.

From 28-30 October 2010, ICC was privileged to be invited to participate in the 1st International Congress in Mexico entitled “Training for Excellence - Tools for teachers and International Certification”. The ICC gave presentations on virtual Learning in 3D worlds, Benefits and Challenges for Teachers and Learners, Principles and Views on Online Training as Means of Creative and Effective Teaching, Accreditation and Certification, The NEW Online Language Test Generation - Language exams for students, Developing Language Tests for ESP (English for Special Purposes) and Teacher Training, Technology and Quality (more information at <http://www.icc-languages.eu/mexico.php>).

The 3rd International Conference “ICT for Language Learning” held in Florence, Italy, on 11-12 November 2010 had the aim to promote and to share good practice and transnational cooperation in the field of the application of ICT to language learning and training and provided great opportunities for networking and dissemination (to download the conference proceedings: <http://www.pixel-online.net/ICT4LL2010/index.php>).

The following ICT-based projects continued:

Teacher Training / Teacher Development:

The European Certificate in Language Teaching to Adults (EUROLTA) is an ICC teacher training accreditation scheme, an internationally recognised qualification for those who wish to teach modern languages to adults (<http://www.icc-languages.eu/eurolta.php>). In 2010 the training scheme and certification and the related procedures were reviewed and a manual was published.

European Language Teachers Assessment and Certification (ELTACS) is a dissemination project funded by the European Commission as a part of the Education and Culture DG Lifelong Learning Programme which aims to update and disseminate the EUROLTA certification for teacher trainers, to carry out needs analyses and surveys of current language teacher training, and to initiate an innovative teacher training scheme with complementary EUROLTA certification for teacher trainers.

(<http://www.eltacs.eu/ials?id=2>)

An Expert Forum took place in Berlin on 4 December 2010 to discuss the need for greater regulation and standardisation in teacher training and to establish a set of framework criteria relating to teacher development. (http://www.icc-languages.eu/groupthink_icc_berlin.php)

Joint Innovative projects:

The Deaf Port project intends to develop a multilingual European Language Portfolio for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. (<http://www.deafport.eu/EN/>)

The Diverse European Workplace project aims to disseminate intercultural training material through Grundtvig training programmes.

Development of ICT learning platforms and tools:

“Access to Virtual and Action Learning Live ONline (AVALON)” : the 2 year multilateral project focused on facilitating language learning in virtual 3D worlds. It was funded under the EU EACEA Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) and ran until December 2010. The 10 state funded universities and 16 other public and private organisations operate in the areas of language education, teacher training, intercultural training, language testing and certification, online education, publishing, business communication and networking, design of 3D environments and language learning in virtual worlds. (<http://www.avalonlearning.eu/>)

“Practice Enterprise for Language: Learning & Intercultural Communication (PELLIC)” is a project of the European Union which aims to develop tools for business communication, including a virtual learning environment, language course materials and teacher support materials. The project integrates tertiary level, advanced and continuing vocational as well as lifelong language learning into authentic multicultural working life and business contexts. (<http://www.pellic.eu/>)

“Let’s GO”: The LeTS project (<http://www.leonardo-lets.net/>) developed services addressed to university language teachers (online training courses focusing on the selection of language training products exploiting the ICT potential, on how to use e-learning products and on how to develop language training products exploiting new

technologies), promoted the application of new technologies to language teaching and learning, and allowed the sharing and exchange of elearning materials for the teaching of European languages. The project Lets Go (<http://letsgo.pixel-online.org/info/>) intends to promote the practical experimentation of the LeTS portal by two additional target groups: school teachers and professional trainers.

Priorities in 2011 include the ICC Annual Conference (Winterthur, Switzerland, 20-26 January 2011) with the theme “Teaching Languages in a Multilingual Society: Issues and solutions” to which Waldemar Martyniuk, ECML, is invited to give a keynote speech and to offer relevant documentation.

1.2.9. Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI), University of Ottawa, Canada

[www.olbi.uottawa.ca]

[PowerPoint presentation, version January 2010: see www.ecml.at]

Ms Aline GERMAIN-RUTHERFORD, Director of the Canadian Centre for Studies and Research on Bilingualism and Language Planning (CCERBAL) of the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI), presented the latest developments of the Institute.

CCERBAL welcomed a large number of researchers, language teachers and other interested stakeholders at their 3rd Annual Conference (April 2010). The theme was “Individual Plurilingualism and multilingual communities in a context of official bilingualism”. The event provided opportunities to explore the present situation and the future of different communities and their local institutions in the context of official bilingualism, and to discover the ECML resources and projects through the keynote speech given by Waldemar Martyniuk and the ECML exhibition stand. The proceedings of CCERBAL 2010 will be available in booklet format in 2011.

From 27-30 September 2010, OLBI also hosted an ECML expert meeting within the framework of the ECML’s project “Conbat – Content based teaching + Plurilingual/Cultural awareness” followed by a successful Symposium “European-Canadian project: Integrating plurilingualism/pluriculturalism into content-based teaching” jointly organised by OLBI and the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT). This was a concrete way to highlight the types of projects conducted by ECML.

In March 2010, OLBI jointly organised the first International Symposium on “Language planning in capitals and urban environments: practices and challenges” with delegates from six officially bilingual cities from Europe and Canada – Biel-Bienne, Brussels, Barcelona, Helsinki, Moncton and Ottawa. The event aimed to create a consortium to further research on the topic and a consortium of Canadian institutions to lobby the government to become a full partner of the ECML.

The Canadian International Development Agency has funded a project entitled “Governance for peace through language rights – Sri Lanka” which is administered by Agriteam Canada in cooperation with OLBI. The project’s goal is to support the Sri Lankan government and non-governmental organisations to promote bilingualism and trilingualism, to strengthen and implement policies and programmes that protect and promote language rights as a means to fostering social harmony and contributing to sustainable peace in Sri Lanka.

Furthermore, OLBI cooperates with the Organisation universitaire interaméricaine on multilingualism issues and increasingly seeks cooperation and research synergies in South and North America.

The 4th CCERBAL Conference will be held on 28-29 April 2011 on “Evaluation in a context of individual and global mobility”. The goal is to contribute to the quality of teaching and learning of languages, to the discussion of language policy issues and assessment practices in a context of increasing transnational migration, and to the understanding of the economic and social impacts of language policies on society. Evaluation issues will be explored from three perspectives: language planning and policies, bilingualism, teaching and learning (www.olbi.uottawa.ca/en/ccerbal2011.php).

The Professional Network Forum was in particular useful to disseminate the conference call and the new issue of the periodical *Synergies*.

1.3. Update on developments and outlook on activities of the European Union

[http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm]

Mr Wolfgang MACKIEWICZ gave an overview of the European Commission’s main developments.

Launched by the European Commission in March 2010, the 'Europe 2020 Strategy' follows on from the Lisbon Strategy (2000-2010) and is the EU's growth strategy for the coming decade. It identifies three mutually reinforcing priorities which should help the EU and the Member States deliver high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion: Smart growth through the development of knowledge, innovation, and education; Sustainable growth based on a greener, more resource efficient and more competitive economy; Inclusive growth aiming to raise labour market participation, fight poverty, and strengthen social and territorial cohesion.

Concretely, the Union has set five ambitious objectives on education, innovation, employment, social inclusion and climate/energy to be reached by 2020. Each Member State will adopt its own national targets in each of these areas. Concrete actions at EU and national levels will underpin the strategy.

In order to boost growth and jobs, the Commission's 'Europe 2020' agenda consists of seven flagship initiatives with a clear link to improved quality and efficiency of higher education, training and research and requiring action at all levels, by EU-level organisations, member states, and local and regional authorities:

'Innovation union' aims to improve conditions and access to finance for research and innovation;

'Youth on the Move' aims to enhance the quality and international attractiveness of Europe's higher education system and to promote student and young professional mobility;

'An Agenda for New Skills and Jobs' aims to integrate both 'work' and 'education' into one lifelong learning process;

'Digital Agenda for Europe' aims to create a digital single market and making ultra fast internet accessible to all;

'Resource-efficient Europe';

'Industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era';

'European Platform against Poverty'.

The extent to which the language related issues can feed into these initiatives needs to be clarified. A new consultation for the next LLP will be open in November 2011.

Moreover two online platforms under development were briefly mentioned:

the business platform for Multilingualism lead by Mr Mackiewicz and the civil society platform lead by the GINN Munich.

The Polish government has taken the decision to make multilingualism a cornerstone of its presidency and policy. At an event organised in Warsaw around the European Day of Languages 2011, Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou will give a keynote speech.

1.4. Update on developments and outlook on activities of the Council of Europe

Mr Waldemar MARTYNIUK, Executive Director of the ECML, informed the participants about relevant activities of the Language Policy Division (LPD).

The report entitled “The right of learners to quality and equity in education – The role of linguistic and intercultural competences” (Intergovernmental Policy Forum, Geneva, Switzerland, 2-4 November 2010) was distributed. It can be downloaded from the LPD website

(http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Source/Source2010_ForumGeneva/ForumGeneva2010-Report_EN.pdf), as well as the materials produced for the Forum (see pp. 40-41).

The resources are downloadable from the website of the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/conference_EN.asp). Special attention was drawn on items I and IV of the list. The topics under item I “Integration of children and adolescents from migrant backgrounds” reflects the priority for the year to come in the wider concept of intercultural education. The topics under item IV “Language and school subjects – Linguistic dimensions of knowledge building in school curricula” explores which language competences are required to educate pupils in other subjects (for example what should be the language of schooling for learning history or sciences?). The document presenting the items for a description of linguistic competence in the language of schooling necessary for learning/teaching literacy (for example what is taught when teaching Polish in Poland?) is under preparation.

Moreover, the virtual platform for plurilingual and intercultural education was presented (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/langeduc/le_platformintro_EN.asp?). The purpose of the Platform is notably to offer reference tools that can be used to analyse and construct curricula for languages of schooling which are taught as subjects in their own right and used for the teaching of other subjects. The Platform represents an open and dynamic resource, with system of definitions, points of reference, descriptions and descriptors, studies and good practices which member states are invited to consult and

use in support of their policy to promote equal access to quality education according to their needs, resources and educational culture.

Current and future work will focus on migrants and other vulnerable groups and link them to human rights.

Moreover, validation of European Language Portfolios has been replaced by registration. This process will involve both the Language Policy Division and the ECML. The role of the former Validation Committee, a sub-committee of the Steering Committee for Education of the Council of Europe, was to assure the conformity of European Language Portfolio models to the common European Principles and Guidelines.

2. Call for submissions for the ECML programme of activities 2012-2015

[Call for submissions: PowerPoint presentation

<http://call.ecml.at/Materials/tabid/2297/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

Mr Terry LAMB chaired the second session which intended to present the content of the ECML's 4th programme of activities (2012-2015), entitled "Learning through languages: Promoting inclusive, plurilingual and intercultural education" and the related call for submissions, and to discuss how the Professional Network Forum partners could be involved in this framework.

2.1. Presentation of the call for submissions

Mr Waldemar MARTYNIUK presented the Call for submissions which results from a thorough consultation process and the Graz Declaration 2010, and highlighted in particular the innovative aspects. Submissions will be accepted until 1 May 2011. The new programme will be approved by the Centre's Governing Board and launched at the end of the Closing Conference of the 3rd medium-term programme 2008-2011 in September 2011. Projects and experts should be identified by that time.

Concerning the new aspects of this programme, the concept of "Promoting inclusive, plurilingual and intercultural education" is goes well beyond what the Council of Europe

and the ECML have done so far. Among the many innovative aspects, the Call document reflects in which ways the ECML as Council of Europe institution is eager to cooperate with (new) partners and stakeholders and is starting to implement the new plurilingual and intercultural concept of language education.

The term “inclusiveness” goes beyond the concept of modern or foreign languages: it reflects a long-term vision of an education that recognises the key importance of language competences in this process and that supports the individuals in primary development to get educated in the context they are operating to become effective citizens in a society. The notion of “inclusiveness” includes formal and non-formal education. It involves decision takers at all levels. It takes into account the work of the different Council of Europe units working in the field of languages and education, language professionals etc. Assuming that without being well equipped with a language we may not be equipped with another subject, language teachers together with teachers of other subjects are invited to feel part of this process. It considers ways to support and work with parents. It intends to examine the impact on beneficiaries and the situation of the learners in a specific context. Going beyond the development tools, approaches and supporting materials, the concept also includes mediation projects which focus on the implementation of this approach.

Additionally, this programme focuses on concepts such as “quality education” (to be understood as fair and equal opportunity education), lifelong learning and mediation to multipliers and stakeholders.

Another new feature is the two types of submissions:

The call for tenders seeks submissions from individual experts to take part in/coordinate a project outlined by the ECML, targeting areas which have been prioritised by the ECML member states: the foreign language classroom, the majority language classroom, the subject classroom (CLIL oriented projects), informal/non-formal learning or mediation projects.

The call for project proposals seeks submissions by teams of experts to run a project relating to the programme scheme and to one of the following themes: support for migrant language education, regional or minority languages, sign languages and language provision for the blind and visually impaired, evaluation and assessment, any other innovative approaches in foreign language learning.

The Professional Network Forum is invited to submit proposals for this programme and to contribute to disseminate the Call for submissions. To this end, a brochure and a promotional flyer are available in English and in French in print and online formats, as well as a dedicated website.

2.2. Presentation of the materials and website dedicated to the call for submissions

Mr Michael ARMSTRONG guided the participants through the website which can be accessed from the welcome page of the ECML main website www.ecml.at or from www.ecml.at/call:

The section 'Call document' provides the brochure in PDF or linear format with hyperlinks to terminology and reference documents. Section 3.3 'The rationale for the ECML Programme 2012-2015' reflects the Graz Declaration 2010.

The 'Activities' section provides a calendar of dissemination activities organised by partners and stakeholders.

The 'Materials' section provides the call brochure and flyer which can be distributed to the relevant target groups.

The 3 forms for submitting a project or an individual application as project coordinator or team member are available in the section 'Application forms'

The 'Glossary' section covers administrative matters related to the ECML.

The 'FAQ' section includes key questions and answers about the programme, the projects and the applications.

2.3. Questions for clarification

What are the reasons to apply?

There are many personal and professional reasons for participation in the ECML's work:
giving a broader scope to work in a cutting edge European institution;
developing expertise in cooperation with participants from 34 ECML member states;
having opportunities to create, innovate and publish;

being able to achieve significant results with the support, funding and infrastructure of the ECML;

benefitting from research and practice within an international context, opportunity to cooperate with colleagues and to benefit from expertise from all over Europe and beyond;

benefit from wide-scale dissemination opportunities;

a coordinator or a team member can focus on project content, rather than logistics;

the opportunity to publish high quality work.

How is a project financed?

The ECML is responsible for logistics, budgetary matters and financial management relating to the running of all projects within the programme as well as for the production of the final project products.

Between 70 000-120 000 Euros are allocated to a 4-year project. In some cases, a project can be cofinanced by other institutions (for example the European Union).

The ECML budget allows only for the payment of modest fees in recognition of the work done by the coordinator and the other team members.

The call document (section 6.3) and the FAQ section describe what financing and support are provided by the ECML. The contribution of the Centre includes:

travel and subsistence costs for team members (excluding associate partners) and participants for the meetings and events included in the action plan of the project;

annual coordination fees for each of the roles indicated under section 6.2 (except for associate partners); the expert subsistence allowance for 2011 of €175 per meeting day; workshop participants receive an allowance of € 100 per meeting day.

The ECML pays an annual coordination fee for each project selected for the Centre's programme of activities. The fee (which amounts to a maximum of €4,500 each year) is divided among team members and the programme coordinator to partially compensate the time spent invested in project work. The payment of the fee, which is linked to a contract, is paid at the end of the year upon submission of the annual progress report

a 3-month fellowship, if proposed by the project coordinator and approved by the ECML. The fellow will be a recent graduate assisting a project in its research phase;

the production and distribution of publications selected by the ECML editorial board;

provision of relevant documentation and materials for events;

consultancy at all levels of the project (i.e. management, content, technical, website, dissemination, evaluation, project promotion, documentary);

logistical management of meetings (e.g. invitations, assistance with travel and accommodation).

What is meant by “innovative approaches”?

The term “innovative approaches” allows the Call to be as open-ended as possible. Innovation in language education can be defined in various ways – as a new perspective (considering for example the intercultural and multicultural concept), technology driven learning, placing foreign language learning in a new context, considering foreign language learning as a tool to learn other subjects, considering the linguistic repertoire as a means to acquire any knowledge, mediation etc.

How are teams developed?

The different roles and functions within the projects are described in section 6.2. of the call (project coordinator, website correspondent, second working language documentalist, team member, mediation link person (only for development projects), associate partner. Teams are generally set up once the coordinator is selected: the coordinator will generally be selected first and play a role in selecting the other members during a 3 month consultation period. The selected projects will be presented as part of the new programme;

How does the ECML handle political and geographical balance and regional team building (considering for example cooperation within the Baltic Region)?

A team of members from neighbouring states may be interesting. The decision will depend on the quality of the proposals submitted. The ECML encourages intergovernmental cooperation and will seek balance within a team, taking into account that the project results should serve as many as possible.

Mediation projects

There is a real need to mediate projects. However, considering that education in Europe is more diverse than ever before, how can a success story in a specific context be turned into a success story in another context? What messages are needed to make them relevant for many different contexts? One answer could be to ensure high quality projects that are relevant to as many contexts as possible. People could also be encouraged to measure the impact achieved over a period of time and to publish impact reports.

3. Dissemination and promotion of the Call: partners' involvement

The third session explored in which ways the network partners can promote the Call and collected suggestions on relevant formats and topics concerning their involvement.

ECML measures

Ms Anna KEHL presented the promotional measures of the ECML:

the dissemination of the documentation to the Governing Board, the National Nomination Authorities, the National Contact Points, the Professional Network Forum and other partners, the coordination teams and participants of the past and current ECML programmes of activities, and Council of Europe networks;

announcement in the next issue of *Babylonia*;

the *European Language Gazette* (5 500 subscribers) devoted a special issue to the Call in January 2011;

publication of a news item (ECML website, CASLT (Canada), FIPLV); the ECML news item will be sent to further partners;

FIPLV sent the announcement to its members and inserted a news announcement on its website;

a PowerPoint presentation of the Call will soon be available in English, French and German and could be used to promote the call during partner events;

The relevant documentation, logo and links to all the documents could be sent on request to the Professional Network Forum for dissemination purposes through their channels (publications, events etc).

Ideas for the ECML to further promote the call:

Ways on best mediating the Call for proposals should be explored: how might it be relevant for different contexts?

Forum partners will invite the ECML to present the Call during relevant events.

A short version in 3 languages should be delivered to the Forum partners for publication on their institutional websites.

IAM could place a short article in two journals (0,5 page), *Zeitschrift für Fremdsprachenforschung* and *International Journal on Multilingualism*.

The Call website could provide quotes from satisfied stakeholders/customers (for example from workshop participants, feedback received on how participants and/or their school benefitted from an ECML project).

Project coordinators could write a short text on the impact of their project (how their project relates to classrooms) which could be used on the call website to show examples of coordinators and projects.

Web platforms such as YouTube or Facebook might be efficient tools for reaching a different target group and community.

Potential areas, projects and themes of the partners' work related to the content of the call for submissions:

Topics connected with migration (integration, the role of languages in general, learning in general) (AILA)

The ECML should consider the need for translation and interpretation in effective public services in Europe which is closely linked to individual rights (individual freedom, health rights, etc.) and democracy. ELC set up a special interest group (SIG) on translation and interpretation for public services which analyzes the situation in Europe, identifies issues and needs in terms of legislation, edition and put forward recommendations to higher education sectors, policy makers, the Council of Europe, the European Union etc. The aim is to create a network with partners in the field of education and training,

translation and interpretation and ideally to launch a European Masters in translation and interpretation in the future.

Mediation initiatives that could raise awareness and encourage inclusiveness of the deaf and hearing impaired and in research on language education needs and personal development in professional contexts requiring language competences. (ICC)

The impact of the existence of different academic cultures and visions about academic career, education etc on the professionals might be interesting (OLBI).

The impact when public services such as fire service, police service recruit from the original community (EUNIC)

Collaboration with associations at all levels of education is interesting. FIPLV focuses mainly on primary and secondary schools. A different focus would complement that very well.

The Forum partners could supply expertise within the network and offer an additional perspective when requested.

The ECML offers the following resources that can be used by the partners:

The website <http://contactpoints.ecml.at> provides the contact details of contact persons in each member state and Canada involved in the projects, information about the projects and their workshop reports; these contacts might be useful if partners look for specific experience and expertise;

Partners could use the ECML events database (<http://www.ecml.at/Resources/Internationaleventscaendar/tabid/165/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>) to publicise their events or the ECML expert database (<http://www.ecml.at/Resources/Experts/tabid/115/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>) to find speakers for conferences or to promote expertise within their organization.

4. ECML conference 2011

[Draft agenda of the conference DGIV/EDU/Graz(2010)47rev]

Mr Michael ARMSTRONG, presented the draft agenda for the conference.

The Closing Conference of the 3rd medium-term programme of activities of the ECML (2008-2011) is the Centre's major event in 2011. The conference will be held at the Karl-Franzens University, Graz, Austria, from 29 September to 1 October (2,5 days). The working languages will be English and French. German will be provided in the opening ceremony.

The event will enable the ECML to publicise the results of the 24 projects and special focus activities conducted between 2008 to 2011, to highlight good practice, to promote examples of national contexts, and to officially launch the new ECML programme of activities 2012-2015 entitled "Learning through languages: Promoting inclusive, plurilingual and intercultural education". It will also be a key opportunity to promote the ECML's work to states which are still not members of the Centre's Partial Agreement, in particular Canada, Italy, Portugal and the Russian Federation, which have already expressed great interest in the Centre's activities.

An international audience of 200-250 participants will be expected. On the one hand, the ECML will invite about 150 participants at its own costs including its Governing Board, the Austrian Association of the ECML, the project coordinators and project participants who will present the achievements and highlight to what extent they can be applied within national and professional contexts, experts who will be nominated by the National Nominating Authorities from the Centre's 34 member states, EU representatives, as well as Council of Europe representatives from the Language Policy Division and the Secretariat of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. On the other hand, there is the possibility to welcome 100 additional experts including the partners of the Professional Network Forum. In this case, travel and subsistence costs should be borne by each expert / partner institution.

The two first sessions will focus on decision makers, the following ones on a specialist audience.

All project results will be presented in parallel sessions of 45-minute presentations and 90-minute mini-workshops. In the show and tell sessions coordinators from different projects will speak to people on an informal basis. The 10th Anniversary of the European Day of Languages (26 September) will also be a theme within the conference.

The conference report will basically consist in a user friendly presentation (catalogue) highlighting how the achievements could be taken up in the national contexts.

The members of the Professional Network Forum will be conference partners, as a further means of 'opening up' the conference and situating it in a wider context whilst ensuring high quality standards. They were informed about the draft agenda of the conference and invited to give their feedback in particular on the following four points:

a) On 30 September the opening session will focus on the issue: "Is quality work of language educators important for national and European developments?". The Forum partners were invited to suggest a potential keynote speaker with a political background who could deliver a speech on language education on political level. Baroness Cousins, Lord Davies and Lady Katie Ashton were proposed as interesting options. In the meantime Anne Brasseur, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, accepted to give the keynote speech on this occasion.

b) Level of involvement: the Forum partners will receive the call for nomination in due time and can nominate 2 representatives to participate at their cost within the conference. Additional representatives would be possible on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

c) The Forum partners will be invited to participate in the project fair which will be launched within the framework of the opening ceremony on 29 September 2011 (afternoon). The fair will display all materials produced by each project, including publications, flyers and a display describing what project sought to achieve and the results. The Forum partners could provide a stand, banner, flyers and present their institution and related project work. They were invited to decide whether they would like to be grouped together or put together with projects which are best suited to the topics (for example, EALTA – Evaluation strand of the ECML), and to reflect on their presentation (related themes and initiatives etc.) within this area.

d) On 1 October a discussion panel – currently composed from the 12 partners of the Professional Network Forum and the Language Network Graz (www.sprachennetzwerkgraz.at) – will discuss synergies arising from partnerships in language education. The Forum members were invited to make suggestions on the running of this session in a lively manner and discussed the following ideas:

The conference would launch 24 sets of results (publications, websites, CD-Roms, flyers, folders) and disseminate them to stakeholder groups: a key issue is to examine on

how best information about these achievements can be communicated through the most appropriate channels. The discussion should also offer inspiration and enable to launch the new medium-term programme of the ECML. According to the defined target audience, the discussion could bring together the experiences and make the kick-off into the next generation of cooperation.

Dissemination measures foreseen by the ECML include free provision of all project publications with a short description and the relevant links to the full versions in the Resources section on the ECML website (<http://www.ecml.at/publications>). The web section “Publication of the month” will also be used to highlight the publications throughout the period 2012-2015. Beyond the existing distribution lists of dissemination of the ECML, the Centre will inform people who have already expressed an interest or might be potentially interested in project results (with the support of the project coordinators).

5. Closing statements

5.1. Usefulness of future cooperation and meetings

The date of the next meeting at the ECML was set for 2 February 2012.

All partners highly value this kind of cooperation, meeting and exchange. These occasions enable to update each partner of ongoing activities, to develop synergies, to highlight burning issues, to report on current trends relating to the individual institution, to use them in each partner’s context (for example to design calls, to reflect on one’s own work), and to ensure necessary lobbying. From the ECML point of view, it was very useful to think about the Call as a common product. The Centre hopes to receive many interesting proposals for its next medium-term programme of activities.

Future meetings of the Network Forum could adopt the format of a topic oriented seminar, colloquium, and/or joint conference. The content could focus on:

the presentation of the new medium-term programme of the ECML at the next meeting in 2012;

the presentation of ECML developments and how they relate to the work of the network partners;

exploring ways to organise joint conferences around themes relating to ECML priorities that are also relevant for the partners. It was suggested to organise such a conference in 2013 (not possible before) which aims to exchange views on the progress of the 4th medium-term programme of activities of the ECML; to discuss how partners could contribute to specific projects which are linked to key issues and/or topics they are involved in; and to focus on burning issues and the possible steps to address these.

5.2. ECML follow-up

The ECML will send the meeting report to the participants, update the dedicated website with the latest developments in the partner organisations, dedicate a space in the relevant web section for each new member, and update the flyer of the Professional Network Forum with further three members. The new forum partners – IAM, EPA, EUNIC – are invited to provide the ECML with a short description and the logo. The Centre will provide a news item summarising the event.

2nd ECML Professional Network Forum on Language Education

(Graz, 6 January 2011)

Agenda

Wednesday evening, January 5th, 2011, at 20.00: Informal get-together the evening before the meeting at Restaurant “Der Steirer”, Graz, Belgiergasse 1

09.00 – 09.15	Opening: Welcome to ECML (Alan Dobson & Waldemar Martyniuk) Introduction of participants The purpose and the agenda of the meeting (Waldemar Martyniuk)
09.15 – 11.00	Session 1: “Update on network partner activities” Presentation of new Network members Brief statements by all partners on the latest developments in their organisations, incl. follow up to the Graz Declaration 2010 Update on developments and outlook on activities of the Council of Europe and the European Union Discussion
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	Session 2: “Call for submissions for the ECML programme of activities 2012-15” Presentation of the Call Questions for clarification and discussion

12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 16.15	Session 3: “Partners’ involvement” Dissemination and promotion of the Call Possible areas, themes, and formats for partners’ involvement Discussion
16.15 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 17.30	Session 4: “ECML conference 2011” Presentation of concept and draft agenda Involvement of partners Discussion
17.30 – 18.15	Closing statements
19.00	Reception/Dinner offered by the Austrian Association of the ECML (http://verein.ecml.at/)

APPENDIX II

EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MODERN LANGUAGES, GRAZ

ECML Professional Network Forum on Language Education

2nd meeting (Graz, 6 January 2011)

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REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

My main tasks, besides giving some advice about the site, which I did, was to contact associations around the world sending them a letter to introduce FIPLV and propose them to contact us.

I have been surfing the net these months, and I've found that most associations are unilingual, above all concerning English – but most of them are local branches of Tesol, so I did not contact them as it is very unlikely that Tesol funds their FIPLV fee. Some of the French Teachers Associations are members of FIPF and I did not contact them either.

I contacted the associations listed below, and I'm still going on with contacts, sending them a presentation letter which the Secretary General sent me in Autumn.

I *did not* contact the associations included in the FIPLV membership file even though they have not been members for the last years: I did not want to overlap with Dennis Cunningham's contacts, as I think he has kept contact with them.

The astonishing fact is that *no association answered the mail*.

So I decided to send a second contact mail of more friendly and almost personal nature, and I sent it to the Latin American associations included in the list, as I could try some *captatio benevolentiae* on the basis of my having grown up in South America, telling them I was able to interact in Spanish and Portuguese if they forgave my mistakes, as I learnt those languages some decades ago and durst not write an official mail in Spanish or Portuguese.

No answer.

What sounds unbelievable is the absence of answers, even a simple thank you response.

In August I've sent everybody information about the World Council in Prague, and I chose the option showing the correct delivery of the mails. *All* mails, apart from one, were correctly delivered. I'll keep you informed if any answer arrives.

Paolo Balboni

22 Aug, 2011

Latin America

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Report of the Secretary General

(1 May 2010 – 31 July 2011)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It will also be longer, covering a period of fifteen months.

2 Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

2.1 Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current and former members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Estonia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Romania to explore the possibility of forming national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese, Polish and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

2.2 FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of the 2009 Award have had their presentations. There were two nominations in 2010, one of whom has been presented with the Award. The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2011, for which the deadline is 31 July. One has been received.

2.3 Linguapax

The Linguapax Institute has rejuvenated activities under the Linguapax umbrella. This involves the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network, further Linguapax World Congresses and the Linguapax Award. Recipients of the 2011 Linguapax Award are Ganesh Devy and the Centro Indigena de Investigaciones

Interculturales de Tierradentro. Sadly, Miquel Siguan – internationally renowned for his work and a recipient of the 2010 Award – passed away last year. The component of the Linguapax History, which I prepared, has been published in a recent volume and on-line. The meeting of the International Linguapax Board scheduled for September is not taking place this year.

2.4 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014

To be built into the FIPLV Strategic Plan, the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 continues to be a focus of papers and reports.

3 Operational Matters

My attention to procedural tasks has included the following:

3.1 Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents - the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – annually and will do the same after our meetings. Terry Lamb offered to synthesise three of these documents so, presumably, will take over this task.

3.1.1 FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

3.1.2 Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

- all member associations and FIPLV Regions
- FIPLV Executive and World Council
- international unilingual associations (FIPF, IDV, ILEI and LATEUM)
- national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ANILS, APLV, KMF, LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), LTAL, MANYE, NZALT, PTN, SAALT, STIL and SUKOL)

3.2 External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

- follow-up on 2008, The International Year of Languages and 2010, The International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures
- the distribution and translation of *Education in a Multilingual World*

- collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to pursue the possibility of 'formal relations' status with UNESCO. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

3.2.1 UNESCO

- Budget meeting for 2012-2013
- Marie-Ange Théobald, Mauro Rosi, Anna Maria Majlöff, Noro Andriamiseza (and other officers of UNESCO) on 28 June (2010)
- experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

3.2.2 European Commission

- Terry has taken over liaison with the European Commission

3.2.3 Council of Europe

- Terry represents FIPLV with the Council of Europe

3.2.4 Other Associations

- AILA and TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

3.2.5 Other

- representatives of the Polish and Turkish Governments and teacher associations with a view to forming an international unilingual association for Turkish
- associations in Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV
- participants of the conferences which I have attended

3.2.6 Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

4 Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Reykjavik as well as work on publications.

4.1 Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2011-2014** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

4.2 Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has begun to stabilise. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2008 – 2388 & 1435; 2009 – 2167 & 1155; 2010 - 1780 & 992. In 2011 (to 31 July), 1090 have been received and 545 sent. These figures do not include 'spam' or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

4.3 Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meetings of the FIPLV Executive and World Council in Reykjavik. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the Executive and World Council meetings to take place in Prague on 9-10 September 2011 were prepared and circulated.

4.4 Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

5 Representation

I have had the honour to represent FIPLV formally at conferences or other events since the last report:

- MLTAV Annual Congress, Melbourne (Australia), 14 May 2010
- NBR Seminar in Reykjavik (Iceland), 18-19 June 2010
- MLTAV Annual Congress, Melbourne (Australia), 20 May 2011
- AFMLTA National Biennial Conference, Darwin (Australia), 6-9 July 2011

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 May 2010, there has been the following:

- plenary paper at the LATEUM Biennial Conference in 2011
- lecture to students at the Vilnius University Institute of Foreign Languages

Sadly, I cannot attend the LATEUM Conference because of a clash of dates, so the invitation has been postponed. I have also been invited to teach in Novosibirsk in their summer program.

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last fifteen months have included:

- Darwin (Australia): Matthew Absalom, Kylie Farmer, Ruth Fielding, Anne-Marie Morgan, Sherryl Saunders, Angela Scarino, Lia Tedesco (AFMLTA); David Hall, Adele Scott (NZALT); Andrew Ferguson, Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Joe Lo Bianco
- Grenoble (France): Paule Ayoub, John Evans, Gilles Terrier
- Melbourne (Australia): Kylie Farmer, Meaghan McLaughlin, Sherryl Saunders, Angela Scarino, Peter Voss (AFMLTA); David Ingram (AFMLTA History); Heather Brown, Linnea Donnelly, Andrew Ferguson, Adrienne Horrigan, Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Alice Gauny (Alliance Française); Bernadette Brouwers (ACER); Nada Perkovic (Uni Paul-Valéry); Tony Kolb (Mater Christi); Joe Lo Bianco; Zeynep Beykont
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6 Publications

I am delighted to be able to report that the volume of *Hermeneia*, for which I was invited to be the Guest Editor, has finally been published. It includes a collection of papers contributed by individuals involved in our member associations. In the last fifteen

months, I am aware of some other articles and texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences):

- *Hermeneia*, 11, 2011. Guest Editor for volume on Language and Education.
- Foreword, *Hermeneia*, 11, 2011, 5.
- Introduction, *Hermeneia*, 11, 2011, 7-8.
- FIPLV and Linguapax: A Quasi-autobiographical Account. Paper included in Linguapax History; www.linguapax.org
- Back in the Classroom. Paper presented at the NBR Seminar, Reykjavik (Iceland), 18 June; published at www.stil-is.weebly.com
- review of D Ingram et al, *Fostering Positive Cross-Cultural Attitudes through Language Teaching*, *Babel*, 44:3, May 2010, 38

I was invited to be on the Scientific Council/Editorial Board of the publications of the LTAL International Conferences in Lithuania in 2010 and 2011, so await copies of both. Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

- Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos
- "Languages: Challenges and Solutions". Requested paper for volume to celebrate 50-year career of Svetlana Ter-Minasova
- "Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation". Plenary presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of QUEST Romania – Constanta (Romania), December 2007
- contribution to *LingAppl Quarterly* (at the Uni of NSW, Sydney)

7 Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

31 July 2011

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FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1

Prague – Czech Republic

9 September 2011

Minutes

Present

Paolo Balboni	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General

Languages of Use: English

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome

P Balboni welcomed the others and invited them to use the language(s) of choice.

1.2 Apologies

Terry Lamb (President)

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

The Vice President thanked D Cunningham for preparing the agenda. Other items might be added during the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 Executive Meeting 1/10 — Graz (Austria) – 8 January 2010

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email and had been placed on the website.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

4 Reports

4.1 President

Nil. The President was unable to attend because of illness. He said that his report was forthcoming. This would be placed on the website and despatched by D Cunningham to member associations.

4.2 Vice President

P Balboni spoke to the report previously sent by email. He had tried to contact non-FIPLV member associations identified on the Internet. There had been minimal response. He had developed a model for operations. He saw the challenges as the elevation of the Federation's profile, recruitment of and assistance to members – especially those experiencing financial hardship – and assisting the President. He proposed that he step down as Vice President, continue in an advisory capacity and that we seek a replacement for him. He identified the qualities of such a replacement as: experiencing a strong interest in the cause, being prepared to travel and participate, publishing, being connected and idealistic. He put forward the notion of romance language intercomprehension.

4.3 Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting, invited questions and was thanked.

4.4 Treasurer-General

K Santaholma spoke to the tabled report. As delays continued in opening an account in Graz, the Executive decided to open an account in Finland. D Cunningham would distribute the report.

5 Relations with Regions and Member Associations

5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

5.1.1 Europe

Nil.

5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

SUKOL would host the joint FIPLV 2012 World Congress/NBR Conference on 8-9 June.

5.1.3 Western/Central European Region (WCER)

Nil.

5.1.4 Other

P Balboni would follow up in Latin America.

5.2 International Unilingual Associations

Reports had been received from IDV (German) and ReteAIM (Italian). These would be distributed with the minutes of the meeting.

5.3 National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received from LTAL (Lithuania), PTN (Poland), SAALT (South Africa) and VLLT (The Netherlands).

5.4 National Unilingual Associations

There had been no progress at this stage.

6 Development of the Federation

6.1 Membership Promotion

CASLT (Canada) had rejoined, while ReteAIM (Italian) and MAG (Georgia) had confirmed membership through payment of dues.

6.1.1 Estonia

Ene Peterson had informed D Cunningham that a national multilingual association in Estonia had been formed. They were following up on FIPLV membership. K Santaholma would also discuss the situation with Katrin Meinart, the President of the French teachers' association in Estonia, at the FIPF Congress the following day.

6.2 Membership Requests

There were no requests.

6.3 Financial Status of Members

Covered under #4.4 above.

6.4 Associate Members

Nil.

7 External Relations

7.1 UNESCO

7.1.3 Relations

D Cunningham hoped to meet with Marie-Ange Théobald in Paris later in the trip.

7.1.2 2010 and 2011 Reports

The 2010 FIPLV report had been completed and sent to UNESCO. D Cunningham requested input and would draft the 2011 report in the coming months.

7.2 Council of Europe (COE)

It was hoped that T Lamb would cover this area in his report, as he now had responsibility for liaison with the COE.

7.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President would report on this area, as he was directly involved in a range of projects and activities of the ECML.

7.3 European Commission (EC)

It was reported that the post of multicultural commissioner had been removed and that Leonard Orban had left.

7.3.1 REAL

This would also be covered by the President's report.

8 Operations and Publications

8.1 Strategic Plan

The strategic plan had not yet been prepared. The Vice President would send a summary of his ideas to the ExCo.

8.2 Restructure

No action required.

8.3 Website

Marie Blomkvist was no longer the webmaster, to be replaced by Tatjana Atanasoska, who was working with the President on ECML projects. Concrete proposals were awaited. P Balboni would deputise for the President in managing the site. M Blomkvist would be thanked for her work.

8.4 Brochure/Flyer

The brochure/flyer required no update before 2013.

8.5 Publication Sales

No copies of the History had been sold. D Cunningham would send copies of the recent issue of *Hermeneia* – for which he was guest editor – to P Balboni and K Santaholma.

8.6 Review of Working Documents

D Cunningham would edit P Balboni's draft of a streamlined version of the Statutes and circulate.

8.7 Files

No action had been necessary on re-creating the FIPLV files, as there was limited space in Graz.

9 Priorities and Activities

9.1 Succession Planning

Covered under #4.2 above. P Balboni to send details of his intentions to the President. Discussion took place on the intentions of officers to continue and the financial status of members to support this.

9.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

Regrettably, the anticipated meeting of the Linguapax Advisory Board would not take place in September. However, D Cunningham had met with the President of Linguapax, Miquel Essomba, in Melbourne a few

weeks before. The Linguapax Report had been published and was on the Linguapax website. D Cunningham had been a major contributor. The economic situation meant that a review of Linguapax operations was necessary. The 2011 Linguapax Award had been presented to Ganesh Devy and the Centro Indigena de Investigaciones Interculturales de Tierradentro. Sadly, Miquel Siguan had passed away the previous year.

9.3 Discussion Papers

Nil.

9.4 Representation

D Cunningham had attended the AFMLTA National Biennial Conference in Darwin in July at no cost to FIPLV. There, he had met with officers of both AFMLTA and NZALT. Members of the ExCo would attend the FIPF Second European Conference of Teachers of French in Prague over the coming days. The Treasurer General stressed that details of intended participation and costing were required for approval in advance.

9.5 Other

Nil.

10 Projects

10.1 Virtual Conference

P Balboni had investigated the possibility of hosting an international virtual conference, using existing and emerging technologies. The task continued to be daunting and premature. He also proposed the delivery of lectures using technologies accommodating participation in various locations.

11 FIPLV World Congresses

11.1 FIPLV 2012

Following the 2010 meeting of the World Council, K Santaholma had approached SUKOL to embrace FIPLV 2012 within the organisation of the 2012 NBR Conference. This had been accepted, so she was able to report that: the conference centre had been booked for 8-9 June in Helsinki; the President of Finland had been invited; the keynote address would be presented by Anna Mauranen and a plenary by Terry Lamb; the two-day conference would reduce costs; the registration fee would be 200 euros. P Balboni and D Cunningham were invited to offer sessions.

11.2 FIPLV 2015

D Cunningham would invite member associations to offer to host the following FIPLV World Congress, probably before the end of the year.

12 Finances

12.1 Notional Budget for 2012

K Santaholma presented the notional budget for 2012 for discussion and ratification by the World Council.

12.2 Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought after the upgrade of the website.

13 Recognition and Tasks

13.1 Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

13.2 FIPLV International Award

The 2009 and 2010 Awards had been presented, although that for Natalia Gvishiani of 2008 still had to be finalised. ANILS and SUKOL had sent nominations for 2011. These would be referred to the meeting of the World Council.

13.3 List of Tasks Update

Officers were asked to update the current version by identifying tasks that they had completed. D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues

14.1 World Council Meeting 2011

The meeting of the following day was prepared.

14.2 Executive Meeting 1/2012

It was agreed to have this on 6 June (1400-1700) at a university in Helsinki.

14.3 World Council Meeting 2012

This would take place in Helsinki on 7 June (0900-1200).

14.4 World Assembly 2012

This would take place in Helsinki on 7 June (1400-1800).

14.5 FIPLV Timeline 2011-2015

D Cunningham would update this upon returning home.

Year 2011 FIPLV World Council meeting (Prague)

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Prague – Czech Republic

10 September 2011

Draft Minutes

Present

Paolo Balboni	FIPLV Vice President (Acting Chair)
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	FIPLV Treasurer General
Janina Zielinska	(FIPF) – input and ratification only

Language Used: English

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The Vice President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Council meeting.

1.2 Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The Secretary General iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

1.3 Apologies

Terry Lamb (FIPLV President); Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (NBR); Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL)

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 World Council Meeting – Reykjavik (Iceland) – 19-20 June 2010

The minutes had been approved as an accurate record by email and placed on the website.

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

4 Reports

4.1 Executive

The Vice President and Secretary General had prepared written reports, which had been distributed previously. These would be distributed to member associations with the minutes. The tabled report of the Treasurer General and the anticipated report of the President would also be distributed to members.

4.1.1 Overview of Activities of the Executive

Covered to a degree under #4.1 above.

4.1.2 Financial Report

K Santaholma spoke to her tabled report, presenting a balanced budget. She stated that the accounts had been duly audited as required and that the balance at the end of 2010 was CHF 17787.92 (14225.77 euros). She reminded all that some members were experiencing financial hardship. As always, there was a need to increase revenue and reduce expenditure.

4.1.3 Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Treasurer General and external auditor.

4.2 Regions

4.2.1 Europe

Refer the anticipated report of the President.

4.2.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

No report.

4.2.3 Western/Central Europe (WCER)

No report.

4.2.4 Other

None.

4.3 International Unilingual Associations

There were few written reports, so the following items were not discussed specifically: 4.3.1 AEDA (Arabic), 4.3.4 ILEI (Esperanto), 4.3.5 LATEUM (EFL) and 4.3.6 MAPRYAL (Russian). Reports of IDV (German) and ReteAIM (Italian) were tabled and discussed. The FIPLV meetings were designed to coincide with the FIPF Conference in Prague, so meetings would take place with FIPF officers.

4.4 Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received and distributed electronically prior to the meeting from: LTAL (Lithuania), PTN (Poland), SAALT (South Africa) and VLLT (The Netherlands). All reports would be distributed to member associations.

5 Development of the Federation

5.1 List of Member Associations

D Cunningham requested an update on member details, where necessary. K Santaholma had sent reminders to those members who had not paid. Discussions of the financial status of member associations led to a discussion of plans for further action.

5.2 Promotion

Refer Executive minutes under #4.2.

5.3 Associate Members

D Cunningham would follow up with the President to see if he had approached members of the ECML Network to become associate members, which could be a reciprocal arrangement at no cost.

5.4 Regionalisation

Refer P Balboni's work in Latin America under #4.2.

5.5 Applications for Membership

5.5.1 CASLT (Canada)

All were delighted that CASLT had rejoined FIPLV.

5.5.2 MAG (Georgia)

MAG had also paid the membership fee for 2011.

5.6 External Relations

5.6.1 UNESCO

D Cunningham had finalised and sent the FIPLV report for 2010. He expected to meet with UNESCO officials and attend a briefing on operations and structure during the trip.

5.6.2 Council of Europe (COE)

It was hoped that T Lamb would cover this area in his report, as he now had responsibility for liaison with the COE.

5.6.2.1 European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President would report on this area, as he was directly involved in a range of projects and activities of the ECML.

5.6.3 European Commission (EC)

It was reported that the post of multicultural commissioner had been removed and that Leonard Orban had left.

5.6.4 Other

None.

6 Operations and Publications

6.1 Strategic Plan

The strategic plan had not yet been prepared. The Vice President would send a summary of his ideas to the ExCo.

6.2 Review of Statutes

P Balboni had prepared a draft version of simplified statutes. D Cunningham would edit these before consultation and distribution.

6.3 Restructure

No action required.

6.4 Website

The President had replaced Marie Blomkvist as webmaster by Tatjana _____ who was working with him on ECML projects. Concrete proposals were awaited. P Balboni would deputise for the President in managing the site. Wordpress would be used as

the operator. It was stressed that the URL address had to be retained and payment made punctually to ensure this.

6.5 Brochure/Flyer

The brochure/flyer required no update before 2013.

6.6 Review of Working Documents

No action had been taken on the fusion of the other three working documents – the Mission Statement, the Profile and the Rationale – before the meeting, but P Balboni had worked on these overnight before the current meeting. Both he and the Secretary General believed that the two versions could co-exist. D Cunningham would update all three documents after the meetings.

6.7 Publication Sales

No copies of the History had been sold. D Cunningham would send copies of the recent issue of *Hermeneia* – for which he was guest editor – to P Balboni and K Santaholma.

6.8 Files

D Cunningham continued to collect documents to recreate the FIPLV files. Important documents should be scanned over time and placed on the website.

7 Priorities and Activities

7.1 Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

This would be covered under the LACS Project – to end this year - in the President's report. There was a seminar on 29 September. The President had submitted a proposal for the next four-year period.

7.2 Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

Regrettably, the anticipated meeting of the Linguapax Advisory Board would not take place in September. However, D Cunningham had met with the President of Linguapax, Miquel Essomba, in Melbourne a few weeks before. The Linguapax Report had been published and was on the Linguapax website. D Cunningham had been a major contributor. The economic situation meant that a review of Linguapax operations was necessary. The 2011 Linguapax Award had been presented to Ganesh Devy and the Centro Indigena de Investigaciones Interculturales de Tierradentro. Sadly, Miquel Siguan had passed away the previous year.

7.3 Discussion papers

None.

7.4 Proposals from the World Council or Member Associations

None.

8 Projects

8.1 Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS)

Refer the President's report.

8.2 UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

D Cunningham reminded all that FIPLV had agreed to build this into the strategic plan. He built components of this strategy into papers and articles prepared.

8.3 Virtual Conference

The use of videoconferencing, Skype and other distance technologies were being investigated for synchronous meetings, presentations and conferences.

8.4 Proposals from the World Council

Nil.

9 Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive.

10 FIPLV World Congresses

10.1 FIPLV 2012 – Helsinki (Finland)

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There were no nominations.

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The 2009 and 2010 Awards had been presented, although that for Natalia Gvishiani of 2008 still had to be finalised. ANILS and SUKOL had sent nominations for 2011. These would be referred to the meeting of the World Council.

11.2.1 ANILS

ANILS had nominated Gianfranco Porcelli for the 2011 FIPLV International Award.

11.2.2 SUKOL

SUKOL had nominated Tiina Primietta for the 2011 FIPLV International Award. Both were ratified by the World Council. D Cunningham would inform both associations.

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YEAR 2010

Year 2010 FIPLV World Council Meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, 19-20 June 2010

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Reykjavik - Iceland 19-20 June 2010

Minutes

Present

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir Nordic Baltic Region (NBR)

Terry Lamb FIPLV President

Paolo Balboni FIPLV Vice President

Denis Cunningham FIPLV Secretary General

Kirsti Santaholma FIPLV Treasurer General

Language Used: English

Formalities

Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everybody and thanked all for attending the World Council meeting.

Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

Apologies

Cecilia Odé (MAPRYAL)

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

World Council Meeting - Graz (Austria) – 1 September 2009

The minutes had been approved as an accurate record by email.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

Reports

Executive

The Vice President and Secretary General had prepared written reports, which had been distributed previously. These would be distributed to member associations with the minutes. The other officers tabled reports, which would also be distributed to members.

Overview of Activities of the Executive

The President spoke to the tabled report, stating that it covered the LACS Project, work with the ECML and other projects. The Vice President and Secretary General invited questions on their circulated reports.

Financial Report

K Santaholma spoke to her tabled report, stating that some members were experiencing financial hardship. As always, there was a need to increase revenue and reduce expenditure.

Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Treasurer General and external auditor.

Regions

Europe

T Lamb reported that activity was largely subsumed within European-based activities in which he was involved through the ECML and the European Commission, covered by the President's report.

Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir reported that there was a new Board, which would use the NBR Seminar to plan. Finances were sound although some members had not paid. The association in Denmark was experiencing a decline in numbers, especially in the lower primary level, and was anticipating a change of officers. LMS (Sweden) would nominate someone for the post of NBR Secretary. The NBR was considering a project proposal, perhaps in the context of Comenius. There was the need to be more visible, perhaps through Facebook. The details of the next conference were to be decided.

Other

None.

International Unilingual Associations

There were no written reports, so the following items were not discussed specifically: 4.3.1 AEDA (Arabic), 4.3.2 FIPF (French), 4.3.3 IDV, 4.3.4 ILEI (Esperanto), 4.3.5 LATEUM (EFL) and 4.3.6 MAPRYAL (Russian). The President reported that relations with FIPF and IDV were becoming stronger through the LACS Project.

Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received and distributed electronically prior to the meeting from: AFMLTA (Australia), ANILS (Italy), MLA (USA), PTN (Poland), SUKOL (Finland) and VLLT (The Netherlands). All reports would be distributed to all member associations.

Development of the Federation

List of Member Associations

D Cunningham requested an update on member details, where necessary. K Santaholma had sent reminders to those members who had not paid. The President had

spoken with Nicole Thibault of CASLT (Canada), who was in contact with ACTFL (USA) on behalf of FIPLV. Discussions of the financial status of member associations led to a discussion of plans for action.

Promotion

All members of the Executive and FIPLV Regions were promoting membership with recent activity focussing on Austria, Estonia and Romania. T Lamb would draft two letters to be sent to K Santaholma for use in requests for payment by former members. T Lamb would also approach national associations of teachers of English, now that neither IATEFL nor TESOL were members. He would also ask member associations, such as SAALT (South Africa), to promote FIPLV membership in the area to form an FIPLV Region. A seeker's fee could lead to a reduction in membership dues if another member were obtained. As it was learned that a national multilingual association had formed in Estonia, D Cunningham would write to Ene Peterson with copy to S Jónsdóttir.

Associate Members,

The President would approach members of the ECML Network to become associate members. This could be a reciprocal arrangement at no cost.

Regionalisation

D Cunningham had followed up with AFMLTA (Australia) and NZALT (New Zealand). Further discussion postponed.

Applications for Membership

Georgia (MAG)

The request for membership from MAG (Georgia) was approved. The President would write to them. He would use the LACS survey to obtain information on MAG's membership details and others.

Rete AIM (Italian)

The request for membership from Rete AIM (Italian) was approved. P Balboni would relay this decision and provide contact details to D Cunningham.

External Relations

UNESCO

D Cunningham had finalised and sent the FIPLV report for 2009. He expected to meet with UNESCO officials and attend a briefing on the budget for 2012-2013 the following week. The fee had been paid.

Council of Europe (COE)

FIPLV could not cover attendance at all scheduled meetings.

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

Relations were excellent with the ECML, now hosting the FIPLV head office. T Lamb would moderate a meeting of national contact points on behalf of the ECML.

European Commission (EC)

Direct involvement was achieved through the LE-TPP Project, in which T Lamb was involved with Lid King. Covered under #4.1.1 above. T Lamb would speak to Lid King about further approaches and contact persons at the European Commission.

Other

None.

Operations and Publications

Strategic Plan

There was the need to be strategic, while launching something new. The number of member associations was reducing for a number of reasons, such as fewer teachers joining associations, economic rationalism and the competition of REAL. The LACS Project provided publicity for the ECML and collaboration with teacher associations in person and through the website. Further suggestions included FIPLV operating as a virtual clearing centre for articles, expertise and pedagogical advice to create a sense of belonging. Other technologies could be considered, such as teleconferences, Skype, and links to YouTube clips. The website could include a section for members only and a list of useful website addresses. The President reported that it had been difficult to produce the monthly LACS mailouts. P Balboni suggested that a regional presence could be harnessed, such as in Argentina, to mobilise interest in uniting teachers across languages and associations within an FIPLV Region. T Lamb noted additional tasks for the intern to be made available at the ECML. The possibility of restructuring FIPLV was raised. This brought into question the logo, official documents and the possibility of the World Council meeting as a blog or wiki. P Balboni raised the exciting possibility of FIPLV hosting a synchronised, international conference over four locations (e.g., Helsinki, London, Melbourne and San Paolo) with ICT interlinks and use of videomail. T Lamb would meet with P Balboni in Venice to discuss and plan.

Website

The President approved the earlier advice on the website by P Balboni and D Cunningham. It was intended that the Executive meet with M Blomkvist during the NBR Seminar in Reykjavik. Over time, it was expected that the LACS website supersede the FIPLV website.

Brochure/Flyer

No action required.

Mission Statement

D Cunningham had updated information in the absence of the agreed considerable change. To be addressed under review of the Federation. There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

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Files

D Cunningham continued to collect documents to recreate the FIPLV files. Important documents should be scanned over time and placed on the website. Items from member reports could be shared.

Priorities and Activities

Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

Covered under the LACS Project (in #4.1.1) and #6.1 above. D Cunningham would send the report pro forma to P Balboni. D Cunningham would continue to ask members for annual reports. A synthesis of issues could be undertaken and placed on the website.

Linguapax/ Language Rights/Solidarity

A meeting of the Linguapax Advisory Board had taken place in September 2009. D Cunningham was a member of this Board and had prepared a report. He was also working with Félix Marti and Joseph Poth on the history of Linguapax.

Discussion papers

None.

Proposals from the World Council or Member Associations

None.

Projects

Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS)

Covered under #4.1.1 and elsewhere.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

D Cunningham reminded all that FIPLV had agreed to build this into the strategic plan.

Proposals from the World Council

None.

Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive.

FIPLV World Congress

10.1 2012

D Cunningham had followed up the earlier expressions of interest from ALL (UK) and PTN (Poland), but had received no further information. The ECML Board had not supported the proposal that it take place at the ECML in Graz. The possibility was raised that it could be combined with the next NBR event/conference in Finland (tbc). S Jónsdóttir would follow up with the NBR and SUKOL (Finland), while T Lamb would discuss FIPLV 2012 with Linda Parker of ALL (UK).

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

The Secretary General provided background on the award and the nominations received. The World Council ratified the following nominated candidates, provided both had paid the current membership fee:

SUKOL (Finland): Sinikka Marila

VLLT (The Netherlands): Christien van Gool

Upon consultation, confirmation of payment was required of VLLT (The Netherlands). K Santaholma was in contact with VLLT re their payment, so would stress that payment was a pre-condition of the Award being ratified and presented. As the 2008 FIPLV International Award could not be presented to Natalia Gvishiani at FIPLV 2009, as intended, this still needed to be done.

FIPLV Finances

Notional Budget – 2011

K Santaholma spoke to the 2011 notional budget, based on that of 2010. The 2011 notional budget was approved by the World Council.

Sponsorship

Action postponed until after review of the Federation.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

Executive and World Council 2011

The World Council agreed that its next meeting would take place in September at a date and location to be confirmed. It was proposed that the meetings follow a tripartite approach with the meeting of the World Council being sandwiched between two sessions of the Executive meeting: ExCo/World Council/ExCo. This would allow preparation of the World Council meeting and immediate follow-up.

Any Other Business

FIPLV Timeline

D Cunningham requested that all send him details of conferences for publicity among members.

Year 2010 FIPLV Executive Committee meeting in Graz, 8 January

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FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1

**Graz - Austria
8 January
2010**

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	President
Paolo Balboni	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General
Cecilia Odé	Editor of Publications (> 2009)
Languages of Use:	English

Formalities

Welcome

T Lamb welcomed all, especially Paolo Balboni and Cecilia Odé, and invited all to use the language(s) of choice.

Apologies

Nil.

Approval of the Agenda

The President thanked D Cunningham for preparing the agenda. Other items might be added during the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Executive Meeting 2/09 — Graz (Austria) - 31 August 2009

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email. They would be included on the website.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

Reports

President

T Lamb spoke to the tabled report. He focussed on the LACS Project, the LE-TPP Project (Languages in Europe – Theory, Policy, Practice), the relationship with the ECML and the meeting of the Professional Network Forum on 7 January. He stressed that it had been a very busy time. T Lamb would send his report for the website and despatch by D Cunningham to member associations.

Vice President

There was no report. Paolo Balboni would take over this role.

Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting, invited questions and was thanked. He would delete a sentence under Item #2.3 before distributing the report.

Editor of Publications

C Odé had distributed her report previously.

Treasurer-General

K Santaholma detailed the balance of accounts, which continued to be poor. Expenses paid in 2009 included two ExCo meetings and those of the World Council and World Assembly, two years of the President's expenses, and the printing of the History. Revenue still suffered as a result of the letter to member associations being sent out late in 2008. Money from previous publications was still to be entered in the FIPLV account. D Cunningham would follow up with the payment of the LATEUM membership fee, following a discussion of which members had paid for 2009. The LACS Project was also designed to respond to the question of the value of FIPLV membership.

Relations with Regions and Member Associations

D Cunningham would request members to send the 2009 annual report in April, explaining that the annual report would now be based on the calendar year. He would ask the four members who submitted a report mid-year to consider updating these reports. The notion of a triennial Executive report – as had been done in the past – was raised. This would require a strategic plan against which to assess accomplishments.

FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

Europe

Little specific progress had been made, but it was borne in mind that FIPLV was a partner in ECML projects and in the LE–TPP Project under the European Commission. T Lamb proposed that FIPLV-Europe be launched at the NBR Seminar in Iceland in June. This would include a social activity and meeting.

Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir was the new Chairperson and was also filling in as Secretary. Leena Härmäläinen was the Treasurer. The NBR would conduct a Seminar in Reykjavik on 18-19 June.

Western/Central European Region (WCER)

It was decided to postpone action on this FIPLV Region in order to concentrate on FIPLV-Europe.

Other

D Cunningham agreed to follow up with member associations in the Asia/Pacific area, as AFMLTA (Australia) and NZALT (New Zealand) could form an FIPLV Region in the area.

International Unilingual Associations

The President reported that relations were excellent with FIPF and IDV, although FIPLV needed to amend its website to identify the new IDV President (Marianne Hepp) and delete Lucka Pristavec as the representative (as she was no longer on the IDV Board). Janina Zielinska of FIPF had attended the LACS Project workshop in December, despite difficult personal circumstances. D Cunningham had met with Wladyslaw Miodunka and Anna Seretny, former President of the International Association of Teachers of Polish (IATP), in Krakow in September, so was awaiting details of the new IATP President. C Odé reported that the MAPRYAL World Congress would take place in Shanghai in May 2011. P Balboni reported that the international federation for Italian (AIPI) no longer existed.

National Multilingual Associations

K Santaholma would contact VLLT (The Netherlands) about the 2010 fee. In future, she would respond to members experiencing hardship to propose payment of 50% of the fee; if inappropriate, she would propose 170 euros.

National Unilingual Associations

There had been no progress at this stage.

Development of the Federation

Membership Promotion

There had been no recent contact with Romania, while contact existed with CASLT (Canada) through the LACS Project.

Estonia

Ene Peterson had informed D Cunningham that the formation of a national multilingual association in Estonia was proceeding.

Membership Requests

There were no requests. P Balboni reported that an international federation of associations for Italian existed as a web association with no budget. He was encouraged to make contact to see if they wished to become a member of FIPLV, subject to the ratification of the World Council.

Financial Status of Members

Covered under #4.5 above.

Associate Members

Nil. T Lamb reported that the COE was developing a framework for the languages of schooling, which raised the possibility of associations for national languages – for example, for Finnish in Finland – to be approached. The MARILLE network could also be used. A new category of membership could be considered: language teacher associations where there was no appropriate network.

External Relations

UNESCO

Relations

D Cunningham hoped to meet with Mauro Rosi and Marie-Ange Théobald in Paris later in the trip.

2009 Report

D Cunningham requested input and would draft the 2009 report in the coming months.

Council of Europe (COE)

T Lamb reported that Johanna Panthier of the COE had attended the ECML meeting on 7 January, when the Professional Network Forum was established. She had said that she would like to see more FIPLV participation at COE events. T Lamb had sent a list of ‘burning issues’ for discussion at the 7 January meeting. T Lamb reported that AILA was considering creating regions. The question was raised whether FIPLV should be represented at the AILA meeting in Jyväskylä in June. C Odé continued to receive newsletters from the COE and would request that the COE replace her by T Lamb on their mailing list.

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President reported that the relationship was developing very well with the ECML, which had been very happy with the LACS workshop in December. He had assisted in working on their new program for 2012-2016, for which proposals were requested.

European Commission (EC)

The President had not had sufficient time to meet with Leonard Orban again. Harald Hartung of the EC had attended the meeting on 7 January. Concern was expressed about the workload of teachers supporting students in Comenius projects, a concern which T Lamb would convey to Leonard Orban.

REAL

A representative of REAL from the Centre International d’Etudes Pédagogiques (CIEP) had attended the LACS workshop in December. The President would meet with them; it was feared that they would adopt FIPLV ideas from the workshop, just as they had used the FIPLV mailing list for initial contact with FIPLV member associations.

Operations and Publications

Strategic Plan

The strategic plan had not yet been prepared. The President had prepared a grid as a working tool for planning and would send this to member associations to be discussed at local meetings in order to provide feedback to FIPLV.

World News – Electronic Version

C Odé reported that she had received nothing recently for publication. She would write to members to ask them not to send her their publications in future, as she was leaving the ExCo.

Website

The website remained an issue, especially as M Leoj was leaving the ExCo. It had been decided to retain Marie Blomkvist as ‘webmaster’, but the website still required building up, the deletion or archiving of old information and a general facelift. Some suggestions included: creating a database of titles of articles published by member associations, considering a range of contributors and inviting member associations to identify useful websites and share. C Odé felt that her initiatives – “classrooms of the world”, citations of FIPLV Awards and useful websites – should remain. It was imperative that the website be managed, be updated punctually and at low cost. The ECML would fund a stagiaire to assist with the LACS Project for three months. This person would encourage member associations to contribute to the LACS website and accompanying publications, and it was suggested that links be made from the FIPLV website to this one, rather than repeating all of the information, especially as the aims of LACS included the exploration of language associations’ needs with regard to a common website space and to excite interest in FIPLV. T Lamb would invite Marie Blomkvist to join LACS discussions (from a distance) to infuse the FIPLV website with more valuable content emanating from the LACS Project. D Cunningham agreed to collate input from P Balboni and K Santaholma (by 1 February) on ways in which the website should be updated by Marie Blomkvist.

Brochure/Flyer

The brochure/flyer needed no update at this stage.

History

Five copies had been sold to SUKOL. C Odé would send additional copies to K Santaholma and send the FIPLV banner to S Jónsdóttir for the NBR Seminar. It was necessary to wait before sending documents and files to the ECML. K Santaholma would ask Marie Blomkvist to amend the website advertisement for the History.

Priorities and Activities

Succession Planning

P Balboni would work on the FIPLV and his websites, undertake membership promotion and could work more closely on the LACS Project. He was asked to consider what else he wished to work on to further the objectives of FIPLV.

Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

The Linguapax Institute was under new management. The Linguapax Advisory Board had met on 16-18 September and was keen to kick-start activities again. This involved the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network, the Linguapax Award and the continuation of Linguapax World Congresses.

Discussion Papers

Nil.

Representation

Nothing foreshadowed for the moment.

Other

Nil.

Projects

The LACS Project and others (e.g., LE-TPP) were covered under #4.1 and elsewhere. The website would be updated soon, which would include current details of member associations.

FIPLV World Congresses

FIPLV 2012

D Cunningham had distributed another call for offers to host FIPLV 2012. Interest had been expressed by ALL (UK) and PTN (Poland). The UK was to host the Olympic Games in London in 2012, so discussions were required. D Cunningham would contact ALL and PTN to assess their interest, ask about their consultation and with whom. He would also send a copy of the conference organisation guidelines to P Balboni.

Finances

Notional Budget for 2011

The notional budget for 2011 was required for the meetings in June.

Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought after the upgrade of the website.

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

Both 2009 Awards had been presented, although that for Natalia Gvishiani of 2008 still had to be finalised. C Odé would send her certificate to D Cunningham.

List of Tasks Update

T Lamb was given the list to update, including the deletion of past tasks not done and deemed to be no longer relevant. D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

Executive Meeting 2/2010

It was agreed to have this on 20 June in Reykjavik.

World Council Meeting 2010

It was proposed that the World Council meet in Reykjavik on 19 June between 1500 and 1900. As this coincided with the second day of the NBR Seminar, D Cunningham would write to the STIL President, Ragga Jónsdóttir, to assess the feasibility of this timing and having other expectations of ExCo officers allocated elsewhere on the NBR Seminar program. Members of the ExCo would probably fly into Reykjavik on 17 June.

FIPLV Timeline 2010-2012

D Cunningham to update, as required. He requested that all officers send details of events whenever possible.

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Dr Terry Lamb June 2010

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We are very excited by this project as it is the first major activity of the new FIPLV Europe Region of which I am Chair. Please take a look at the excellent website; you are most welcome to join in with any of the discussions, polls etc. We are currently discussing how to take the project further at the end of year.

Finally, I am writing this report at the Nordic-Baltic Region conference in Reykjavik where I presented the opening keynote presentation entitled Developing Learner Engagement in Language Learning. You can find my presentation on the FIPLV website. I am grateful to STIL (the Icelandic Association of Language Teachers) both for organising this highly impressive event and for inviting me to contribute. We will be making the most of the opportunity of being in Iceland to hold meetings of both FIPLV Executive Committee and FIPLV World Council.

As ever, I would like to thank members of the Executive Committee as well as all of our other voluntary members who contribute so much to each other's professional development, for all of their hard work and dedication to FIPLV. FIPLV consists entirely of volunteers

working on behalf of the profession with the intention of making all of our lives that a bit easier through supporting collaboration and sharing of ideas.

Terry Lamb President,
FIPLV

June 2010

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THE FIPLV VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT APRIL 2010

I have been in the FIPLV board for a few months now, so my report is very short.

I have done 4 things so far:

1. an analysis of the website, with the indication of obsolete sections, of parts that can be modified, with some other ideas; the webmaster has responded, and we have agreed on some aspects, but most of the decisions are to be made by the ExCo in Iceland;
2. I have contacted 22 associations of Italian teachers in the world – the sector I know best, because of my main field of action – suggesting they could become members of FIPLV; some are already asking for more details, above all financial aspects, as associations in developing countries may have difficulties even to find 170 euros, the minimum FIPLV fee;
3. I'm proposing that the network of the associations above enters FIPLV as an association by itself, and they are ready to pay the minimum fee, if the network is accepted, even though the network has no budget; I know of another network that could be offered participation in the FIPLV, but as it is not an association of teachers but mainly of researchers I'll pose the problem in Iceland;
4. I have participated in the LETPP projectais a member of FIPLV; the final conference was in London when the Icelandic volcano prevented many people, including myself, from participating.

I wanted to start screening associations on the web and comparing what appears there with the list of FIPLV members, in order to contact these associations and see whether we have them among our members, but I have doubts about the procedures and the ways of the FIPLV approach to potential members, so I'll discuss the topic in Iceland.

Paolo E. Balboni

May 6th, 2010

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Report of the Secretary General (1 January – 30 April 2010)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational. It will also be shorter, covering a period of only four months.

Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Estonia, Malaysia, Romania and the UAE to explore the possibility of forming national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese, Polish and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

Regions

Following the 2006 decision to form the Region of FIPLV-Europe and merge those of Central and Western Europe, I again met with some members of FIPLV-Europe and the Western/Central European Region to consider ways of moving forward.

FIPLV International Award

Recipients of the 2008 Award and most for 2009 have had their presentations. The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2010, for which the deadline is 31 May.

Linguapax

Under new management, the Linguapax Institute has rejuvenated activities under the Linguapax umbrella. This involves the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network, further Linguapax World Congresses and the Linguapax Award. Recipients of the 2010 Linguapax Award are Miquel Siguan and Robert Phillipson. I have drafted a component of the Linguapax History, on which I am working.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014

To be built into the FIPLV Strategic Plan, the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 continues to be a focus of papers and reports.

Operational Matters

Withdrawal from some operational activities has returned my attention to procedural tasks, including the following:

Internal OperationsI have updated key FIPLV documents - the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – and will do the same after our meetings. Terry Lamb has offered to synthesise three of these documents so, presumably, will take over this task.

Website

I undertook a serious overview of the website and, after consultation and input from Paolo, conveyed these recommendations to the webmaster. Paolo did the same.

FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

all member associations and FIPLV Regions

FIPLV Executive and World Council

international unilingual associations (FIPF, IDV, ILEI and LATEUM)

national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ALL, ANILS, APLV, KMF, LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), LTAL, MANYE, NZALT, PTN, SAALT, STIL and SUKOL)

External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

follow-up on 2008, The International Year of Languages

the distribution and translation of *Education in a Multilingual World*

collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to pursue the possibility of 'formal relations' status with UNESCO. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

UNESCO

Marie-Ange Théobald, Mauro Rosi, Anna Maria Majlőf (and other officers of UNESCO) on 11-12 January

experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to mutual projects, conferences and other activities

European Commission

Terry has taken over liaison with the European Commission

Council of Europe

Terry represents FIPLV with the Council of Europe, leading to my involvement being superseded.

Other Associations

AILA and TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

Other

representatives of the Polish and Turkish Governments and teacher associations with a view to forming an international unilingual association for Turkish

associations in Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV

participants of the conferences which I have attended

Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Helsinki and Graz as well as work on publications.

Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been considerable and frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2010-2012** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has begun to stabilise. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2007 - 2668 & 2072; 2008 – 2388 & 1435; 2009 – 2167 & 1155. In 2010 (to 30 April), 537

have been received and 317 sent. These figures do not include ‘spam’ or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meeting of the FIPLV Executive, in Graz. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the ExCo and World Council meetings to take place in Reykjavik on 19-20 June 2010 were prepared and circulated.

Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

Representation

I have not represented FIPLV formally at conferences or other events since the last report. In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 January 2010, there have been the following:

workshop paper for the NBR Seminar in Reykjavik

component of the Linguapax History

a paper to be included in a QUEST Romania CD-ROM publication

review of David Ingram’s *Fostering Positive Cross-Cultural Attitudes through Language Teaching*

I have received invitations to present at the LATEUM Biennial Conference in 2011 and to teach in Novosibirsk in their summer program.

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last four months have included:

Graz (Austria): Waldek Martyniuk, Susanna Slivensky (ECML)

Grenoble (France): Jean-Yves PetitGirard (APLV)

Melbourne (Australia): Friederike Klippel (Uni of Munich); Jackie Love (MLTAV); Marcel Noest (MLTAQ); Bernadette Brouwers (ACER); Tony Kolb (Mater Christi)

Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward

Paris (France): Dario Pagel (FIPF); Jean-Luc Pinard (APLV)

Vienna (Austria): Andrea Burziwal

Publications

In the last four months, I am aware of some articles and texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences):

Hungarian translation of FIPLV documents in *Modern Nyelvoktatás XIV. Évfolyam 4. Szám* Linguistic Supremacy and Sustainability: The Example of Hungarian. Plenary paper to the MANYE National Conference, Budapest (Hungary), 3-5 April 2008.

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A Solution to the Challenge of Multilingualism: Creating Multilingual Schools. In *Proceedings of the International Conference: Towards a Better Language Education (29-30 June 2009)*, (Vilnius: Public Service Language Centre), CD-ROM.

Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

“Languages: Challenges and Solutions”. Requested paper for volume to celebrate 50-year career of Svetlana Ter-Minasova

“Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation”. Plenary presentation at the 7th Annual Conference of QUEST Romania – Constanta (Romania), December 2007

contribution to the Linguapax history in the Linguapax Report

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Hermeneia in Romania, so I am liaising with potential contributors and Petru in Iasi.

Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham
Secretary General, FIPLV

30 April 2010

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Terry Lamb President,
FIPLV

January 2010

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FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 2

Graz -
Austria

31

August
2009

Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	President
Margareta Leoj	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Kirsti Santaholma	Treasurer General

Languages of Use:

English, Finnish, French, German

Formalities

Welcome

T Lamb welcomed all and invited them to use the language(s) of choice.

Apologies

C Odé, who was thanked in absentia.

Approval of the Agenda

The President thanked D Cunningham for preparing the agenda. Other items might be added during the meeting.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Executive Meeting 1/09 — Helsinki (Finland), 23-24 January 2009

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email. They would be included on the website.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

Reports

President

T Lamb spoke to the tabled report. He was congratulated upon receiving the award of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques from the French Prime Minister. T Lamb would send his report for the website and despatch by D Cunningham to member associations.

Vice President

M Leoj spoke to the tabled report, her last one as Vice President. She was thanked for her contribution over the previous six years.

Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting, invited questions and was thanked. He presented a cheque for AUD 2313.02, the sum derived from the sale of past publications, for inclusion in the FIPLV general account.

Editor of Publications

C Odé had distributed her report previously. She was thanked and congratulated on her work. Treasurer-General

K Santaholma detailed the balance of accounts, which continued to be difficult because of the absence of information from her predecessor. She had, however, completed an external audit of annual income and expenditure, which was required by the Statutes. In speaking to the tabled report, she indicated that the balance was around 16000 euros (or CHF 20000). Membership fees had been received from 14 national multilingual associations and four international unilingual federations. Fees had been waived for LALT (Latvia) and VLLT (The Netherlands), upon their request. She provided a detailed update on payments made by members and was thanked for her work.

Relations with Regions and Member Associations

FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

Europe

K Schröder said that he would send a report but there had been no recent contact. It was recommended that the World Council resolve the membership of the Board of this region, as no obvious advances had been made.

Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

The NBR would meet later in the day, when elections would take place.

Western/Central European Region (WCER)

No report. There had been no recent contact from K Schröder, who was also Chair of this FIPLV Region.

Other

None. D Cunningham agreed to follow up with member associations in the Asia/Pacific area, as AFMLTA (Australia) and NZALT (New Zealand) could form an FIPLV Region in the area.

International Unilingual Associations

No reports had been received. The President reported that relations were excellent with FIPF and IDV, while IATEFL and TESOL were no longer interested. D Cunningham had received an invitation to the 40th anniversary of FIPF, but had referred this invitation to the FIPLV Treasurer General, who represented the Federation at the celebrations. MAPRYAL had paid and LATEUM would probably pay later in the month. AEDA (Arabic) operated without a budget, while IATH (Hungarian) and IATP (Polish) had not paid. D Cunningham would follow up again with the international association for Polish, when he was in Krakow later in the week.

National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received from various members: ANILS (Italy): PTN (Poland) and VLLT (The Netherlands). Fourteen members had paid, evidence of good relations.

Development of the Federation

Membership Promotion

The President was working with David Newby of Austria, while having new contacts for Malta, Spain and Switzerland. He saw the LACS Workshop in December as an excellent opportunity.

Estonia

D Cunningham would follow up with Ene Peterson by email for an update on the formation of a national multilingual association in Estonia.

Membership Requests

None at this stage.

Financial Status of Members

Covered under #4.5 above. K Santaholma would follow up with STIL (Iceland) re payment.

Associate Members Nil.

External Relations

UNESCO

Relations

Relations were sound, as communication continued and invitations arrived.

2008 Report

The 2008 annual report was completed and sent to UNESCO. D Cunningham would draft the 2009 report later in the year.

Council of Europe (COE)

T Lamb had followed up with Janina Zielinska re representing FIPLV as well as FIPF. There was a cost implication. There was the need to build the COE into FIPLV documents more prominently. The President had been invited to be on the advisory group for the new project on the Languages of Schooling. There was the possibility that FIPLV could bridge the divide between the teaching of the first language (L1) and subsequent languages (L2, L3, etc). The COE was developing a Common European Framework for 'majority' languages.

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The President reported that he visited the centre frequently and was also a member of a project team on mother tongue usage in multilingual classrooms. Waldek Martyniuk, the new Director of the ECML, was promoting the notion of memoranda of cooperation.

Contract

The contract had been placed on hold until the appointment of the new Director, Waldemar Martyniuk, and would be subsumed under his intention of memoranda of cooperation. The draft contract prepared by D Cunningham in the past could be the basis of an appendix.

Operations

Covered under #4.1.

European Commission (EC)

The President had met with Leonard Orban again during a seminar in the House of Lords, which formed part of a project in the UK, with T Lamb on the advisory group. FIPLV is also a partner in a new project on language policy funded by the EC and chaired by Lid King, so he saw future possibilities of meeting with the EC Commissioner for Multilingualism.

REAL

This had been funded for a second term and its impact on FIPLV needed to be monitored. T Lamb saw the LACS meeting in December as a possibility of initiating dialogue with those involved in REAL.

Operations and Publications

Strategic Plan

The President had prepared a grid as a working tool for planning and hoped that time could be allocated at the following day's meetings to brainstorm some ideas. He would send an email to members requesting input.

World News – Electronic Version

The President intended distributing monthly LACS reports to members. He saw these as a means of replacing *World News* for the moment, complemented by short articles by LACS members and from member associations.

Website

M Leoj was working with the webmaster, Marie Blomkvist, who added her criticism to that of others: there was too much old material, much should be archived and some articles were too long. She suggested creating PDF files with links, more pictures from members, etc. Specific items were discussed, with practical suggestions and recommendations made, all recorded by M Leoj for implementation. It was important to determine the audience and target this. M Leoj was asked to thank Marie Blomkvist.

Brochure/Flyer

C Odé had sent copies of the brochure to the ECML. D Cunningham would take copies to Vilnius for meetings with LTAL and to Sosnowiec for the PTN Annual Conference. He confirmed that he had one FIPLV flag and believed that ANILS (Italy) had the other. It was believed that C Odé had the stand.

History

C Odé had sent copies to the ECML. T Lamb would discuss distribution with the ECML.

Files

As there was less space than anticipated, all needed to be circumspect about what could be sent to or left at the ECML.

Priorities and Activities

Succession Planning

Discussion deferred until after the meeting of the World Assembly. This would be a specific focus of the first meeting of the new Executive in January 2010.

Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

The Linguapax Institute was under new management. The Linguapax Advisory Board (of which D Cunningham was a member) would meet on 16-18 September.

Discussion Papers

Nil.

Representation

D Cunningham would attend meetings with LTAL in Vilnius and attend the 2009 PTN Annual Conference in Sosnowiec later in the week.

Other

Nil.

Projects

The LACS Project was covered under #4.1 and elsewhere.

FIPLV World Congresses

FIPLV 2009

Discussion deferred to meeting of World Assembly.

FIPLV 2012

There was the possibility of a joint event with the ECML in 2011. The President would discuss this with the ECML. D Cunningham would distribute a call for offers to host FIPLV 2012 (again).

Finances

Notional Budget for 2010

The meeting accepted the draft prepared by the Acting Treasurer General.

Sponsorship Proposals

Sponsorship would be sought after the upgrade of the website.

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

Two nominations had been received for 2009. Both were endorsed.

List of Tasks Update

Updated at the meeting. D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

World Council Meeting 2009

Prepared as required. No further discussion required.

World Assembly Meeting 2009

Prepared as required. The election process was prepared.

Executive Meeting 1/2010

This needed to be planned for the first half of January for the new Executive.

FIPLV Timeline 2009-2012

D Cunningham to update, as required. He requested that all officers send details of events whenever possible.

Year 2009 FIPLV World Council Meeting in Graz, 1 Sept

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Graz - Austria

1 September

2009

Minutes

Present

Raija Airio	Nordic Baltic Region (NBR)
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Terry Lamb	FIPLV President
Margareta Leoj	FIPLV Vice President
Kirsti Santaholma	Acting FIPLV Treasurer General
Halina Widla	Western/Central European Region (WCER)

Languages Used: **English, French, German, Polish**

1 Formalities

Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Council meeting.

Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

Apologies

Cecilia Odé, Janina Zielinska (FIPF)

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

World Council Meeting - Graz (Austria) – 13 April 2008

The minutes had been approved as an accurate record by email. The President thanked the ECML for providing use of their buildings for the meetings over the two days.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

Reports

Executive

The Secretary General and Editor of Publications had prepared written reports, which had been distributed previously. These would be distributed to member associations

with the minutes. The other officers tabled reports, which would also be distributed to members.

Overview of Activities of the Executive

The President spoke to the tabled report, stating that it covered the LACS Project, work with the European Commission and other projects. K Santaholma spoke to her report. K Santaholma and M Leoj were thanked especially, the former for rectifying the details of the finances and the latter as it was her final meeting of the World Council. Other written reports had been distributed or were tabled.

Financial Report

K Santaholma reported that there were around 16000 euros in the account, although some outstanding expenses were still to be covered. She reported that the printing of the History was an unexpected cost. D Cunningham had closed the account derived from the sale of publications and presented a cheque for over 1000 euros to the Acting Treasurer General. K Santaholma reported that the ExCo meeting in January had cost less, as she had housed and fed those present. D Cunningham's costs for this trip were to be covered from elsewhere, while he would cover many of the personal expenses. It was felt that Skype was not a realistic option and that personal meetings were important. K Santaholma was in the process of transferring the bank account from Luzern to Graz, where signatories needed to be finalised.

Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the reports of the Acting Treasurer General and external auditor. The President would ask the Graz bank for papers in English.

Regions

Europe

There had been no report or recent information. Concerns were referred to the meeting of the World Assembly.

Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

R Airio reported that the Board had met in Graz in 2009, where the Regulations had been revised. The term of office was now three years, reflecting that of FIPLV. The Board had been replaced by a new Executive of President (Sigurborg Jónsdóttir), Treasurer (Leena Hämäläinen), while there had been no nomination for the position of Secretary, so S Jónsdóttir would also fulfil this role for the moment. Member associations would each have one representative. The NBR had changed its account into euros before the financial crash, so was less affected than Iceland generally. The newsletter would constitute the report. There was concern in the Region about the ageing of the profession, retirements and fewer younger teachers being recruited and English being taught more and earlier to the detriment of other languages. On the positive side,

students completing courses in languages could now access bonus points for tertiary entry (as in Australia). The membership fee had remained the same, while the NBR was working with colleagues in Estonia to form a national multilingual association. There was no news from Denmark. R Airio was thanked for her work. The provisional dates for the NBR Seminar in Reykjavik were 10-11 June 2010. R Airio would send the draft Regulations to D Cunningham for distribution as an appendix to the minutes of the World Council meeting.

Western/Central European Region (WCER)

H Widla, the Secretary of the Western/Central European Region (WCER), reported that the situation was delicate. New structures had been created at the meeting in Leipzig in March 2008. In the absence of contact from K Schröder, H Widla had taken the initiative to propose an international conference hosted by PTN (Poland). K Schröder had responded positively, then there was no further contact. It was difficult to know the reason. The President had reported on recent FIPLV action at the European level with the European Commission, the Council of Europe and the ECML, but this was outside the FIPLV structures chaired by K Schröder.

International Unilingual Associations

There were no written reports, so the following items were not discussed specifically:

4.3.1 FIPF (French), 4.3.2 IATEFL (EFL), 4.3.3 IDV, 4.3.4 ILEI (Esperanto), 4.3.5 LATEUM (EFL), 4.3.6 SIPLE and 4.3.7 TESOL (ESOL). The

President reported that relations with FIPF and IDV were becoming stronger through the LACS Project, but that TESOL needed to be deleted for future agendas.

Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received and distributed electronically prior to the meeting from: ANILS (Italy), PTN (Poland) and VLLT (The Netherlands). The report from SUKOL (Finland) had been sent but had not arrived before D Cunningham's departure. All reports would be distributed to all member associations.

Development of the Federation

List of Member Associations

D Cunningham requested an update on member details, where necessary. K Santaholma had sent reminders to those members who had not paid. She would send another letter after the meeting to suggest negotiating a reduced rate. There would be a three-year period of grace on payments.

Promotion

All members of the Executive and FIPLV Regions were promoting membership with recent activity focussing on Austria, Croatia, Estonia, Ireland, Romania and Switzerland.

Again, the LACS Project meeting in December was seen as an excellent opportunity as most ECML member countries would be represented.

Associate Members,

There were no associate members. The President was to work on the COE Project on the languages of Schooling, which he saw as another good possibility.

Regionalisation

D Cunningham would follow up with AFMLTA (Australia) and NZALT (New Zealand), who were already collaborating. The LACS Project also offered further potential.

Applications for Membership

None at this stage.

External Relations

UNESCO

Regular contact continued with UNESCO, which sent many documents and invitations while FIPLV submitted annual reports.

Council of Europe (COE)

The President had been invited by the COE Language Policy Division to a meeting focussing on a new direction, the Languages of Schooling, thus reinforcing a concrete relationship.

ECML

Relations were excellent with the ECML, now hosting the FIPLV head office. The joint FIPLV/ECML project increased this further.

Contract

FIPLV would sign a memorandum of cooperation with the ECML. The draft contract prepared by D Cunningham might be used as an appendix.

Operations

The President reported that FIPLV had been invited to be a member of an international network forum. The ECML was considering an annual declaration. There was the possibility of a joint conference with the ECML in 2011. There would be a significant workshop in December for the LACS Project, which explored the role of teacher associations in supporting teachers and the dissemination of information on the ECML.

European Commission (EC)

There had been some personal contact since the November meeting T Lamb and C Odé had with Leonard Orban, EC Commissioner for Multilingualism. As the EC was funding

REAL, it was important to have a strong relationship with the COE. The President was involved on behalf of FIPLV in an EC-funded project, which was about to begin.

Other

None.

Operations and Publications

Strategic Plan

The President believed it important to have a clear understanding of priorities for the next three years and was planning to develop a strategic plan with manageable objectives and the means to achieve this. He had prepared a grid to be circulated to member associations prior to its being developed further in the coming months.

World News – Electronic Version

The President reminded all that it had been decided to produce *World News* on the website, where the name had been changed to *FIPLV News* for the 2008 version. Brief monthly reports would be prepared as part of the LACS Project; these would be placed on the website and be distributed by email. A link was required between the FIPLV and LACS websites. The President would invite members to write a short item about language teacher associations; the first would be CASLT of Canada. Paragraphs on ECML projects would also be included.

Website

More regular updates of information on the website were requested as some information was quite dated. M Leoj would discuss this with the webmaster, Marie Blomkvist.

Brochure/Flyer

C Odé had updated the brochure recently, removing details, which dated quickly.

Mission Statement

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

Rationale

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

Profile

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised)

version. It was recommended that these three working documents be revised, simplified and shortened.

Files

D Cunningham continued to collect documents to recreate the FIPLV files. These, however, would have to be reduced in size - with unimportant documents removed - to fit the space available at the ECML.

History

K Santaholma offered to take over the sales and distribution of the History. She would prepare an advertisement for the website.

Priorities and Activities

International Year of Languages 2008

Sadly, there was not much impact reported.

Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

The LACS Project was an outstanding example of FIPLV galvanising collaboration of teachers of languages.

Linguapax/ Language Rights/Solidarity

As the Linguapax Institute was under new management, a meeting of the Linguapax Advisory Board had been called for 16-18 September. D Cunningham was a member of this Board and would attend before preparing a report.

Discussion Papers

None.

Proposals from the World Council or Member Associations

None.

Projects

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

D Cunningham reminded all that FIPLV had agreed to build this into the strategic plan.

Proposals from the World Council

None.

Other

The President reported that the LACS Project would end in 2011. In the meantime, some information on the LACS website could be included on the FIPLV website. The successful bid for EC funding by Lid King, the National Director for Languages in the UK, would

involve FIPLV. This would lead to a series of seminars to which delegates could be invited.

Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive.

FIPLV World Congresses

10.1 2009

Discussion deferred to meeting of World Assembly.

10.2 2012

While some thought that 2012 was too late for the next World Congress (after the cancellation of that of 2009), the meeting considered the intervening years and other events. 2010 was too soon and already featured the NBR Seminar in Reykjavik. The ECML would end its (four-year) term of activities in 2011 with a significant conference in September. There was the possibility of FIPLV hosting a conference for FIPLV-Europe in conjunction with the ECML conference.

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

The Secretary General provided background on the award and the nominations received. The World Council ratified the following nominated candidates:

LALT (Latvia): Valija Vahere

SUKOL (Finland): Anu Parikka

R Airio would investigate a time and place to present the second award.

As the 2008 FIPLV International Award could not be presented to Natalia Gvishiani at FIPLV 2009, as intended, this still needed to be done.

FIPLV Finances

Notional Budget - 2010

K Santaholma spoke to the 2010 notional budget, revised by the Executive the previous day. This was approved by the World Council. It was essential that FIPLV seek new members. R Airio requested 500 euros to help fund the NBR Seminar. This grant was approved, if it were needed.

Sponsorship

The President pointed out that the Austrian Government and authorities, which formed the Verein, indirectly funded FIPLV through the ECML hosting of the FIPLV head office.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

World Council 2010

The World Council agreed that its next meeting would take place in Reykjavik in conjunction with the NBR Seminar for which the provisional dates were 10-11 June 2010.

Any Other Business

Executive Meeting 2/2010

The first meeting of the Executive for 2010 would take place in Graz on 8 January. The second would take place in Reykjavik, probably on 13 June.

Year 2009 FIPLV World Assembly Meeting in Graz

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FIPLV WORLD ASSEMBLY MEETING

Graz (Austria)

1 September 2009

Minutes

Present

Raija Airio	SUKOL – Finland/NBR
Paolo Balboni	ANILS - Italy
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General/AFMLTA - Australia
Marianne Hepp	IDV (German)
Judit Hidasi	MANYE - Hungary
Sigurborg Jónsdóttir	STIL - Iceland
Terry Lamb	FIPLV President/ALL - UK Margareta
Leoj	FIPLV Vice-President/LMS - Sweden
Kirsti Santaholma	Acting FIPLV Treasurer General

Andras Szöllösy	MANYE – Hungary
Valija Vahere	LALT - Latvia
Halina Widla	PTN – Poland/WCER
Languages Used:	English, French, German

1 Formalities

Welcome

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Assembly meeting. He also welcomed Waldek Martyniuk and Susanna Slivensky, Director and Assistant Director of the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) respectively, and thanked them for providing meeting rooms. The FIPLV World Assembly was, in turn, welcomed by the ECML Directors.

Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

Introductions

Each participant made a personal introduction.

Apologies

Lesley Harbon (AFMLTA, Australia), Bengt Henningsson (LMS, Sweden), Cecilia Odé (Editor of Publications), Linda Parker (ALL, UK), Karin Zarrouk (LMS, Sweden), Janina Zielinska (FIPF).

Approval of the Agenda

The draft agenda was approved.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 13 June 2006 (Göteborg – Sweden)

The minutes were considered as an accurate record and approved by the Assembly. The Secretary General would distribute the confirmed minutes to members. The streamlined process of approving the minutes was agreed, so that the wait of three years was no longer necessary.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No relevant items were detected which were not on the agenda.

Reports

World Council Triennial Report

Executive Report

The President informed the meeting that reports had been distributed or would be and would be placed on the website. The head office had been relocated to Graz, where relations with the ECML were enhanced by the move and the collaboration through the LACS (Language Associations and Collaborative Support) Project. This would lead into a memorandum of cooperation. The LACS Project answered the need for concrete work, where the partners were FIPLV, FIPF and IDV. A survey had been distributed, eliciting 35 responses. The major emphases of the project were ways in which language teacher associations could assist teachers and the publicity of ECML activities and resources. An emerging issue was the recruitment of active young members and websites were being investigated. Members were referred to the LACS website. Monthly mailouts were to commence, while a major workshop was planned for 10-11 December. Comments were invited. The President was involved in another ECML project on the teaching of 'majority' languages, and had been invited to be part of a new Council of Europe languages forum in Strasbourg looking at issues in languages in Europe. He would also be involved in a new COE project on the languages of schooling. He had met recently with Leonard Orban, EC Commissioner for Multiculturalism, and was included in a recently EC-funded project on language policies. FIPLV was also included in another UK initiative looking at teacher qualifications in a range of languages. The President was also starting to develop a strategic plan. In this context, membership was important as it had been in the past; this included being considerate to financial difficulties of existing members while attracting new members. FIPLV needed to target membership more specifically.

Financial Report (Treasurer-General)

K Santaholma had replaced L Hämäläinen as Treasurer General, the result of the latter's ill-health. It was difficult for K Santaholma to provide a triennial overview, as not all information had been passed on by her predecessor. She reported that she was concerned about the non-payment by member associations and the cost of conducting meetings. Every attempt to reduce costs was made. Other avenues of revenue were required, such as the sale of publications. She suggested that meetings be held in conjunction with others, where alternative funding means were available – as was the case for this meeting. She would send another reminder to members who had not paid. The President would write to members who had not paid for three years. The Treasurer General report would be placed on the website.

Approval of Accounts

K Santaholma spoke to the statement of income and expenditure for the end of 2008. She provided the signature and report of the external auditor. The World Assembly approved the accounts. K Santaholma informed the meeting that she was in the process of transferring the money from the account to another (new one) in Graz.

Approval of the World Council Report

Deferred until after #6, when the World Assembly approved the report.

Member Reports

International Unilingual Associations

IDV (German)

M Hepp reported on the IDV World Congress on 3-8 August, where some 3000 participants attended in Jena. There were many sessions with participants arriving from all over the world. A new Executive had been elected and she was the new President. Another Olympiade was planned for students. There were no other reports from international unilingual federations.

Regions

R Airio referred the meeting to the newsletter on the NBR website in lieu of a report. She informed the meeting that the NBR had drafted new Regulations and that the meeting of the day before had decided a new Executive: President – Sigurborg Jónsdóttir, Treasurer – Leena Hämäläinen. No-one had been nominated for the position of Secretary, so S Jónsdóttir would fulfil this role for the moment. It was confirmed that the NBR Seminar would take place on 18-19 June 2010. The meeting was also informed that D Cunningham would follow up in the area of Asia/Pacific to see if another FIPLV Region could be formed. The other FIPLV Regions were FIPLV-Europe and the Western/Central European Region. Neither had worked well recently. K Schröder was Chair of both, but appeared to be too busy to devote sufficient time to both and Leena Hämäläinen, Treasurer of FIPLV-Europe, had been ill. As a result, the meeting resolved to take action and appoint T Lamb as the Chair with K Santaholma as Treasurer, fulfilling the original intention of having the FIPLV Treasurer General as the Treasurer of FIPLV-Europe. S Jónsdóttir would continue as Secretary. This action should ensure that FIPLV-Europe was, in fact, active through the various activities of the FIPLV President. D Cunningham would write to K Schröder to inform him of this decision. There was the possibility of creating other regions through the LACS workshop in December.

National Multilingual Associations

In future, annual reports would reflect the calendar year. Reports had been received from ANILS (Italy), PTN (Poland) and VLLT (The Netherlands). The report of SUKOL (Finland) was on the way. In addition to the ANILS report, P Balboni reported that a new minister had decreed that only English and one other language would be taught. Action by ANILS had this decision overturned. Another language was considered as an option for Latin. The possibility of placing reports on the website was raised, allowing for the option of updating these. A Szöllösy spoke to the tabled report of MANYE (Hungary), pointing out the tradition of annual congresses to 2003, followed by a series of meetings. Identified as issues were challenges to language teaching and the global position of certain languages. An aim was to bring together teachers of different languages. A new

Executive had been elected in 2008. Given the limited time, no other verbal reports were considered.

Operations and Publication

Statutes

Proposed Amendments

The President provided background to the proposed changes, noting that some had been motivated by activity within the REAL project, which envisaged duplication of FIPLV structures and operations. The reasons behind the proposed changes are included here for clarity:

Expansion of Membership Categories

Following previous discussion, the President raised the question of national unilingual associations joining FIPLV. At present, this was not possible as it was deemed preferable that such associations work together to unite within a national multilingual association. There was also concern that allowing national unilingual associations to join might undermine the membership and work of international unilingual federations, also members of FIPLV. The following amendments are proposed:

1 that a new Clause 2.3 be added:

2.3 national unilingual associations where there is no existing national multilingual association or where the language is not represented by an international unilingual federation which is a member of FIPLV

and that Clauses 2.3-2.7 be renumbered accordingly

2 that 'international' be added to Clause 6.4 of the Regulations

3 that a new Clause 6.5 be included:

6.5 The membership for national unilingual associations is (1) 85.00 Euros for associations with up to 312 members (minimum rate); (2) 0.25 Euros per capita for associations with members from 313 to 2500 members (differentiated rate based on the number of individual members); (3) 650.00 Euros for associations with more than 2500 members (fixed rate)

4 that the following clauses be renumbered accordingly

Proposal A was approved.

Reduction in the Executive Positions

As the printed publication of FIPLV World News had been discontinued, the position of Editor of Publications seemed no longer necessary. Thus, it was proposed that this position be deleted. The Secretary General was asked to contact the members of the FIPLV World Council to see if any members opposed this proposal. This was done and there was no opposition. Consequently, it is proposed:

5 that the reference to the position of Editor of Publications be deleted in Clause 8.1 and the syntax be corrected accordingly

6 that Clause 1.5 of the Regulations be deleted and that a third sentence be added to Clause

1.2 of the Regulations: “The Vice-President may have editorial responsibility for publications which bear the Federation’s imprint, including the FIPLV website.”

Proposal B was rejected, but the Executive was empowered to decide if the position of Editor was necessary and required a call for nominations.

Usage of One Currency for Operations: the Euro

Following the move to include the euro (in 2006) as the second currency in addition to the Swiss franc and the intention to establish the FIPLV account in Graz, it was deemed no longer necessary to operate in two currencies. Thus, it is proposed:

7 that references to Swiss francs be deleted throughout the FIPLV Statutes and Regulations

Proposal C was approved. As a result, it was agreed that the Secretary General check the Statutes thoroughly and make any other changes required by the above. The Executive was also asked to investigate the possibility of removing one of the three layers of management (Executive, World Council, World Assembly) to simplify the structure and operations.

Publications

World News

The name should be changed to ‘FIPLV News’ and member associations would be encouraged to contribute and increase the value of the website.

Website

Covered by the meeting of the Executive. M Leoj would work with the webmaster, Marie Blomkvist, to make requested changes and update the website.

Brochure

The brochure had been updated (by C Odé) and distributed.

Mission Statement/5.2.5 Rationale/5.2.6 Profile

It was recommended that these three working documents be revised, simplified and shortened and perhaps be collapsed into one document. The President would prepare a draft for circulation.

History

The History had been published. The President thanked those involved, including D Cunningham who had initiated the publication.

Other

None.

Projects and Activities

Discussion papers

None proposed.

Collaboration of Teachers

The President reminded the meeting of the LACS Project, an excellent example of ways in which FIPLV assisted teachers of languages. Such work would also be covered by the strategic plan to be distributed. A joint conference with the ECML was planned for September 2011.

Linguapax/ Language Rights/Solidarity

The Secretary General would attend a meeting of the Linguapax Advisory Board later in the month and was hopeful of a rejuvenation of Linguapax activities. He would prepare a report.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

The Secretary-General reminded the meeting that it had been decided that FIPLV integrate this worldwide idea into the strategic plan of FIPLV.

International Award

The World Assembly endorsed the following nominated candidates, subject to confirmation of paid dues.

LALT (Latvia): Valija Vahere

SUKOL (Finland): Anu Parikka

Proposals from the World Council/Member Associations

None proposed.

Other

Nil.

Membership Fees

No change proposed.

Elections

The Secretary General explained the process according to the Election Procedure. An Election Committee was formed with Margareta Leoj (LMS, Sweden) as Chair, Sigurborg Jónsdóttir (STIL, Iceland) and Halina Widla (PTN, Poland). Those eligible to vote were identified with each paid-up member association entitled to two votes. No proxy votes had been received.

Executive

Only one nomination had been received for each position, except that of Editor of Publications for which there were no nominations. The result of the elections (each with 19 votes) for the Executive Committee for 2010-2012 was:

President

Terry Lamb (ALL, UK)

Vice-President

Paolo Balboni (ANILS, Italy)

Secretary-General

Denis Cunningham (AFMLTA, Australia)

Treasurer-General

Kirsti Santaholma (SUKOL, Finland)

Editor of Publications

No nomination.

World Council

Election of Representatives of Multilingual Member Associations

There were no nominations. The Secretary General suggested that, as in the past, the Executive approach member associations (not in an FIPLV Region) to nominate a representative. In the first instance, this would include MLAA (USA), MLTASL (Sri Lanka), RALMLT (Russia) and SAALT (South Africa). The members of the World Assembly agreed.

Delegates of FIPLV Regions

Delegates of FIPLV Regions were elected by the specific Region, so the current Chair and World Council representative of the NBR (Raija Airio) would continue until the end of

2009 and then be replaced by Sigurborg Jónsdóttir. As the World Assembly had taken action to rejuvenate FIPLV-Europe by putting in place a new Executive with Terry Lamb as Chair, this would take effect immediately. The situation of the Western/Central European Region required clarification.

Representatives of International Unilingual Associations

International unilingual associations were responsible for nominating their own representatives to the FIPLV World Council and informed FIPLV of their identity. Marianne Hepp would represent IDV, Janina Zielinska FIPF, while a formal nomination had been received from MAPRYAL for Cecilia Odé. The Secretary General would contact the other international unilingual associations to obtain the identities of their representatives.

2010 Notional Budget

K Santaholma explained details of the notional budget for 2010. Following approval by the World Council, the World Assembly endorsed the notional budget as presented. The challenge of deriving revenue from other sources was again raised.

Any Other Business

Farewell by Margareta Leoj

As it was her final meeting after six years as Vice President, M Leoj observed how FIPLV reflected the objectives of LMS (Sweden), seeing her role as representing practising teachers. She congratulated D Cunningham on his work and networks, essential for FIPLV, thanked T Lamb for his input and K Santaholma for her warmth and hospitality. She wished the incoming Vice President, Paolo Balboni, every success.

2009 FIPLV International Award

As she had arrived unexpectedly, Valija Vahere made it possible for her to be presented with the 2009 FIPLV International Award. This was arranged, so the President presented the Award.

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Report of the FIPLV Editor of Publications, May 2009 - December 2009

Cecilia Odé (c.ode@uva.nl), 28 December 2009

This report is very short because of my fulltime job since March 2009 as researcher in the field of Endangered Languages and, during three months, linguistic expeditions to Siberia. As of 1 January 2010 I will leave the FIPLV Executive Committee, but I will stay as a member of the FIPLV World Council as representative of MAPRYAL.

FIPLV World News

No materials for publication were received by the Editor.

Meetings, Conferences and other activities

For our website I sent to Marie Blomkvist, FIPLV Webmaster, articles, conference announcements and various other documents. These publications partly replace the FIPLV World News.

Finally, international correspondence on FIPLV matters was as usual a substantial job. Especially very time consuming were correspondence and phone calls with Moscow and members of the organizing committee about the XXIII FIPLV World Congress 2009 during the last months before we had to decide that, unfortunately, the Congress had to be cancelled.

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Report of the Secretary General (1 July – 31 December 2009)

1 Introduction

This report will retain previous categories, differentiating between those activities which are procedural and those which are operational.

Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Estonia, Malaysia, Romania, the UAE and Vietnam to explore the possibility of forming national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as Chinese, Polish and Turkish. This is time-consuming and doesn't always eventuate in an association being formed or joining FIPLV.

Regions

Following the 2006 decision to form the new Region of FIPLV-Europe and merge those of Central and Western Europe, I again met with some members of FIPLV-Europe and the Western/Central European Region to consider ways of moving forward.

Action on the Decline in Languages

To address the decline in multilingualism in different areas of society and education, FIPLV continues to take action.

FIPLV International Award

Most recipients of the 2008 Award have had their presentations. The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2009, for which two nominations were received. One has been presented, while the other is imminent.

Linguapax

The Linguapax Advisory Board met on 15-18 September. Under new management, the Linguapax Institute is keen to kick-start activities under the Linguapax umbrella again. This will involve the Linguapax Advisory Board, the International Linguapax Network, further Linguapax World Congresses and the Linguapax Award.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014

To be built into the FIPLV Strategic Plan, the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 continues to be a focus of papers and reports.

Obituaries

A sad reality of any organisation is that former (and current) officers pass away. I believe this needs to be acknowledged, so have asked for a section on "Obituaries" (or "Celebration of a Life") to be included on the FIPLV website. Fortunately, I have not been made aware of any recent losses.

Operational Matters

Withdrawal from some operational activities has returned my attention to procedural tasks, including the following:

Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents - the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – and will do the same after our meetings. Terry Lamb has offered to synthesise these documents so, presumably, will take over this task.

Call for Nominations

In accordance with the process and timeline dictated by the Statutes, the four nominations received led to the unanimous election of all at the meeting of the World Assembly on 1 September.

Head Office

Terry has now assumed FIPLV representation with the ECML.

FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

all member associations and FIPLV Regions

FIPLV Executive and World Council

international unilingual associations (FIPF, IDV, ILEI and LATEUM) and those for Hungarian (IATH) and Polish (IATP)

national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ALL, ANILS, APLV, GMF, KMF, LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), LTAL, MANYE, MLTASL, NZALT, PTN, SAALT, STIL and SUKOL)

External Operations

Involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative included:

follow-up on 2008, The International Year of Languages

the distribution and translation of *Education in a Multilingual World*

collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to pursue the possibility of ‘formal relations’ status with UNESCO. Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

UNESCO

Marie-Ange Théobald, Mauro Rosi, Noro Andriamiseza, Anna Maria Majlöv (and other officers of UNESCO) although attempts to meet in late 2009 were unsuccessful, which is to be rectified at the beginning of 2010

experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to the above projects, conferences and other activities

European Commission

Terry and Cecilia have taken over liaison with the European Commission

Council of Europe

Cecilia represents FIPLV with the Council of Europe and Terry has had recent meetings, leading to my involvement being superseded. I did, however, spend some time discussing a range of issues with Joe Sheils in Barcelona.

Other Associations

AILA and TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

Other representatives of the Polish and Turkish Governments and teacher associations with a view to forming an international unilingual association for Turkish

associations in Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV

participants of the conferences which I have attended

Submissions

I have prepared no submissions for funding of projects since the last meeting.

Procedural Matters

Apart from some mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Helsinki and Graz as well as work on the FIPLV Statutes and other publications.

Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been considerable and frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2009-2012** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meeting.

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Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has begun to stabilise. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2007 - 2668 & 2072; 2008 – 2388 and 1435. In 2009, 2167 were received and 1155 sent. These figures do not include 'spam' or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meetings of the FIPLV Executive, World Council and World Assembly in Graz. Unconfirmed and confirmed minutes of all the 2009 meetings in Helsinki and Graz were prepared and distributed, as were the minutes of the 2006 meeting of the World Assembly in Göteborg. The agenda for the ExCo meeting to take place in Graz on 8 January 2010 was prepared and circulated.

Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

Representation

I have been fortunate to be able to represent FIPLV at several conferences and other events since the last report:

meeting of Linguapax Advisory Board, Barcelona (Spain), 15-18 September

meetings with Wladyslaw Miodunka and Robert Debski, Jagellonian University, Krakow (Poland), 9 September

PTN Annual International Conference, Sosnowiec (Poland), 7-9 September

Forum/Seminar of Ministry of Education and language teacher associations, Vilnius (Lithuania), 4 September

meeting of delegates of the Ministry of Education and language teacher associations, Vilnius (Lithuania), 4 September

meeting of FIPLV Executive and ECML Management, Graz (Austria), 1 September

FIPLV Executive, World Council and World Assembly meetings, Graz (Austria), 31 August – 1 September

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 July 2009, there have been the following:

plenary address at the PTN Annual International Conference, Sosnowiec (Poland), 7-9 September

introductory presentation for ICT workshop at PTN Annual International Conference, Sosnowiec (Poland), 7-9 September

reflections at the Forum/Seminar of Ministry of Education and language teacher associations, Vilnius (Lithuania), 4 September

There are currently no confirmed invitations for future presentations. In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last six months have included:

Barcelona (Spain): Josep Cru, Miquel Essomba, Alicia Fuentes-Calle, Félix Martí, Joseph Poth et al (Linguapax); Maya David (PBMM); Joe Sheils (COE)

Berlin (Germany): Andrea Meyer

Graz (Austria): Waldek Martyniuk, Susanna Slivensky (ECML)

Krakow (Poland): Robert Debski, Wladyslaw Miodunka (Jagellonian Uni); Anna Seretny (IATP)

Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward, Friederike Klippel

Paris (France): Jean-Luc Pinard (APLV)

Sosnowiec (Poland): Halina Widla, Mirek Pawlak et al (PTN); Ewa Miczka et al (Uni of Silesia)

Vienna (Austria): Andrea Burziwal

Vilnius (Lithuania): Eglė Sleinotienė (LTAL); Audronė Auskelienė, Olga Medvedeva (PSLC); Loretta & Irena (Ministry); Irena Darginavienė, Andra Dargytė (Mykolas Romeris Uni); Danute Rasimavicienė (Vilnius College of Higher Education)

Publications

In the last six months, I am unaware of any articles and texts having appeared (apart from reports of conferences). However, there has been sufficient interest and offers of papers to proceed with the volume of *Hermenia* in Romania. Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

“Languages: Challenges and Solutions”. Requested paper for volume to celebrate 50-year career of Svetlana Ter-Minasova

Hungarian translation of my 2008 Budapest paper

Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

31 December 2009

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Report of the President of FIPLV, Dr Terry Lamb August 2009

This report will refer to activities carried out in the period January-August 2009, following from the report produced in January 2009.

Following the Exective Committee meeting in Helsinki in January, there has been a continued focus on FIPLV's relationship with the **European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)** in Graz, Austria, which is the official FIPLV address. ECML is part of the **Council of Europe** and in the past six months there has also been concrete engagement between the Council of Europe itself, in Strasbourg, and FIPLV.

The ECML funded project **LACS (Language Associations and Collaborative Support)** is one of the projects of the ECML 2008-2011 programme (Empowering Language Professionals), and it continues to develop opportunities for language teacher associations to benefit from greater collaboration with one another as well as engagement with the range of ECML projects. To remind you, I am coordinating the project with the support of a project team consisting of other FIPLV colleagues who represent other partner organisations: Sigurborg Jónsdóttir from Iceland (FIPLV Nordic-Baltic Region and FIPLV Europe), Lucka Pristavec from Slovenia (FIPLV and IDV) and Janina Zielinska from Poland (FIPLV and FIPF). In addition, the project team has been joined by Nicole Thibault, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT), which is enabling us to explore collaboration on the North American continent.

The LACS project is aimed at exploring the ways in which language teacher associations around the world support their members through professional development activities and action to influence policy. Following an initial survey which had 35 returns from FIPLV, FIPF and IDV members across the globe (Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Macedonia, Morocco, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Togo, United Kingdom, USA, Venezuela, Zambia), a follow-up survey is being sent out in order to pick up responses from an even broader range of associations. This survey has sparked interest from a number of associations wishing to be more closely involved in FIPLV's work.

In April 2009, there was a meeting in Graz of the LACS team. A report of this meeting can be found on the project's website (www.lacs.ecml.at). The main task was to prepare the project workshop which will take place 10-11 December 2009, with representation from all ECML member countries (which are not exclusively in Europe). We are asking ECML National Contact Points to find active representatives from language teacher associations who will be able to act as multipliers in their home countries, so please look out for this. It will be a valuable opportunity for different associations to meet up and explore issues together, and will be entirely funded by ECML.

The LACS meeting also came up with other ideas for enhancing the website and raising teachers' awareness of what is happening in language teacher associations around the world as well as of

some of the exciting ECML project work. From this summer, there will be monthly mailings to all members of FIPLV, FIPF and IDV which will offer you opportunities to profile your work as well as to learn about ECML projects and the latest LACS news. We would encourage all named representatives of our member associations to forward these brief mailings widely to your own individual members, as they stand to gain a great deal from this information.

I am also involved in another ECML project called MARILLE (MAJoRity language Instruction as basis for pLuriLingual Education), which also had a project team meeting in April, and which is organising its workshop for 15-16 December 2009. Further information can be found at this project's website: www.marille.ecml.at. This will be of great interest to those of you who are interested in all aspects of children's linguistic development, including the development of the language of schooling for those children for whom this is only one part of their linguistic repertoire. In June, I was invited by the Council of Europe's Language Policy Division in Strasbourg to represent the MARILLE project at a seminar to develop further the Council's work on the Languages of Schooling. There I met colleagues from the Language Policy Division, including Joe Sheils, and we had a discussion about ways in which FIPLV can be involved in this work. The hope is to bridge the gap not only between teachers of different languages, but also between teachers involved in different types of languages, mother tongue teachers, second and additional language teachers, and teachers of modern and community languages.

Finally, in relation to ECML, we are about to sign a memorandum of understanding to cement our relationship even further. In January, I will be representing FIPLV at the invitation of Waldemar Martiniuk, Executive Director of ECML, who is setting up a Professional Network Forum on Language Education, consisting of INGOs in partnership with the ECML, e.g. EAQUALS, ALTE and CercleS, with a view to sharing language education issues and challenges, to provide a better platform for cooperation and coordination, and to develop common statements on language education issues.

I would like to thank ECML for its support and collegiality. In recent months, all the staff there have been extremely helpful, for example in helping us to transfer our bank account to Graz.

With regard to the **European Commission**, I was recently part of an expert panel on linguistic diversity together with Leonard Orban, Commissioner for Multilingualism. The panel was part of a seminar on ways in which mainstream schools and community/complementary schools can work more closely together in supporting bi- and plurilingual learners. Organised by CILT, the National Centre for Languages in England, the seminar took place in the House of Lords in London. This gave me another opportunity to raise Commissioner Orban's awareness of FIPLV, and I suggested we have another meeting in Brussels.

FIPLV is also part of a consortium bidding for another EC project on language policy which, if successful should provide further opportunities for us to get together. More news on that at a later date.

As part of my job at the University of Sheffield, I have recently been successful as part of a consortium in gaining research funding from the Training and Development Agency for Schools to develop a strategy for diversifying the range of languages taught in schools in England. As part of this project, called the World Languages Project, I hope to link into FIPLV members in order for us to share ways in which teachers of different languages are trained in our countries and how new policies for multilingualism might be developed. One of the partners in this research is ALL (the Association for Language Learning), which will be playing a crucial role at the consultation stage. Hopefully this will also provide a model for language teacher associations wishing to gain funding for research activities to support their members.

Finally, I am working with the Government in England to develop a new Diploma for 14-19 year olds, called the Diploma in Languages and International Communication. This has attracted attention from a number of other countries, and I am working closely with the French Government on using the Diploma as a platform for a joint qualification at baccalauréat level. The intention is then to work with other countries in similar ways. I am delighted to inform you that the French Prime Minister has honoured me with the award of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques in recognition not only of this work but also for my work with FIPLV.

Terry Lamb President,
FIPLV

August 2009

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Report of FIPLV Vice president

January 1 st – June 30rd 2009

Meetings, conferences

The Executive Committee meeting in Helsinki, January 2009, wonderfully hosted by treasurer Kirsti Santaholma and in the presence of Natalya Egorova of Moscow.

Other activities

More or less daily contact with FIPLV webmaster Marie Blomkvist. Frequent contacts with LMS Sweden and with the NBR region, trying to establish contact with Denmark and Estonia.

Most time consuming task: e-mail correspondance with the ExCo on various matters. Reading and reacting to numerous documents.

Major concerns

Finance problems due to economic problems in members associations

The cancellation of The World Congress in Moscow

Decreasing number of members in language associations around the world and difficulties in involving new, young members.

Problems finding language teachers ready to sacrifice free time for in-service training = attending language conferences.

Kungsbacka, Sweden, August 2009

Margareta Leoj

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Report of the Secretary General (1 January – 30 June 2009)

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Most recipients of the 2007 and 2008 Awards have had their presentations. The criteria and call for nominations were prepared for the FIPLV International Award of 2009. Two nominations were received.

Linguapax

There has been little action on the Linguapax front, although I continue to fulfil my obligation as a member of the Linguapax Advisory Board by providing input to the choice of the recipient of the Linguapax Award. A staffing change at the Linguapax Institute has led to the rejuvenation of this initiative with my having been invited to a meeting of the Linguapax Advisory Board on 15-18 September.

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Withdrawal from some operational activities has returned my attention to procedural tasks, including the following:

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I have updated key FIPLV documents - the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – and will do the same after our meetings.

Call for Nominations

The call for nominations for offices of the FIPLV Executive and World Council for 2010-2012 were distributed in October. By the deadline of 31 December, two nominations had been received, so a second call was distributed in March for the unfilled positions. The nominations for the four positions were distributed for the elections at the meeting of the FIPLV World Assembly on 1 September.

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Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meeting of the FIPLV Executive in Helsinki. The definitive copy of the minutes of the 2008 meetings of the Executive and World Council (Graz) were finalised and circulated. Unconfirmed minutes of the 2009 Helsinki meeting were prepared and distributed. The agendas for the three meetings to take place in Graz were prepared and circulated.

Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

Representation

I have been fortunate to be able to represent FIPLV at several conferences and other events since the last report:

Expolangues, Paris (France), 15 & 17 January

meeting with SUKOL delegates, Helsinki (Finland), 20 & 21 January

meeting of delegates of the Ministry of Education and language teacher associations, Tallinn (Estonia), 22 January

MLTAV Annual Conference reception, Melbourne (Australia), 15 May

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 January 2009, there have been none, because of the cancellation of FIPLV 2009 and the meetings in Moscow. Thus, the following scheduled presentations were also cancelled:

presentation at Symposium for Prof Dr Friederike Klippel, Munich (Germany), 21-23 May

major presentation at LTAL Annual Conference, Vilnius (Lithuania), 29-30 June

plenary presentation at FIPLV 2009, Moscow (Russian Federation), 2-4 July
Invitations for future presentations include:

address at PTN Annual Conference, Sosnowiec (Poland), 7-9 September

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last six months have included:

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Melbourne (Australia): Megan McLaughlin (AFMLTA); Michael Clyne; Andrew Ferguson (MLTAV); Hasan Sayar (Turkish); and international representatives of the Consulates of Poland and Turkey

Paris (France): Pei-Wha Chi Lee, Dario Pagel, Madeleine Rolle-Boumlic, Janina Zielinska (FIPF); Hélène Ladevie, Jean-Yves PetitGirard, Jean-Luc Pinard (APLV); Albert Raasch (COE)

Tallinn (Estonia): Jaak Viller et al (Ministry of Education); Ene Peterson, Evelin Müüripeal et al (language teacher associations)

Publications

In the last six months, I have become aware of the following articles and texts having appeared (in addition to the major publications detailed above and reports of conferences):

“A Solution to the Challenge of Multilingualism – Creating Multilingual Schools”. In *Towards a Better Language Education. International Conference. 29-30 June 2009*. Vilnius: Lietuvos kalbu pedagogu asociacija. (CD-ROM)

Towards a Better Language Education. International Conference. 29-30 June 2009. Vilnius: Lietuvos kalbu pedagogu asociacija. (CD-ROM) (Member of editorial board).

“1993-2006”. In Freudenstein, R. (ed) 2008. *History of the Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes*, (Tübingen: Gunter Narr Verlag), 81-119

Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

“Languages: Challenges and Solutions”. Requested paper for volume to celebrate 50-year career of Svetlana Ter-Minasova

Hungarian translation of my 2008 Budapest paper

Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham
Secretary General, FIPLV

30 June 2009

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**Report of the FIPLV Editor of Publications, February 2009
- April 2009**

Cecilia Odé (c.ode@uva.nl), 28 April 2009

FIPLV World News

No materials for publication were received by the Editor.

Meetings, Conferences and other activities

In January 2009 I attended the meeting of the Executive Committee in Helsinki, Finland.

For our website I sent to Marie Blomkvist, FIPLV Webmaster, articles, conference announcements and various other documents. These publications partly replace the FIPLV World News.

In this short period of three months no papers on FIPLV have been presented.

In February 2009 I met with Irina Khaleeva's team (she herself was not present) (RAMLT) in Moscow to discuss the next FIPLV World Congress to be held in Moscow in July 2009. Decisions were made about accommodation and programme and we agreed on corrections to the congress website, on invited speakers and other important congress matters.

I sent information about the XXIII FIPLV World Congress to several mailing lists and on several websites such as the Linguist List.

I made corrections in the FIPLV Flyer and had 1000 copies of the new 2009 version printed. These are now available for officers and members and can be ordered by email via me.

I sent free copies of the FIPLV History to Member Associations who have paid for 2008 and via Marie Blomkvist I put an advertisement of this publication on the website.

Finally, international correspondence on FIPLV matters was as usual a substantial job. Especially time consuming again were correspondence and phone calls with Moscow and members about the XXIII FIPLV World Congress 2009.

Year 2008

Year 2008 FIPLV Executive Committee meeting in Graz

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FIPLV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 1

Graz -

Austria

12 April

2008

Unconfirmed Minutes

Present

Terry Lamb	President
Margareta Leoj	Vice President
Denis Cunningham	Secretary General
Cecilia Odé	Editor of Publications
Raija Airio	President, Nordic-Baltic Region

Languages of Use: English, French, German

Formalities

Welcome

T Lamb welcomed all, especially Raija Airio, and invited them to use the language(s) of choice.

D Cunningham noted with regret the passing of Judith Hamilton and requested that the meeting show their respect and appreciation by observing a one-minute silence. D Cunningham would approach others to assist in preparing an obituary for publication in *FIPLV World News*.

Apologies

Leena Hämäläinen, Treasurer General

Approval of the Agenda

To be added was: 10.5 ECML Project. The President thanked D Cunningham for preparing the agenda.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Executive Meeting 2/07 — Riga – Latvia - 13 June 2007

Under #7.3 'Anne Walton' should be changed to 'Ann Whorton'. It was agreed that M Leoj place the (confirmed) minutes of the 2007 World Council meeting on the website. D Cunningham would amend the unconfirmed minutes before distributing to member associations. To speed up the process of confirming minutes, it was agreed that the Secretary General set a strict deadline for feedback or approval and include a clause to the effect that if there were no response by the deadline it would be presumed that the non-responding officer believed them to be an accurate record.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Action had been completed, was identified on the current agenda, or referred to the List of Tasks.

Reports

President

T Lamb provided an oral report. The meeting believed that it was important to have a written report in future. T Lamb reported that the creation of the FIPLV project within the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) program of activities for 2008-2011 had taken considerable time, effort and sensitive negotiations. He reported that the ECML was happy to have the project with FIPLV. He had been invited to the ECML Conference in September 2007, being identified as a rapporteur (as FIPLV President). He had also been invited to moderate a meeting in September 2008 at the ECML. He and C Odé had met with Leonard Orban, Commissioner for Multilingualism at the European Commission (EC), in November to discuss closer collaboration. This required following up. The President also reported that he had been appointed to a very important role in overseeing educational reform in schools to enhance the vocational focus with a consideration of a diploma in languages (in England). He had attended an NGO meeting at UNESCO in December but found it difficult to connect with relevant individuals. D Cunningham provided background on UNESCO and Council of Europe (COE) expectations that those with NGO-status be more actively involved, pointing out Eynar

Leupold's past feedback that FIPLV needed to assume a higher profile at UNESCO, while Dieter Herold had felt that the COE meetings which he had attended were of little relevance to FIPLV in the past. This view was not shared by D Cunningham, who had attended two extremely beneficial COE policy forums. The President reported that he had attended a seminar on teacher education in Europe in Siena and had been an invited speaker to TESOL '08 in New York, where he had discussions with officers re TESOL relations with and renewed membership of FIPLV. He and C Odé had prepared an abstract for a presentation at AILA 2008, which had been accepted.

Vice President

M Leoj tabled her report, saying that she met many people at the LMS (Sweden) Conference at the weekend. She also reported on the reorganisation of the education system in Sweden, which included an upgrade of languages study.

Secretary-General

D Cunningham had distributed his report prior to the meeting, invited questions and was thanked.

Treasurer-General

Raija Airio provided an oral report on behalf of L Hämäläinen, whose absence was noted with regret. The finances were in a bad state, although 2007 was better than 2006. Some membership fees were arriving. L Hämäläinen had passed on the message that proper receipts were required for reimbursement of expenses. The sad state of the finances was mainly the result of invoices to members being sent out late in 2007 and not at all in 2008. D Cunningham was asked to send the invoices to members for 2008 dues, which he had offered to do beforehand. Another difficulty was that it appeared that only L Hämäläinen had access to the FIPLV account details and transactions in Switzerland, so that other ExCo members were unable to obtain information, use the FIPLV credit card or obtain reimbursement. As a result, it was decided that the President open a bank account in an

Austrian bank in Graz in the name of FIPLV with a view to closing the existing account at the Luzerner Kantonalbank in Switzerland. The signatories would be T Lamb and L Hämäläinen, with C Odé being a fallback position. In asking R Airio to convey her report, L Hämäläinen had suggested the possibility that she should stand down as Treasurer General because of ill-health. The meeting discussed this option and reluctantly thought it the best course of action. It was agreed that Kirsti Santaholma of SUKOL be asked to be Acting Treasurer General for the balance of the term of office (to the end of 2009). R Airio would contact her. The meeting was informed later that Kirsti Santaholma had agreed.

Editor of Publications

C Odé spoke to her written report, previously distributed. She added details of two publications on/with MAPRYAL and had sent her abstract for the IALL (International Academy for Linguistic Law) International Conference in Lisbon in July. She had revised the sponsorship letter, which was further discussed at the meeting. She would amend the current draft before distributing it to other ExCo members. Once finalised, the letter would be used to target likely organisations in Europe (by C Odé), the Americas (T Lamb) and elsewhere (including China and Japan) (by D Cunningham).

The President thanked all for their reports.

Relations with Regions and Member Associations

FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation

Europe

D Cunningham had attended the meeting in Leipzig on 27 March. In the absence of a written report from K Schröder, D Cunningham referred to his draft minutes of the meeting which embraced FIPLV-Europe but most of which was devoted to forming the Western/Central European Region (WCER). The FIPLV-Europe Board had not met, mainly because of the ill-health of its Treasurer, L Hämäläinen. There had been a meeting in Paris in September under the auspices of ALL (UK) and the Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques (CIEP) in the context of the REAL project (of the EC). T Lamb would request a written report from K Schröder.

Nordic-Baltic Region

R Airio provided an oral report. She would present on FIPLV at the conference in Vilnius in June. The internal regulations would be reviewed in 2009.

Other: Western/Central European Region (WCER)

D Cunningham reported that at the recent meeting in Leipzig, the internal regulations were finalised (subject to confirmation) and the Board had been elected: Chair – Konrad Schröder; Treasurer – Hélène Ladevie; Secretary – Halina Widla. It had been a positive meeting.

International Unilingual Associations

FIPF and IDV were collaborating with FIPLV on the ECML project, so relations were excellent. C Odé had been re-elected to the MAPRYAL Presidium and had been involved in conferences and meetings, while T Lamb had met with TESOL officers in New York. There had been email contact with ILEI and LATEUM, while D Cunningham had met with

Rita Hegedüs, President of the IATH, in Budapest the previous week. T Lamb would follow up

with IATEFL, C Odé with the international association for Arabic and D Cunningham with that for Polish.

National Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received from AFMLTA (Australia), ANILS (Italy), PTN (Poland) and SUKOL (Finland). These had been distributed to members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council. These and any other reports would also be distributed to member associations. Issues raised were discussed at the appropriate places on the agenda. R Airio spoke to the SUKOL report, highlighting its 50th anniversary in 2007. A letter had been received from FNAPLV (Portugal), requesting that FIPLV reconsider its definition of 'individual member'. This was a recurrence of the same request ten years before where FIPLV pointed out that 'individual member' referred to the membership of individuals in an association and not the number of associations representing specific languages. D Cunningham was asked to draft a letter pointing out the positives, the new ECML project and partnership, and state that FNAPLV could not redefine 'individual member'. He would also suggest that FNAPLV could request financial consideration. This draft would be referred to the President for despatch.

Development of the Federation

Membership Promotion

Following on from the previous meeting, various officers provided an update on action in different countries: Azerbaijan – no news; Austria – there was a new association but little action; Estonia – Eglé Sleinotiene of Lithuania had identified a new contact; Georgia – no news; Lithuania – D Cunningham had met with Eglé Sleinotiene the previous week and confirmed their willingness to join after the recently resolved legal aspects; Mongolia – no news; Philippines – D Cunningham to follow up; Turkey – no news; and Vietnam – D Cunningham to follow up but funding for travel was a difficulty. D Cunningham had met with representatives of unilingual associations from Croatia in Leipzig, and would meet with them and others in Zagreb on 21 April. R Airio would contact the association in Denmark. The ECML project would assist with these endeavours while the importance of personal contact was again stressed.

Membership Requests

The only unresolved request was that of the European Association of Teachers of Arabic. C Odé would follow up.

Financial Status of Members

The financial status of members was unavailable. D Cunningham would distribute invoices to members upon his return home in a fortnight.

Associate Members

D Cunningham met with the directors of the Balassi Balint in Budapest the previous week and would follow up with them on either associate membership or sponsorship.

External Relations

UNESCO

Relations

Relations were good as FIPLV collaborated with UNESCO on the International Year of Languages (IYOL08) and the dissemination of UNESCO materials, following discussions with Mauro Rosi, leader of the cross-sectoral team on multilingualism.

2007 Report

The 2007 annual report had been sent to UNESCO earlier in the year.

Council of Europe (COE)

C Odé reported that she had not been able to attend recent meetings, although she responded every time. She had been frustrated in trying to enter FIPLV information on the COE database.

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

Covered under #4.1.

Contract

D Cunningham had prepared a draft but this had not been followed up, perhaps no longer being necessary. The President would investigate. D Cunningham had also prepared a list of items to be housed at the ECML, hosting the FIPLV head office, but this would have to be reviewed because of limited space.

Operations

Referred to the meeting of the World Council, where Susanna Slivensky would present the following day.

European Commission (EC)

Covered under #4.1 and #4.5.

Operations and Publications

Strategic Plan

The President would act on this using a previous ALL (UK) plan.

Dissemination and Determining Needs

The President intended to use the World Council meeting as a forum for discussion and the conduct of business to reflect a need to find new ways.

World News

The President congratulated C Odé on the quality of *FIPLV World News*. C Odé proposed that *FIPLV World News* be replaced by publishing a 'newspage' on the website in line with the global trend from paper to electronic publishing. FIPLV had the website and the brochure. C Odé explained that it was very difficult to obtain articles, papers or other items for *World News* and transferring its role to the website would also reduce expenditure. The webmaster, Marie Blomkvist, could create a button entitled 'Latest News' on the homepage. Implications for the Statutes and the brochure would need to be investigated. The proposal would be referred to the World Council.

Website

M Leoj asked the others to suggest changes. It was decided to place the powerpoint presentation (prepared by C Odé) and confirmed minutes on the website, as well as creating

a new button for 'FIPLV News'. The President raised the possibility of a Dutch colleague assisting with a discussion forum on the website.

Brochure/Flyer

C Odé offered to update the brochure, which would then be available from her. She would print 1000 copies.

History

Reinhold Freudenstein had taken over the final editing as he and D Cunningham were still discussing some matters. R Freudenstein estimated the near-complete text to be around 110 pp and 400,000 digits. D Cunningham agreed to find out the cost of printing in Romania.

Files

It was an ongoing challenge to recreate the FIPLV files, while D Cunningham was culling his excessive files.

Powerpoint Presentation

Covered under #4.5 and #8.4.

Hermeneia (Romanian Journal)

It was previously agreed that D Cunningham accept the offer of Petru Bejan for FIPLV to obtain and edit articles for up to three issues of this journal printed in Iasi (Romania). D Cunningham had requested articles of colleagues and, in particular, those of UNESCO Etxea to focus on strategies to redress the disappearance of endangered languages. While Petru Bejan needed international distribution for the journal, FIPLV involvement would give younger scholars the possibility of publishing.

Priorities and Activities

Strategic Planning

Covered under #8.1.

Linguapax, Language Rights & Solidarity

There was no recent news. C Odé would attend the world congress of the International Academy of Linguistic Law (IALL) in Lisbon.

Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

The FIPLV/ECML project, Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS), was the best current example. As this subject would be subsumed elsewhere in future agendas, it was decided to delete this agenda item in future.

Discussion Papers

There were no new proposals.

Representation

D Cunningham had recently represented FIPLV at the GMF Conference in Leipzig (27-29 March) and the MANYE International Conference in Budapest (3-5 April).

International Year of Languages 2008 (IYOL08)

It was decided to publish David Crystal's paper on the website. FIPLV had also publicised UNESCO information on the IYOL08 on the website. It was expressed with regret that

knowledge and the impact of IYOL08 on the wider community appeared to be minimal in some areas.

Other

Nil.

Projects

Multilingualism

D Cunningham reported on the project initiated in Göteborg in 2006. It was decided that this duplicated what was already available, so the project should be discontinued.

Continuity

This was covered on the website, so the item would be deleted from future agendas.

Decade of Education and Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

This was covered by papers and articles by the Secretary General, so would be deleted from future agendas.

Role of Associations in Policy

Subsumed within #10.5.

ECML Project

Refer also #4.1. The project was about dissemination and collaboration, identifying strategies of teachers helping teachers locally and nationally, influencing policy and empowering those associations who believed they had no voice with politicians. A by-product of this project over the period of 2008-2011 was to disseminate information on ECML projects. CASLT (Canada) was also involved in the project.

FIPLV World Congresses

FIPLV 2009

The conference would take place in Moscow on 2-4 July 2009, flanked by pre- and post-conference tours. A full discussion was referred to the World Council. However, C Odé informed the meeting that there would be a maximum of 500 participants to attend this World Congress of four thematic strands and with possible keynote speakers in Vitaly Kostomarov, Irina Khaleeva and Rolf Schärer of Switzerland. Simultaneous interpreting would be available where keynote addresses were in Russian.

FIPLV 2012

D Cunningham had sent out the call for offers on 5 February. The deadline was 31 May. No concrete offers had been received.

Finances

Notional Budget for 2009

The draft emailed by the Treasurer General a few days before was discussed. The amended draft would be referred to the meeting of the World Council.

Funding of Publications

Funding was available from the sale of publications, as agreed in the past. It was decided to print 50 copies of the FIPLV History. Additional copies of the 75th anniversary volume could

be printed in the future as it was an excellent volume to include in the FIPLV International Award.

Sponsorship Proposals

Covered under #4.5.

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

Four nominations had been received: Natalia Gvishiani (LATEUM) – endorsed (as Ekaterina Mikhailovskaya had informed D Cunningham that they had paid the 2007 membership fee; Marja Martikainen (SUKOL/Finland) – endorsed (as SUKOL had paid the 2007 fee); Stanley Perera (MLTASL/Sri Lanka) – ineligible (as the request for non-payment of the membership fee was an issue); and Gail Spence (NZALT/New Zealand) – endorsed subject to NZALT having paid the 2007 or 2008 fee or both. All were referred to the meeting of the World Council. Subject to ratification of these recommendations, D Cunningham would write accordingly to Stanley Perera of MLTASL and Adele Scott of NZALT.

List of Tasks Update

D Cunningham would update and distribute the list.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

Executive Meeting 2/2008

The Executive discussed the possible dates in the second half of November or late January 2009 to coincide with a meeting of the FIPLV/ECML project in Graz. All officers were asked to investigate comparative prices to include November or January, Graz or Moscow. This information was to be referred to the President.

World Council Meeting 2008

The President would keep the meeting as informal as possible to include a briefing by Susanna Slivensky (of the ECML) at 1400, brainstorming on vision and the strategic plan, and adequate time to discuss FIPLV 2009.

2009 Meetings

It was decided to have the 2009 Executive meeting on 30 June and recommend that the meetings of the World Council and World Assembly take a half-day each on 1 July in Moscow immediately prior to FIPLV 2009.

FIPLV Timeline 2008-2009

D Cunningham to update, as required.

Any Other Business

Death of Maurice Antier

D Cunningham reported with regret that Maurice Antier, a former FIPLV Vice President and Honorary Executive Member, had passed away at the age of 90. D Cunningham had been very happy to meet him eighteen months earlier to discuss the FIPLV History, while Maurice Antier had been chuffed by the continuing interest in his earlier contribution.

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Graz - Austria

13 April 2008

Unconfirmed Minutes

Present

Raija Airio	Nordic Baltic Region (NBR)
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary
General Natalia Egoreva	RALMLT (Russia)
Terry Lamb	FIPLV President
Margareta Leoj	FIPLV Vice President
Cecilia Odé	FIPLV Editor of

1 Formalities

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Council meeting.

Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

Apologies

Peter Ehrhard (FIPF), Leena Hämäläinen (FIPLV Treasurer General), Konrad Schröder (FIPLV-Europe/WCER), Johan Viljoen (SAALT)

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

World Council Meeting - Riga (Latvia) - 14 June 2007

The minutes were approved as an accurate record. D Cunningham would finalise and distribute them. The President informed the meeting that the Executive had decided to speed up the process of confirming and distributing minutes of meetings by having the Secretary General send out the draft and unconfirmed minutes to those present with a stipulation that, if no response were received by a strict deadline, then the Secretary General would presume that the non-responding officer believed the minutes to be an accurate record. The World Council approved this process. D Cunningham would finalise the 2007 minutes and send them to the Executive, the World Council and have them placed on the website. The President thanked the ECML for providing use of their buildings for the meetings over the weekend.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

Reports

Executive

The Secretary General and Editor of Publications had prepared written reports, which had been distributed previously. These would be distributed to member associations with the minutes. The other officers provided oral reports.

Overview of Activities of the Executive

The President provided a brief oral report, stating that it would soon be available in written form. He detailed the FIPLV/ECML project in which FIPF and IDV were involved. The successful proposal had led to one meeting of the project team at the ECML in early April. L Pristavec thanked D Cunningham for preparing another proposal for the ECML program, informing the meeting that the successful project proposal would not have been possible without having this as a basis. The

President indicated that the project would help members and create the possibility of new members. T Lamb and C Odé had met with Leonard Orban, Commissioner of Multilingualism, at the European Commission (EC) in Brussels in November. The President had attended the NGO meeting at UNESCO in December, had participated in a conference in Siena and come directly from the TESOL '08 Annual Convention in New York, where he had explored the possibility of TESOL re-joining FIPLV. He had prepared the abstract for a conference session with C Odé at the 2008 AILA World Congress in August, while following up on an international association for Japanese. Other written reports had been distributed or were tabled.

Financial Report

R Airio stood in for L Hämäläinen, explaining that her ill-health made it impossible for her to attend. More specific details were provided on her health. L Hämäläinen had suggested that she be replaced. This was discussed by the Executive the day before, accepted as a recommendation and led to the Executive approaching Kirsti Santaholma of SUKOL to be Acting Treasurer General. Kirsti Santaholma had agreed. R Airio spoke to the financial details sent electronically by L Hämäläinen a few days before the meeting. Few members had paid and some expenses had not been reimbursed. The accounts had been audited. The President thanked R Airio for providing the oral report. D Cunningham explained the situation of membership dues. He had offered to send them out in 2007 and 2008, respecting L Hämäläinen's role as Treasurer General. Clearly, she wished to send out the invoices herself – a decision respected by all – but conceded that D Cunningham should do it. This occurred late in 2007. She also wanted to distribute the 2008 invoices herself, so had refused D Cunningham's offer to do so at the beginning of 2008. This meant that few members had paid in 2007, almost none in 2008. The Executive decided that D Cunningham should send out the 2008 invoices as a matter of priority.

Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the Treasurer General's and auditor's reports.

Regions

Europe

D Cunningham provided an oral report of the meeting in Leipzig which was devoted mainly to the formation of the merged Western/Central European Region (WCER). The

Board of FIPLV-Europe had not met, mainly because of the ill-health of L Hämäläinen. In addition to this, it was unfortunate that Sigurborg Jonsdóttir, the Secretary of FIPLV-Europe, was also unable to attend the meeting in Leipzig on 27 March. A REAL project hosted by the Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques (CIEP) and ALL (UK) led to a meeting in Sèvres in September. CIEP was confident of obtaining funding for REAL 2. T Lamb saw overlap with the FIPLV/ECML project, where this could be assisted by information from the REAL project. Those present had not seen a report of the REAL project meeting.

Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

R Airio reported on the conference and meetings in Riga in June 2007. The next seminar would take place in Iceland in 2010. Activity reports would be placed on the NBR website. The internal regulations required updating, building in the three-year terms of office. SUKOL (Finland) had celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007, leading to a jubilee seminar and the production of a CD-ROM. SUKOL had awarded a prize to the national broadcasting commission for using sub-titles rather than dubbing. Statistics on students learning languages had motivated SUKOL to act, a subject of conversation in the frequent meetings with the Minister for Education. Learning languages enabled students to gain additional credits for tertiary entrance in Finland, as it did in (some states of) Australia and Sweden. LMS (Norway) was conducting a student competition for the European Day of Languages (EDL). LALT (Latvia) and SUKOL supported the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). The next meeting would take place in Vilnius in June 2008. In discussion, it was proposed and agreed that member associations be asked to submit annual reports based on the calendar year.

Western/Central European Region (WCER)

D Cunningham reported that the merge of the Central European Region and the Western European Region into the Western/Central European Region had taken place at the FIPLV-Europe meeting in Leipzig on 27 March. It was named the Western/Central European Region (WCER), with Konrad Schröder being elected as Chairperson, Halina Widla as Secretary and Hélène Ladevie as Treasurer. The internal regulations were agreed subject to final editing and ratification, as D Cunningham and Bill Musk (ALL) worked on these. The President observed that there appeared to be a shift in the priorities of K Schröder who seemed to be focussing more on the WCER.

International Unilingual Associations

There were no written reports, so the following items were not discussed: 4.3.1 FIPF (French), 4.3.2 IATEFL (EFL), 4.3.4 ILEI (Esperanto), 4.3.5 LATEUM (EFL), 4.3.7 SIPLE (Portuguese), and 4.3.8

TESOL (ESOL). D Cunningham spoke of the usefulness of written reports. Although there was some inevitable repetition as key issues were reflected in various areas of the globe,

positive trends – such as languages students earning additional credits for tertiary entrance – could be shared with other member associations, which could then adopt such strategies to improve the situation of their members and their students. Another concrete example was the panel formed by Jan Robertson at FIPLV 2006 in Göteborg, where she had representatives of different member associations talk about successful strategies in their countries. Under item #4.3.3, L Pristavec provided an oral report, stating that IDV had made positive progress. IDV had held a conference in Brazil in 2007 and the Landeskunde in Switzerland, where twenty had been selected from among fifty applicants. Various priorities included project management, different approaches to tackling certain topics and sharing strategies to avoid teacher burnout. Funded jointly by Austria, Germany and Switzerland, the 2009 IDV World Congress would take place in Jena. L Pristavec would send details of the conference to D Cunningham and C Odé. A student competition in German included 123 students. Interest in German was decreasing in schools in some states, with a visible trend towards increased numbers in adult and further education. The IDV website was sponsored by publishers, which paid 10000 euros. There was the need to find strategies, such as using public figures, to encourage the teaching and speaking of languages. Under item #4.6, C Odé reported on behalf of MAPRYAL that an increased number of seminars and conferences were being organised under the auspices of MAPRYAL. Significant progress had been made. C Odé suggested that centres, such as the Goethe Institute, be established to promote Russian language and culture.

Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received and distributed electronically prior to the meeting from: AFMLTA (Australia), ANILS (Italy), PTN (Poland) and SUKOL (Finland). All reports would be distributed to all member associations. C Odé reported that there had been a change to the VLLT (Netherlands) Board, whose report was available in Dutch.

Development of the Federation

The meeting accepted the President's proposal that the following items were covered by the meeting and minutes of the Executive: 5.1 List of Member Associations, 5.2 Membership Promotion, 5.3 Associate Members, 5.4 Regionalisation, and 5.5 Applications for Membership.

External Relations

UNESCO

As an NGO in consultative relations with UNESCO, FIPLV had to fulfil certain requirements. The President had attended an NGO meeting at UNESCO in December, while D Cunningham and C Odé had assisted UNESCO by disseminating information to members or placing it on the FIPLV website to highlight IYOL08.

Council of Europe (COE)

Some meetings appeared less relevant than others. The President would discuss the possibility of Janina Zielinska representing FIPLV as well as FIPF, as Peter Ehrhard had done in the past.

ECML

Relations were excellent with the ECML, now hosting the FIPLV head office. The joint FIPLV/ECML project promised to increase this further. The allocation of space had been discussed, although less was available than originally envisaged.

Contract

D Cunningham had prepared a draft contract upon the suggestion of Adrian Butler, Director of the ECML. T Lamb would follow up.

Operations

Susanna Slivensky, Deputy Director of the ECML, provided an overview of ECML activities to the meeting after thanking FIPLV for using the premises for its meetings. She was keen on collaboration and looked forward to the FIPLV project within the 2008-2011 program of 'Empowering Language Professionals'. As part of her overview, she pointed out that the ECML was responsible to the Council of Europe (COE) (with its 47 member states). The ECML had 33 members, including some outside the EU, such as Canada. Priorities included the promotion of the plurilingualism of citizens and linguistic diversity in the member states. The ECML hosted the European Day of Languages (EDL) details of activities on its website. T Lamb provided another overview of the FIPLV/ECML project, Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS) (Refer # 4.1.1 and ExCo minutes).

It was intended that FIPLV distribute the powerpoint presentation of Susanna Slivensky with the minutes of the meeting.

European Commission (EC)

The President spoke of the positive November meeting he and C Odé had with Leonard Orban, EC Commissioner for Multilingualism. The President would follow up.

Other

None.

Operations and Publications

Strategic Plan

Item #6.2 Dissemination and Determination of Needs was subsumed here. To prepare a strategic plan, the President challenged the meeting to envision what FIPLV might look like in three years' time, building in the FIPLV/ECML project. There was the need to retain existing members and identify strategies for stability. As part of this process, D

Cunningham would personalise emails to member associations, ask them what was happening in their associations and seek information on their history and date of foundation, C Odé could ask them about their publications and obtain hard and/or electronic copies. T Lamb should write a brief, friendly letter informing them about the meeting in Graz. M Leoj would facilitate more information and content being placed on the website, so that member associations could be referred to it increasingly. L Pristavec reported that IDV focussed on challenges, such as teacher burnout, classroom organisation (in Africa) ICT, website development, and student activities. FIPLV could organise seminars at the ECML to involve teachers of local countries, such as Austria, Croatia and Slovenia. There could be a new launch of the website. There was the need to find new ideas and arguments to motivate existing members to remain and new ones to join.

World News

Upon the recommendation of the Executive, the World Council approved the end of publishing *FIPLV World News*. C Odé reported on the difficulty of obtaining articles with those received having been published elsewhere. The transfer from print to electronic publishing on the website reflected a global trend, supported by the fact that almost all FIPLV communication with members was electronic. She proposed that one or more buttons be added to the FIPLV homepage to cover the content formerly contained in *FIPLV World News*. Although raised, it was felt that there was no need for a final issue providing an explanation nor for another three to complete seventy issues. C Odé would provide an announcement on the website. In further discussion, it was proposed that D Cunningham summarise articles disseminated to members. He and the President would discuss the sharing of the FIPLV email list. D Cunningham would also delete Gudrun Tulinius from the email list, as she was no longer involved.

Website

M Leoj indicated that the above decision could lead to more work and increased costs. She would discuss this with the webmaster, Marie Blomkvist.

Brochure/Flyer

C Odé would update the brochure.

Mission Statement

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

Rationale

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

Profile

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

Files

D Cunningham continued to collect documents to recreate the FIPLV files. These, however, would have to be reduced in size - with unimportant documents removed - to fit the space available at the ECML.

History

Reinhold Freudenstein had taken over editing. The FIPLV History was almost complete. On behalf of C Odé, D Cunningham agreed to investigate the cost of having fifty copies printed in Iasi (Romania) and respond to R Freudenstein. D Cunningham was discussing some inaccuracies in content with R Freudenstein.

Hermeneia (Romanian Journal)

It was previously agreed that D Cunningham accept the offer of Petru Bejan for FIPLV to obtain and edit articles for up to three issues of this journal printed in Iasi (Romania). D Cunningham had requested articles of colleagues and, in particular, those of UNESCO Etxea to focus on strategies to redress the disappearance of endangered languages. While Petru Bejan needed international distribution for the journal, FIPLV involvement would give younger scholars the possibility of publishing.

Priorities and Activities

Items #7.1 - #7.6 were not discussed. Some of these – such as #7.1 International Year of Languages 2008, #7.2 Collaboration of Teachers of Languages, #7.3 Linguapax/ Language Rights/Solidarity, #7.4 Role of Associations in Policy – had been discussed elsewhere at this meeting or that of the Executive. There were no discussion papers (item #7.5) and no proposals from the World Council or member associations (item #7.6).

Projects

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

Not discussed.

Proposals from the World Council

None.

Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive.

FIPLV World Congresses

2009 – Moscow (Russia)

Natalia Egoreva provided a detailed update on the organisation of FIPLV 2009. The contract between FIPLV and RALMLT had been signed by T Lamb and Irina Khaleeva respectively. As it would be very expensive to hire a venue in Moscow, RALMLT recommended a hotel complex 30 km from Moscow. Rooms could be booked in this centre which kept participants at the one location, rather than being scattered across a range of hotels in Moscow. The earlybird registration fee (by 1 April 2009) was 250 euros, thereafter 300 euros. This covered the venue hire, ICT support, the conference reception, coffee (but not lunches), the program, the publication of papers received before 1 April and invitations. Money from the registrations was required for the invitations. The cost of a visa – to be paid by the participant – for European citizens was around 35 euros. The conference dates were 2-4 July 2009. A contract with the conference organiser, also responsible for accommodation at 50 euros per day, had been agreed. Excursions would be organised, while access to Moscow by bus or taxi was available. There was a limit of 450 participants, so it was proposed that only two delegates per member association be allowed. This was not supported by the World Council. The structure of the venue with one large room seating 500 and three others seating 150 each determined that three strands would follow plenary sessions. The official languages for plenary sessions would be English, French and Russian. German would be added. The proposed themes included: (1) modern languages teaching and learning; (2) linguistic policies; and (3) endangered languages in the 21st century. It was proposed that the third strand be subsumed as an important sub-theme of the first in order to add a more pragmatic focus, such as ‘daily classroom experience’. Use of the fourth room was proposed to create the possibility of discussion groups. The conference website should be ready by mid-May, preferably earlier. Possible keynote speakers included: Vitaly Kostamarov (on Russian in the world), Rolf Schärer and David Little or Daniel Coste, and Hans Barkovsky of the University of Jena. T Lamb also offered to do a plenary session on autonomy. Financial regulations in Russia were complex, so it was proposed that FIPLV open a separate account for conference registrations. The need to make a profit was stressed. There was the need for a new contract to cover the allocation of profits. The meeting congratulated the organising committee and especially Irina Khaleeva for their progress.

FIPLV 2012

D Cunningham had sent out the call for offers on 5 February. The deadline was 31 May. No concrete offers had been received.

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

The Secretary General provided background on the award and the nominations received. The World Council ratified the following nominated candidates, subject to confirmation of paid dues:

LATEUM: Natalia Gvishiani

LATEUM President, Ekaterina Mikhailovskaya, had informed D Cunningham that the 2007 membership dues had been paid. This award would be presented by T Lamb and D Cunningham at FIPLV 2009.

NZALT (New Zealand): Gail Spence

This nomination had arrived late, but was endorsed by the Executive.

SUKOL (Finland): Marja Martikainen

As SUKOL had paid its membership fee, R Airio would investigate a time and place to present the award.

D Cunningham would contact the relevant member associations to inform them of the decisions. He had presented the 2007 Award to György Szépe the previous week at the MANYE Conference in Budapest. The nomination of Stanley Perera was not approved, as MLTASL had not paid its membership dues for the previous two years. D Cunningham would inform Stanley Perera of this decision.

FIPLV Finances

Notional Budget - 2009

R Airio spoke to the 2009 notional budget, revised by the Executive the previous day. This was approved by the World Council. It was essential that FIPLV seek new members. R Airio would ask Kirsti Santaholma to prepare a one-page summary for distribution.

Sponsorship

C Odé had amended the sponsorship letter initially prepared by D Cunningham and Dieter Herold in the past. She would finalise this before distribution and use.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

World Council 2009

The World Council agreed that its next meeting would take place during the morning of 1 July 2009 in Moscow.

World Assembly 2009

It was agreed that the next meeting of the World Assembly would take place during the afternoon of 1 July 2009 in Moscow.

Any Other Business

Executive Meeting 2/2008

Possible locations were discussed for the second Executive meeting for 2008. These included Amsterdam, Helsinki, Graz (to consolidate the establishment of the head office), or Moscow (to touch base on the organisation of FIPLV 2009). All ExCo members agreed to investigate and provide comparative costs for travel and visa for either Graz or Moscow.

Interactive E-learning Module

C Odé spoke of this e-learning tool, which she had developed. A link to this could be made from the FIPLV website. She also distributed publicity on endangered languages.

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Report of FIPLV Vice President 1 June 2007-1 April 2008

Meetings, conferences

NBR Conference, Riga (Latvia), 15-16 June 2007

LMS Sweden annual conference, Visby, Sweden 5-6 April 2008

At this conference I presented a role model for organising language teaching with support of a language studio at an upper secondary school, thus facilitating the creation of small language groups.

I naturally reminded the participants of the conference of the FIPLV Congress in Moscow in July 2009

Other activities

Frequent contact with FIPLV Webmaster Marie Blomkvist to update the website and the list of member associations etc

Reading and reacting to numerous e-mails from members of the Executive Committee and others all concerning FIPLV matters

Kungsbacka, April 8, 2008

Margareta Leoj

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Report of the Secretary General (1 May 2007 – 28 February 2008)

Introduction

Given the change of role, this report will witness some change despite retaining previous categories, as one would expect that activities which are procedural would overshadow those which are operational.

Initiatives

In the pursuit of the advocacy of the Federation and reflecting the aims stated in the FIPLV Statutes, I would like to highlight the following:

Membership

Retaining and increasing FIPLV membership remains a priority. This has led to strategic meetings with leaders of current members while exploring the existence of other national multilingual or international unilingual associations. For this, I have met or corresponded with colleagues in Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Romania, Thailand, Turkey, the UAE, the USA and Vietnam to explore the possibility of forming

national multilingual associations, negotiating with them where they exist, or both. At the same time, we are working on the potential and/or formation of associations to represent other significant languages of the world, such as: Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Polish and Turkish.

The above is time-consuming and rarely eventuates in an association being formed or joining FIPLV. There has been some success, however, as the national associations in Lithuania and Malaysia have requested membership.

Regions

Following the 2006 decision to form the new Region of FIPLV-Europe and merge those of Central and Western Europe, I met again with Marie Fenclova (KMF/CER) to consider ways of collaborating further.

Action on the Decline in Languages

To address the decline in multilingualism in different areas of society and education. FIPLV is taking action. We have distributed information on criteria in support of linguistic diversity and prepared submissions for the European Commission and the European Centre for Modern Languages.

FIPLV History

This is another task, which has taken longer to complete than originally envisaged. When in Paris in January, I undertook further research in the APLV office. The major focus was to seek documents and publications of the 1930s and 1940s. I also met with some past FIPLV officers, such as Josef Hendrich, who finalised his section of the FIPLV History (1931-1981). I have proof-read a draft of the complete volume after Reinhold Freudenstein took over the major editing of the text.

World Congress

As previously reported, Irina Khaleeva, President of the Russian Association of Linguists and Modern Language Teachers (RALMLT) and Rector of Moscow State Linguistic University, has offered to host FIPLV 2009 in Moscow on 2-4 July 2009. While Cecilia Odé has negotiated the contract with RALMLT, I expect to accept an invitation to lecture at MSLU, which will enable me to reinforce Cecilia's excellent work.

FIPLV International Award

All recipients of the 2006 and 2007 Awards (except György Szépe) have had their presentations. I expect to present the final one to György Szépe at the MANYE National Conference in early April. The criteria and call for nominations have been prepared for

the FIPLV International Award of 2008. The deadline is 29 February. Two have been received.

Linguapax

While I have participated in no recent Linguapax events, I fulfilled my obligation as a member of the International Linguapax Advisory Board by providing input to the choice of the recipient of the Linguapax Award of 2008. There have been some conferences organised by the International Linguapax Network, but I have been unable to attend.

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014

To be built into the Strategic Plan for 2007-2009, the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014 has been a focus of recent papers and reports.

Operational Matters

Withdrawal from some operational activities has returned my attention to procedural tasks, including the following:

Internal Operations

I have updated key FIPLV documents - the Statutes, Profile, Rationale and the Mission Statement, where required – and will do the same after our meetings.

Head Office

While I drafted the contract with the ECML and met with the Executive Director, Adrian Butler, and Susanna Slivensky at an ECML project workshop in Graz, Terry has now assumed FIPLV representation with the ECML

FIPLV Files

The re-establishment of the FIPLV files continues.

Communication

Significant correspondence has included items to or with:

all member associations and FIPLV Regions

FIPLV Executive with (frequent) memoranda to provide updates on operations

international unilingual associations (FIPF, IATEFL, IDV, ILEI, LATEUM and MAPRYAL) and those for Hungarian (IATH) and Polish (IATP)

national multilingual associations (especially AFMLTA, ALL, ANILS, APLV, FNAPLV, GMF, KMF, LALT, LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), MANYE, MLTASL, NZALT, PTN, RALMLT, SAALT, STIL and SUKOL)

External Operations

Major involvement with UNESCO and related organisations as the FIPLV representative includes:

input to 2008, The International Year of Languages

the distribution and translation of *Education in a Multilingual World*

collaboration with members of the Linguapax Institute (in Barcelona) and the International Linguapax Network

In the meantime, FIPLV continues to pursue the possibility of ‘formal relations’ status with UNESCO.

Meetings and significant correspondence have included:

UNESCO

Marie-Ange Théobald, Mauro Rosi, Noro Andriamiseza, Anna Maria Majlőf and other officers of UNESCO

experts in the field of languages internationally, who could and did provide input to the above projects, conferences and other activities

European Commission

William Aitchison, Berta Cordero and Bodo Richter

Council of Europe

Joe Sheils

Other Associations

AILA and TermNet for ongoing collaboration in the context of accords for cooperation

Other

representatives of the Polish and Turkish Governments and teacher associations with a view to forming an international unilingual association for Turkish and arranging a meeting with that for Polish

associations in the USA (ACTFL), Lithuania, Malaysia and Romania re membership of FIPLV

participants of the conferences which I have attended

Submissions

Following meetings with both institutions, submissions for funding of projects were drafted for the European Commission and the ECML.

Procedural Matters

Apart from the mundane tasks, there was the planning and follow-up of meetings in Paris, Brussels and Riga, as well as work on the FIPLV History, the FIPLV Statutes and other publications.

Communication

Communication among all members of the Executive, World Council and member associations has been considerable and frequent. The triannual revision of the **Timeline of FIPLV Activities 2007-2009** and the **Approved List of FIPLV Member Associations** has been undertaken. Both will be updated again after the meetings.

Correspondence

Regular emails to the FIPLV Executive continue. The volume of email correspondence has begun to stabilise. The following reveals the trend, for example, of only emails received and sent: 2006 – 2706 & 2087; and 2007 - 2668 & 2072. To the end of February 2008, 427 have been received and 321 sent. These figures do not include 'spam' or correspondence sent or received in the more traditional ways of post and fax.

Meetings

Since the last report, we have held the required meeting of the FIPLV Executive in Riga. The definitive copy of the minutes of the 2007 meeting of the Executive (Brussels) and the unconfirmed minutes of the 2007 meeting (Riga) were finalised and circulated. The agenda for the Executive and World Council meetings to take place in Graz were prepared and circulated.

Tasks

The list was progressively updated and previously completed action deleted. Most tasks allocated to me at previous meetings were carried out.

Representation

I have been fortunate to be able to represent FIPLV at several conferences and other events since the last report:

International Polish Conference, Melbourne (Australia), 15 December

Seventh Annual Conference of QUEST Romania, Constanta (Romania), 30 November-1 December

World Education Forum Event, Parkville (Australia), 28 August

LSSA/SAALA/SAALT Joint Annual Conference, Potchefstroom (South Africa), 4-6 July

International Conference: Languages in Lithuania – Aspirations and Achievements, Vilnius (Lithuania), 18-19 June

FIPLV NBR International Conference, Riga (Latvia), 15-16 June

In addition to representation at conferences, there are the essential responses to requests for presentations and papers. Since 1 May 2007, there have been:

“Linguistic Dominance and Decline: A Challenge for an International Federation”. Plenary paper at the Seventh Annual Conference of QUEST Romania, Constanta (Romania), 30 November-1 December

“Converting Policy into Practice: Creating Multilingual Schools” at the SAALT Annual Conference, Potchefstroom (South Africa), 4-6 July

“The Challenge of Multilingualism: Creating Complementary Classes” at the international conference, Vilnius (Lithuania), 18-19 June

“A Solution to the Challenge of Multilingualism: Creating Multilingual Schools” at the NBR Conference, Riga (Latvia), 15-16 June

Invitations for future presentations include:

plenary presentation at MANYE National Conference, Budapest (Hungary), 3-5 April

guest seminar in Frankfurt (Germany), 15 April

keynote address at MLTAV Annual Congress, Moorabbin (Australia), 9 May

In the meantime, I have tried to meet with representatives of other associations, Government, and other organisations whenever the opportunity has arisen. Details are contained in previous reports and the list of **Association Representation** (Appendix 1), which is available for perusal. Noteworthy encounters during the last ten months have included:

Brussels (Belgium): William Aitchison, Berta Cordero & Bodo Richter (EC)

Bucharest (Romania): Anca Colibaba & Laura Mauresan (QUEST Romania)

Budapest (Hungary): Judit Hidasi, András Szollosy, Eva Szollosy & György Szépe (HALT); Rita Hegedüs (IATH)

Constanta (Romania): Anca Colibaba, Laura Mauresan & Ovidiu Ursa (QUEST Romania)

Frankfurt: Sabine Doff (Frankfurt Uni) & Leonora Fröhlich-Ward

Graz (Austria): Adrian Butler, Susanna Slivensky, Michael Armstrong & members of the ECML Project on Blogging (ECML)

Iasi (Romania): Anca Colibaba (QUEST Romania); Petru Bejan (printer)

Johannesburg (South Africa): Anna Coetzee (SAALT)

Krakow (Poland): Anna Seretny (IATP)

Melbourne (Australia): Lia Tedesco & Jane Orton (AFMLTA); Geoff Haw (UNESCO); Michael Clyne; Andrew Ferguson (MLTAV); Joe Lo Bianco; Robert Debski & Wladyslaw Miodunka (IATP); Hasan Sayar (Turkish); and international representatives of the Consulates of Lithuania, Poland, and Turkey

Munich (Germany): Leonora Fröhlich-Ward

Paris (France): Noro Andriamiseza, Anna Maria Majlöff, Mauro Rosi, Marie-Ange Théobald (UNESCO); Hélène Ladevie, Pierre Moreau & Jean-Luc Pinard (APLV); Dario Pagel & Sophie Ferrand (FIPF); Joseph Poth & Odile Marc

Potchefstroom (South Africa): Bertus van Rooy, Johan Viljoen (SAALT), Diane Larsen-Freeman & conference participants

Prague (Czech Republic): Marie Fenclova (KMF/CER), Josef Hendrich, FIPLV Président d'Honneur; Bohuslav Manek (KMF President)

Pretoria (South Africa): Johan Viljoen (SAALT)

Riga (Latvia): Vita Kalnberzina, Olga Ozolina, Diana Rumpite; Peter Ehrhard (FIPF); Olga Medvedeva (PSLC/LATL); Silvija Karklina (PSLC); Ranveig Reggestad (NBR); Johan Viljoen (SAALT);

Vilnius (Lithuania): Egle Steinotiene & Olga Medvedeva (PSLC/LATL); Stase Skapiene (Ministry of Education); Anca Colibaba (QUEST Romania); Mario Rinvoluti

Publications

In the last ten months, I have become aware of the following articles having appeared (in addition to the major publications detailed above and reports of conferences):

LATEUM 2005: ELT as Sustainable Development: Secondary and Tertiary Education – Conference Proceedings. Moscow: MSU. (Editor-in-chief)

The International Promotion of Linguistic Diversity. In D Cunningham (Editor-in-chief), *LATEUM 2005: ELT as Sustainable Development: Secondary and Tertiary Education – Conference Proceedings*, (Moscow: MSU), 10-26.

“A Solution to the Challenge of Multilingualism – Creating Multilingual Schools”. In *Research Papers of the FIPLV NBR International Conference (Riga, Latvia, 15-16 June 2007)*, CD-ROM.

The Challenge of Multilingualism: Creating Complementary Classes. In *Proceedings of the International Conference: Languages in Lithuania – Aspirations and Achievements (18-19 June 2007)*, (Vilnius: Public Service Language Centre), 19-31.

Other articles, submitted for publication or in the pipeline, include:

my preparation of the 1993-2006 period for the FIPLV History

Tribute to Francisco Gomes de Matos

Projects

Multilingualism

The fight for multilingualism worldwide has loomed as the priority facing FIPLV and others. Previous work in the area will, one presumes, be focussed within the framework of 2008, The International Year of Languages.

Conclusion

Gratitude is again expressed to fellow members of the FIPLV Executive and World Council, national multilingual and international unilingual member associations for their valuable input, necessary for making a challenging role more feasible. I look forward to continued, outstanding work of members of the Executive and the World Council.

Denis Cunningham

Secretary General, FIPLV

29 February 2008

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Report of the FIPLV Editor of Publications, June 2007 – March 2008

Cecilia Odé (c.ode@uva.nl), 7 March 2008

FIPLV World News 67

Materials were collected, prepared and edited for publication in FIPLV World News 67, which appeared in November 2007. Several emails were sent out with a call for papers for FIPLV World News 68. FIPLV World News will continue to appear twice a year. FIPLV World News 68 will appear in May 2008, deadline for submissions: 15 April 2008.

Meetings, Conferences and other activities

In June 2007 I attended the FIPLV NBR conference in Riga, Latvia (see World News 67, pp. 35-37) and actively participated in all FIPLV meetings.

For our website I sent to Marie Blomkvist, FIPLV Webmaster, the following materials: World News 66 and 67, FIPLV flyer, the site of Leonard Orban (European commissioner for Multilingualism), a picture of our new ExCo in Brussels, a picture of our President Terry Lamb, the UNESCO Courier on Languages matter and various other documents.

I arranged a meeting with Mr Leonard Orban, European commissioner for Multilingualism. In November 2007 Terry Lamb and I visited Mr Orban in his BERL in Brussels. For a report see FIPLV World News 67, p. 10.

I developed a powerpoint presentation on FIPLV which is, except for some illustrations, ready and will soon be published on our website.

I wrote an article on FIPLV World News for *Russkii iazyk za rubezhom*, published in No.4/2007, pp.118-119.

In a glossy brochure on MAPRYAL (International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature), published on the occasion of its 40th anniversary in September 2007, page 18 is dedicated to the cooperation between FIPLV and MAPRYAL. I provided the information for this page.

In September I attended the MAPRYAL International World Congress in Varna, Bulgaria and represented FIPLV during the meetings.

In October I met with Irina Khaleeva (RAMLT) and her officers in Moscow to discuss the next FIPLV World Congress to be held in Moscow in 2009: timeline, congress fee, congress venue, and the official contract was signed.

On 3-4 November I attended on invitation by MAPRYAL the official presentation in Moscow of a new

foundation *Fond Russkii Mir* (Foundation The Russian World). A report will be published in FIPLV World News 68.

In November 2007, on invitation by the Mercator Research Centre at the Frysk Akademy in Leeuwarden, Friesland, The Netherlands, I attended the conference *The Future of Multilingual Language Learning Policy in Europe* and presented a paper using the FIPLV power presentation. A report will follow in FIPLV World News 68.

In the last months, on behalf of FIPLV, I sent abstracts on FIPLV and Multilingualism to conferences in Almaty, Kazakhstan (May 2008, accepted), and Lisboa, Portugal (July 2008, APP, *Law, Language and Global Citizenship*, notification of acceptance follows in April).

Finally, international correspondence on FIPLV matters was a substantial job.

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FIPLV WORLD COUNCIL MEETING

Riga - Latvia

14 June 2007

Minutes

Present

Ludmila Baranova	LATEUM
Denis Cunningham	FIPLV Secretary General
Peter Ehrhard	FIPF
Leena Hämäläinen	FIPLV Treasurer General
Terry Lamb	FIPLV President
Margareta Leoj	FIPLV Vice President
Cecilia Odé	FIPLV Editor of Publications
Lučka Pristavec	IDV

Ranveig Reggestad	Nordic Baltic Region (NBR)
Konrad Schröder	FIPLV-Europe & CER/WER
Johan Viljoen	SAALT (South Africa)
Raija Airio	Observer/SUKOL (Finland)
Teresa Siek-Piskozub	Observer/PTN (Poland)
Weronika Wilczynska	Observer/PTN (Poland)

Languages Used: Dutch, English, French, German, Russian, Swedish

Formalities

Welcome and Introductions

President Terry Lamb welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending the World Council meeting.

Languages to Be Used During the Meeting

The President iterated that it was the philosophy and policy of FIPLV that everyone should feel free to use the languages of choice. Interpreting was available, when necessary.

Apologies

Nathalia Egoreva (RALMLT)

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as circulated was approved.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

World Council Meeting - Göteborg (Sweden) – 12 June 2006

The minutes were approved as an accurate record. D Cunningham would finalise and distribute them. Eynar Leupold, who had drafted the minutes, was thanked in absentia.

Business Arising from the Minutes

No items were detected which were not on the agenda.

Reports

Executive

The Secretary General and Editor of Publications had prepared written reports, which had been distributed previously. These would be distributed to member associations with the unconfirmed minutes. The other officers provided oral reports.

Overview of Activities of the Executive

T Lamb reported that he had provided support for the NBR Conference organisation, collaborated on drafting the submissions to the European Commission (EC) and the

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML), and prepared an article for *FIPLV World News*. He had also represented FIPLV on committees, in groups, at events, conferences and meetings, including that at the EC in January. He had submitted the abstract of his paper for AILA 2008. M Leoj reported that she had done less this year after the extreme load created by the organisation of FIPLV 2006 the previous year. She had worked on the website, but was not involved in the organisation of FIPLV 2009. D Cunningham and C Odé responded to any questions on their reports. The President thanked all Executive members for their support.

Financial Report

L Hämäläinen pointed out that she was reporting on the work of her predecessor, Jan Robertson. Everything was in order. The finances were sound but not great. The statement of accounts was distributed and examined.

Approval of Accounts

The World Council approved the Treasurer General's report.

Regions

Some clarification was required. Konrad Schröder pointed out that of the three former FIPLV regions, the NBR (Nordic-Baltic) was working very well, the WER (Western Europe) had worked with some difficulty but the CER (Central Europe) hadn't really worked well. D Cunningham provided background information – which had been distributed previously – on the reasons for the formation of FIPLV-Europe.

Europe

Konrad Schröder had provided a written report, which had been distributed to the meeting participants. It needed to be stressed that FIPLV-Europe was clearly larger than the merge of the CER and the WER, as two of its three board members were from NBR associations. Konrad Schröder spoke to the tabled report and raised other matters. The receipt of €9000 for a REAL project was imminent. This would cover some past debts of the WER, leaving around €5000 for the development of FIPLV-Europe and the merge of CER & WER. He and Sigurborg Jónsdóttir had attended a meeting at the ECML in Graz, but had not submitted a proposal. The Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques (CIEP) in Sèvres (France) had proposed to establish a European federation of language teachers, having identified some hundred associations, most of them unilingual. Many of these were affiliates of FIPLV members (e.g., FIPF, IDV, MAPRYAL, etc) or were national multilingual associations, also FIPLV members. For this reason and others, Konrad

Schröder, Linda Parker (ALL/UK) and Jean-Yves PetitGirard (APLV/France) supported the notion of a network but not an association, as FIPLV already fulfilled this role. More funds were required, as a lack of money was the reason for no meetings of FIPLV-Europe having taken place. It was stressed (again) that FIPLV-Europe was an additional layer between the tripartite FIPLV management structure (i.e., World Assembly > World Council > Executive) and the FIPLV regions of Europe (i.e., NBR, CER/WER and possible new ones). It appeared logical that FIPLV-Europe be locked into the three-year election cycle governed by the Statutes and meetings of the World Assembly. D Cunningham agreed to prepare a rationale for the formation of FIPLV-Europe and an explanatory statement to clarify the situation. This would also include benefits to NBR members, clear communication channels, working on strategic planning, and coherence of activities of regions within the over-arching structure of FIPLV-Europe. It was agreed that the leaders of FIPLV regions be re-named 'Chair' (instead of 'President') to avoid confusion.

Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)

The NBR was celebrating its tenth anniversary. Denmark was still outside the NBR. Dialogue was underway with colleagues in Estonia, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Lithuania. A seminar/conference was proposed for 2009 in Iceland. The potential clash with FIPLV 2009 was pointed out, so the NBR Board would consider rescheduling the date at its meeting later that afternoon. Each NBR member was levied a fee of €100 to underwrite the operations of the NBR. In discussion, it was pointed out that Marie Fenclova (of

KMF/Czech Republic) proposed a conference (on le français, deuxième langue étrangère) in Pilsen in early 2008 and that the next IDV World Congress would take place in Jena in 2009. The latter presented a possible clash with FIPLV 2009, but there could be value in publicising both together. Details would be publicised, when received.

Western European Region (WER)

Covered under item #4.2.2 above.

International Unilingual Associations

FIPF (French)

Peter Ehrhard spoke to the tabled report and responded to questions.

IATEFL (EFL)

No report

IDV (German)

Lučka Pristavec reported that the financial situation was very good, despite a minor reduction of 5% in membership. There were four new members, including Italy and Nigeria, leading to 87 current member associations. Planning was underway for a

seminar of 20 teachers from five continents in Switzerland at the end of July, the Olympiade in Dresden and a regional conference in Brazil in 2008. The next world congress would take place in Jena/Weimar in 2009. The view was expressed that FIPLV should support other languages, as English was no longer seen as a foreign language.

ILEI (Esperanto)

No report

LATEUM (EFL)

Ludmila Baranova tabled a copy of the proceedings of the 2005 LATEUM International Conference.

MAPRYAL (Russian)

C Odé informed the meeting of the World Congress, which would be held in Bulgaria in 2007, where she would represent FIPLV at the Congress and the meeting of the Presidium, MAPRYAL was happy for the support for Russian given by FIPLV. A report would follow and be distributed.

SIPLE (Portuguese)

No report, no contact

TESOL (ESOL)

No report.

Multilingual Associations

Reports had been received and distributed electronically from: AFMLTA (Australia), ANILS (Italy), LMS (Norway), LMS (Sweden), SUKOL (Finland), while the meeting was informed that the PTN (Poland) report had been sent but not received. Representatives of the above and present at the meeting were invited to add to the reports. Raija Airio of SUKOL spoke to the report and pointed out that there was a decline in learning languages other than English. Konrad Schröder explained some of the difficulties in creating the GMF out of the FMF in Germany. He had established the GMF in April 2006 but, according to German law, it was illegal as unilingual and multilingual associations can't co-exist as members in the same federation. Thus, a federation of federations was formed, with FMF excluded. FMF would become a new association for teachers of English and multilingualism to be acceptable legally to the new umbrella federation, GMF, while all other unilingual member associations would also have multilingualism as an objective in their statutes. Weronika Wilczynska (and Teresa Siek-Piskozub) reported that the focus of PTN (Poland) was mainly academic, but they were trying to involve more secondary teachers of languages. There were regular congresses in Polish, while annual student language contests attracted around 23000 participants for English and German. D Cunningham would check to see if the report had arrived in January and then act accordingly. There was no report from ALL (UK), while the report of VLLT

(Netherlands) was on the way. All were reminded to send details of conferences to D Cunningham and C Odé for publicity through FIPLV, as many colleagues were seeking conferences globally.

Development of the Federation

List of Member Associations

D Cunningham had updated the List of Member Associations and shared this with the webmaster, who had placed it on the website with further amendments. D Cunningham would update the List again after the meeting.

Membership Promotion

members of the Executive had met or had contact with colleagues in Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey and the UAE to explore the possibility of national multilingual associations forming and/or joining FIPLV. D Cunningham had met recently with the presidents of former member, IATH (Hungarian), and an international federation of teachers of Polish. The former was interested in resuming membership of FIPLV, the latter in joining. International unilingual federations were being explored for Chinese, Greek, Italian, Japanese and Turkish. The Secretary General explained the difficulty in obtaining sufficient votes to ratify new members by email within the current structure and time-frame governed by the Statutes. As a result, the World Council (which endorsed membership requests) empowered the Executive to fast-track membership of new applicants provided that all criteria (contained in the Statutes) were satisfied.

Associate Members

There were no associate members at the moment. All needed to think of publishers, institutions or other organisations to approach.

Regionalisation

No action had been taken recently apart from that in Europe.

Applications for Membership

Covered under item #5.2.

External Relations

UNESCO

FIPLV had submitted the required sexennial report and the regular annual report in late 2006. D Cunningham had met with Marie-Ange Théobald, who had responsibility for NGOs at UNESCO. He had also met with other officers, including Mauro Rosi, who led the cross-sectoral team for multilingualism, and others. D Cunningham had represented FIPLV at the UNESCO regional conference in Bangkok in December, on which he had

submitted a separate report. Further information was contained in his report to the meeting.

Council of Europe (COE)

The Secretary General had provided and distributed a separate report of his representation of FIPLV at the COE Policy Forum in Strasbourg in February. The new President and Editor of Publications tried to attend conferences and meetings organised by the COE. FIPLV was trying to obtain a calendar of COE meetings and activities, as invitations often arrived giving little notice.

ECML

Subsequent to previous endorsement by the World Council, the head office address of FIPLV was now the ECML in Graz (Austria). The Secretary General had met with its Director, Adrian Butler, and Assistant Director, Susanna Slivensky, in Graz. As a result, he and C Odé would draft a contract between FIPLV and the ECML for the housing of the FIPLV files and publications as well as procedural operations, which were thought to be minimal (now that most communication was conducted by email). D Cunningham had been invited to a recent workshop on blogging, while the President was invited to the ECML Conference on 27-29 September. Both had worked on the submission for funding in the forthcoming program of activities for 2008-2011.

European Commission (EC)

The President reported that he, D Cunningham and C Odé had met in January with those responsible for languages at the EC, William Aitchison and Berta Cordero. A report had been prepared and distributed. The President and Secretary General had worked on a submission for funding. The President and C Odé would try to meet with the Commissioner for Multilingualism, Leonard Orban.

Other

None.

Operations and Publications

World News

C Odé reported that the next issue would appear in June/July. Again, she invited all members of the World Council to submit articles focussing on classroom practice and encouraged all to publicise among members and on member websites.

Website

M Leoj outlined recent changes, including the new address of the webmaster, to whom all were invited to send information. Changes to member details would appear on the website. A new button for 'Regions' was requested, which M Leoj would pass on to Marie Blomkvist.

Brochure/Flyer

C Odé distributed copies at the meeting, She would send M Leoj an electronic version for inclusion on the website.

Mission Statement

There was no request for changes, but the meeting agreed that the Secretary General check the content for currency, make any necessary changes and distribute the (revised) version.

Rationale

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Profile

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Files

Covered under item #5.6.2.1.

History

Reinhold Freudenstein was editing the FIPLV History. Copies would be printed with others available on CD-ROM.

Priorities and Activities

Collaboration of Teachers of Languages

The NBR Conference would be the next occasion, where 230 participants from 25 countries would be present. Congratulations were extended to the organisers, Anita Auzina and Diana Rumpite and to the President of LALT, Vita Kalnberzina.

Linguapax/ Language Rights/Solidarity

No report.

Discussion Papers

None.

Proposals from the World Council/Member Associations

Konrad Schröder agreed to prepare a draft before consulting with the World Council on English as a first foreign language as a gateway to other languages. As the UN had proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of Languages on 16 May, FIPLV should capitalise on this to connect with agendas and activities of the UN, UNESCO

(Commissions), governments, ministries, etc. D Cunningham would contact Joe Sheils of the COE on the International des Langues, and others.

Projects

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

The President was building this into the strategic plan. For details, D Cunningham suggested checking the proceedings of the APEID Conference in Bangkok in December (www.unescobkk.org/education/apeid) and the UNESCO website.

Proposals from the World Council

None.

Approval of the Report of the Activities of the Executive

The World Council approved the above report of activities of the Executive Committee.

FIPLV World Congresses

2009 – Moscow (Russia)

C Odé reported that RALMLT (Russia) had offered to host FIPLV 2009, which would take place in Moscow on 2-4 July. She was negotiating the signing of the contract with the Rector of MSU, Irina Khaleeva. The Secretary General would call for expressions of interest in hosting the following FIPLV World Congress, FIPLV 2012.

Recognition and Tasks

Honorary FIPLV Counsellor

There were no nominations.

FIPLV International Award

The Secretary General provided background on the award and the nominations received. The World Council ratified the following nominated candidates, subject to confirmation of paid dues.

LALT (Latvia): Olga Ozolina

MANYE (Hungary): György Szépe

SUKOL (Finland): Kyllikki Vilkuna

A member of the Executive would try to present the award to those listed at the first available occasion.

FIPLV Finances

Notional Budget - 2008

L Härmäläinen spoke to the distributed draft. There was the need for more revenue and less expenditure, as FIPLV awaited the outcome of the submissions to the EC and the ECML. All were encouraged to identify sponsors for the website and *FIPLV World News*.

While FIPLV 2006 had been a success, it did not register a profit. The notional budget for 2008, as presented, was approved.

Sponsorship

Covered under item #12.1. It was suggested that travel agents be approached to sponsor the website. The Secretary General would revise and distribute the sponsorship letters. Konrad Schröder would write to the EC to seek financial assistance to support the formation of national multilingual associations, taking care not to cut across the operations of FIPLV unilingual member associations, such as FIPF, IDV, MAPRYAL, etc.

Future Meeting Dates and Venues

World Council 2008

The meeting would take place in April. The first choice of venue would be the ECML in Graz. The Secretary General would contact Adrian Butler to see if this were possible. If not, the location would probably be Helsinki.

Any Other Business

Meeting of FIPLV-Europe

A meeting would take place at 1800.
