

## 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

#### 1 Formalities

##### 1.1 Welcome

T Lamb welcomed all, especially Paolo Balboni and Cecilia Odé, and invited all to use the language(s) of choice.

##### 1.2 Apologies

Nil.

##### 1.3 Approval of the Agenda

The 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 2/09 -- Graz (Austria) - 31 August 2009

The minutes had been confirmed previously by email. They would be included 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

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.

##### 4.2 Vice President

There was no report. Paolo Balboni would take over this role.

##### 4.3 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.

##### 4.4 Editor of Publications

C Odé had distributed her report previously.

##### 4.5 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.

## **5 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.

### **5.1 FIPLV Regions and Regionalisation**

#### **5.1.1 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.

#### **5.1.2 Nordic-Baltic Region (NBR)**

Sigurborg Jónsdóttir was the new Chairperson and was also filling in as Secretary. Leena Hämäläinen was the Treasurer. The NBR would conduct a Seminar in Reykjavik on 18-19 June.

#### **5.1.3 Western/Central European Region (WCER)**

It was decided to postpone action on this FIPLV Region in order to concentrate on FIPLV-Europe.

#### **5.1.4 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.

### **5.2 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.

### **5.3 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.

### **5.4 National Unilingual Associations**

There had been no progress at this stage.

## **6 Development of the Federation**

### **6.1 Membership Promotion**

There had been no recent contact with Romania, while contact existed with CASLT (Canada) through the LACS Project.

#### **6.1.1 Estonia**

Ene Peterson had informed D Cunningham that the formation of a national multilingual association in Estonia was proceeding.

### **6.2 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.

### **6.3 Financial Status of Members**

Covered under #4.5 above.

### **6.4 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.

## **7 External Relations**

### **7.1 UNESCO**

#### **7.1.1 Relations**

D Cunningham hoped to meet with Mauro Rosi and Marie-Ange Théobald in Paris later in the trip.

#### **7.1.2 2009 Report**

D Cunningham requested input and would draft the 2009 report in the coming months.

### **7.2 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.

#### **7.2.1 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.

### **7.3 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.

#### **7.3.1 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.

## **8 Operations and Publications**

### **8.1 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.

### **8.2 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.

### **8.3 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.

#### **8.4 Brochure/Flyer**

The brochure/flyer needed no update at this stage.

#### **8.5 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.

### **9 Priorities and Activities**

#### **9.1 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.

#### **9.2 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.

#### **9.3 Discussion Papers**

Nil.

#### **9.4 Representation**

Nothing foreshadowed for the moment.

#### **9.5 Other**

Nil.

### **10 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.

### **11 FIPLV World Congresses**

#### **11.1 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.

### **12 Finances**

#### **12.1 Notional Budget for 2011**

The notional budget for 2011 was required for the meetings in June.

#### **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**

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.

### **13.3 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.

## **14 Future Meeting Dates and Venues**

### **14.1 Executive Meeting 2/2010**

It was agreed to have this on 20 June in Reykjavik.

### **14.2 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.

### **14.3 FIPLV Timeline 2010-2012**

D Cunningham to update, as required. He requested that all officers send details of events whenever possible.