

**18th Board Meeting**  
**Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2002**  
**Aabenraa, Denmark**

**The following persons were present:**

John Petersen, Chairperson  
Lászlo Dani, Deputy Chairperson  
Conchi Gallego, Secretary  
Linda Jakobson, Treasurer  
Mjellma Mehmeti, Board member  
Jan-Christoph Napierski, Board member  
Eva Valvo, Substitute

**1.- Opening of the board meeting**

John opens the meeting welcoming everybody.  
John will chair the meeting and Conchi will take notes and do the minutes.

**2.- Approving the agenda and the two last meetings minutes**

There are no comments to the minutes of the two previous meetings so they are approved with no changes.

There are some changes in the order of the points of the agenda because of Linda's early departure. The board decides to take first the points that need voting or any decision to be taken, and the debate and informative points are sent to the end of the meeting. The agenda for this meeting is approved with these changes.

**3.- Follow up on the evaluation seminar**

This board meeting is taking place while an evaluation seminar of the ACC is carried out with the board members together with some other members of the organisation. After having a deep analyse of our history and a long debate about the way of working, the role of the various elements and components of the organisation and specially about the board, there has been a list of tasks defined. The board divides the tasks among themselves and other members and approves this list of tasks that will be the Work Plan of the organisation for the year 2003.

**4.- Netbank facility**

John introduces this point by doing a reflection on the difficulties that he is having dealing with the bank account, living Linda, the treasurer in a different country.

The bank has offered the ACC the possibility of using the "netbank". This facility is to be used by one person, that in this case would be John Petersen, but there

is a need of having a authorisation from Linda so he will be able to work individually with the account.

Linda authorises John to be the one signing and John will inform her by e-mail of all the bank "movements". This agreement will be legalise by signing it in a letter of attorey.

#### **5.- ACC International Programme Office**

John informs that due to its personal situation the future placement of the ACC office is uncertain. The board decides that the office will change to wherever John finds a job, if this is out of Aabenraa.

#### **6.- Applications and budget**

John presents the accounts to the board. They are not finalised but as soon as they are they will be sent to the board for ratification.

He also informs about the coming application for the A3029 budget line of the European Commission. He will be working on this application in the coming weeks.

#### **7.- Letter from Pierre Mairesse**

In the enclosures for the meeting it has been included a letter that the ACC has received from Pierre Mairesse, from the DG responsible for youth of the European Commission. This letter comes after the lobby action that the ACC took on board for the Ministers Conference on Youth that took place in Greece in October. The letter gives some hints for future support to the First European Community College and invites us to go and present this project to one of the civil servants of the Commission.

John will attend this meeting and Conchi will try to arrange it to be there too.

The main ideas that the board would like to transmit in this meeting would be:

- The need of a new action line within the Youth Programme that would finance community colleges
- The need of an easier administrative procedure for this action line
- The fact that the current actions of the Youth Programme benefit bilateral projects and not projects with a European dimension
- The idea that Community Colleges are something brand new, that has not been experienced in the European level (being the only examples the already carried out ACC projects). It is not to be put under the "exchanges" or "training courses" titles.

The board also goes through the proposal document that was sent to the Ministers that went to Greece trying to improve it, in order to send it to the Commission before the meeting.

#### **8.- Youth 2002-4**

There are some documents on the work that is being done by the Youth2002 organisation. Jesper Nielsen is invited to be present in this point of the agenda, being the ACC representative in the "follow up committee" of the Youth 2002.

This committee was created in the last Youth2002 GA in order to finalise the work of the organisation.

This group has been also working in analysing the possibilities for future common actions, or any kind of possible follow up of the Youth 2002. The group is still in the debating process, and there will be a document presented from this group to the GA that should take place in January.

Jesper informs the board about the different possibilities that are now on top of the table and the board debates about them deciding:

- Jesper will keep on participating in this group for the time being and will inform the board about the development of it.
- The decision on what to do as ACC in this "follow up" is postponed until there are clear proposals.

There is a clear demand from the board to inform the Youth2002 GA about the need of finalising the work of the Youth2002 before thinking on any future action. This means reporting and closing of the organisation.

If and when something could be organised in the future, this should be a different structure (as the Youth2002 had a concrete task and this task has been fulfilled and finalised).

There is also a feeling among the board that the ACC would not match in any of the projects that are in "process of discussion" now. Some of the ideas ignore the residential school format that is basic for the ACC, and some of them are mainly Danish projects with a European dimension. The ACC welcomes the fact that there are these kind of projects in mind, but would not get involved in projects that are not European based.

Jesper will keep the board updated on this issue. The board thanks him for the work that he is doing.

## **9.- FECC**

The proposal for the First European Community College is no finalised. There are many ideas and proposals for the future courses that could take place under this project.

John includes a matter for debate in this point. The FECC is a project that aims to be implemented in the coming future. The idea is that this School could be a real one "bricks and walls" but could also be implemented as a "project" under which many courses could take place all around Europe.

The basic for the creation of a real School would be to have the Folk High School circle, including the General Assembly. The board sees as a positive proposal the idea that the GA of the ACC could be the GA of the First European Community College.

This of course needs a change in the statutes, so the board proposes to take on board this idea and makes the proposal for a change in the statutes, including a brand new sentence e) under the article 3 adding the idea that the ACC GA would be the GA of the FECC.

It is also agreed that this sentence should be written in a way that this does not exclude that other groups or individuals could be part of this "circle".

#### **10.- Board proposal to changes statutes**

The board decides to take on board the proposals that have come out of the evaluation meeting. John (with the help of Mjellma and Conchi that have been taking notes of the debates during the meeting) will make a concrete proposal for the GA.

Some of the changes mentioned already have been:

- GA of the ACC being the GA of the FECC
- Doing more flexible the date of the GA
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#### **11.- Letter to Eric**

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There will be a letter written by John and Mjellma that the board would like to sign in order to send him our best wishes.

#### **12.- AOB**

There is a brief evaluation of the meeting that has taken place during the weekend for the evaluation of the ACC and planning for the future. The board agrees that the meeting has been positive even though it has been hard at some moments to keep up with the discussion for some people.

The board is concerned that this "difficult" discussions have been even harder for the other participants (not coming from the board) that didn't have the experienced of the knowledge of the past and present of the organisation.

The board thanks them for their effort and hopes that it will be valuable for some of them in order to be more involved and committed with the work of the organisation.

John thanks the board and the other members for their work and closes the meeting.