Minutes of AGM 2018

The AGM was held at the Novotel City Messe, Lise-Meitner-Straße 2, Frankfurt from 2pm – 5 pm. The meeting was attended by representatives from all members except for Texto Editores (Portugal), Art Klett (Romania), Gyldendal Undervisnig (Norway) and CET (Israel)

1 After the opening of the AGM by Frank Thalhofer, the agenda was approved.

2 New members to management board
The two suggested candidates for the management board introduced themselves
Jurgita Nacevičienė from Sviesa, Lithuania
Artur Dyro from Learnetic, Poland

Jurgita Nacevičienė is the director of educational publisher Sviesa, part of Alma Littera Group – the biggest publishing group in the Baltic States uniting Alma Littera and Sviesa publishers, the bookstore chain Pegasas, and the E-Commerce Book Club. In Sviesa, Jurgita is responsible for the company strategy, team and product portfolio management. During the past five years Sviesa has significantly expanded its portfolio and encouraged innovation in the classroom. Today more than one third of Lithuanian teachers are using Sviesa’s digital education and assessment environment “EDUKA klase“.

Artur Dyro is a co-founder, president and CEO of Learnetic S.A., an educational software publisher and e-learning technology provider, based in Poland. Its content, publishing tools and eLearning platforms are used in over 30 countries. The team of 45 software engineers, designers, writers and editors specializes in designing applications for education markets and is dedicated to satisfying the diverse needs of contemporary educators and learners. Before founding Learnetic, Artur co-founded Young Digital Planet (YDP) in 1990, which he left in 2011 after its successful integration into Sanoma.

Both candidates were elected unanimously.

3 New member applicant Mladinska knjiga založba
The application of Mladinska knjiga založba was rejected - the required 2/3 majority was not reached. The result of the vote was:

- in favour 9
- against 8
- abstain 3
4 **Discussion point introduced by Jiri Fraus on fee structure**
The discussion about changing the fee structure as initiated by Fraus Publishing was discussed in detail. While it was agreed that a simple fee structure according to size (and revenue) of company was not at all feasible, the general assembly voted in favour (16 votes) for an analysis of possible options. The management board was asked to come up with suggestions before the next AGM.

4 **Financial report, director’s report, budget**
The director’s report (2017/18) and the financial report (2017) that had been distributed beforehand, were not discussed. Since the preliminary results for 2018 also show a profit, the 2019 budget which is based on the 2018 budget was approved unanimously. A suggestion from Frank Thalhofer to spend more money on the website to create more traffic and gain better exposure will be discussed at the MBM in January/February 2019.

5 **Discussion/proposal of network meetings**
1. A network meeting for decision makers was fixed for 9th and 10th of May in Sofia. Content and speakers to be fixed at MBM.
2. A further network on digital developments (and investment) was proposed by Ranok publishers for the end of February/beginning of March 2019.
3. A third network meeting could not be fixed (while there are two offers for 2020 - Natur & Kultur in Sweden and Vicens vives in Spain).

6 **Country reports**
19 country reports were submitted and are online.

7 **Walk through website and close of meeting**
The new website was introduced and approved, but it was agreed that more money should be spend to increase the visibility of the EEPG if the finances allow this for 2019. The official part of the meeting was closed, followed by drinks and a walk to the restaurant for a joint dinner with plenty of opportunities to exchange ideas.

The AGM 2019 will be held at the same venue on Tuesday 15th October 2019. We will keep up the feature of an informal dinner. A venue will be announced nearer to the date.