

## Minutes

### GEECT BOARD MEETING

18th NOVEMBER 2015 HFF MUNICH

(9.00 - 10.30 a.m.)

All Board Members are present:

Bert Beyens, Chair (BB) — Donald Taylor Black, Vice-Chair (DTB) — Pavel Jech, Treasurer (PJ) — Vinca Wiedemann, Member (VW) — Manuel José Dámasio, Member (MJD).

#### 1. Report on GEECT activities

1.1. GEECT had its Alumni Conference GOING THE EXTRA MILE, organized by Renen Schorr and the JSFS (Sam Spiegel Film and Television School) in Jerusalem ISRAEL in July 2015. Both BB and MJD attended the Conference.

Stan Semerdjiev, Maria Dora Mourao, Mario Santos and Maria Antin (Argentina) also attended this GEECT event. (The procedure of evaluation of the conference following GEECT rules is still going).

#### 1.2. Actions of the GEECT President:

a) After the Alumni Conference in Jerusalem BB paid a visit to the Visual Arts Department of the Dar al-Kalima University Collegeschool in Bethlehem - Palestine and meet with Saed Andoni, Faculty member. (*Vielen Dank S. for the introduction*)  
The school is interested in becoming member of CILECT.

b) BB attended the VGIK Summer School in Kirov Oblast.

c) SADA (Stockholm Academy of Dramatic Arts) organized a CILECT supported conference on Games+Film called Awesome Bergman on the island of Farö in SWEDEN September. BB attended that conference. It is possible that there will be a GEECT follow up on this conference somewhere in the future.

d) BB (and PJ) attended the 2nd FORUM OF FILM SCHOOLS in BFA Beijing in October and was (were) participating in the 65 Anniversary Celebration of Beijing Film Academy.

e) BB wrote to all GEECT member schools individually to make sure that contact information is up to date. It soon became clear that there were many recent changes in many schools. BB also wanted to know how frequently schools have taken part in GEECT/CILECT activities within the preceding twelve months (Los Angeles, Cardiff, Dublin, Paris, Jerusalem, Farö). Results of his little survey: 20 schools send participants to almost every event; more than 40 schools are present on a regular basis; but 20 schools have not attended either a CILECT or GEECT event in the past year.

1.3. Pavel Jech, GEECT Treasurer, states that GEECT has paid €10.000 to JSFS after having received all necessary documents for the Alumni Conference in July.

## 2 Report on CILECT EXECUTIVE

As Chair of GEECT BB attended the CILECT EXECUTIVE meetings in Tbilisi GEORGIA, June 2015, and Beijing CHINA, October 2015 (for more information see the Minutes of CILECT as sent by Executive Director Stanislav Semerdjiev).

## 3 GEECT SPRING CONFERENCE 2016

Already in January 2015 the GEECT Board had sent a 1st CALL for a GEECT SPRING CONFERENCE 2016, without any response.

As a consequence a 2nd CALL for a GEECT SPRING CONFERENCE was sent to all member schools in October 2015. On the deadline of November 11th the GEECT Board had received three interesting conference proposals for 2016:

- (1) 'Lights, Camera, Interaction!' on Cinematography/Virtual Reality from AALTO (FINLAND);
- (2) 'Artistic Research in Documentary' from SFE (HUNGARY); and
- (3) 'Student Filmmakers Facing the Audience' TAFU (GEORGIA).

After looking closely to all aspects of the 3 proposals the GEECT Board selects the AALTO proposal (May 30th to 1st of June 2016), principally because of the importance of the subject and clarity of the presentation.

Given that the next CILECT Congress will be held in Australia, to which it will be expensive for Europeans to travel, the Board decides that there should be only one GEECT conference next year.

A new CALL for a 2017 GEECT CONFERENCE is due for March 2016.

## 4 Preparation of Regional Meeting of 19th November

MJD speaks about recent developments in Europe and informs about the new Head of the MEDIA Unit in the DG for Education and Culture, Lucia Recalde Langarica.

As members are aware, there have been many problems for member schools since Creative Europe took over from MEDIA. As Erasmus Plus was now an educational initiative, with different priorities, it has made things extremely difficult, particularly with regard to Initial Training, which had previously been very successful in encouraging and funding joint projects between film schools, mainly GEECT members.

The GEECT Board decides to ask for a personal meeting in Brussels as soon as possible with Ms. Lucia Recalde Langarica.

BB and MJD will draft a letter to Ms. Recalde.

MJD will brief the members at the beginning of the Regional Meeting.

## 5 Next GEECT BOARD meeting

In case we can arrange a meeting with Lucia Recalde Langarica, next meeting will be in Brussels (EU/RITCS), December 2015.

If not the Board will meet in Berlin in the weekend of 13-14th of February, preferably at the HFFB.

The meeting ends at 10.30 a.m.

### **AGENDA**

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- 1) Short report on GEECT activities
- 2) Short report on CILECT EXECUTIVE
- 3) GEECT SPRING CONFERENCE:
  - Discussion on criteria
  - Discussion about the 3 PROPOSALS
    - AALTO (ELO) Finland
    - SFE Hungary
    - TAFU Georgia
- 4) Preparation of Regional Meeting of 19th November
- 5) Where will be the next meeting of the GEECT Board?