

**Minutes of GEECT Regional Council Meeting 8th October 2019
@ Moscow Congress**

PRESENT:

Manuel Jose Damasio – Chair (MJD)
Vinca Wiedemann - Vice Chair (VW)
Guido Lukoschek – Treasurer (GL)
Eli Bo (EB)
Lyndsay Duthie (LD)

AGENDA:

1. Report from the board chair with update on metrics from website and newsletter
2. Approval of minutes from Mumbai, Amsterdam and Lisbon
3. Update on Activities (Twin Diversity Conference)
4. Sign off budgets (Budget report and budget approval for year ahead)
5. GEECT statement on Harassment and Bullying
6. A.O.B

Report from the board chair with update on metrics from website and newsletter

Explained that this meeting is reflecting back on the previous year and fulfilling procedural tasks, agreeing minutes and budget.

Questionnaire results discussed which was sent out to all members, with 12 responses. 15 schools made direct contact and asked for the survey to be sent on to their Heads of Research. This increased awareness that the newsletter needs a wider staff database to ensure targeting the right academics for different projects/themes. A call was made for schools to add more contacts to the database and many of them promptly answer. Still need more engagement with website.

Please see attached powerpoint that was presented for full summary

Introduced GEECT's new twitter and LinkedIn @GEECT_CILECT pages to increase awareness and interaction amongst members

Approval of minutes from Mumbai, Amsterdam and Lisbon

Minutes unanimously approved

Update on Activities (Twin Diversity Conference)

Short report on the success of the twin diversity conference which was a new format, using 2 separate locations. Success was measured by the number of delegates, number of paper proposals, and feedback from questionnaires.

Sign off budgets (Budget report and budget approval for year ahead)

Budgets unanimously approved

GEECT Statement on Harassment and Bullying

Board explained the back story for arriving at a Statement on Harassment and Bullying, that was initiated by Leif Holsten over 18 months ago. There is now a CILECT Standing Committee for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. In the absence of a code of conduct for CILECT the board felt it important that GEECT should have a statement available to members. The proposed statement was discussed and felt needed more work following an update from the CILECT Standing Group. The meeting also discussed a repository (through GEECT website) for sharing best practice documents as many Schools already have guidelines etc. Board invited members to share

A.O.B

Reminder about Thursday's second regional meeting where new strategies and formats will be discussed