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Meeting	E.MAlumni Association - Board meeting
Date	28 November 2010 – 18:00 to 19:00
Location	Teleconference
Participants	Giorgos Kosmopoulos– E.MAlumni President Corinna Greco Lydia Malmedie Sophie Mirgaux Sara Melkko Igor Vorontsov

Agenda

- 1) Availability of the board members
- 2) Annual Theme 2011
- 3) Cristiano's email.
- 4) Planning of the next General Assembly



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Item 1: Availability of the board members

Most board members hoped that the next couple of months would allow for a bit more free time. Some mentioned in particular some extra availability between Christmas and New Year's. Giorgos mentioned he might not be available during February and Sophie the second week of January.

Item 2: Annual Theme 2011

All thought Filipa had great ideas for the 2011 theme and thank her for her work. The meeting suggested that (as for the method), we'd combine both approaches: We'd make a post on the website in which we clearly state what the goal is (use the theme through all the activities of the year, so not only the Conference (some themes might be very specific and might make it harder to find speakers for an entire conference), but also the Newsletter, the academic article,... In this post we'd propose the topics detailed by Filipa and add that alumni are welcome to suggest others. We'll give them a week to reply. After that we'll analyse what the reactions are (which topics didn't get any support, which did, which extra topics were suggested and what was the possible reply to them) and make a poll. The winning topic will be the theme of 2011.

Sophie will also support Filipa on this.

Item 3: Networking officer's email and forum post.

Concerning his email to the board, the participants realize that he does not ask to be appointed Secretary General as such nevertheless what he is proposing looks like a *de facto interim* Secretary General. While the Board agrees that his experience and enthusiasm are invaluable and it might be a pity to lose his knowhow and experience, does not believe that his proposal (as it stands) is the way forward and further clarification is necessary.

The board is willing to consult him and EIUC on the matter in order to reach an understanding.

It was decided that Sara would try to speak with Cristiano, on behalf of the board, sometime this week, in order to clarify things as a single email communication could cause misunderstandings. It was also noted that we should always be careful not to trespass into EIUC domain as he remains their staff and always keep in mind EIUC positions on the matter, as put forward during the July meeting.

The reactions to his public post on the forum were somewhat negative as it was not clear why he chose this time and way to bring up this issue did. It seems that he is mixing different things and agreed that there is no need for polemic.

He has every right to publish his views and it was agreed that a collective answer to his post should be drafted in due time.



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Item 2: Planning of the next General Assembly

It was decided that we should make the following decision before the end of the year, so we can make them public in the beginning of 2011: When will we have the GA/Conference? Where?

Giorgos would write to Professor Benoit Rohmer to enquire EIUCs availability on resources and also explore the possibility to use GTZ new offices in Brussels as venue.

Next meeting

The proposed date for the next teleconference is set for the 19th December as the last Sunday of December is inappropriate due to the Christmas holidays.

The meeting is closed.