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Present MO representatives or delegates:

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey

Excused MO representatives:

Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, Sweden and United Kingdom

Moderated by:

Mariyan Vasev (MV; President)
Spyridoula Chalari (SC; Vice-president)

Minutes by:

Mirna Cerovac (Secretary General)

Agenda:

1. Board of Management's Goals of the mandate 2014/2015
2. Presentation and approval of the Executive Board for the mandate 2014/2015
3. Presentation and approval of the Ethical Committee for the mandate 2014/2015
4. Approve the introduction and implementation of the following positions within the structure of the Junior Researcher Programme:
 - 4.1 Junior Researcher
 - 4.2 Development Officer
 - 4.3 Define the "Programme Coordinator" position as "Senior Coordinator"

5. Event proposals:

5.1 30th EFPSA Congress Host Applicant

5.2 2nd EFPSA Conference Host Applicant

Agenda	Discussion	Voting results
<p>Introduction to the General Assembly</p>	<p>MV briefly explained what General Assembly is</p> <p><i>(The General Assembly is the most important decision-making event to take place within EFPSA at which Member Representatives (MRs) take on legislative duties and vote on behalf of their Member Organisations.</i></p> <p><i>Proposals put before them include statutory proceedings of EFPSA, as well as new projects and initiatives which are significant enough to require approval. Persons nominated to the Executive Board are also approved via MR-voting.)</i></p> <p>Voting rules have also been explained by MV</p> <p><i>Voting options are:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) in favour</i> <i>2) against</i> <i>3) abstaining</i> <p><i>National and Regional organisations have 2 votes and Local organisations 1 vote</i></p> <p><i>The current EFPSA voting procedures require a quorum of two thirds (2/3) of the MR Body (or delegates voting on their behalf). A proposition is considered approved, if chosen by the majority of the votes (half of the votes + one vote)</i></p> <p><i>Anonymous voting is possible upon request</i></p> <p>MV presented the Agenda with voting proposals</p> <p><i>(All proposals being voted upon today have been</i></p>	

	<p><i>outlined in the form of proposal documents provided to the MRs in advance of this General Assembly. MRs have been encouraged to discuss and consider proposals carefully. The Board of Management have provided further clarification and information to MRs wherever it was required.)</i></p> <p>Quorum check: 27 out of 32 MRs are present (required quorum is met), it is possible to proceed with the voting</p> <p>There was a request for anonymous</p>	
<p>1) Item 3.1. BM's goals of mandate 2014/2015</p>	<p>MV and SC presented 4 Goals of BM 2014/2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Transparency 2) Professionalism (in terms of working practices) 3) Outreach (reaching out even more students) 4) C.A.R.E. <p>C.A.R.E. stands for</p> <p>Collaboration – continuing and strengthening the existing partnerships</p> <p>Advocacy – continue with work Social Impact Team started in the last mandate with raising awareness of Stigma of Mental Health and Open Access,</p> <p>Representation – integrate MOs and Member Representatives into EFPSA better</p> <p>Engagement – as a student organisation we depend a lot on a motivation and engagement of volunteers, by using social media we can reach more people than ever and one of the goals is to use it as much as possible and reach and interest in our work not only university but also high school</p>	

	students) Revision of Statutes and Domestic Regulations and Research and Internship Platform Task Forces to be formed	
2) Proposal 3.2. Approval of the Executive Board for the mandate 2014/2015	<p>After being selected by BM Members and Senior Coordinators of the EB Teams, all Executive Board members were presented by MV and SC</p> <p>4 countries have more than 5 people in EB - Croatia, Turkey, Poland and Czech Republic, by approving the EB members it will be approved for those countries to have more than 5 members in EB</p> <p><i>Complete list of Executive Board Members is listed in the end of this document</i></p> <p><i>Note: Even though their positions have been voted prior to Congress, Events Teams and Coordinators and Training Office members were also presented</i></p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting:</p> <p>51 vote in favour</p> <p>0 against</p> <p>0 abstaining</p> <p>2 votes invalid</p> <p>Executive Board for the mandate 2014/2015 has been approved</p>
3) Proposal 3.3. Approval of the Ethical Committee for the mandate 2014/2015	<p>MV explained what is the EFPSA Ethical Committee, the importance of it for an organisation and who does it consist of (one BM member, EB member, MR and Immediate Past President)</p> <p>Following candidates were presented for approval:</p> <p><i>Immediate Past President</i> Fraser William Steel (UK)</p> <p><i>Board of Management</i> Ana Odabašić (Serbia)</p> <p><i>Executive Board</i> Lauren Harper (Ireland)</p> <p><i>Member Representative</i> Marcha Poel (Belgium)</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting:</p> <p>53 votes in favour</p> <p>0 against</p> <p>0 abstaining</p> <p>Ethical Committee for the mandate 2014/2015 has been approved</p>

<p>4) Proposal 3.4 Approve the introduction and implementation of the following position within the structure of the Junior Researcher Programme</p>	<p>JRP Director of Research dr. Kai Ruggeri held a presentation about implementation of new positions within Junior Researcher Programme Team or renaming existing ones. It has been explained why the team needs new positions and how the new positions will benefit to JRP in future.</p> <p>The discussion</p> <p>William Steel asked what is the time frame for students interested in applying for those positions?</p> <p>Kai Ruggeri: It will be after JRP conference and before EB&MR meeting so it doesn't interfere with other EFPSA events and that the people who already started the mandate finish it in their current positions.</p>	
	<p>3.4.1. Junior Coordinator</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting results: 53 votes in favour 0 against 0 abstaining Proposal passed</p>
	<p>3.4.2. Development Officer</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting results: 53 votes in favour 0 against 0 abstaining Proposal passed</p>

	<p>3.4.3 Define the “Programme Coordinator” position as “Senior Coordinator”</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting results:</p> <p>51 vote in favour</p> <p>0 against</p> <p>0 abstaining</p> <p>2 votes invalid</p> <p>Proposal passed</p>
<p>5) 3.5. Events proposals</p> <p>3.5.1. 30th EFPSA Congress Host Applicant</p>	<p>1) 1st applicant - ANEP (Portugal)</p> <p>Presentation was held by Tiago Marques (TM)</p> <p>The Congress 2016 will be 30th annual EFPSA congress and as the first EFPSA meeting ever took place in Portugal they think it is perfect occasion to bring EFPSA people to the place where the whole story began in 1987.</p> <p>They have talked about their previous experience in organising events (national and EFPSA events), presented members of Organising Committee (those who were present at the Congress), they have two potential venues in mind where they have already held national student Congresses and funding sources. Emotions have been introduced as the Congress theme.</p> <p>Questions from the audience:</p> <p>How much experience they have in organising events?</p> <p>TM: National organisation organised more than 20 national congresses, 3 EFPSA Congresses and other EFPSA events.</p> <p>How many EFPSA Congresses they organised so far?</p> <p>TM: First meeting in 1987, Congress 1999</p>	

and Congress 2003.

What will be the biggest problem?

TM: I don't see big problems at the moment, maybe transportation, but all of the venues we mentioned are around 45 min from airports so that shouldn't be a problem either.

What will they do differently, it's special congress?

TM: We are planning to contact founding fathers of EFPSA and possibly bring them to Congress, we have a lot of time to contact them and make a big celebration.

How high the congress fee will be?

Joana Diniz Costa: We can't know that at the moment, but Portugal is not expensive and we usually get funding from different sides so that shouldn't be a problem. There are many companies which are willing to fund student events.

2) 2nd applicant - AYP (Azerbaijan)

Presentation was held by Elvir Roden

Promotional video was played, and the powerpoint presentation included short info about Azerbaijan, potential venue and traveling options for participants, org.com members who will be chosen from members of their National organisation. They have never organised any EFPSA event and they are excited about organising Congress and motivated to bring everybody to their country.

Questions from the audience:

	<p>Who is going to be in the Org.com?</p> <p>ER: We have around 150 people active in MO, we have potential candidates and we can make team of 15-20 people in short time.</p> <p>How much will be the fee costs?</p> <p>ER: Twice less than usual Congress fee, they have support from state institutions already</p> <p>Visas for Azerbaijan - how much they cost and how hard is to get them?</p> <p>ER: From June this year it will cost 30 euro, and you can get it at the airport.</p> <p>Joana Diniz Costa asked how much experience in organising events they have?</p> <p>ER: We have organized 6 annual national congresses but no EFPSA events so we are motivated to bring people to our country.</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting results:</p> <p>25 votes for ANEP (Portugal)</p> <p>24 votes for AYP (Azerbaijan)</p> <p>2 votes abstaining</p> <p>2 votes invalid</p> <p>ANEP (Portugal) is voted for 30th EFPSA Congress Host</p>
<p>3.5.1. 2nd EFPSA Conference Host Applicant</p>	<p>Applicant: SAŠAP (Slovakia)</p> <p>Presentation was held by Nika Šablaturova (NŠ) and Martin Helik (MH)</p> <p>They have presented potential venues and organising committee (students who have EFPSA experience as MRs and events participants), they have ideas for funding and are motivated to host first EFPSA event in their country. They haven't</p>	

	<p>decided on the theme of the Conference but they would like to collaborate with neighbouring countries (Czech Republic, Poland, etc.) when in it comes to contacting experts and inviting guest speakers and that's why the final decision on the theme will be made later. Also, they have already been in contact with organising committee of 1st EFPSA Conference in the Netherlands and it has been very helpful in the beginning after they decided to apply for hosts.</p> <p>Questions from the audience:</p> <p>What is their experience in organising events?</p> <p>NŠ and MH: They haven't organised EFPSA events and that's why they are motivated, and they have support from previous organising committee.</p> <p>They mentioned AIESEC as potential sponsor, but they are also student organisation, how do they think it will work?</p> <p>MH: It was just an idea and they haven't contacted anyone yet, it was just an idea.</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting results:</p> <p>51 vote in favour</p> <p>2 votes against</p> <p>0 abstaining</p> <p>SAŠAP(Slovakia) has been voted for 2nd EFPSA Conference Host</p>
<p>Presentation of the Research and Internship Platform Task Force</p>	<p>While the votes have been counted, there's been short presentation by William Steel and discussion about new Task Force.</p> <p>JEPS, ESS & JRP already provide fantastic opportunities for research and publication, but what we present here is a proposal with a view to enhancing EFPSA's engagement with psychological research across Europe and broadening the research opportunities we provide for European psychology students. The discussions about introducing this task</p>	

force have already taken place before, especially at Joint EB&MR meeting 2013 and at Board of Management Meeting 2014 and there some ideas about it already:

The concept of a 'Research Platform' describes an online resource *facilitating research opportunities* of both psychology students and researchers.

The concept of an 'Internship Platform' describes an online resource posting information about open / upcoming internships at European research institutes and universities. Grouping of fields of internship for searching could include clinical, research, occupation, organisational internships.

The Task Force will have the express purpose of evaluating the feasibility, value and technical nature of the 'Research Platform' concept in relation to EFPSA, with the aim of producing a report on its findings for the Board of Management, Member Representatives and Executive Board that will guide future decisions. In this way, we hope that EFPSA may be able to make an informed decision about this topic, and, should it choose to continue with the pursuit of establish some form of research platform, have a clear and pragmatic position & document to be working from.

Call for Task Force members will be out in following weeks and published on EFPSA website and Facebook page

Questions from the audience:

Chris Noone: Is there going to be a way of getting ideas and current updates from Task Force for everyone in EFPSA, because it's a small task force?

WS: I would mostly use MRs for that, but there are many ideas already that we came up with and they are in the proposal.

<p>Addendum</p>	<p><u>Present MO representatives or delegates:</u> Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey</p> <p><u>Excused MO representatives:</u> Hungary, Latvia, Luxembourg, Sweden and United Kingdom</p> <p>After the announced break, the votes were doubled checked by the Board of Management with the help of the MOC team. One ballot (which added to the 25th vote for ANEP – Portugal) left room for vague interpretation of the actual decision taken. This is why the Board of Management reached a unanimous decision to make the following proposals to the MR team:</p> <p>1) to vote publicly on repeating the voting for 30th EFPSA Congress Host.</p> <p>Voting was public (by raising hands)</p> <p>2) to repeat the voting for 30th EFPSA Congress Host.</p> <p>Voting was anonymous</p>	<p>Voting results:</p> <p>1) 40 votes in favour 11 votes against 2 votes abstaining</p> <p>Voting for 30th EFPSA Host will be repeated</p> <p>2) 35 votes for ANEP (Portugal) 16 votes for AYP (Azerbaijan) 2 votes abstaining</p> <p>ANEP (Portugal) has been voted for 30th EFPSA Congress Host</p>
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Executive Board & Member Representatives 2013/2014

Executive Board

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Lauren Harper	Ireland	Marketing Office	Marketing Team Member
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Benedikt Říčný	Czech Republic	Member & Observer Coach team	Member Coach
Katja Decremer	Belgium	Member & Observer Coach team	Observer Coach
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Justyna Ptak	Poland	Study Abroad team	Team Member
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Katerina Wzatkova	Czech Republic	Congress 2015	Congress Senior Coordinator
Tiago Almeida Marques	Portugal	Congress 2016	Congress Senior Coordinator
Mitja Černko	Slovenia	Train the Trainers Summer School	TtT Senior Coordinator
Sanja Živković	Serbia	Joint EB&MR Meeting	Joint EB&MR Senior Coordinator
Joana Diniz Costa	Portugal	European Summer School	ESS Senior Coordinator
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Niamh Doyle	Ireland	European Summer School	ESS International Team
Sara Plakolm	Slovenia	European Summer School	ESS International Team
Ana Odabašić	Serbia	European Summer School	ESS International Team
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Miriam Thiel	Germany	Junior Researcher Programme	JRP Research Officer 2014/15
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Kai Ruggeri	United Kingdom	Junior Researcher Programme	JRP Director of Research
Fraser William Steel	United Kindgom	Immediate Past President	Immediate Past President & Ethical Committee Member

Member Representatives

Johanna Katharina Hohls	Austria	Member Representative	National Representative of Austria
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Tiago Marques	Portugal	Member Representative	National Representative of Portugal
Berezoschi Bianca Raluca	Romania	Member Representative	National Representative of Romania
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Martin Helik	Slovakia	Member Representative	National Representative of Slovakia
Nina Vaupotič	Slovenia	Member Representative	National Representative of Slovenia
Natalia Quero	Spain	Member Representative	National Representative of Spain
n/a	Sweden	Member Representative	National Representative of Sweden
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