

MINUTES

Online Bureau meeting

16/10/20

Present: Antoaneta Asenova (AA), Dan-Aria Sucuri (DAS), Marten Porte (MP), Marina Sedlo (MS), Ines Holzegger (IH), Laia Comerma (LC), Ida-Maria Skytte (IS), Ines Holzegger (IH) and Bàlint Gyévai (BG)

Emergency Bureau meeting from 16:00 - 17:00h to be held on Zoom, with the following:

Starts at 16 h 05

1. Paris Congress - latest developments, measures and way forward

- A briefing email was sent ahead of this Bureau meeting by BG with all information we have at this stage from the different actors.
- Situation is degrading all over Europe and the tendencies are very bad in France - private gatherings limited to a maximum of 6 people, curfew at 21 h in the evening, closing of bars and restaurants.

AA suggests to move to a fully online Congress and asks the others for their account on the situation:

- BG explains more about the information we received and restrictions in place in Paris.
- DAS adds that we have no other choice - we have to be realistic about this.
- MP has not much to add, nothing we can really justify if we move forward with the plan.
- MS emphasizes that we have to make the policy discussions more exciting in an online setting. Changing location would be an option but not realistic, it's impossible at this stage.
- IS perfectly on this line as well.
- LC reminds us that we have to set an example, to be role models and acknowledge the situation in Europe. We need to send the right signals. It's too risky even if we want to have it. She approves the proposition too.
- IH shares that she is very sad but we have no other option.

The Bureau decides that we can't reasonably justify taking the risks to bring young liberals together this time because of the virus. This event will be taking place fully online on Zoom and through OpenSlides. More information next week for the delegates on practicalities and BG/IS to announce the decision tonight.

The Bureau will further propose to the hosts to organise the next Spring Congress in Paris. BG to reach out to Rémi to have it next year Spring. Dates would be 23-25 April 2020.

MP will have to amend the approved revised budget for this year because of these changes. He will add to the budget of next year the 4000 EUR difference due to the decision to go fully online this time. 4000 EUR higher results on this year's side and we would put that money on next year's side. The Bureau approves this proposal.

2. IMS member issues - approval of procedure for expulsion of a member, following procedures of the IMS Steering committee and Ombudsperson.

Ruslan Abdurakhman Rubenovich, IMS was proposed for expulsion by the Steering Committee of the IMS.

The Bureau has been notified about the case of Ruslan, the procedure wasn't clear according to our current statutes. Some members reached out to IMS SC that looked into the case consulting the internal auditors, analysing the statutes and then the Ombudsperson was also asked. All actors agreed on the outcomes in this case.

The Bureau agrees on the assessment and takes the decision to expel *Ruslan Abdurakhman Rubenovich*.

Any organisation could challenge this decision explicitly at Congress - future statutes will have rules in place and disaffiliations/expulsion of both MOs and IMS will only be possible at Congress.

BG to communicate to Ruslan on Monday.

3.AOB

- **Next meeting will be on the 2nd of November on Monday at 19 h 00 on Zoom.**
- **ELF YCA in Warsaw next weekend - BG to reach out to ELF to see if we should cancel the in-person part or not.**