

EDM Summer Meeting Minutes Dublin, Ireland 21st – 24th July 2005

Thursday 21st July

In Attendance

EDM Chair	Peter H
EDM Vice Chair	Jean Pierre
EDM Treasurer	Bernardo
EDM Secretary	Paulo
Ukraine RD	Alexander
Ukraine Translator	Oksana
UK RD	Nick
UK A RD	Dave
Egypt RD	Ahmed
Greece RD	Tonia
Greece A RD	Nectarius
Latvia RD	Olga
Latvia Translator	Kaspars
Lithuania RD	Robertas
Lithuania Translator	Tomas
Western Russia RD	Natalia
Israel RD	Miko
Israel A RD	Inbal
France RD	Stephanie
Swiss French Speaking	JD
FD Chair	Simon
FD Vice Chair	Yael
Sweden RD	Peter O
Sweden A RD	Sisco
Norway RD	Monica
Norway A RD	Stian
German Speaking RD	Sigrid
German Speaking A RD	Christian
Poland RD	Ewa
Ireland RD	Conor
Ireland A RD	Irene
Spain RD	Toby
Spain A RD	Iñigo
Hungary contact	Gabi
Hungary contact	Josef
Portugal RD	José
Portugal A RD	João
NAWS	Travis
World Board	Tom
NAWS Director	Becky
APF Representative	Tali
Italy RD	Luigi (arrived Sat afternoon)
Italy Translator	Natalino

Orientation Session

All newcomers attending the EDM were welcomed. All participants presented there self. The chair talked about who things were going to be done during the weekend and give some recommendations. The Vice Chair made refreshment about the Decision Making process used in the EDM.

Sigrid (German RD) shared her experience of first EDM and what it was like to be a part of the body

Natalia (Western Russia) shared her experience of being a translator at previous meetings, and her experience on attending, and participating at the EDM

Coffee break

Opening Of Meeting

Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus

Last meeting minutes

The minutes of last meeting were approved by consensus

Treasury Report

Bernardo presented his report. The donations have improved so our dependency on the ECCNA profits has decreased. We are spending more money than we have been receiving. New donations where announced from Portugal, Norway, Greece, Ukraine, and Russia.

A request was made by Bernardo that all the money to be transferred for travel should be asked for on time and do not wait until the last few days prior to meeting to try and receive it.

The Israel Alternate Delegate asked if we could negotiate the bank taxes on transfers. According to Bernardo it was not possible in Portugal were the EDM Bank account is for now.

EDM Steering Committee Report

Peter presented the report from the meeting booklet.

Paulo suggested reducing the size of the Meeting Booklets. The cost of the last one was more than € 250,00.

A slot on the next meetings agenda was recommended to define some clear procedures for continuous funding of new communities to the EDM.

Sigrid (German speaking region) ask why the trip to Bulgaria cost so much when we approved a low cost travel. Nick (UK) also presented his discomfort on the same subject. Simon (FD) said that although the trip was a FD trip the FD was aware but was not involved.

The body agreed by consensus at the last meeting that the SC would decide in between meetings if funds were available to send the Greek Delegates to Bulgaria once they had sent costs for travel, if not NAWS had offered to pay for the costs.

The SC presented a proposal from the report:

That all future requests from new communities to be funded to attend the EDM are made for the summer meeting

Intent: Is to allow new communities the opportunity to still attend the EDM once a year, and to use the saved financial resources to provide funds to help the development of communities service structures, by providing workshops with its local members in their own country.

There was not complete consensus from a straw poll on this proposal. The body asked for time to discuss the issue, and it was agreed to postpone the decision to Sunday.

Conor (Ireland) suggested to pass on the web site of ECCNA 22, already paid for, to the next ECCNA

The winter meeting will be held in the Novotel Hotel in Vilnius on the **2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th February 2006**. The hotel has provided us with a reduced room rate of €75.00 a night for a single room, and €81.00 a night for double room; these prices include a buffet breakfast. They require a credit card as a guarantee for your reservations, and have set a cut off date on the 9th January 2006 for the rooms we have asked them to hold on our behalf.

Lunch Break

The meeting restarted with the suggestion from the Secretary about reducing the size of the meeting booklet, and that the delegates bring copies of sent reports with them. Peter asked if someone was against the idea of not bringing a full booklet, and only the basic information needed for the meeting. The idea was approved by consensus.

Community reports

- **Portugal** - report send by e-mail
- **Hungary** – Meetings in 5 cities. 16 groups in total. They have a regional convention. They have H&I service. They have 5 pamphlets translated. They think the experience they could collect at the EDM will be benefit especially in PI. NAWS informed that the ICAA will take place in Budapest next October and NAWS will be represented with the help of EDM FD. The help of local fellowship will be great.
- **Spain** – report send by e-mail
- **Ireland** – report send by e-mail
- **Poland** – report send by e-mail
- **German speaking region** – report send by e-mail
- **Norway** – report send by e-mail
- **Sweden** – report send e-mail
- **Swiss French speaking Area** – report send by e-mail but wants know the advantages of having separated subcommittees for H&I and PI. Our region is very interested in the EDM
- **France** – report send by e-mail but put some questions about secret votes, anonymity in the PI service and wishes to know why NAWS decided to open one office in Iran
- **Israel** – report send by e-mail
- **Western Russia** – report send by e-mail but was presenting some questions related to consensus based decision, regional pre-approval for literature before was send to NAWS. Also the geographical distances inside Russia are a problem, so the Siberia groups are very isolated, but the Western Russia region doesn't have the money to help them. A suggestion was made to ask the contacts of those isolated groups or areas and maybe the EDM or the NAWS could help.

- **Lithuania** – report send by e-mail
- **Latvia** – report send by e-mail – (Request for FD trip made)
- **Greece** – report send by e-mail – (Request for FD trip made)
- **Egypt** – report send by e-mail
- **UK** – report send by e-mail but informed a new number for the help line :0845 FREEDOM
- **Ukraine** – report send by e-mail
- **Bulgaria** – Were not present, report send by e-mail
- **Turkey** – Were not present, report send by e-mail
- **APF** – They also presented a verbal report. Talked about similarities and difficulties

Website ad hoc Committee Report

Was postponed until tomorrow

Friday 22nd July

FD Committee Report

Simon and Yael said some words for the end of their terms on the FD committee. The body thanked them for there service over the last two years.

An Archive disk is to be presented to the new committee, and the Steering committee.

Requests for FD trips from Latvia, and Greece will be followed up by the new FD committee, a full report on both trips will be presented at the inter meeting.

Regarding the FD Workshop at Turkey the outgoing FD team suggested allocating about € 1500,00 for two persons and the requested date is the day before the regional convention, the 29th September

Regarding the Bulgarian trip Tonia presented a report. A group of four Greek addicts went to Bulgaria at the end of May. Although the FD trip was full of misunderstandings and lack of coordination, they feel that the trip went very well, that it was worthwhile and they shown a seed of recovery. In the future is necessary to cross check that who's making the invitation.

Small Group Discussion FD

Simon opened with an introduction and the body broke into 3 small groups for discussion. The idea is to share our experience and find a more philosophical and practical way to do FD. This work will be hand over for the new FD Committee that will be elected at this meeting.

The results of the 3 Small Group Discussion and the sum up will be passed onto the new committee members

Legal Association

Peter announced the good news that the **EDMNA legal association** was accepted by the Belgium Justice Department the week before this meeting. He went over the report included in the booklet

An addition to EDM Guidelines was proposed by the SC: The European Delegates meeting made a decision in February 2005 to apply to become an International non-

profit association was set up to help the body function legally as Zonal Forum of Narcotics Anonymous within Europe.

The role of the EDMNA association is to carry out the running of the International non-profit association on behalf of the European Delegates meeting under Belgium Law. Within the bylaws, specific sections state the function of the European Delegates Meeting, and the procedures its directors must follow as an association.

The EDM has authorized the Steering Committee to become the Directors of the association. Their duties are to follow any decisions taken at the EDM's bi-annual meetings that may affect the financial accountability of the association.

The SC committee presented a proposal: That the EDM sets aside the amount of € 2.000,00 budget every year to operate the running costs, and management of the European Delegates Meeting of NA International Legal Association. These costs will be reviewed by the body every year and adjusted where needed. On this amount the cost of the Insurance to protect the SC members is included

Both these proposals were accepted by consensus

A new bank account will be opened in Brussels as soon as all the paperwork is complete for the association. The report outlined some suggestions for the account.

Website Ad-hoc Committee Report

- Alexander from Ukraine presented his proposal
- A Proposal from Roland from German Speaking Region was presented by Christian

Alexander and Roland had worked separately, and the work group had two separate proposals. The body asked for more clear details of content of web site before they could approve any decision. It was suggested that the body might set a work group to look into what the content would be.

This point was going to be discussed by the SC and brought back to the body.

NAWS Report

Becky presented information on dates and what is happening at World Services as follows:

- World Convention at Hawaii in September
- Unity Day during the closing meeting at the World Convention between 12 and 14 hours CET on 4th September 2005
- The next WSC will be different. The WSO will not present motions
- 3 work-shops will take place in Europe: Portugal, Lithuania and Ukraine
- A new office was open in Iran with two employees.

Travis and Becky presented a workshop to the body; on the way the board do strategic planning, and make difficult decisions.

Saturday 23rd July

Peter opened the meeting with some suggestions to readjust the agenda with the new topics that arose during the meeting:

- To form a work group to handle the contents of the website and ask help from regional webmasters
- The suggestion from the SC (fund delegates only for summer meeting) will be discussed on Sunday on the slot (matters arising over the weekend)
- The motion to be included in the CAR presented by the German Speaking Region will be discussed on Sunday on the slot (matters arising over the weekend)
- The nominations and recommendations to the WB from the EDM will be included on the Agenda for the next meeting

The floor accepted all these suggestions.

Treasury report, prioritising requests received for Sundays Budget

Bernardo presented the money available at the moment: € 8.033,11

The requests from the communities were:

FD trip to Turkey	€ 1.500,00
W. Russia Delegate to winter EDM	€ 470,00
Update ear marked money (legal stuff)	€ 200,00
Total	€ 2.170.00

The request from the Western Russia brought up the proposal from the SC to fund Delegates only to the summer meeting. A discussion took place by the body. No clear consensus was found on the SC proposal.

Sigrid presented one amendment: that instead of “the summer meeting” will be “one meeting a year”. No consensus was found.

This issue will be included in the Agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

Inventory work group report

Nick presented the report. A few questions arise and decisions were taken as follows:

- Written reports: Changed to “sent by email no later than 4 weeks before the EDM”
- EDM Web page: The Chat Room in English not allow a majority of addicts (non English speaking) to participate
- The Role of an EDM Delegate should be printed and delivered to all the Delegates at the beginning of all the meetings
- ECCNA – section B: Changed from “If no consensus can be reached” to “ If no simple majority can be reached” and was approved to delete the paragraph c)
- ECCNA – section C: approved to replace “the committee can select...” to “ The committee must select at least one native speaker for main meeting and may select up to a maximum of one native speaker per day”
- Recommendations - WSO Europe Post Office Box: is already in use for our postal communications
- Recommendations - New Delegate Kit: the members of The Ad-hoc Inventory were nominated to prepare the document

ECCNA 23 Report / Oporto

A verbal report was presented from the Portuguese delegates; information was included in their community report

Bids for ECCNA 24/ 2007

Mick and Marie from the UK presented a bid for ECCNA 24 supported by the UK Region to be held in North Wales. This was the only bid presented.

The Bid to hold ECCNA 25 in North Wales was approved by more than a simple majority vote of the body

Update from ECCNA 22 Host Committee

100 pre-registrations

540 registrations until last night

640 in total until the moment

€ 5.000,00 of seed money returned to the EDM Treasurer

Expected to have in hand about, with the seed money, € 10.000,00 to € 12.000,00.

Pascal expected to close accounts during next week and send the money to the treasurer.

Break for workshops at ECCNA

Elections

Alt. Secretary: no candidates/no resumes were presented

Alt. Treasurer: no candidates/no resumes were presented

FD Chair: two candidates presented: Miko from Israel and Paul from UK – Paul was elected

FD Vice Chair: one candidate presented: Miko from Israel – Miko was elected

Web Master: no candidates/no resumes were presented.

The Chair asked all the delegates to go back to their communities and see if there was any interest in the alt treasury, and alt Secretary positions, and bring resumes to the winter 2006 meeting. It is important that we try to elect both of these positions at the next meeting to have continuity in these important positions.

Delegates were also asked to bring resumes to the next meeting for members who have web site building and maintenance experience. Who can read and write in English. Candidates are to be supported by the service body.

Merchandising proposal

After a brief discussion the floor decided to post pond this subject for Sunday.

Sunday 24th July

Treasurer closing report

Initial Balance	+ € 8.103,11
W. Russia	- € 470,00
FD trip Turkey	- € 1.500,00
Update earmarked money (legal)	- € 200,00
Norway Donation	+ € 3.600,00
ECCNA 22 (provisional)	+ € 9.500,00
Final Balance	+ € 19.033,11

The report was approved by consensus

Community reports

Italy RD arrived late on Saturday afternoon he presented the Italian community report. A proposal was presented to move the winter EDM to Brussels. No consensus could be reached after discussion

German speaking region motion to the CAR

The RD presented the proposed motion for the CAR from their community, and asked if any community would back such a motion if presented.

The delegates were also asked if they could share any experience on having to translate recovery literature and if they felt they had enough time to do it. There was some experience shared by other communities on the difficulties they have.

ECCNA 22 Host Committee

The Treasurer of the ECCNA 22 presented a provisional report that confirmed a convention is a great success

Matters arising over the weekend

- **Merchandising proposal** – After a brief discussion the issue was postponed to a future meeting. The body was split on the idea presented

The chair asked all the delegates from last **5 ECCNA** to go back to their communities and ask if there is any left over merchandise from the convention in their fellowship, and to contact the steering committee if there is to see if there is a possibility of sending it to the WSC to sell.

Meeting Sum Up, Decisions taken

- The meeting booklet will be smaller delegates are to bring copies of Reports sent in Mailing #2, the minutes, and the community reports to the meeting
- The FD trip budget of €1500.00 for Turkey was approved. The SC took the decision that the attending members from the EDM would be Simon as experienced member and Sigrid as the training member, after receiving a list from the FD.
- Two requests were made for FD trips next year from Latvia & Greece (the new FD Committee will bring detailed report to the Winter Meeting)
- A Request from Western Russia to be funded to attend the winter meeting was approved
- The body approved the budget of €2000.00 a year for the legal association, € 200.00 was approved to top the amount up to €2000.00 for this year

- No candidates were presented to Alt. Secretary and Alt. Treasurer. Delegates are to come back to the winter meeting with possible candidates
- A new FD committee was elected (Paul F Chairperson, and Miko Vice Chair)
- A workgroup was set up to come up with the required content for the website. (Peter O, Sigrid, & Bernardo will present a report at the winter meeting)
- Candidates for the web servant will be held at the winter EDM. Delegates were asked to go back to their communities and bring back resumes for this position. The requirement will be experience in building & maintaining a site, the person will be required to be able to write & read in English. Candidates will need to have the backing of their community's service body.
- The body approved some of the recommendations from the Inventory committee report. The committee were asked to write a starter pack for delegates, and present it at the next meeting.
- There will be a slot on the agenda for the winter meeting for:
Discussion on funding of delegates
Zonal forum nominations to the world board
NAWS
- Delegates were asked to contact the steering committee as soon as they knew that they were going to attend the winter meeting in Lithuania, so a list can be given to the hotel for room allocation.

The Irish Region were thanked for hosting the ECCNA 22 in Dublin, and for the great job done by their members during the weekend.

Meeting Closed