



Report Annual General Meeting – Rome, 23rd of June 2018

Chairperson: Edith Lommerse - UWE President

Reporter: Roxana Elena Petrescu - Secretary General

Other Board members present: Aisha – Vice President, Pina Foti – Vice President, Annelies Pierrot Bults – Treasurer

Delegates:

AUSTRIA: Maxie Uray- Frick

GB: Jenny M. Morley

FINLAND: Terhi Nieminen - Maky

FRANCE: Marie Claire Hamard

GERMANY: Rosemarie Killius

IRELAND: Maire O'Connell

ITALY: Gabriella Anselmi

NETHERLANDS: Saskia Voortman

ROMANIA: Andreea Popescu

SCOTLAND: Catriona Sutherland

SWITZERLAND: Karoline Dorsch

SWEDEN: Beatrice C.Skold

Observers fom Israel: Ora Sharon and Shiri Malca

For GWI: Vice President Eileen Focke-Bakker and Christel Moor

WELCOME SPEECH

President Edith Lommerse is presenting the Board and few lines about UWE, what do we do, our work at the European Women Lobby - Treasurer Annelies is part of the executive committee and VP Aisha is official delegate and convenor of membership and Constitution Committee, our work at the Co, where we are represented by Anne Negre as Gender Expert and diverse actions. Speaking about last year activities she reminds our successful conference in Graz, giving thanks to Ireland for helping with the constitution, mentioning the adapted internal regulations and support Collective Complaints.

Members of the Board visited France, Israel, Sweden, London and Rome to prepare the conference. We had a Board Meeting in Rome to save costs.

As it is her final report as President, she continues with a short review of six years of presidency: organising the UWE, her objectives, wishes and accomplished tasks.

It's up to our participants to decide how far we come: [see here the the entire report President 2012-2018!](#)



UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE COMPLAINT

Anne Negre, Vice President Executive Committee INGO Conference is invited to give an extensive presentation on collective complaints.

She congratulates Edith for her cooperation.

Her main points:

Why GENDER MAINSTREAMING?

What is GENDER MAINSTREAMING?

What is the COUNCIL OF EUROPE?

How to work with the COUNCIL OF EUROPE?

COLLECTIVE COMPLAINTS – the procedure:

- The choice the choice of launching collective complaint against all the countries accepting its
- 2 violation of th Social Charter: inequality of equal pay for equal job, under representation of women in position making in firms
- the supports of our 15 collective complaints in the procedure: European Confederation of Trade Unions (45 millions of employees), EQUINET network of national ombudsman, European Union through its Commission , supports the collective complaints in UWE

She concludes by stating that the oppositions of the Member States are strong, so the decision of the European Committee of Social right on the merit are outstanding despite the obvious.

She asks for the support of the NFAs to increase awareness on this topics and this in turn will improve their public profile within the community.

PRESENTATION CANDIDATE President ANNE NEGRE

[see here the presentation!](#)

PRESENTATION CANDIDATE Secretary General ROXANA ELENA PETRESCU

[see here the presentation!](#)

Coffee break

REPORTS:

- **BWFG Report** by Jenny Morley CER



[See here the ppt report!](#)

On 22nd September BFWG will host a meeting of Graduated Women International Ireland, Scotland and Britain in Manchester. It will be a celebration of 100 years of Women's Suffrage in UK, 3 interesting speakers, registration is open until 3 Sep 2018.

- **DAB Report** by Rosemarie Killius CER

[See here the ppt report!](#)

There will be a Conference in Berlin – 22nd September "Social Change. Migration and Digitisation"

- **IRFUW Report** by Máire O'Connell.

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **FILDIS Report** by Gabriella Anselmi

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **GWI NETHERLANDS Report** by Saaskia Voortman

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **AFU ROMANIA Report** by Andreea Popescu

[See here the ppt report!](#)

She remembered the pass away of Alexandrina Niculescu and we kept a moment of in the honour of Past President A. Niculescu.

- **Graduate Women SCOTLAND Report** by Fiona Sutherland

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **SVA Report** by Caroline Dorsch

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **AFFDU Report** by Marie Claire Hamard

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **SWEDEN Report** by Beatrice C.Skold

- **SANL Report** by Terhi Makynen

[See here the ppt report!](#)

- **VAO Report** by Maxie Uray-Frick

[See here the ppt report!](#)



- **Presentation Israel** – Ora Sharon, Vicepresident of Israel (the video)

[See here the ppt presentation!](#)

Edith is explaining the voting system inviting CERs and deputies to sit in the front after the lunch. Christel is the Head Teller and will be assisted by Amrei Klemmer from Austria.

Lunch & voting for candidates

Second part AGM

12 NFAs present, [see here the list of CERs and voting representative!](#)

Voting strength is 49, to pass any proposal we need to have half plus one – 20

The points of the agenda are presented as follows:

- **Adoption agenda**
- **Minutes 2017**
- **UWE award/Jans Grammee award**
- **Vice Presidents reports**
- **Financial reports, budget and fee**
- **request membership Israel**
- **next AGM 2020, Meet and Greet 2019**
- **result elections**
- **AOB: 100 years GWI**

1. **Agenda** is adopted.

2. **Minutes AGM 2017**: name of Marie O'Connell was not on the list of delegates. Edith proposes to accept the Minutes, it is unanimously accepted.

[See here the revised Minutes 2017!](#)

3. **UWE Award**: we received a nomination

Call for JG: there will be no nomination this year

4. **Vice Presidents Reports: Vice President Report Pina Foti & Vice President Report Aisha Alshawaf**

5. **Report Treasurer**



Edith gives some words from EWL meeting about Annelies, the beginning of this month, she has been reelected as Treasurer and is asked to give us a report (to be put on the website).

We decreased our deficit from 2768 EUR in 2016 to 422 EUR in 2017, we have a positive result for the account this year after the proposal to further decrease the costs of the Board in 2017. The proposal to use the membership numbers of the previous year for calculating the fee works very well.

The Board propose to keep the membership fee one euro/member. We increase our income getting back other members. Total income : **5605 EUR** Deficit: **421 EUR**, see here the [UWE Balance sheet 2017](#).

The Board ask the General Assembly to formally approve 2017 final accounts and discharge the board for 2017 accounts.

Question raised: Why we are still in Finland with the bank? Due to personal circumstances, the work with the constitution translation the Treasurer in charge couldn't finalise the procedure with the ING Bank in Amsterdam.

With Treasurer abstain the account is approved.

[UWE Budget 2017-2018](#) has been approved

[UWE membership 2018](#) approved also

Discharge the Board for the responsibilities – agreed

Financial Committee: T.Oudraad and Rosemarie K. ask for discharge, it is agreed. Marita Salo and Beatrice Skold will form the Financial Committee.

Edith is asking if there any other members to join us with the Committees?

Committees:

- constitution (Saaskia Voortman, Catriona Sutherland, Oonagh Ferrity)
- membership (Ann Hegrad, Amber)
- PR
- young members (Amrei Klemmer and Anna Hegrad)

6. Israel's request to join UWE:



In 2017 as the Constitution did not allow them to join without a change of the constitution there was a proposal to look into constitutional options. The Constitutional Committee concludes that under the current constitution there was such no possibility therefore an alternative proposal was accepted.

A Memorandum of Understanding - MOU (agreement allowing CER attendance not just observer status) produced by the Constitutional Committee ultimately 15 of September will be circulated to the CER network for agreement and or amendments and comments ultimately at the end of October. This may facilitate discussion within the countries. This agreement and any comments will allow the constitutional committee to compile a discussion paper outlining options by half of December 2018 for full discussion and responses from countries by 1st of March, 2019. The Board will then decide if any resolutions to put forward to the next AGM and GWI meeting, 2019.

Edith asks to vote the amendments first: the current draft will be considered, after it will be sent to the CERs until the mid of September. The vote goes unanimously in favour for timeline to including the possibilities.

7. NEXT AGM and MEET AND GREET

France proposed to organise in 2020 an event (more information from Marie Claire).

A proposal will come from Scotland by the end of summer to organise a Meet and Greet. The next AGM in 2019 will be a short one and will be held during the 33rd Triennial GWI Meeting in Geneva.

8. Result of the elections: Edith announced that Anne Negre and Roxana Petrescu have been elected.

9. GWI : 33rd GWI Triennial Meeting and Centenary Conference July 2019 Geneva, Switzerland [see here the ppt presentation!](#)

13th of September 2018
Bucharest

Roxana Elena Petrescu
Secretary General