



## Meeting of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of GEMME met on October 30, 2010, at the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania.

### **Present:**

Albertina AVEINO PEREIRA, Béatrice BRENNEUR, Isabelle BIERI, Dragos CALIN,,Jaime Octavio CARDONNA FERREIRA, René CONSTANT, Desislava DJAROVA, Giovanna DI BARTOLO, Tsveta JELIAZKOVA, Gavin LIGHTMAN, Ruben MURDANAIGUM, Zane PETERSONE, Francois SAVIGNY, Anne Martien VAN DER DOES, Michèle WEIL-GUTHMANN.

### **Power of Attorney granted by :**

Daniel DESSARD (par René CONSTANT), Maxence DUAULT par Lenka PAVLOVA, Danielle GANANCIA (par Jacques SALZER), Fabrice VERT (par Françoise THIEULLENT, Isabelle TOMAS GARCIA par (Isidiro GIMENEZ), Gordona RISTIN (par Béatrice BRENNEUR), Márta NAGY GYENGENE par Katalin Toth.

### **Apologies received from:**

Augustin AZPARREN, Eric BATTISTONI, Blaise BATTISTOLO, Maria DA CONCEIÇÃO OLIVEIRA, Peter OSTEN

### **Participating as an observer:**

Lenka PAVLOVA.

At 10 a.m., the Chairman opened the meeting. He thanks Rumania for organizing the "Conference on Mediation in the European Union - Current situation and perspectives" which was held on October 29 in the Conference hall of the Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University of Bucharest, and was a great success with more than 400 participants. He also welcomes Katelin TOTH, who is a new member of GEMME Hungaria, and represented Márta NAGY GYENGENE.

The General Secretary indicated that Maxence DUAULT had left the Czech republic and that Lenka PAVLOVA was henceforth the observer representing this country (which has not yet a national section).

### **1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting the Board of Directors of June 25, 2010**

The Minutes of the June 25, 2010 Meeting was approved without discussion.

## **2. Description of duties of individual directors, particularly the responsibilities of vice-presidents.**

As indicated in previous sessions, the president wishes that each vice president has a very specific sphere of competence.

At this stage:

- Beatrice Brenneur is responsible for the website and relations with the European Commission;
- Isabel TOMAS GARCIA is in charge of international relations;
- Anne Martien VAN DER DOES is responsible for institutional reform;
- Dragos CALIN is responsible for program "training";
- Maxence DUAULT and Linka Lenka PAVLOVA are in charge of relations with the countries of Eastern Europe;
- Daniele GANANCIA and Maria da Conceição OLIVEIRA are responsible for matters concerning international family mediation.

Following a lengthy exchange it is stated that Francis SAVIGNY will now be responsible for training with Dragos CALIN. He will chair a working group to propose a plan of work in this field. This working group is composed of: Beatrice BRENNEUR, Giovanna DI BARTOLO, Lenka PAVLOVA and Françoise THIEULLENT. The group will report to the council, if needed by e-mail for more effectiveness.

Calin DRAGOS will also be now responsible for the organisation and coordination of seminars and conferences organised by GEMME or its national sections. He is responsible with Anne Martien VAN DER DOES for the collection of proposals from national sections for events of GEMME Europe and to report to the President and Vice Presidents in order to identify those that best meet the objectives of the organisation.

Daniele GANANCIA and Maria da Conceição OLIVEIRA are responsible for matters relating to international family mediation. They formed a working group with Lenka PAVLOVA and Michèle WEIL-GUTHMANN. Lenka PAVLOVA will circulate the first proposals of the working group members of the Board through the General Secretary.

Similarly Anne Martien VAN DER DOES will report to the Council by email of the outcome of the working group on institutional reform. For the record, this working group consists of: Anne-Martien van der Does, Blaise BATTISTOLO, Beatrice Brenneur Rene CONSTANT, Daniel DESSART, François SAVIGNY, Ruben MURDANAIGUM and Isabel TOMAS.

Beatrice BRENNEUR is in charge of the website of GEMME Europe. Beatrice BRENNEUR reminds each national section that they are responsible for their own national website. Representatives of national sections should give, as soon as possible, to Beatrice the names of persons in charge of their national website.

## **3. Reimbursement of travel expenses relating to activities of GEMME Europe.**

The President recalled that the General Assembly decided that only one representative on the board of directors of each country may have his expenses reimbursed.

After a vote, it is clarified that this rule applies only to administrators. However travel expenses of office bearers (President, treasurer, general secretaries and vice-presidents) attending official meetings are borne by GEMME Europe.

On the issue of financing office bearers, this is restricted to the President, Secretary and Treasurer,. The council voted on this topic by a majority with two abstentions.

On the issue of financing the movement of the entire office bearers, including vice-presidents, whatever their nationality, the board voted as follows: 11 in favour, 4 against, the rest abstaining. It was also clarified that these rules apply only to the extent that the finances of GEMME Europe permitting.

**4. Relations between GEMME Europe and the national sections (Membership holders, limiting the number of members of certain sections and distribution of membership income between GEMME Europe and the national sections).**

This issue will be discussed by the working group on institutional reform.

**5. Revision of the statutes (enlargement of GEMME, disciplinary powers of the board).**

This issue will be discussed by the working group on institutional reform.

**6. International family mediation (mediator network) and international network of participants in mediation.**

This issue will be discussed by the Working Group on family mediation (see above).

Lenka Pavlova indicates that a conference on international family mediation will take place in Brno (Czech Republic) on 18 and 19 May 2011.

**7. Organisation of a Commission for Training/Research:**

This issue will be discussed by the Working Group formation (see-above).

**8. Activities of GEMME:**

\* Conference in 2011, GEMME Europe.

This issue will be considered by the Vice-President in charge of conferences (see above).

\* Proposed international conference in Martinique (French West Indies in 2011)

Presently GEMME Europe is not involved in the organisation of this event.

\* Cruise of 2012

Presently GEMME Europe is not involved in the organisation of this event.

**9. Admission of an Observer (to Represent Russia) .**

The admission of Mrs. Tsisana Shamlikasmvili as an observer from Russia was unanimously approved.

#### **10. Next board meeting: date, venue and agenda.**

The Chairman, unilaterally, announces that the next board meeting will be held in Paris in May 2011. The date will be specified later.

The draft provisional agenda for the next session remains that of this present council.

#### **11. Other matters arising.**

- Contract signed with Harmattan May 21, 2010

Beatrice BRENNEUR states that, as part of the subsidy granted by the European Commission for the first international meetings held in Paris on 16 and 17 October 2009, she signed a publishing contract on May 21, 2010, with the editor of Harmattan for the addition of the proceedings of conferences: "Panorama of mediations of the world" and "Overview of Judicial Mediation."

The European Commission must reimburse GEMME the purchase of 2000 books (1000 in English and 1000 in French) at the price of 15 Euros per book, that is 30,000 Euros.

Taking this into account, the contract with Harmattan provides that:

- GEMME will have 2000 books (1,000 in French and 1,000 in English) at 15 Euros each.
- Over and above the figure of 2000 books, GEMME will obtain 7% of royalties from the first book sold and 50 free copies in English and French.

By unanimous decision, the contract is ratified.

#### **List of Members**

GEMME is an association governed by the French law of 1901. French law stipulates that associations are composed of individuals (which excludes federations of national sections). French law requires that each year members pay their annual dues. To be a member of GEMME, it is essential to be in compliance with the law, that each national section sends the list of its individual members who have paid their up-to-date membership dues. The treasurer, Francois SAVIGNY specifies that members of the Netherlands have so far not paid their dues and thus, de facto, this country has no members, or national section.

Each national section shall deliver, before the end of the year, a list of its members to the general secretary.

- Delegation of signature

unanimously, it was decided to give Beatrice BRENNEUR authority to sign on behalf of the president. When Gavin Lightman is prevented from so doing, Beatrice's signature can bind the association. She will, however, wherever possible, consult the President. She will send copies of signed documents to the President and the general secretary.

- Ratification of partnership's with the Romanian Ministry of Justice

Beatrice BRENNEUR states that due to unavailability of the President, and having been delegated by the board of directors for links with the European Commission, she has, after giving due notification by mail to the Board of Directors and the President, signed a partnership agreement between GEMME and the Romanian Ministry of Justice to file a grant application for activities on mediation, presented to the European Commission. The response of the European Commission will be known in December.

The board of directors unanimously approves the partnership that it ratifies.

To allow a better preparation of meetings, after the necessary consultations, each working group must send a report to the Secretary General in respect of progress made at least 15 days before the date set for the next board meeting to all members.

The meeting adjourned at 13.00

From the foregoing, these Minutes signed by the President and the Secretary General, have been made.