



Gemme-Europe board meeting

The board of GEMME- Europe met on Saturday March 7 at 6 pm in Paris, Cruiseboat le Renoir, Port de Grenelle, 15th arrondissement.

Attending : Béatrice Brenneur, Lourdes Arastey, Isabelle Bieri, René Constant, Jacques Duplat, Sonja Ewerdt-Schlaak , Rosalía Fernández, Anne Gongora, Carmen Guil, Camilla Hölzer, Jan Kayser, Agnieszka Owczarewicz, Avi Schneebalg, Konstanze Thau, Laura Van der Krogt, Eric Van Engelen, Michèle Weil-Guthmann, Monica Veletti, Monika Wlodarczyk.

Excused from attendance : Nicholas Chambers, Srdan Simac, Audra Ezerske, Paul Gilligan, Renata Dolanska, Ugo Ferruta, Sara Menichetti, François Staechelé.

Interpretor : Laura-May Weil

The departing president expresses her wish for Rosalía Fernández Alaya to become president.

Through a voting process by raising hands, the candidate, Rosalía Fernández Alaya, is unanimously elected president.

The president, Rosalía Fernández Alaya indicates that the first and foremost task of the new board is to appoint the bureau :

- 1 president
- 4 vice presidents
- 1 general secretary, 1 assistant general secretary and the persons responsible for specific tasks, should this be the case
- 1 treasurer and 1 assistant treasurer

Other representatives appointed by the national sections must be included. The national sections will have to be consulted about this.

Election of the members of the Bureau

Rosalía Fernández Alaya declares that she has been in contact with various members of GEMME to constitute the bureau and proposes as vice-presidents:

- Monica Velleti
- Avi Schneebalg
- Eric Van Engelen
- Camilla Hölzer

The 4 vice presidents are unanimously elected.

Rosalía Fernández proposes:

- for the general secretary(article 6A RI),
 - Anne Gongora, general secretary,
 - Laura van der Krogt, assistant general secretary,
- for the treasury
 - Jacques Vernochet, treasurer
 - Carmen Guil, assistant treasurer (article 7 statutes and 6A RI)
- to perform specific tasks,
 - Paul Gilligan, who is responsible for relations with international institutions, continues in that role
 - Monika Wlodarczyk joins the team of Paul with Lourdes Arastey, who continues her work concerning EUIPO.
 - Isabelle Bieri works to maintain links between all the members
 - François Staechelé continues his work as web master.

The board endorses the choice of the president unanimously.

Avi Schneebalg proposes that Béatrice Brenneur, former president and now president of honour of GEMME will be associated to the board and the bureau' work.

The proposals are unanimously accepted.

Rosalía Fernández proposes to create a WhatsApp group for the members of the board, to be used only for urgent matters, and to facilitate a rapid means of communication.

She remarks that the list of the board needs to be updated as well as the list of subjects that are under discussion, as some persons on the list do not belong to the board and/or to GEMME. She will discuss about it with François Staechelé.

This proposal is accepted.

Rosalía Fernández and Carmen Guil announce their intention to meet in Paris with the general secretary and the treasurer to update the list of actions to be taken.

The council accepts this proposal unanimously.

Rosalía Fernández proposes an exchange of ideas until June or July via e-mail to specify the plan of action of the board for the coming two years.

She proposes the next meeting of the board to be held on 25-26 September in Malaga/Granada, at the end of the symposium that will be organised by the Spanish section of GEMME. The board decides that the meeting will take place on Saturday September 26 in Granada.

The president closes the meeting at 7 pm.

The general secretary

Anne Gongora

The president

Rosalía Fernández Alaya