



MINUTES
2011 TII ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 26th May 2011 at 18.00
Yarmaka (Armorial Hall)
Nizhny Novgorod, Russian Federation

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The President, Joachim Hafkesbrink, opened the meeting at 18.30 and welcomed the members present as well as a number of Russian observers. A list of members present and represented by proxy at the 2011 AGM is to be found in Annex 1.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved as previously circulated.

2. Election of Members to the TII Board of Management – Casting of Votes

The candidates for election and re-election were invited to introduce themselves to the assembly. In 2011, the assembly was invited to elect or re-elect members to the Board of Management from Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Slovenia and Spain.

The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes, during which the members were able to complete and return their voting forms.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2010 AGM held in Mülheim an der Ruhr (D)

The minutes of the 2010 AGM held on 28 April at ZENIT in Mülheim an der Ruhr were adopted as previously circulated.

4. President's Report on the State of the Association

The association's President, Joachim Hafkesbrink, expressed pleasure in welcoming members to the first TII AGM and conference to take place in Russia. He referred to the difficult economic circumstances that were currently experienced by a number of members in different countries. Together with a demographic change characterized by the retirement of some of the association's longest standing members and the rise of other competing associations and a preference for social networking among the younger generation, the TII landscape was undergoing profound changes which would affect the way the association functioned in future. Nevertheless, TII's strength continued to lie in its members'

representation of the whole innovation supply chain and their mutual interest in exchanging good practice and improving operating efficiency.

5. Secretary General's Annual Report for 2010

2010 was marked by a period of mild turbulence for TII as the economic crisis began to be felt by a number of innovation support players in several countries. A total of 31 new members joined the association and at 31 December membership stood at 230 members in 39 countries.

A total of 6 events were held during the year, including the annual conference in Düsseldorf, the summer school in Vilnius, the Innovation Tour to Quebec, one joint workshop with ProTon Europe in London, one meeting of the Brussels Group as well as a second edition of the Innovation Tools Fair.

Work continued on two European projects: Take It Up, the promotion pillar of the Europe INNOVA initiative, and the ACP Science & Technology Programme aiming to stimulate capacity building and innovation among S&T organisations in the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of countries.

6. Financial Report for 2010

The Secretary General referred to the 2010 accounts, which had been circulated in advance of the AGM. The year ended with a registered operating surplus of €1 047.58.

7. Auditors' Report

The President read out the statement drawn up by the auditors, Dumont & Associés, according to which the association's accounts for 2010 had been examined in line with international auditing standards and gave a true and fair view of the financial position of TII asbl as of 31 December 2010.

8. Vote on Items 5 and 6

At the President's request, the members were invited to vote on the Secretary General's annual report and the accounts for 2010. Both items were approved unanimously by the members present.

9. Discharge of the Auditors

The President requested the members to grant formal discharge to the auditors for the 2010 financial year. The motion was approved unanimously. The proposal to reallocate the surplus of €1 047.58 generated in 2010 to the 2011 operating budget was also approved unanimously.

10. Appointment of the Auditors for 2011

Further to the proposal made by the Board of Management, the President invited the members to vote on the appointment of Mr Pierre Dumont of the audit firm, "Dumont &

Associés –Commissaire aux Comptes”, based in Charleville-Mézières (France), as the association’s statutory auditor for the 2011 financial year. The vote was carried unanimously.

11. 2011 Programme of Activities

The Secretary General referred to Document 11, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. So far, one strategic road-mapping workshop on innovation priorities and the EU’s framework programme had taken place in February; the 2012 summer school was scheduled to take place in Coimbra (P) in September while the Innovation Tour was to be held in October in the Valencia region of Spain. Another Innovation Tools Fair was planned in November, to be held in conjunction with the activities of the Take It Up project. The association’s secretariat would continue to provide management services under contract to ProTon Europe. Likewise, the staff would continue to contribute to the work programme of its current two European projects: in particular developing the warehouse of novel tools and services as part of the Take It Up project and assessing the interim reports of the 36 projects being funded under the ACP S&T Programme.

12. 2011 Budget

The Secretary General took the members through the figures of the budget for 2011, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Income was expected to be approximately €195 400 while expenditure was forecast to be €191 600, yielding a small surplus of €3 800.

13. Vote on Items 11 and 12

At the invitation of the President, the members voted on the proposed Programme of Activities and Budget for 2011. Both were approved unanimously.

14. Discharge of the Board of Management

The President requested the members to grant formal discharge to the Board of Management for the 2010 financial year. The motion was approved unanimously.

15. Announcement of the Results of the Election to the Board of Management

The counting of the votes having been completed, the President announced the results of the election as follows:

Number of voting forms issued: 19

Valid forms returned: 19

Votes cast for the candidates

Cyprus	Costas Y. Konis	16 (elected)
Estonia	Vladimir Polezajev	17 (elected)
Hungary	Zsolt Köhalmi	17 (re-elected)
Italy	Maria Augusta Mancini	18 (elected)

Romania	Tamas Gyulai	18 (elected)
Slovenia	Vanja Rangus	16 (re-elected)
Spain	Salvador Pastor Morant	17 (elected)

16. Election of Retiring Board Members to the “Jury d’honneur”

The six retiring members of the Board - Bruno Woeran (Austria), Daniela Vachova (Czech Republic), Tiina Tambaum (Estonia), Marita Niemelä (Finland)), Alessia Melasecche Germini (Italy), and Tomas Olofsson (Sweden) – were unanimously elected to the Jury d’honneur.

17. Vote on the principle of a possible merger with ProTon Europe

The members were given the floor to comment on a recommendation from the TII Board of Management to begin merger negotiations with ProTon Europe. The Secretary General commented on the shared history of TII and ProTon as TII had been one of the founding partners in the original EC-funded project to set up ProTon in 2002. Since then, TII had been closely connected with ProTon through a formal partnership agreement, had organised joint activities and was responsible for its financial management and secretariat. Given the strong contingent of university transfer offices within the TII membership there was a high level of potential synergy between the two associations’ activities. Having been assured that there would be no financial liability in merging with ProTon, the TII members gave their support to the TII management to begin merger negotiations forthwith. The vote was carried with no dissentions.

18. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the President thanked the members for their attendance and, on behalf of the host organisation, Science and Information Centre of Nizhny Novgorod, invited them to join the welcome reception which followed the AGM. The meeting was closed at 19.30.

Annex 1: List of members present or represented by proxy at the 2011 AGM

N°	Name	Organisation	Proxy
1	Torben L. Jespersen	Aalborg University (DK)	
2	Guido Giebens	Antrim BVBA/Viisiteam (B)	Marita Niemelä
3	Akos Szepvolgyi	Central Transdanubian Regional Inno. Agency (H)	
4	Zhengping Liu	Coway International Techntrans (CN)	
5	Ljerka Nezic	Croatian Chamber of Economy (HR)	
6	Tamas Gyulai	Best Vision Advisory (RO)	Maria Augusta Mancini
7	Theologos Prokopiou	I4G SA Incubation for Growth (GR)	Joachim Hafkesbrink
8	Markus Schroll	Innowise GmbH (D)	
9	Carlos Cerqueira	Instituto Pedro Nunes (P)	
10	Péter Mogyorosi	Laser Consult Ltd (H)	Joachim Hafkesbrink
11	Kastytis Gecas	Lithuanian Innovation Center (LI)	
12	Gaston Trauffler	Luxinnovation (L)	
13	Maria Augusta Mancini	Meta Group (I)	
14	Gordon Ollivere	RTC North (UK)	
15	Ilya Korshunov	Science and Information Center (RU)	
16	Emile Louzada	Syntens (NL)	
17	Vladimir Polezajev	Tallinn University (EE)	
18	Marta Catarino	Tecminho (P)	
19	Zsolt Kohalmi	Theodore Puskas Foundation (H)	
20	Marta Niemelä	University of Vaasa (FIN)	
21	Salvador Pastort	Facilmente (E)	
22	Nigel Spencer	The British Library (UK)	
23	Per Kjell Stole	Siva International Management (N)	