



AER Culture for Health working group

Draft Minutes

Hotel Adriatik, Durrës, Albania

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Participants:

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Doris Materne, AER secretariat

Richard Westlake, County Councillor, Devon

Magnus Berntsson, Västra Götaland

Sigrid Lindstad, Adviser on International relations, Hedmark

Stuart Dorward, Head of Business Development, Recreation & Heritage Dep., Hampshire

Eugene Scherer, Dep. Culture and Science, Lower Austria

1. Welcome

The Chairman of the working group, **Marita Fransson**, said welcome and opened the meeting

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted

3. Approval of the draft minutes

The minutes of the Tampere meeting was unanimously adopted

4. Planning of the Culture for Health conference 2010

Karin Westling briefly concluded the results of the questionnaire that had been sent out to WG members and associated organizations. A general discussion regarding venue, dates, financial aspects and goals for the conference then followed in the group.

Among others were the alternatives of arranging the conference in connection to an AER-meeting, or separately, discussed. It was generally agreed that the conference should be arranged in a central European location and in connection to a Committee III meeting,

preferably also together with Committee II. Doris Materne informed that the Spring meetings in 2010, respectively Committee II and III, were already planned for with other themes/and locations. Venues and themes for the Autumn meetings were not planned. Marita Fransson and Karin Westling proposed that the AER would have the conference as one of its activities within the 25th Anniversary in 2010. Doris Materne underlined the need for the WG to work out a budget. A draft budget of in total 40.000 Euro was outlined during the meeting (See details in end of document). Finding EU-funding for the conference was also discussed as well as bringing the financial issue of the conference to the Bureau.

Doris Materne informed the WG about the possibility to have an own webpage on the AER website, where working papers and information could be put. The WG were positive to the idea and asked the secretariat to make the technical arrangements.

Following was decided:

- The Culture for Health Conference should take place in Central Europe in order to be accessible for a wide audience.
- The AER secretariat will in its planning for Committee II and III meetings in Autumn 2010, take this into account, meaning the AER secretariat will contact interested regions in Central Europe to host both the conference and the two Committees meetings in parallel.
- The WG thinks that the 25th Anniversary of the AER is a good occasion to arrange the conference, and to promote it as one of the important activities during the year.
- The AER secretariat will inform the WG, latest in June this year, about the planned venue for the conference, in order for the WG to plan the programme in time.
- The AER secretariat will look for EU-funding for the conference.

It was also decided that Västerbotten after the meeting in Dürres would outline a description of the conference and its goals, and send it to the WG for comments. It can then be used by the AER secretariat as a project application, when applying for funding.

Ilona Novak promised to send information about the Västernorrland regions international contacts in the area of Culture for Health.

Stuart Dorward handed over research material within the area Culture for Health to Västerbotten.

Kerstin Hamre reported about contacts within music and dance therapy, which Norrbotten has in Hungary, Croatia, France and Albania. She would gather the information and e-mail it.

Stuart Dorward reported about extensive cooperation on national level between departments of Arts and health. He promised to make some contacts in order to reach presumptive speakers, and would also send information by e-mail

Timeline for the work ahead

Next WG meeting will be hold in connection with the Committee III Autumn meeting in Sarajevo.

5. Any other business

No items



6. Closing of meeting

The Chair thanked everyone for participating and closed the meeting

Appendix:

Draft budget

Conference costs	Euro
Translation, incl. honoraries, translation booths	10.000
Speakers	10.000
Venue	The host region
Meals	15.000
Other expenses	5.000
In total	40.000