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EAFP General Assembly Thursday 15th September 2005, Fredericksberg, Copenhagen

The general assembly was attended by approximately 50 members. Reports were presented by Meetings Secretary, General Secretary and Treasurer. The details of these reports are provided in the Council minutes of 11th September.

Treasurers report. Barry Hill noted the balance was healthy, and asked if an increase in membership fees could be considered. Diane Elliott commented that the transfer of funds electronically was expensive.

Publication officer's report. Barry Hill enquired if we could move back to rapid communication of articles with preliminary investigations with a 4 page limit and not become a second rate journal. The President replied that the news and views section where these articles could be placed was not used by members.

Action: The council have recommended a 6 page limit and the Publication Officer is currently introducing further changes which are detailed in the Council minutes of 11th September.

Eric Hudson suggested an electronic version of the bulletin. This is already under investigation by the Publication Officer. The President reported that the Council has agreed to pay for some assistance with Bulletin editorial work and will be looking at all costs including an on line journal. The current feedback suggests the printed journal is preferred.

Guiseppe Bovo asked for 'fast tools' for communication.

Olga Haenen requested more review of the EAFP bulletin. The President summarised that the Bulletin and web were our two main areas for communication.

EAFP statutes. The council have agreed for a group to look at the statutes and consider if they should be revised. The president reminded members that the statutes were 26 years old and had served us well. Three members were identified during the council meeting of the 11 September. Additional people will be asked to help. Neils Olesen asked if junior members could participate. The membership were asked to vote if they wanted to wait for this review or consider the proposed changes for the Statutes already identified to be discussed, the vote was 27 to 2 to wait the review from this group.

Malta Conference. The General Secretary informed the members of the current situation regarding the finances of the conference budget which followed by the death of Zarco Peric and the financial difficulties that occurred with the local agency. Legal advice indicates that we may not win a court case in Malta to recover the conference profit and therefore at this stage we will not pursue the claim.