

ICDPPC Executive Committee Minutes

37th Meeting of ICDPPC Executive Committee

12/13 June 2017

Chair: John Edwards*, New Zealand
Secretariat: Blair Stewart, Vanya Vida
Canada: Daniel Therrien, Barbara Bucknell, Brent Homan, Miguel Bernal-Castillero, Andrea Rousseau
France: Isabelle Falque-Pierrotin, Sophie Bory
Morocco: Amine Byad
**left the meeting after item 7*

Apologies: Stephen Wong, Hong Kong.

Meeting opened: 9:56 (NZST)

1. Previous meeting (19th April) and action points:

Minutes were approved. The Chair thanked Miguel Bernal-Castillero for taking the previous minutes.

FR enquired how their two sets of written comments on the April's agenda items had been taken into account in their absence from the previous meeting. The Chair explained that one set (from the CNIL President, personally) had been seen by the Chair and distributed to all Committee members and referenced by the Chair during the Committee's discussions while the other set (from CNIL staff), received shortly before the meeting and forwarded by the Secretariat by email to the Chair, had been received on the day of the meeting by the Chair while in Washington DC but had been overlooked and not opened or read before the meeting. The Chair directed the Secretariat to provide FR with the recording of the previous meeting.

Action: Secretariat to provide FR with recording of previous meeting.

2. 39th Conference: Closed session plans

The Chair thanked CA for their effort in preparing the draft session outline. The Committee discussed the draft outline and approved its general tenor and direction. It was agreed that the number of speakers needed to be reduced to align with the 4 or 5 speakers for which travel funding would be available and accordingly it would be necessary to reduce the programme from 3 to 2 panels. The Committee noted the importance of considering geographic diversity and gender balance in selecting speakers for the closed session.

FR recommended Henri Verdier to be added to the list of suitable speakers.

The Chair noted HK's written comments recording good progress on preparations for the public conference.

Action:

- Secretariat and CA to refine closed session outline; and

- Secretariat to check availability of suggested speakers.

3. 41st Conference in 2019

The Chair thanked the sub-committee for their work. The Committee discussed the 3 applicants each of which had garnered support from at least one Committee member. [REDACTED]

Discussion ranged over the three proposals with Committee members acknowledging the strengths of each. Reference was made to the fact that [REDACTED]

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The Secretariat noted that if a clear choice could be obtained in that way it would be desirable not to wait for the August meeting but instead to maintain the earlier planned timetable for notifying the membership of the Committee's recommendation during July. This would enable the Committee to meet the target of scheduling the host of the 41st Conference (and subsequent conferences) a clear 2 years in advance thus cementing work to place the Conference on a sound footing.

Action: [REDACTED]

4. Committee and Secretariat transition

The Committee discussed the Secretariat's paper outlining the routine of Secretariat tasks and associated expenses and calls on resources. FR commented it had found it interesting to see the precise costs associated with the work involved.

CA advised that the Commissioner will put his name forward at the closed session for election as Chair. The Chair thanked CA and advised that NZ will assist in an effective handover.

5. Discussion of project on future size and membership of Conference

The Chair advised that he proposes to circulate a report on the results of the survey to the closed session in Hong Kong. It was noted that the interim results suggested that members want the Conference to be inclusive and membership to be open to both small and large authorities. MA supported this view and added that the Conference must help to promote data protection on a global scale.

The interim results indicated that the membership sees the Conference achieving some objectives well and others poorly. The Chair recommended that the Committee at its August

meeting settle a discussion outline for the closed session in Hong Kong. CA offered to prepare a draft outline to guide discussion, to be circulated for feedback in advance of the August meeting to allow more time for possible broader consultation.

CA commented that it is clear that members want the Conference to be inclusive. In CA's view it would be premature to recommend any rule changes in September but that some might suitably follow in 2018.

Action:

- Chair to report on the survey results to the closed session in Hong Kong; and
- CA to prepare a draft outline to guide discussion in Hong Kong.

6. Preliminary discussion on new process for endorsing enforcement cooperation meetings

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

7. General business

The Committee discussed observer applications from UNESCO and from the Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, US Department of Justice.

The Committee agreed to recommend observer status for UNESCO for the forthcoming Conference.

The Committee discussed the Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer, US Department of Justice's application. The Chair commented that discussion last year when the DoJ's observer application has become enmeshed in the discussion on the future size and membership of the Conference. But now it may be possible better to de-couple the issues and consider the application simply on the basis of the current rules. [REDACTED]

Members supported granting observer status limited solely to the forthcoming annual meeting.

Action: Secretariat to notify applicants, and the membership, of Committee's observer recommendations.

Next meeting

22/23 August 2017

After a short discussion on dates, which have been set for some time, and the timing of teleconferences, which is always inconvenient for at least one member, the Secretariat said it is not possible to change the dates but it will look at timing options and let everyone know the time for the next meeting shortly.

Meeting closed: 11:04 (NZST)