

Minutes

Conference Call of the Executive Committee of the International Conference
28 August 2014 (29 August in New Zealand)

Attendance

NL Jacob Kohnstamm (chair), Paul Breitbarth
FTC Julie Brill, Guilherme Roschke, Shaundra Watson
NZ John Edwards, Blair Stewart
PL Wojciech Wiewiorowski
MU Drudeisha Madhub

1. a. Adoption agenda
- b. Adoption minutes call Executive Committee 4 June 2014

The agenda and minutes were adopted without change. From the to do list, one point remains: PL will try to draft a proposal on how to deal with the conference archives in the days to come. **[action]**

2. Open session - update from host

MU gives an update on the organisation of the Conference. A social event has been added on Monday night: a cocktail for the Closed Session attendants. [REDACTED]

MU requests that a representative of the Executive Committee is available on Sunday 12 October 6 pm to test the final preparations in the meeting room. NL (Paul) will do this and if need be Jacob as well.

Around 185 foreign participants for the Conference have been confirmed. The number is expected to still go up to 200. Also, around 50-60 local attendees are expected. The Conference hotel is now fully booked. The Open Session programme is finalised, although small final changes may still take place.

The MU cabinet has formally approved the event, which means it will take place under the honorary patronage of the Prime Minister's Office. Speakers have been informed of the deadlines to submit their presentations. NZ asks if speakers are also aware of how long they need to speak, focus in their panel, etc. An e-mail with such information has indeed been sent out. NL suggests to ask the panel moderators to host a conference call with their panellists, so that they can have an initial discussion on the topic and try to avoid overlap on content. **[action]**

AFAPDP has requested that the resolutions and declarations for the Closed Session be available for translation into French as soon as possible. NL informs that all documents for the Conference will be circulated within 24 hours after the 15 September deadline, with leaves around a month for translations. That should be sufficient. The only document that will not be available in

advance is the Mauritius declaration, since that should reflect the Closed Session discussions. NL will work with MU and AFAPDP representatives during the Conference to ensure a speedy French translation of that document can be made.

Several delegations have requested information on the Closed Session documents. NL will send out the Closed Session agenda on 2 September, together with the then received draft resolutions. A second e-mail with all Conference documents will be sent out on 16 September. NL and MU will match the mailing lists before the e-mails are sent out. [action]

3. Agenda Closed Session

The agenda for the Closed Session was adopted. Delegations that want to take the floor under “Updates from delegations” are to inform the Chair in advance and should limit themselves to major developments of which the Conference needs to be aware.

4. Update rules of procedure

- Article 2 – awarding the organisation of the Conference

The Executive Committee has held a long discussion on whether or not to change the rules of procedure to allow for a different nomination procedure to pick future Conference hosts. The main reason for such a change would be to allow delegations to have certainty on a proposal to host the Conference more than one year in advance. In several countries, that would be important to ensure suitable locations and hotels can be secured. At the same time, the Executive Committee agrees that the final decision to award the organisation of the Conference should lie with the full membership, if possible upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The FTC suggests to work with the so-called negative option: the Executive Committee can make a recommendation via e-mail to the members of the Conference to award the organisation of a future Conference and provides for a limited amount of time for members to object. Only if a sufficient number of members do object, it would be considered no decision on a future host was taken.

NL makes clear that also for awarding a Conference in between Conferences, a clear deadline needs to be set. If not, delegations that are prepare a proposal to host a next Conference may be presented with a *fait accompli* if another delegation prepared their proposal faster.

As regards the content of the proposal, the Executive Committee agrees that the parameters for this should not be too detailed. In any case, a future host should inform the Executive Committee on who the host(s) would be, where and when the Conference should take place, what the envisaged topic would be and how the host(s) intend to cover the organising costs. The proposal should not run the risk to be considered as a tender, bid or contracting procedure.

The Executive Committee does not reach final agreement on the way forward and a new text for article 2 of the Rules of Procedure. NZ will try to come up with a proposal to be tabled for

discussion in Mauritius. If possible, a discussion shall be taken during the next Closed Session, but this could also be held over to the 2015 Conference. [action]

- Article 2.2 – chairing of the meeting

The Executive Committee prefers if the proposal would allow for co-chairing of the meeting by the Chair of the Executive Committee and the host. NL will adapt the proposal to reflect this. [action]

5. Accreditations

The Executive Committee agrees to advise the Conference to accredit Bremen and Senegal as members and the Japan SPIPC and US CFTC as observers. With Russia and South Korea (NIA) no substantial contacts have taken place over the past year, so no new proposals will be made to the Conference. Finally, a discussion took place on the Ghanaian application and the question whether the GDPC can be considered as an independent authority. It was agreed that – even though Ghana has a presidential system allowing for the dismissal of members of the GDPC Board without motivation – there are sufficient other indications to assume independence. The advice will therefore be to also accredit Ghana as a member of the Conference.

6. Report Executive Committee to Closed Session

- Discussion of draft report

The members of the Executive Committee are requested to send in their comments on the draft report to NL as soon as possible. [action]

- Contributions from Working Groups [action]

A reminder will be sent out to the Chairs of the Working Groups to provide their reports before 15 September. [action]

7. Host 37th International Conference

One proposal to host the 37th Conference was received from the Netherlands (Amsterdam). NZ and FTC will assess the proposal and give advice to the members of the Conference on behalf of the Executive Committee. [action]

8. Next Chair Executive Committee

NL recalls its intention to step down as an elected member of the Conference (and thus as Chair) at the end of the Mauritius' Conference. FR has indicated it will present itself as candidate for the Executive Committee membership, but will not be available as Chair. Therefore, the only possible candidates would be NZ and FTC. They will consult each other on the best way forward. [action]

9. Next meeting

NL and MU will organise a face-to-face meeting in Mauritius on the eve of the Closed Session (somewhere Sunday night). [action]

10. Any other business

None.

**The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on
Sunday 12 October 2014 - 19h30
at the Intercontinental Resort Balaclava, Mauritius - Room tbd**

Action list

- Draft a proposal on what to do with the Conference archives – **PL**
- Ask the panel moderators to host a conference call with their panellists – **MU**
- [REDACTED]
- Match the Closed Session mailing lists before the next e-mails are sent out – **NL, MU**
- Draft a proposal on how to award the Conference for discussion during the Closed Session – **NZ**
- Adapt the proposal on who chairs the Closed Session to allow for co-chairing - **NL**
- Comment on the draft Executive Committee report – **All**
- Send a reminder to all working group chairs with the deadline for their reports – **NL**
- Assess the proposal of the Netherlands to host the 37th Conference in Amsterdam – **NZ, FTC**
- Decide on who will be available as next Executive Committee Chair – **NZ, FTC**
- ~~Organise a final face to face meeting of this Executive Committee – **NL, MU**~~