

Minutes of the 4th ERNOP General Assembly Meeting

Date: June 28th, 2016

Time: 17.30-18.00 hrs

Location: Aulan, Ersta Sköndal University College, Stockholm, Sweden

1. Opening by Prof. Dr. Theo Schuyt, ERNOP President

The general assembly meeting was opened by Theo Schuyt (ERNOP President).

2. Agenda GA 2016

The agenda has been agreed.

3. ERNOP in 2015-2016

Theo Schuyt elaborates on ERNOP in the past year, in which ERNOP was clearly visible in the academic and European policy table. Many ERNOP members celebrated the ending of the EUFORI Study and attended the final presentation in Brussel on December 14th. Also, the “Philanthropy and Social Investments Fostering Research and Innovation” (PhiSI) Conference was a success. In the past year, many of us also worked together in mapping the current state of research on Giving in Europe (GEU); we presented the first preliminary results at the annual assembly of the Donors Associations and Foundations Network in Europe (DAFNE) in May.

Questions:

When will GEU be finalized?

Answer:

We aim to finalize the reports by the end of the summer but are also depending on the work of the country contributors.

4. Expected ERNOP actions 2016-2017

An overview of the ERNOP actions planned for 2016-2017 was sent to all members.

5. Financial overview 2015

ERNOP Treasurer Georg von Schnurbein elaborates on the ERNOP financial accounts 2015. As known, ERNOP has a two-year cycle and is depending on the biennial conference revenues in order to operate at break-even level. A detailed report on the financial accounts was sent to all members.

Question:

Why are income from membership fees down in the non-conference years?

Answer:

Because some members that become a member for attending the conference decided not to remain as member in the year following the conference. Also because ERNOP has a number of associated members, whose membership is for a two-year period.

6. Budget 2016 and 2017

Next to the proposed budget for 2016 and 2017, the ERNOP board will try to attract additional sponsors for the conference so ERNOP will be able to make a reservation for some small investments in the future. The board advises to agree upon the proposed budget.

7. Board Elections 2017

The ERNOP board presides the network for a term of four years. All board positions (except the secretary) have been occupied by the current board members since 2014. This means that all (full) ERNOP members interested in joining the ERNOP board are very much invited to express their interest by emailing to Barry Hoolwerf at info@ernop.eu.

8. ERNOP Conference 2017

The 8th International Conference of the European Research Network On Philanthropy will be hosted by the Center for Civil Society Studies at Copenhagen Business School, Denmark on July 13-14, 2017.

Question:

Who will be keynote speaker?

Answer:

Sarah Smith from the University of Bristol and Fleming Besenbacher from the Carlsberg Foundation have accepted the invitation. We have approached Helmut Anheier but have not received a confirmation.

9. Any other business or remarks

Remark:

In the near future two new philanthropy chairs will be established in Switzerland.

Remark:

On the day before the ERNOP conference in Copenhagen, a pre-conference event on foundations will be organized.

Question:

When will be the official call for proposals?

Answer: The call for proposals will be launched in September 2016.

10. Closing

The meeting is closed by Theo Schuyt.