

# IENE General Assembly (GA) 2016

**Lyon (France), September 1, 2016**

**Chair of the meeting:** Andreas Seiler, member of IENE SC  
**Writing the minutes:** Tove Adelsköld, IENE secretariat  
**Present IENE members:** around 90 members

## § 1. *Opening of the GA 2016*

Andreas Seiler welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

## § 2. *Approval of agenda*

The present IENE members approved the agenda that had been sent to all members in July 2016.

## § 3. *Election of members in Steering Committee (SC)*

Vaclav Hlavac, representing the Election Committee, thanked the present SC members for their work in 2014-2016. He then presented the EC's proposal of SC members for 2016-2018:

- *Adam Hofland (Netherlands) – new member, representing organisation team of IENE 2018*
- *Anders Sjölund (Sweden) – chair of SC*
- *Andreas Seiler (Sweden) – representing IENE Secretariat*
- *Carme Rosell (Spain)*
- *Elke Hahn (Austria)*
- *Lazaros Georgiadis (Greece)*
- *Marita Böttcher (Germany)*
- *Paul J. Wagner (USA) – representing ICOET*
- *Tony Sangwine (United Kingdom)*
- *Yannick Autret (France)*

The present members of IENE voted and the proposal above was accepted, with no votes against. No absent IENE members voted by a representative.

## § 4. *Election of members in Election Committee (EC)*

Tove Adelsköld, representing the IENE Secretariat, thanked the present EC members for their work in 2014-2016. She then presented the Secretariat's proposal of EC members for 2016-2018:

- *Vaclav Hlavac (Czech Republic)*
- *Marleen Moelants (Belgium)*

➤ *Marco Dinetti (Italy)*

The present members of IENE voted and the proposal above was accepted, with no votes against. No absent IENE members voted by a representative.

## § 5. **IENE Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

The previous version of the document *IENE Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)* was approved in 2012-10-24. The IENE SC and Secretariat proposes some changes in the MoU document for the GA 2016 to approve or defer. The document with proposed changes was made available for the members of IENE before the conference. Andreas Seiler, representing the SC, presented the background for the proposed changes, and then asked the meeting for approval of the new version.

The proposed changes in short:

- §2.4 – Deleting ‘pan-European’ in the general aim of IENE being “to promote an ecologically sustainable and safe pan-European transport network”.
- §6.1-6.2 – Changing the text so that it is clear that the IENE membership is limited to individual, physical persons. The sentence about organisational membership is deleted.
- §9.2-3 – Changes to clarify the status of the representative of the upcoming conference within the SC.
- §10.1 – Changing the number of members in EC from 4 to ‘at least 3’.
- §13.1-5 – Adding a new paragraph about the logo of IENE, how and when it can be used, and how organisations may use it to show their support of IENE.
- §18.1-9 – Revising the texts with references to the document ‘*Guidelines for IENE conferences and workshops*’ (accepted by SC on 2015-06-02) that is available on the IENE website. Deleting text about demand of financial reports from conferences, as the budget of conferences doesn’t really concern IENE and may not be made public. Also deleting the unrealistic demand that any surplus from conferences/workshops should be used for core activities of IENE.

The present members of IENE voted and the proposed changes in the MoU was accepted, with no votes against. No absent IENE members voted by a representative.

The new version of the document will be made available at the IENE website as soon as it has been updated after the GA. New suggested improvements are always welcome and can be sent to the Secretariat anytime.

## § 6. **Activity reports from 2014-2016**

The Steering Committee and the Secretariat had prepared short presentations of their work since the last GA in September 2014. Due to lack of time, only the most important parts of these presentations were shown in the meeting. The presentation in its whole will instead be available on the website after the conference.

## § 7. **Upcoming events and future of IENE**

### A) **IENE 2018**

Adam Hofland, representing the organisation team of IENE 2018, shortly presented the next IENE conference which will take place in the Netherlands in September 2018, and he warmly invited us all to the event.

## **B) IENE 2020**

António Mira, representing the organisation team of IENE 2020, welcomed us all to Portugal in the year 2020 where the second next IENE conference is planned to be held.

## **C) Discussion about the future of IENE**

The Steering Committee intended to start an open discussion about the future of IENE, concerning questions like: What do the members want to use IENE for? How can we improve the services of IENE? Any ideas of cooperation activities or projects? How could the website of IENE become a useful tool for the members?

Unfortunately, there were not much time for discussions like this, but some thoughts were shared:

- The name IENE doesn't say much about what the organisation actually is. Maybe consider a new name in the future? There are already other organisations using the same abbreviation. The name should be a description of the organisation.
- Should IENE still be mainly a European network? Or should we become something completely international, maybe together with the other similar networks/conferences?
- The procedure of how a new SC and EC are elected must be clarified and written into a guidelines document. The members of IENE must be asked if they would like to be engaged in the work of IENE SC and EC, and also get better ways to propose new members etc.

## **§ 8. IENE members presentations**

No activity, project, publication or similar was presented by any IENE members.

## **§ 9. Other issues**

No other issues.

## **§ 10. Closing of GA 2016**

Andreas Seiler thanked all participants for their interest and closed the meeting.