

The 15th CEL/ELC General Assembly, held at the meeting room of the Academic Senate of Freie Universität Berlin, Garystrasse 35, 14195 Berlin-Dahlem on 29 November 2013 at 09.30 a.m.

1 Opening – formalities

- The Opening Address of the General Assembly was delivered by the President of Freie Universität Berlin.
- Hannah Dunham agreed to take the minutes.

2 Report of the President

- Wolfgang Mackiewicz delivered the report of the President.
- Frank Peeters, CIUTI President, was requested by Wolfgang to inform attendees of the fact that CIUTI had been awarded the Malintzin prize by l'Association Internationale des Interprètes de Conférence (AIIC), for fostering quality training through its university network and furthering the cause of the conference interpreting profession.

3 Discussion of issues arising from the President's Report

- There were no comments or amendments made on / to the President's report.

4 The future of the CEL/ELC / what services and support should the association provide to the active and associate members?

- Michael Kelly, editor of the European Journal of Language Policy/Revue européenne de politique linguistique (EJLP), reminded those present that the membership fee includes a subscription to the EJLP.
- It was recommended that members make a greater effort to inform one another about events they are hosting in the field – via the ELC website, for example.
- Social media was suggested as a way to raise the profile of the ELC, as the utilisation of various social media outlets had thus far been a large success in, for instance, the IntlUni project.
- It was remarked that the ELC should consider changing its identity to encompass other kinds of organisations and to gain more visibility generally.

5 Brief statements by candidates for the Board

- The statements of the four candidates (Monica Fekete, Elaine Rees, Ruth Tobias and Boris Vejdovsky) were read.
- The four candidates made a general emphasis in their statements on the crisis Europe generally and language specialists specifically are in, and that more than ever, the ELC needs to be operating at multiple levels – the national, European, and international.

6 Elections to the Board

- Election ballots were filled out and collected for counting.

7 European Journal of Language Policy – Report from the Secretary

- Michael informed members that the journal is in its 5th year, and had just released issue five, number two.
- He described the journal, remarking that there are two sections – scientific articles and interventions (such as reviews of political documents). He noted that the quality of the peer-reviewed articles has remained high.
- He urged those present to submit proposals for articles in the area of language policy for the

next issue, which would be issued after Christmas, and for the following issue, which would have a deadline sometime in mid-May.

8 Report of the Treasurer

- Karen presented the completed financial report for 2012, the ongoing budget of 2013, and the financial projection for 2014.
- She noted that in 2012, the ELC only lost €6,000, whereas in 2013, the association was set to lose €20,000, meaning that the ELC is spending double what it brings in as revenue.
- She also mentioned that the 2014 projection is apt to change as the new Board sets its priorities.
- She mentioned the proposal from the Executive Committee that larger events, such as the Forum, could be a source of revenue, if attendees were required to pay a participation/registration fee.
- It was recommended that for next year, all of the budgets should be made public via the website prior to the General Assembly, as there was not ample time to consider the reports in this meeting.

9 Approval of accounts for the period 30 November 2012 – 30 November 2013

- The accounts were unanimously approved.

10 Approval of budget for 2014

- The budget for 2014 was unanimously approved

11 Membership fees in 2014 and 2015

- It was agreed that the annual membership fee would remain €250 for active members and €50 for associate members.

12 Results of the elections to the Board

- With 39 votes cast, the quorum of 30 votes was easily surpassed.
- Monica Fekete received 22 votes, Elaine Rees 31, Ruth Tobias 31 votes, and Boris Vejdovsky 32. With all four candidates receiving a simple majority, they were welcomed to the Board.

13 A.O.B.

- Maurizio Viezzi remarked that due tribute had been paid to Wolfgang Mackiewicz and Anne-Claude Berthoud, but reminded the members that two other longstanding Board members – Stefan Oltean and Daniel Toudic – should be thanked for their contributions in absentia. A round of applause ensued.

The meeting ended at 11:20 a.m.

Hannah Dunham

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