

## CEUC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Coventry, United Kingdom, Thursday 17 June 2010

### **Welcome**

Chair, Markus Anker (Switzerland) warmly welcomed attendees to the General Assembly. Apologies were received from Jussi Murtovuori.

### **Approval of the agenda**

The General Assembly approved the Agenda as published in advance on the CEUC website.

### **1. Approval of Minutes CEUC general assembly 2009**

The minutes of the General Assembly 2009 were approved.

### **2) Elections**

#### **a) Minute Secretary**

Allan Smith (UK) was elected as Minute Secretary for the General Assembly 2010.

#### **b) Ballot Counters**

Helge Smemo (Norway) and Arne Tegnér (Sweden) were elected as Ballot Counters for the General Assembly 2010.

#### **c) Chair**

Katerina Engfors Hämring (Sweden) was elected as Chair of the General Assembly 2010.

### **3) Approval of the Annual Report 2009/10**

The annual report for 2009/10 was presented by Markus Anker, the chair of the CEUC Board.

The report focused on three main topics: conferences, networking between European chaplains and composition of the Board.

#### *Conferences:*

With a stable financial position, the Board had agreed to use its financial resources to support the organizers of this year's conference. A startup loan of 5000 euros had been advanced, and the Board felt that this had been a successful move and will continue to be used if local host committees request it.

For many years a part of the CEUC budget was reserved for providing assistance to chaplains from Eastern Europe to attend the conference, but this provision had not been called up. This year the Board sponsored three Hungarian chaplains to attend CEUC 2010 by covering part of their conference expenses.

A bid to host CEUC 2011 in Debrecen, Hungary had been received and approved.

#### *Networking between European chaplains:*

A PayPal tool has been added to the CEUC website to allow chaplains to pay their membership fee if they are unable to attend the conference.

The Board has begun a project to describe the situation of chaplaincies in Europe as a precursor to a statement addressed to regional church and university administrations in order to support chaplaincy. A report on progress would be heard later in the General Assembly.

The sharing of news is an important part of the link between chaplains, and members were encouraged to send in messages for inclusion in the CEUC newsletter.

*Composition of the Board:*

After the 2009 conference the Board welcomed three new members: Jussi Murtovuori, representing Finland, Sweden and the Baltic countries; Jens Munk, representing Denmark and Norway; and Daniel Püsky our first Board member from Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia and Poland. At the first meeting in November 2010 the Board elected Nils Riedle as Secretary of CEUC. The board held two meetings during the year and two phone conferences.

The Board is still seeking a representative from Germany and Austria, and Jennifer Croft now leaves the Board after two years representing the UK and Ireland. Next year Markus will also step down to make way for a new Chair and a new Board member.

The General Assembly approved the annual report 2009/10.

**4) Approval of the financial report (financial statement 2009/10, budget 2010/11)**

The financial report with handout, detailing 2009/10 expenditure and 2010/11 budget was presented by the treasurer- Lise Lotz.

The expenditure for 2009/10 was €8209.98, including the €5000 loan for the 2010 conference (which has been repaid). There was a net loss for the year of €1408.22. The budget for 2010/11 anticipates an expenditure of €7605.00 and an income of €7020.00 (a net deficit of €585.00), although the Treasurer assured the Assembly that the figures were conservative and based on the likely worst cases. With the number of delegates attending the 2010 conference it was expected that there would not be a deficit. (See attached financial report for) fuller details)

Delegates were reminded that CEUC membership is personal rather than institutional – each delegate paying an individual membership fee.

The financial report and budget were approved.

**5) Proposals received**

No proposals had been received

**6) Membership dues**

The general assembly agreed that the annual fee for 2010/11 would remain at €20.

**7) Election of the chair and vice chair to the CEUC board.**

The general assembly elected Markus Anker as chair of the CEUC board, and Esther Diederer as vice chair of the CEUC board.

### **8) Election of auditors**

The general assembly elected Leena Huovinen (Finland) and Martina Rogler (Germany) as auditors for the financial year 2010/11.

### **9) Amendments to the CEUC constitution (second and final vote)**

The General Assembly agreed the amendment to the CEUC constitution (previously agreed at the 2009 General Assembly).

Amend in § 6 Economy, financial matters and audit  
Art 1 the organisation uses the financial year, May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>

### **10) CEUC Networks: Website, Facebook, Newsletter**

Jennifer Croft noted the success of the 2010 conference website, and indicated that the text of some of the keynote talks would be available soon after the conference. Delegates were invited to send photos of the conference for inclusion (on both conference and CEUC websites). A website for next year's conference had already gone live ([www.ceuc2011.org](http://www.ceuc2011.org)).

The General Assembly heard that there are now facebook groups for both CEUC and the 2010 conference, both of which offer opportunities to share ideas, information and photos.

Lise Lotz reported that the CEUC website continues to be developed. It may be possible to develop a 'members only' area of the site in the future, but at the moment public documents can be published (and CEUC members are encouraged to submit documents for publication).

The General Assembly was encouraged to send information for the CEUC newsletter to Markus Anker or Lise Lotz. It was noted that it would also be helpful to send contacts to whom the newsletter might be sent to encourage them to join CEUC

### **11) International Association of Chaplains in Higher Education (IACHE)**

Esther Diederer reported that the Global Conference in 2012 would be held in New Haven, Massachusetts USA from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Financial support for delegates is being discussed. CEUC may be able to support some who cannot afford to go. The global conference is multifaith and so CEUC members are encouraged to pass details of other faith colleagues who might be encouraged to attend (and to pass details on themselves).

The title of the 2012 global conference is 'Spirituality and Faith in Motion'.

IACHE didn't meet face to face over the past year, but have been meeting by email. Developments will be included in CEUC newsletter.

CEUC will need three new representatives for IACHE from 2012. The Assembly was reminded that there will be no CEUC in the years when there is a global conference.

## **12) The situation of University Chaplaincies in Europe – a survey**

Esther Diederer presented a report on the preliminary findings of her work on the situation of chaplaincy in Europe. The study had been commissioned as a result of a sense that chaplaincy needs to present itself in a stronger way. There is a significant difference between chaplaincy and youth work. Chaplaincies across Europe face both local challenges and common issues. The common issues include both finance and status.

Esther gave a brief overview of the 10 regions of CEUC, and encouraged members to contact her if they have more information.

## **13) Conference 2011: June 13 to 18, in Debrecen / Hungary**

Daniel Pusky made a short presentation on behalf of the host committee. Flights will be via Budapest Airport which is a 2 hour train from Debrecen. It is hoped to arrange a pre- or post-conference tour. There will be an excursion to Lake Balaton. The conference will take place on the campus of Debrecen University (which has 28000 students) and is located near the Great Forest. Members are encouraged to bring swimming costumes for the Aquaticum. The conference website is [www.ceuc2011.org](http://www.ceuc2011.org) and the theme is 'Connections'. Accommodation will be in newly built apartments with wifi (or in nearby 3\* hotels). There will also be a visit to Tokaji (a famous wine producing region).

## **14) Miscellaneous**

The General Assembly will need to decide the 2013 venue in 2011 (as there is no CEUC in 2012). The board invites bids for hosting the 2013 CEUC to be submitted.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm