

Minutes of the meeting of the International Janusz Korczak Association

Mannheim 27th of October 2007

According to the agenda of the General meeting in Mannheim

1. Present and Apologies.

2. Minutes of the Last meeting in Slubice 2006. Matters arising.

3. Words in memory of Jerzy Kuberski.

Teresa Skudniewska and Binyamin Anolik delivered a short speech in memory of Jerzy Kuberski and one minute of silence followed.

4. Report of the International Association of Janusz Korczak for 2006:

Since Slubice the main effort was to continue and organize the continuation of the International Association in a way of finding out who are the national Associations that are taking part in the IKA, to redefine the aims, updating the IKA articles and to find an administrative center for our association.

Most of the aims were achieved so we could continue in the spirit of the IKA.

Problems were identified with Associations which did not respond and these included Japan, Brazil and Italy, contact to continue.

Theo Cappon gave a short presentation about our partnership in the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group, with the centre in Brussels. Theo stated that the economic priorities are seen before the Child priorities and there is a need to establish a working group in Europe based representing Psychological, Social and Educational aims.

The Alliance for Childhood Network Group asks the attention for the Quality of Childhood in the European Parliament. There is a need to identify partners in Brussels to stress the socioeconomic dimensions of Childhood and well being.

5. Activities report was given by the presented associations:

Switzerland, Russia, Austria, Israel, UK, Poland, Ukraine, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

6. Report from the UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair was enclosed in the folder.

The Rector of APS where the UNESCO Janusz Korczak Chair is situated explained the progress and main aims of the Chair developments:

Chechen children and the implications

International Cooperation

Workshops and the internet site devoted to the issue

There is a lot to do in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair and the IKA, at the beginning we are going to agree that the office of the IKA will be situated at the APS near the UNESCO chair.

7. Financial report and Confirmation by the Audit Committee

Teresa Skudniewska, the treasurer of the IKA presented the Financial statements and report, dated the 23rd of October 2007,

The analysis of the Income and expenditure was presented to the Assembly. She outlined that the incoming finance was very low and the expenditure outstripped the income.

One of the reasons was non payment of the membership fee. She recommended that the assembly address this and agree on the action to be taken.

Members of the Assembly accepted and fully agreed with the report.

8. Ratification of the articles:

Each paragraph of the Articles was discussed and some changes were recommended and agreed. They will be found in the amended version of the Articles. The members were asked to send to Batia Gilad their recommendations for the tasks and role of the President and the General Secretary to be added to the Charter.

Members of the Assembly accepted and fully agreed with the changes in the Charter.

9. The Assembly agreed unanimously that **the annual membership fee will be 120 Euros per Year** and those associations who do not pay the fee will remain members without voting power.

10. Elections to the Authorities fo the Association

According to the agreed Charter the authorities were elected as follows:

- For the Honorary president: Benyamin Anolik
- President: Batia Gilad
- General Secretary: Theo Cappon
- Vice President: Jadwiga Binczycka
- Vice General Secretary: Bernard Lathuillère

The following representatives of the National Associations were elected to the Board

- Gerard Kahan - Switzerland
- Siegfried Steiger - Germany
- Haim Megira - Israel
- Roza Valeyeva - Russia
- Jery Nussbaum - Canada
- Svetlana Petrovskaia - Ukraine
- Malgorzata Kmita - UK

As Supportive members the following were elected:

- Marta Ciesielska - Poland
- Barbara Engeman - Germany
- Adam Fraczek - Poland
- Jerzy Fornalik - Poland
- Barbara Smolinska Theis - Poland

Treasurer: Teresa Skudniewska

Audit Committee:

- Jerzy Zgodzinski - Poland
- Malgorzata Sobiecki - Germany
- Daniel Halperin - Switzerland

Representatives of ten countries participated in the election and all the authorities were voted in with full support.

11. Presentation and authorisation of joint projects for 2008:

- IEarn Project of “Talking Kites” around the World in the Spirit of Janusz Korczak
- Programme of we all are equal on the 21st of march " Equal night and day".
- Janusz Korczak Exhibition a cooperation between Poland and Leipzig Uni.- Germany.
- Janusz Korczak Exhibition in Austria.
- International Conference in Israel 2008.
- Youth Camp in Korczakowo titled Children caught in between countries of Conflict.
- Compilation of Drawings and Essays on the 130 year of Janusz Korczak Birth
- Production of Multi Year Calendar of Itzhak Belfer Drawings and Janusz Korczak Quotes.

12. All the members of the Assembly were asked to send proposals for joint projects.

13. Date and place of the next Assembly meeting to be held in Israel in october/Nov 2008 – the exact date will be announced soon.

14. Varia None

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who took part in our meeting and decisions we reached, that were without a doubt a very important step in forwarding our activities.

IKA became an active, enable and vivant association in the educational spirit of Janusz Korczak.

Batia Gilad, Israel
President

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