



EUROPEAN *dyslexia*  
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**COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
11th to 13th of November 2011 in Hvidovre/Copenhagen**

- 1) The next Meetings of the Board of Directors have been fixed:
  - .) Växjö 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2012
  - .) San Marino 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2012
  - .) Paris 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2012
- 2) The Board is continuing preparations for the IV. All-European Dyslexia Conference. The conference will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2013 in cooperation with Linnaeus University in Växjö, Sweden. **Please avoid planning any major events in this period.** Further details will be displayed on the EDA Website in the near future.
- 3) The EDA is involved EUPALT project. The EDA was invited from the Project Leaders for the dissemination parts. EUPALT has been accepted from the EU agencies.

Our member DYSPEL, Luxemburg, will coordinate a new Grundtvig (European Lifelong Learning project): DYSSpeLD – Roadmap for Teacher and Adult learner training. EDA is an Associate Partner in this project. EDA members will be contacted by the coordinator DYSPEL.
- 4) The 3<sup>rd</sup> EDA Community Summer School will be staged from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 again in San Marino. As the Board wants to keep the structure and setting, attendants nominated by EDA-member organisations will be given priority for places. The board has invited Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou, EU Commissioner for Education, to attend. Application procedures will be published on the website from January and via newsletter.
- 5) The Board is happy to inform you that the British Dyslexia Association has awarded the chairman of the EDA, SR Michael Kalmár, for his "Lifetime Outstanding Contribution to the field of Dyslexia: Volunteers Award" in acknowledgement of his many years of service for the benefit of individuals with dyslexia.

A Certificate was presented to him at the EDA Board meeting in Copenhagen on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- 6) Board Director Christina Sczigiel represented the EDA at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the American International Dyslexia Association, held in Chicago, USA on 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 to strengthen the ties between EDA and IDA.
- 7) The website [www.dyslexia.eu.com](http://www.dyslexia.eu.com) will be restructured, more information to follow. Until the end of this year it will be linked to the new website: [www.eda-info.eu](http://www.eda-info.eu). Please use this new website address and inform your members about this change.

In accordance with the European Blind Unions the EDA has successfully submitted a petition to the European Parliament. This petition concerning our issue was „fast-tracked" onto the agenda of the European Parliament's Petitions Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011.

Raymond Claes, Vice Chair of EDA, Chris Friend, Chair of WBU's Right to Read Campaign, and Dan Pescod, EBU campaign leader, attended the meeting in Brussels. Chris spoke on our behalf, after which the Commission's Head of Copyright replied. Then various MEPs spoke on the matter, before a couple of very brief and totally inadequate comments from the Commission's Justice DG. Finally, Dan Pescod had the opportunity to counter a couple of points from the Commission.

In summary, all MEPs unanimously and strongly backed our call for a treaty, and our request for the matter to be further examined via an oral question in the Parliament's Plenary. The Committee rejected the Commission's arguments and action on the matter to date as insufficient.

The Petitions Committee chaired by Mrs. Erminia Mazzoni (EPP, IT) decided to leave the case open and to address urgently an oral question to the Commission and the Council in the EP plenary on this issue.

Michael Kalmár will attend the WIPO meeting in Geneva November 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> as Ad hoc observer.

8) General Assembly 1012

The next General Assembly of the EDA will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2012, 3:00 pm in San Marino, following the EDA Community Summer School.

Planned topics of the Summer School:

Training teachers and associated staff (i.e. "Adult learner trainers")  
Adult dyslexia  
Dyslexia and IT, including typing as primary cultural ability

The Board will send a flyer early 2012. Further information will be published in January 2012 at the website.

9) The board created a new Financial Development Committee.

The purpose is to develop the principles for sponsorship and advertising activities of the EDA. It is chaired by EDA-Treasurer Rudy Vandevoorde.

10) In the last communiqué you were informed that the adherent membership of the Kärntner Landesverband Legasthenie (Austria - Carinthia Dyslexia Association) was terminated. A registered letter informing them of this was sent on 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.

As it has been noted that the Kärntner Landesverband Legasthenie still uses the words "Member of the EDA" and materials which are intellectual property of the EDA on their publications and website. A new letter will be sent from the Board informing them that this is inappropriate and should cease immediately.

Best wishes

*Brigitte Kalmár, Volunteering Assistant*

*on behalf of*

*Dr. Anne-Marie Montarnal, Secretary of the EDA*