



Annual Meeting of the FSCE Bureau
IIIrd European Speleological Congress - Lisbon - Portugal
3 October 1999

Present :

Andy Eavis - President
Juan Carlos Lopes - Vice President
Olivier Vidal - Secretary General
Jean-Claude Thies - Treasurer

Meeting Chairman : Andy Eavis
Meeting secretary : Olivier Vidal

Meeting starts at 10 AM.

1/ Welcome

Andy wants to thank a lot the Portuguese Speleological Society for its organisation and their welcome. He thanks also the work of the former secretary general George Theodorou for his work despite the big problems caused by the earthquake in Athens.

2/ Web Site

The creation of the FSCE web site is adopted. It will be done by Nick Williams (NCA), Jean-Claude will be responsible to follow the work and the financial aspects of it.

3/ Associated Countries

After the different debates during the congress, it is decided to prepare statute changes in order to integrate associated European countries which do not belong at present to the EU but are intending to work with the FSCE. Debates have shown that Switzerland could be interested, Czech Republic less. Olivier will present a project for the next bureau meeting in spring 2000.

4/ European Cave Rescue Symposium

It is hoped that someone can represent the FSCE during this congress (Jean-Marc Mattlet (B) or Andy-Eavis). Contact will be made by Olivier with the organisation in order to present the work of Jean-Marc on this subject and to make a round-table about the creation of a European workgroup on cave rescue inside the FSCE.

5/ Explo2000

The European Symposium on Expedition Caving is seen as a good event to have our next bureau meeting. Everybody agrees but we will decide at the end of the year when Jean-Claude will be able to confirm his presence.

6/ European Meetings

Since more and more events in Europe are requesting the moral support of the FSCE, it is decided that we will prepare a short document which will be filled by meetings candidates. Olivier will prepare it.

7/ Next FSCE General Assembly 2001

Next FSCE GA is expected to be held either at the Italian congress of Casola (November 2001) or at the Spanish congress of 2001. It will be confirmed later on.

8/ Show Caves Protection Year

Jean-Pierre Bartholens (FNBS) has the idea of asking the EU Commission to launch a year dedicated to Show Caves Protection. For him it would be a way to educate the general public of the need for underground protection. He should show us an archive on this topic for the next bureau meeting.

9/ FSCE Archives

The bureau starts to have quite a lot of archives (also in Athens) and we have no physical space to put it. A request is made to the FFS to know if it would be possible to put them in their new building in Lyon. Olivier will ask for authorisation.

10/ Financial Participation to Lisbon European Congress

It is adopted that the FSCE will support the organisation up to 250 Euros for this event. Jean-Claude will follow this point.

11/ Meeting Reports

In order not to have more delay in FSCE meetings reports it is decided that Jean-Claude will do the report for the GA, and Olivier the report for the present bureau meeting. Reports to be adopted for the next bureau meeting.

12/ Enveloppes

Jean-Claude notices that we have now a small stock of it and that we should print some more. Since Olivier doesn't know already how much we will consume, we will see that point on next meeting.

13/ FSCE EuroSpeleo Newsletter

After the interesting discussions during the congress about this point, Olivier will be responsible to realise this newsletter. Juan Carlos will look for sponsors and will define a format for this newsletter. First issue should be distributed to all FSCE caving clubs (about 2000). It is also said that we could communicate more inside caving community through national caving magazines.

15/ Casola italian congress

Olivier will represent FSCE there.

Meeting ends at 12AM.