



FSUE Bureau Briefing 25 AUGUST 2005, KALAMOS, Greece

start: 9:00am

Present: Olivier Vidal, FR; Juan Carlos Lopez, ES; Jean-Claude Thies, LU;

Others: Antonio Gutierrez-Gamero, ES (translator for JC Lopez);

Purpose

This briefing only serves to prepare the second part of the General Assembly to take place this afternoon.

Agenda for this Briefing

- A Agenda of the GAM
- B bureau position on the situation in Portugal
- C Treasury situation
- D 2005-2007 budget
- E 10 new EU countries
- F FSUE Commissions
- G Orientations
- H internet site FSUE.ORG

A- Agenda of the GAM

O.V. As this will be a largely open meeting we have to grant every nation the time to express themselves about their wishes and thoughts concerning the FSUE.

Agenda for the 2nd part of the GA planned by the Bureau:

- Portugal situation
- Election of a new Vice - President
- Official information to the 10 new countries
- Orientations round table
- Technical Commissions
- Treasurer's Report
- General Assembly 2007, proposals
- Final words of the President

B - Bureau position on the situation in Portugal

Juan Carlos Lopez has spoken with both organisations, it isn't as easy.

Paulo Rochas, member of the FPE had the idea that FPE could represent their country in the FSUE and the SPE could be the member in UIS.

It is clear that this isn't a matter of the FSUE which may not or can not decide, so both organisations finally have to find an agreement.

O.V. We may ask the GÂM if they agree that Manuel Freire, president of the FPE may present a candidature for the post of Vice-President. There might be no other candidate?

J-C.T. In conjunction with our statutes, the SPE pays all subscriptions, so they are the sole representative organisation for Portugal.

J-C.L. The FSUE may do a proposal to Portugal so that each organisation is regarded member for two years and then they swap again for 2 years.

At this moment Manuel Freire comes by in the current meeting, and brings a written application to become the vice-delegate for Portugal.

We propose him to do this at the GAM.

J-C.L. We have first to speak with SPE about their feeling.

J-C.T. Asking SPE creates a conflict again, as they will not agree. In this case we better ask the GAM directly.

J-C.L. The bureau then asks Portugal to clear this situation and come up with a solution in the near future, say 6-8 month.

C - Treasury situation

J-C.T. For the European conference 1999 in Portugal the FSUE decided to allocate a subsidy of 250.-EUR.

The bureau gives the Portuguese Society time until december 2005 to send in the report and final budget otherwise this money will be made available for other activities.

J-C.T. 5th Expedition Congres 2002, E part 2. Up to now the final report has not been send to the FSUE, a requested step to get hold of the second part of the subsidy, which is 500.-EUR.

J-C.L. It is really important to find other financial sources to support projects. We will have to talk to the national organisations about this.

J-C.L. It is also important to relaunch the "Eurospeleo" the visual identity of the federation.

O.V. The editorial team of the newsletter may well be a FSUE commission with members from different countries.

D - Budget

Currently with 10 full member countries the FSUE has an income of 1550.-EUR from subscriptions.

A provisional budget for the next 2 years could be looking as following:

	250	European conference 1999 in PT p.m.
	500	5th Expedition Congres 2002, E part 2 p.m.
	500	document distribution, stamps, copies, envelopes
	500	Eurospeleo next edition
	1500	Project financing
total outgoing:	3250	.- EUR

The discussion on the subscription rate is again a main topic during the Briefing.

O.V. proposes to highten the rate for all national institutions despite the Treasurer's arguments that this has already been the case 2 years ago at the GAM in Ollioules, FR. We might not consider a rise if there are no projects, but otherwise we need to.

On the other hand, the French Federation pays only 0,2.- EUR per caver, against the Luxembourg institution which pays 0.8.- per caver, despite being a very small institution!

J-C.T. There is actually no real need of rising the rates as we have no outgoings for projects. As long as we do not have projects to finance he sees no positive argument for changing the rates.

J-C.L- Asking subsidies will also impose that the federation is credible, and therefore the federation needs a good background. He proposes a soft rise of the rates.

O.V. Proposes following scheme which we could present at the GAM. This would be a soft rise of the subscription rates and wouldn't be too hard for small institutions as their fee wouldn't be rising very much.

before 2003	current	2005-2006	2006-2007
10	50	52	54
80	100	110	120
150	200	250	300

E - New Member Countries (potential)

O.V. We should send out some valuable information to all the new organisations informing them correctly about the FSUE and asking them kindly to join. This should be done by the president.

Nearly all of these countries are present here on the conference and some talks have already been made with the responsables about joining the federation.

F - Commissions

Several ideas already have passed the rows about creating commissions. Some of the following may not yet be active but others may start working soon.

list of proposals: cave protection
 medical
 conservation
 publications
 legalizing
 expedition
 technical and training

G - Orientation

In fact this is the result of all discussed points above, and do not need to be restated here.

G2 - Request for Projects and EuroSpeleo Projects Funding

The Bureau will inform the GA that a special fund will be created, called "EuroSpeleo Projects". Information will be spread as soon as it is ready. The EuroSpeleo Projects fund will promote the organisation of activities and projects including cavers from different European countries (5 countries minimum).

H - FSUE Website

J-C.T. The website is well located at Nick Williams's company's server, but we have a problem updating the site. We will definitely need someone devoted to do this on a regular basis.

O.V He proposes to ask the webmaster of the FFS, who is fluently speaking French, English and Spanish. His name is Bernard Thomachot, FR.

J-C.T. We also need to reactivate the mailaddresses as this is a very important feature nowadays.

J-C.L. On a new website we should have forms for downloading serving as application for subsidies. We also could ask all member institutions to post their activities and publish an overall European Activity calendar with which we may present the FSUE at the European Institutions and possibly ask for funds.

End: 11:00 am