

FEDERATION SPELEOLOGIQUE DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE



FSUE BUREAU MEETING

1st July 2006

In Maison de la Spéléologie, Namur, Belgium

Reported by Gerard Campion

Present: Juan Carlos Lopez,(JCL) President; Olivier Vidal,(OV) Secretary; Jean-Claude Thies,(JCT) Treasurer; Ged Campion,(GC) Vice President; Antonio Gutierrez (translator)

Apologies: None

Agenda Item:

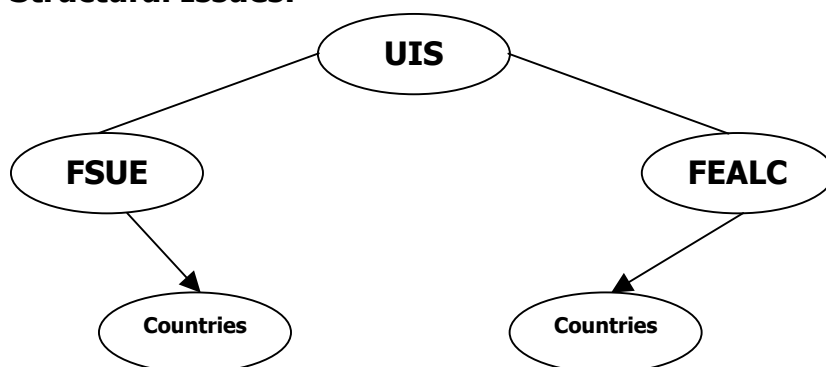
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Taken for General Assembly report to be circulated by JCT. Various nations made presentations at Kalamos and three bureau meetings took place. 3 Bureau meetings recorded by JCT, AGM recorded by OV.

2. Middle East Congress:

Lebanon – in April. At UIS meeting Czech representative concerned about re-naming of FSUE, use of "Forum". However, vote taken to agree new name. It was felt that there was a move to integrate FSUE and FEALC into UIS. However, FSUE members felt that FSUE should have "independence"

Structural Issues:



UIS have practical base in Slovenia.

UIS has asked to obtain €5- per participant on international events

Action: OV to draft letter to President – AE expressing thanks for agreeing use of UIS logo on Seville letterhead, and re-iterate importance of links between UIS and FSUE

3. Programme for Seville EuroSpeleo Forum:

Arrival 18:00 hrs September 14th at the Forum.

The congress will have sessions, sport activities, etc. On the 15th September, there will be Bureau meetings at 9:30 to 11:00, then 11:00 to 12:00 (FSUE and FEALC). Then from 16:00 to 20:00 meeting between FSUE and UIS.

On 16th September Bureau meeting with organisations at 9:30 am then FSUE Bureau meeting from 16:00 to 20:00

Action: JCL to confirm programme

4. Spanish Federation

They will pay costs of FSUE attendance at Congress. JCL to contact FSUE member re air fares. 8 UIS members will also be invited.

Action: JCT will do session on history of FSUE

5. Agenda for FSUE-UIS meeting:

1. Cooperation between FSUE and UIS
2. Expeditions (joint)
3. UIS Congress 2009 (USA)
4. European Congress in Vecors 2008
5. Any other business

Action: Withdraw from agenda FSUE and FEALC issues.

5b. Agenda for FSUE and FEALC:

1. First official contact
2. Cooperation between regional bodies
3. Cooperation between FSUE and FEALC
4. Any other business

European Congress 23-30 August 2008 in Lans-En-Vecors:

5c. Committee of 40 organising event, 26 items for organisers, 20 sessions/animations. €30 000 received from French government for event. Also, OV at Brussels commission yesterday. Up to 1500 cavers expected.

Action: OV will send out first circular in September in 5 languages.

6. EuroSpeleo Newsletter:

One submission received from Roumanian Federation. Newsletter should be 4 pages, Dec/Jan 2007, contain short history of FSUE, details of Vecors/Swedish congresses. Article must be received by October 2006. We will have 2000 copies. Spanish Federation will collate in English/French languages. Budget €1200 Euros. FSUE to donate €600.

7. English Translation of Statutes:

There are many inaccuracies in translation.

Action: JCT to give to a colleague to make changes. Then release to FSUE for validation.

8. New Position in FSUE:

Present bureau members are all from Western Europe. For a good balance Eastern European members should be included. Potential of 25 countries!

Action: OV to draft job description of "Project Secretary" for next general assembly. Then to be agreed in statutes.

9. Extension of FSUE membership outside European Union:

Monaco, Russia and Serbia have expressed interest in joining FSUE There were discussions about whether there should be an "associate" membership or not. If membership is extended what should the parameters be?

Action: OV to prepare paper for the Seville Congress public meeting. Draft will be sent to Bureau first.

10. Portugal:

Much correspondence has been received. This is a saga.

Action: JC to organise meeting with Portuguese to formalise position.

11. Old and New Membership:

JCT reported that letters went out to new countries 2 weeks ago (six countries in total). Czech Republic, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. A data sheet prepared to collect information, etc. There are 10 full

paid-up members, 3 withdrawn their membership : Netherlands, Sweden, and Austria.

Denmark only has 3 members in Federation! Idea to give them a reduction but decision to go to G.A. Possible €10 when there are less than 10 members.

Finland proposing a new structure for their Federation. Will await outcome.

- Actions:**
- 1. Denmark position to be resolved at GA**
 - 2. JCT to clarify Sweden's position by letter or diplomatic phone call**
 - 3. JCT to contact Netherlands, Austria for clarification**

12. Financial Balance:

Total Fund: 12, 670.04 Euros (agreed)

1999 Lisbon PT – JCT has not received their report.

Action: Closed

5th Expedition Congress, Santander, Spain 2002:

Action: Also closed

6th Expedition Congress, Alcanena, Portugal 2004: **amount €500**

Action: JCL to clarify position with FPE

Report Agreed

13. EuroSpeleo Projects Fund:

OV has distributed to bureau presentation/flyer. This fund, starting in October this year will cover funding activities/technical, scientific (see flyer!). Money to support EP may come from congress donations or even European Commission!

Action: 1. OV to send out presentation before Seville Congress to generate discussion.

2. **Sell stickers on FSUE stand at Seville**
3. **A budget could be made for FSUE logo on t-shirts, etc to be sold at events/congresses (remove year symbol)**

14. Agenda FSUE meeting in Seville:

1. Financial report
2. FEALC-FSUE issues
3. UIS-FSUE issues
4. Portugal position
5. Sweden position
6. UIS and Public meetings

Other arising issues will also inform the agenda.

15. Baltic Speleo Congress (BSC) 2007:

To be held at Visby. Could host next general assembly.

Action: JCT (as previously mentioned) to contact Swedish federation. JCT to confirm FSUE financial donation to BSC (Possibly 500 Euros)

*Spain and France will also ask for financial assistance for Seville 2006 (€500). Vecors 2008 (€500 for EuroSpeleo Forum and €500 for European Congress) respectively. May require a sliding scale regarding the size of event.

Action: JCT to include in budget forecast for FSUE

Budget 2006-2007

6th Expedition Congress PT: €500 (for memory)

Stamps: €200

Copies: €50

EuroSpeleo Newsletter: €600

Projects: €1500

Commercial Items: €500

EuroSpeleo Forum 2006: €500

EuroSpeleo Forum 2007: €500

4th European Congress 2008: €500

Budget 2007-2008:

EuroSpeleo Forum 2008: €500

16a. Hungarian cave closure:

Request concerning gating of caves and charging fee to visit caves. In principle, agree to support Hungary. OV to contact Hungarian Federation with a draft letter of support.

16b. Latin Logo Changes:

« Europae Unitatis Spelaeologica Foederatio » would be more correct than the present « Europae Communitatis Spelaeologorum Confoederatio » according to Latin teachers, and it would take in account the name change of the FSCE to FSUE.

This item will be taken to General Assembly in 2007.

16c. OV attendance at EU Commission:

Action: OV to do report to bureau. Great opportunities.

16d. Internet Provider:

Speleo.eu is already taken by someone else. We need to change the fsue.org domain name provider, currently in Britain and not very easy for changes (ie. Email addresses).

Action: Bernard Thomachot, FSUE Webmaster will find new provider. GC to contact NW

Closed at 4:00pm

Next Bureau Meeting: Seville 2006, Saturday 15th September 2006.

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<u>INCOME</u>	EUR	<u>OUTGOING</u>	EUR
subscriptions 2000-2001	10.00	copies in Kalamos, GR	37.50
subscriptions 2001-2002	10.00	stamps for treasury (LU)	35.00
subscriptions 2002-2003	10.00	eurospeleo webhosting (FR)	44.00
subscriptions 2003-2004	250.00	Printing envelopes (LU)	139.09
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BALANCE: 01/08/2005 - 31/05/2006 +679.41 EUR

having on our account in Luxembourg: May 31, 2006

TOTAL FUND 12670.04 EUR

FSUE Treasurer, 24/06/2006
Jean-Claude Thies, Luxembourg

notes:

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