

**MINUTES OF EUROPE CENTRE BUSINESS MEETING NO. 003
HELD ON THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2020
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM AT 20:00 CET**

Present: Paula Bleanch – Europe Centre Councillor (minute taker)
Simon Coggins-Hill – Europe Centre Chair (meeting chair)
David Bartlett Vowell – Europe Centre Education Officer

In attendance: Aleksandra Edelwein – Europe aspirATion Group Vice-Chair
Daniel Nistiriuc – Europe aspirATion Chair

Item 1 Welcome to the Europe Centre Business Meeting 2020

i) Chair's Report – please see attached PDF

Simon introduced himself and outlined the work he had done as Centre Chair in the past 12 months, which included:

- Representing the Centre as the Voting Delegate at the AGM 2019 in Glasgow
- Working on behalf of the International Centres new working group which formally met for the first time in Glasgow after the AGM
- Producing our annual membership statistics report
- Attending the Region/Centre Summit in June in Birmingham

Simon took the opportunity to say thank you to all Europe members for their work over the past year.

ii) **Apologies:** None

Item 2 Annual Review 2019/2020

i) Review of Europe Centre and AGM 2019 – Paula Bleanch

The main role of the Councillor is to be a conduit between the Europe Centre members and Council which sits twice a year and is attended remotely the Europe Centre Councillor.

Paula attended the AT Awards in London on September along with two student members from VIA Aarhus. We should continue to fund student attendance at this event in the future. She also attended the AGM in Glasgow in November and the first International Centres meeting which was extremely useful. Alongside Anders Nordby (former Secretary) she also attended the World Architecture Festival in Amsterdam in December and an article about that has been published in the latest AT Journal (see <http://library.mye-book.com/CIAT/at-journal-133-spring-2020/2346/#page/26>).

Paula has continued to work alongside the aspirATion students and hopes to develop the aspirATion group further by building a network of international students and graduates and improving international student employment prospects.

Membership is down slightly from 153 members last year (111 in Denmark, 7 of those MCIAT and 104 students), to 124 in total (MCIAT 17; ACIAT 4; Profile 1, Student 102). This still makes us by far the largest international centre apart from the Republic of Ireland, and sixth largest centre/region overall in terms of student membership (the only UK Regions with more student members are East Midlands, West Midlands, Greater London, Scotland West and Scotland East).

Item 3 Europe Centre Accounts

Unfortunately, we lost our Treasurer, Adil Ibadulla, last year. Paula has been acting as Treasurer and is happy to continue in this role.

Our budget was £1,500 and we spent £1437.01, which was on target. In addition, we received support from Central Office amounting to £1696.26.

Our proposed budget for 2020/21 was £1700 and we have been allocated £1100, but this may be subject to review due to the Corona Virus situation.

Please refer to the attached PDF documents.

Item 4 Development of the aspirATion group 2020 and beyond

i) Review of activities of aspirATion group at VIA

Daniel Nistiriuc has taken over the role of Chair from Ola, who is now Vice-Chair.

The aspirATion group held the annual Christmas Pizza event in December, which was a great success. In February the Integration Party took place in Aarhus, which was a huge achievement for the team involved. A Revit Café had also started for students on Campus. There had also been some interest from students in Horsens. Unfortunately, all "in person" events are currently on hold due to the Corona Virus situation.

Possible future events include a workshop with Kate Dahl from Career Denmark (currently timetabled for September) and CPD events with international companies.

Possible scenarios for future online events were discussed.

ii) Report on aspirATion group at Copenhagen School of Design and Technology (KEA)

We hope to build on the success we had last year with Erasmus students Aldona Weber and Alyx Stickle, UK AT students who studied at KEA for one semester.

David is developing his existing links with KEA, which we hope can lead to future events and activity in Copenhagen. David also informed us of current activity in relation to Konstruktørforeningen (KF).

Item 5 Forthcoming events for 2020 / 2021

We hope to attend the following events, fingers crossed! These may go ahead as in person events or happen online:

aspirATion Group Meeting – usually June

Bi-annual aspirATion meeting for aspirATion members. Date TBC.

CIAT AT Awards - London, 18th September

We hope to be able to send students to the event if it goes ahead.

CIAT AGM – Manchester, November

We will be represented at the AGM and our voting delegate, who will be able to cast two votes as we have over 100 members. Paula to attend as Councillor and Simon to attend as the Centre voting delegate (see Item 8 below).

Item 6 Growth of the Europe Centre Committee

i) Report of the status of current Committee

Daniel took over from Ola as **aspirATion Chair**.

We lost Adil and Anders as our **Treasurer** and **Secretary**.

We gained David as our new **Education Officer**. This was agreed at the meeting.

Come 2021, Paula and Simon's tenure as Centre Councillor and Chair will come to an end.

Item 7 Election of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary roles.

i) Call for Members to come forward to take Treasurer and Secretary roles

Simon was unanimously returned as Chair. Paula will continue as acting Treasurer. We will continue without a Secretary.

Any Members who did not attend the meeting who wish to join the Committee should contact Paula or Simon to put themselves forward.

Item 8 Election of Centre Voting Delegate for AGM 2020

Simon was unanimously elected as the voting delegate.

Item 9 Any Other Business [All]

Central Office are in the process of developing PR packs which are more suited for use in the international centres. We need to input into the development of these to ensure the new brochures are what we need them to be, namely an explanation of who CIAT are and what we do, with a clear list of the benefits of joining the institute. AspirATion should be heavily involved in this process.

Item 10 Close of Business Meeting [Simon Coggins-Hill]

As Chair of the Europe Centre, Simon thanked those members who had attended and/or contributed to the Business Meeting, for their time and commitment to the Centre.

There being no further business, Simon formally closed the 2020 Business Meeting of the Europe Centre.