

#### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES



#### **MINUTES of Committee Meeting 2008**

# Minutes of Meeting of the Internationale Kommission der Detektiv Verbande held at the <u>Village Hotel Walsall</u>, <u>United Kingdom</u> on <u>Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008</u>

1. Introduction and welcome by the Secretary General – attendees: -

Tony Imossi – Secretary General, ABI (UK)

George Hirtl - Vice Secretary General, ODV (Austria)

Markus Wegst - Treasurer, FSPD (Switzerland)

Werner Sachse - BID (Germany) Sonja Reini — SY-JL (Finland)

Uffe Bodeholt – FDDE (Denmark)

Jean Schmitt – SNARP (France)

David Sanmartin – APDPE (Spain)

Andris Dudelis – single member (Latvia)

Bodo Scholl - BDD (Germany) Maria Bumbaru – ANDR (Romania)

Mr Janko Trivunovic – DZRS (Slovenia) Janko Trivunovic – DZRS (Slovenia)

Peiter Ijfs – VPB (Netherlands) Richard Jacques-Turner – WAD (Worldwide)

Csatari Tibor - CBPPPD & HDA (Hungary)

In addition to the above 16 delegates 9 Guests were in attendance.

Apologies for absence -

Genuario Pellegrino – FEDERPOL (Italy)

Kunwar Vikram Singh – APDI (India)

 $Raul\ Guerreiro-single\ member\ (Portugal)$ 

2. Ratification of New Members National association.

The provisional application of Association of Private Detectives & Investigators- India (APDI) was considered. The membership was proposed by George Hirtl, seconded by Werner Sachse and ratified by the Committee.

3. Minutes of the Congress held on 12th May 2007 in Bayreuth were proposed as a true



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record by Richard Jacques-Turner and seconded by Bodo Scholl, carried. Matters arising - None.

4. The Secretary General (SG) referred to his written Report on the IKD's activities since the last meeting, annexed hereto as "A". Following the request for further explanation the SG expanded on his exchange of email with the EU Regulated Professions and the advice from Judge Markel. The SG's proposal contained in the report was seconded by Pieter IJfs and carried: -

With reference to Annex "A" List of Offences to the Common Minimum Standard amend the 2 years and 5 years line to read: -

"Recency

Convictions considered are all unspent under local Rehabilitation of Offenders

Regulations"

Proposal to accept the SG Report by Werner Sachse and seconded by Jean Schmitt, which was carried.

5. The Vice Secretary General (VSG) gave a verbal Report. He advised that the intellectual property rights for the IKD logo had been registered with HABM in Alicante, Spain. The VSG advised members to set up an email alias for its delegate, for example for the UK it would be <a href="IKD@theABI.org.uk">IKD@theABI.org.uk</a> This way the IKD would not have to make changes and each member organisation could change the recipient of the alias if and when a new delegate is appointed. He explained the article from Lidl on restraining privacy law might lead to a draft agreement with IKD and its members as contractors to them. In addition to the availability for cover for Professional Indemnity Insurance the VSG advised that he had discussed with Brokers the possibility of taking up block policy for vehicle contents cover and this could be made available via the member organisations. Werner Sachse



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advised that the domain <a href="www.IKD.com">www.IKD.com</a> had been made available for purchase, it having been offered to him some 4 or 5 months earlier; he asked if it had been acquired by the IKD. The VSG advised that the IKD was seeking to acquire a similar domain with .eu and the Webmaster had also been instructed to find out about the .com domain. Proposal to accept the VSG Report by David Sanmartin and seconded by Richard Jacques-Turner, which was carried.

- 6. To consider the income and expenditure accounts for the year ending 31st December 2007 and to adopt the accounts together with the report of the Treasurer and Auditor. Bodo Scholl enquired why the Internet costs were so much more this last year to which the VSG explained that it was to cover the additional work involved in trying to piece together the wider membership database, which proved more problematic due to some member organisations failing to provide their own membership database. The Treasurer's report was proposed as accepted Richard Jacques-Turner, seconded by David Sanmartin and carried. The Treasurer's Report was read out and is annexed hereto "B". Werner Sachse, the appointed Auditor, reported in writing and supported the Accounts presented and commented that all expenses were in order. He noted that the SG's expenditure was much higher during the period but was aware that this was due to considerable more activity. He added that all members' subscriptions had been received and commended the work of the Treasurer. The Audit report was proposed by Peter IJfs and seconded by Richard Jacques-Turner and was duly carried as accepted. The Audit Report is annexed hereto "C"
- 7. To consider the reports of the Member Associations. There had been a distribution problem with the Reports submitted and so those available will be published as usual on the IKD website. Maria Bumbaru from Romania extended an invitation to all IKD



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delegates to attend the conference on 26 to 29 June 2008, written details for which had been submitted and would be circulated by the SG. Tibor Csatari from Hungary also extended a similar invitation to the conference in Hungary between 18 and 19 June 2008. Peter IJfs explained that the Netherlands have introduced a standard for investigations in the private sector higher than the IKD CMS. Janko Trivunovic from Slovenia advised the meeting that there are 35 licensed private investigators in his country. Recently a problem had emerged concerning the investigation of insurance claims and the use of surveillance; there is no definition of this activity and what is "private". The VSG stated that he would look into how the Austrian privacy laws are applied. The SG stated that if necessary the IKD could express an opinion based on the practice of each national member organisation. David Sanmartin from Spain stated that the laws in Spain regulating investigations in the private sector had changed and fit in with the IKD CMS, however, professional indemnity insurance has not been implemented but a decision thereon was postponed. Data Protection legislation has also been reviewed but does not affect the CMS. Richard Jacques-Turner the WAD delegate advised that the WAD can support IKD activities with financial donations from its legislation fund and all that is required is a letter to the Executive Director.

#### 8. Any other business

- (a) Common Minimum Standard. David Sanmartin, Chairman of the CMS Committee advised that the next step is to develop the content for the ECTS and anticipated that the first draft would be ready by November 2008 in time for the ADPDE Conference in Salamanca, Spain.
- (b) The CMS needs to be promoted. The meeting discussed the employment of Lobbyists but past experience would deter going that route. Tibor Csatari stated that up to 3 MEPs are expected to attend the Hungarian Chamber's meeting in June and could be



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approached as a possible source to further the CMS project.

- (c) David Sanmartin stated that any representations by the IKD to the EU must be to someone with executive power from the Regulated Professions in Directorate-General Internal Market. The SG stated that he would follow up his earlier exchange of email with them and try to arrange a meeting.
- (d) A Committee to continue dealing with Definitions was no longer required.
- (e) There was no Committee set up to deal with legislation, however, the VSG recommended that each Delegate monitors the situation and any changes in their respective country and that a section be added to the annual Delegate Reports to cover this.
- (f) The VSG agreed to form the Committee covering the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. Peiter IJfs stated that he could participate in the Committee.
- (g) It was agreed that a separate Committee to cover EU Licensing was not necessary.
- (h) Richard Jacques-Turner mentioned the existence of the Private Investigators' Museum and that any contributions would be welcomed. Tibor Csatari advised that he had already been in communication and was assisting.
- 9. To fix the date and venue of the next IKD Executive Meeting. The VSG advised that the OeDV will be hosting the next IKD meeting in Vienna, which will be the IKD's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the OeDV's 60<sup>th</sup>. As regard the Congress in 2010, thus far, only Portugal has been proposed as a venue and host but this can be decided upon in 2009.

**Close of Conference** 



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### Annex "A"

#### 1. Membership

There have been several enquiries over the past year. These include organisations from Belgium, Portugal, Brazil, Malta, Turkey, and India, the latter having been granted provisional membership by the Executive. Interest was also shown by the CII.

The membership of IKD is at its strongest ever, with 20 National organisations from 18 nations, plus 2 single members and not least the World Association of Detectives. The interaction between the IKD and its member organisations this past year has been unprecedented and reflected in the success of the Conference in Zaragoza, Spain last October.

With the IKD family increasing the problems of communication becomes more apparent. It is wholly unacceptable that change of leadership and/or IKD delegate in member organisations is in some cases not being passed on to the IKD Executive. This also applies to communication detail changes, not least email addresses. It is extremely frustrating to find bulk communications to members bouncing; it is very time consuming to then try and find the correct details and repeat the process.

#### 2. Common Minimum Standard

Members will already be aware as to the outcome of the Conference in Zaragoza. There has been an overwhelming united drive towards coordinated and harmonised regulation with some members pursuing the cause directly with their respective national authorities; more needs to be done. However, there has been a lack of communication from some member organisations as regard their own representations to the European Parliament; this is unhelpful.

Work must continue on the CMS. The document agreed requires an amendment and this will be put to the Delegates at the forthcoming meeting as follows:-

With reference to Annex "A" List of Offences I propose an amendment to the 2 years and 5 Years line to read: -



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The CMS study group will have to now focus on the "Competence" (80 ECTS).

#### What next?

The initial representation to the EU was not particularly progressive as the view was taken that the CMS must first be presented to the national authorities. To this end I have tested the approach by submitting the CMS to the UK Security Industry Authority (SIA) and The Home Office during its recent PI licensing consultation. The Home Office did originally plan to publish its decision on the industry-wide consultation in December 2007, deferred to February 2008, then April 2008 but now postponed indefinitely. You will hear more about this licensing process from the SIA representative who will be one of the Speakers at the forthcoming conference. I take the view that how the SIA deals with licensing investigations in the private sector in the UK will be a good indicator for how other national authorities in the EU may be influenced.

The IKD has in the past commissioned lobbyists to monitor matters in the EU of interest, regulation and privacy laws. This was an expensive venture that did not appear to reap rewards. Now that the IKD is more focused on the CMS and at last working on an agreed agenda perhaps it is time to consider having EU representation again.







## Annex "B"

IKD Financial Statement as per December 31, 2007

### **Balance Sheet**

| <u>Assets</u>                       |     | <u>2007</u> |    | <u>2006</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------|----|-------------|
| Bank balance (ZKB)                  | €   | 29'260.50   | €  | 32'253.46   |
| Outstanding membership contribution | €   | 0.00        | €  | 450.00      |
| Further assets                      | €   | 0.00        | €  | 0.00        |
|                                     |     |             |    |             |
| Total                               | €   | 29'260.50   | €  | 32'703.46   |
|                                     | === | ======      | == | =======     |
|                                     |     |             |    |             |
| <u>Liabilities</u>                  |     |             |    |             |
| Liabilities                         | €   | 0.00        | €  | 0.00        |
| Suspense liabilities                | €   | 0.00        | €  | 0.00        |
| Association property as per Dec. 31 | €   | 29'260.50   | €  | 32'703.46   |
| Total                               | €   | 29'260.50   | €  | 32'703.46   |
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### **Account of Expenses and Proceeds**

|  | <u>2007</u> |           |    | <u>2006</u> |  |
|--|-------------|-----------|----|-------------|--|
| <u>Proceeds</u>                        |             |           |    |             |  |
| Membership contribution                | €           | 8'730.00  | €  | 7'585.30    |  |
| Further proceeds                       | €           | 0.00      | €  | 0.00        |  |
| Bank interest                          | €           | 282.31    | €  | 249.95      |  |
| Loss per 2007                          | €           | 3'442.94  |    |             |  |
|  |             |           |    |             |  |
| Total                                  | €           | 12'455.25 | €  | 7'835.25    |  |
|  | ===         | =======   | == | =======     |  |
| <u>Expenses</u>                        |             |           |    |             |  |
| Expense account Secretary General      | €           | 4'454.73  | €  | 1'297.45    |  |
| Expense account Vice Secretary General | €           | 3'906.27  | €  | 1'617.10    |  |
| Expense account Treasurer              | €           | 711.80    | €  | 986.65      |  |
| Cost IKD Congress                      | €           | 280.00    | €  | 0.00        |  |
| Internet cost                          | €           | 1'728.00  | €  | 443.15      |  |
| Presents and donations                 | €           | 490.00    | €  | 0.00        |  |
| Cost Euope development                 | €           | 0.00      | €  | 0.00        |  |
| Bank charges and tax on interest       | €           | 284.45    | €  | 124.80      |  |
| Further expenses                       | €           | 600.00    | €  | 708.75      |  |
| Profit per 2006                        |             |           | €  | 2'657.35    |  |
| Total                                  | €           | 12'455.25 | €  | 7'835.25    |  |
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## Annex "C"



### Audit report 2008

As elected Auditor I conducted an audit of the books and financial records of the Internationale Kommission der Detektivverbände, IKD, maintained by Treasurer, Markus Wegst. This audit took place in my Office and the necessary documents were forwarded to me by the Treasurer. I reviewed all of the following documents:

- · Bank Statements
- · Payables and Invoices
- · Financial Reports
- · Cash Receipts Journal

I reviewed all of the records listed above from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. All of the documents reviewed were correct and in order.

The balance as of 31 December 2007 was  $\[ \in \] 200, \]$  which is a decrease of  $\[ \in \] 3.442, \]$ 96 compared to 2006. The income from dues has risen, since IKD has now 20 Association members and 2 single members. All dues have been paid. Expenses for the General Secretariat were higher than in the years before, but during 2006 actually two major conferences were held, one was the CMS meeting at Zaragoza, which received much consideration in the industry. Also expenses for application for Community Trademark IKD were posted against Vice General Secretary's expenses and should have been posted separately.

The Treasurer, Markus Wegst of Zurich, has done again an excellent job and the financial situation of IKD is good. I propose to extend the Executive Committee's recognition and thanks to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Werner E. Sachse Auditor of IKD Funds