

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES



MINUTES of Committee Meeting 2013

Minutes of XVIIIth CONGRESS of the Internationale Kommission der Detektiv Verbaende held at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, Baker Street, London, United Kingdom on Friday 26th April 2013

- 1 Introduction and welcome by the Secretary General attendees and apologies are set out in the list annexed hereto as "A". There were some 16 members represented with an additional 23 guests, however, as the meeting commenced at the same time as the WAD mid-term board meeting, also in London, some delegates were unable to be present who were however able to participate in other events. The board in attendance were:
 - 1. Tony Imossi Secretary General (SG)
 - 2. George Hirtl Vice Secretary General (VSG)
 - 3. Markus Wegst Treasurer
- 2 Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 07th December 2012 in Bucharest, Romania, were proposed as a true record by David Sanmartin and seconded by George Hirtl, the proposal was carried.
- 3 The VSG presented the joint Report for the SG/VSG raising the following points:
 - a. List of individual members from member organisations. Some delegates have complained that the lists/directory used on the IKD web site is out of date and includes agents no longer affiliated. The VSG pointed out that the directory includes the lists as supplied by the member organisations thus the IKD directory can only be updated if and when lists are supplied by the organisations.
 - b. The VSG explained and demonstrated the IKD App he had recently designed and uploaded.
 - c. Problems with email communications had arisen because organisations were not providing the correct email address for the current delegate



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to enable the IKD alias email addresses to be updated correctly.

- d. The importance of delegates passing information emerging from the IKD to their respective boards and membership was explained. The individual affiliates would be understandably concerned with a perception that the IKD lacks activity because they are not being given information or directed to the IKD published activities.
- 4 Under Article 14 to select the IKD official language. David Sanmartin proposed that English continue to be used by the IKD, which proposal was seconded by Uffe Bodeholt and carried.
 - a. Maria Bumbaru asked whether the IKD could provide translations of important documents circulated among delegates. David Sanmartin suggested that the IKD continues to supply documents in the official language but that if member organisations provide translations then these too should be uploaded to the web site alongside the official English version. This suggestion was accepted by the meeting.
- To consider the income and expenditure accounts for the year ending 31st December 2012 and to adopt the accounts together with the Reports of the Treasurer and Auditor. The Treasurer's Report was proposed as accepted by David Sanmartin, seconded by Jean Pierre de Cuyper and carried. Uffe Bodeholt, the appointed Auditor, reported in support of the Accounts presented and commented that all expenses were in order. The Report of the Treasurer is annexed hereto as "B". The SG gave thanks to the Treasurer, Markus Wegst, for his long continued service to the IKD as Treasurer.
 - a. To review the annual subscriptions for the year commencing 01st January 2014. The Treasurer explained that the finances of the IKD had levelled at about 30,000 € and thus an increase was not in his opinion essential. The SG explained that he and the VSG had discussed the unlevel burden on small organisations meeting



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subscriptions of 320 € [11 members] compared to the larger organisations paying 450 € [14 members]. The VSG suggested that the ratio be changed to 300 / 500 € creating a fairer difference without causing any significant adverse impact. The proposal was seconded by David Sanmartin and carried

- 6 Andreas Heim gave the meeting an update on the EPIC project, which will be covered in greater depth at the meeting in Rome in May 2013.
 - a. The SG explained the thinking behind his first work on Report Writing, the printed guide having been distributed to the delegates and guests present.
- 7 The VSG explained the position with the EU bid for funding under the Life-Long-Learning programme [da Vinci Project].
- 8 To consider the Reports of the Member Associations. Such Reports that had been submitted are published and remain available for download from the IKD web site. The SG thanked delegates present who had all submitted their respective reports. A special presentation was made by Maria Bumbaru, which is set out in a written summary a copy of which is annexed hereto as "C". The meeting agreed that a number of interesting points are raised in the presentation and on the proposal of Yusuf Dalda, seconded by Jean-Pierre de Cuyper it was decided that the best way forward would be by creating a "Marketing" sub-committee. Maria Bumbaru agreed and was duly appointed to Chair the Committee with the assistance of Uffe Bodeholt, Alexander Herget, Yusuf Dalda and to include a member of the board on a watching brief.
- 9 The meeting discussed the paper submitted by Peter Farrington on the IKD logo and adding a strap-line. It was generally agreed that the make-up of the logo should not be changed; however on the proposal of George Hirtl,



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seconded by David Sanmartin the meeting agreed to add a strap-line in the dimensions suggested in the paper. The SG explained that the diagram delegates had seen in the marketing material promoting the ABI Centenary events was a special design for the event and not an interference with the logo; however, part of the wording used in that advertisement could be adopted as the strap-line in the first instance with a review at each tri-annual Congress. The SG proposed that the wording be "Harmonising the highest standards since 1964", which proposal was seconded by Kjetil Eide and carried.

- 10 The meeting discussed the proposal by Yusuf Dalda that the IKD consider applying for membership of COESS. The presentation from Maria Bumbaru includes the alternative suggestion that with a few minor achievable changes the IKD could achieve a better position through the European Council of the Liberal Professions [CEPLIS]. Yusuf Dalda agreed that this may prove a better way forward and thus his proposal should be deferred for the Committee's consideration.
- 11 To consider creating a page on the IKD web site dedicated to the IKD history.

 This was agreed and Maria Bumbaru volunteered to deal with this, assisted by

 Uffe Bodeholt and Jean Pierre de Cuyper.
- 12 The VSG proposed and seconded by the SG that the Model Data Protection Policy v1.1 be amended by adding to Principal 8 [page 7/8] Croatia to the list of EU member states. The proposal was carried.
- 13 The Executive stood down and agreed to stand for re-election: Jean Schmitt seconded by Kjetil Eide proposed Tony I mossi for SG Tony Imossi seconded by David Sanmartin proposed George Hirtl for VSG Tony Imossi seconded by Uffe Bodeholt proposed Markus Wegst for Treasurer
 - There being no other nominations the positions were carried as proposed.
- 14 The location for the 2014 Annual Conference had been previously agreed as



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France. Jean Schmitt confirmed that the event will be hosted in Paris in March, details to be confirmed. The ADPDE [Spain] had offered to host the 2014 meeting and extended the offer to 2015. This was agreed.

15 Any other business.

- a. Maria Bumbaru extend an open invitation to the IKD delegates to join ANDR [Romania] Summer School Conference in Predeal, Romania in June 2013, the details of which will shortly be made available.
- b. The SG then invited Roger Bescoby to lead a discussion on Data Protection issues and proposed changes, which subject and the likely problems that will arise had been raised earlier in the meeting by Genuario Pellegrino and his colleague. A lively debate followed.

Close of Conference



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Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2011</u>	2012
Bank balance (ZKB)	€ 34'269.09	€ 31′370.24
ZAD Shares	€ 0.00	€ 700.00
Total	€ 34'269.09	€ 32'070.24
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Liabilities

Association property as per Dec. 31	€ 34'269.09	€ 32'070.24
Total	—————— € 34'269.09	€ 32′070.24

Account of Expenses and Proceeds

		2011		2012
<u>Proceeds</u>				
Membership contribution	€	10'140.00	€	9'510.00
Further proceeds	€	230.25	€	75.25
Bank interest	€	97.29	€	47.28
Loss 2012			€	2'198.85
Total	€	10'467.54	€	11'831.38
Expenses				
Expense account Secretary General	€	1'760.00	€	1'664.46
Expense account Vice Secretary General	€	2'351.00	€	1'425.46
Expense account Treasurer	€	998.85	€	970.55
Cost IKD Congress	€	0.00	€	0.00
Internet cost	€	724.00	€	1'044.00
Presents and donations	€	0.00	€	2'500.00
Cost Europe development	€	0.00	€	4'000.00
Bank charges and tax on interest	€	121.94	€	18.62
Further expenses	€	205.95	€	208.29
Profit 2011	€	4'305.80		
Total	€	10'467.54	€	11'831.38
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DETECTIVES IN THE 21ST CENTURY IKD – FUTURE AND OUTLOOK

IKD - will soon celebrate half a century in business.

2014 will be a most important year of celebration for IKD's entire track record. The founders IKD - ODV - Austria, BDD - Germany and FSPD - Switzerland will receive thanks from all of us for the generous initiative of their predecessors, who provide us with this wonderful house that we share and that brought us together inside of it, turning us into a genuine family.

Now we have the mission to continue this construction and to turn over a new leaf in the 21st detective business.

In 1964, Europe had a big gap in terms of detective business: its Eastern side. The "World" and the "international" dream stopped in front of an Iron Curtain.

After the 1990s, the newly independent Eastern countries wished to join the European Union. In the complex EU integration movement, the detective business was also naturally engaged.

I don't know how the IKD articles of association looked like and what they provided before 2004.

But it seems obvious that Richard Turner and his fellow workers of that time realised in Oslo that measures tailored to the needs of their times were needed in order to help IKD turn from a "Commission" to an international "Federation"

The adoption in 2007 of the Common Professional Standards, the EPIC Project and the "Da Vinci" projects, in which I was involved myself and for which I voted too, have further proven the need for, and the role of, IKD's involvement: namely to guide the modern professional detective's business, as complex as we know it is...

Unfortunately, many necessary and useful things remained in their project phase.

They may not be too widely applicable throughout the member Associations, or at least I do not know of that.

The IKD organization has no working groups that could actively and practically help in the implementation of these projects.

Our meetings take place once a year, we review the activity of IKD in just a few hours, then we split and the communication remains only takes interpersonally.

Fellow workers such as Andreas Heim or George Hirtl or Peter Farington got involved into these programmes. I am sure they worked hard and had great achievements.

But, obviously and practically, the members of our Associations do not benefit from this result.



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What do we have to do?

The purpose of my presentation is not to criticise anyone.

If IKD things do not work as planned, then we are the cause of that.

This is why I am proposing to analyse not the persons, but the working system of IKD.

I take the full risk of stating that IKD, as it is right now, fails to meet the requirements and needs of the National Associations, which are facing a highly topical issue at the moment: the recognition of the profession and its inclusion into the category of liberal professions.

Obtaining a legal practice framework, standards and regulations allowing for the quick access to the database, giving value to an investigator's reports and work, making the difference between a practitioner member of an Association and another one who is not a member - have all become as many necessities.

What should we do?

We have two choices: act individually, everyone working in their own home countries, fighting alone and looking for a solution.

Or work together under the umbrella of the IKD, making the most of its entire 50-year background.

We also need to set our common objectives very well and to develop inside the IKD a prestigious and visible European professional coordination and control structure to which each member could refer in terms of both aspiration and regulation.

IKD should become a real foothold in the national professional activities.

IKD - "International" or "European Federation?"

IKD generously brings together the Associations worldwide.

In this case, an IKD organization covering the continents is justified, based on the WAD model, with the only difference that the members of this body would be Associations.

The Articles of Association provide the terms under which an international Association may become an IKD member.

The reality has proved that it is necessary to focus on the "European mission" of IKD.

If we remain just a very large umbrella with very generous, but imprecise objectives, we will lose sight of the actual area where our profession is exercised.

The existence of W.A.D. as a world organisation dedicated to professional detectives is sufficient and operates very well. It promptly answers the socialization and network needs of any professional detective.

IKD must become representative especially across the European space.



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IKD: in the E. U.

A mere visit in the IKD member section shows that 16 of the European countries are IKD members.

If our objectives are closely related to Brussels, then we need another approach.

It would be useful for supporting the importance of IKD to set as main objective in the articles of association under the "Members" chapter: EU countries and Europe in general.

Thus, we can develop a unitary strategy applicable in a space that tends to become a single market.

IKD: about "Objectives"

The main objective of IKD, briefly put, should be the following:

The inclusion and recognition of the private investigator's profession into the list of European liberal professions.

Directive EC/36/2005 contains very clear regulations in this field and it is necessary to adapt the organization of IKD in such a way so as it should become the main management and self-regulatory organization covering professional private detectives – as liberal professional working in Europe.

In this respect, the IKD objectives must identify themselves with those of the liberal profession, in general.

IKD: The common values of the liberal professions in Europe

IKD must become an organization that should guarantee the implementation of, and compliance with the common values of liberal professions in Europe.

This is why IKD's articles of association must be elaborate, comprehensive, and form the main self-regulatory framework for the Associations that are members of the IKD.

The values of liberal professions such as confidentiality, continuous training, independence and impartiality, honesty and integrity, surveillance and control of the staff, guaranteed compliance with the codes of conduct and good practice codes, liability insurance and non-discrimination on religious grounds must all become standards and objectives that should be set out in IKD's articles of association.

In order to achieve this, we must establish working Commissions or Departments that should be handling these regulations.



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IKD: " international contact point?"

The definition provided by IKD itself on its website is that of an "an international point of contact for defending the interests of professional private investigators, covering all countries ...".

My opinion is that IKD has exceeded that "contact point" phase and should become, with an authority recognised by us, i.e. its members, a "self-regulatory authority".

The term "professional private investigators, covering all countries" is generous but also general.

The acute issue for us is in Europe.

If we lose this wide framework, we run the risk of furthering "sine die" this status quo of not knowing exactly where we are. Who takes us seriously and what rights do we have?

IKD: European Council of the Liberal Professions (CEPLIS)

IKD must set as an objective its registration with CEPLIS.

In order to do this, it needs to define itself first, to assume its role as a coordinator of the private detective's profession particularly in Europe.

We must have a professional charter, a common code of conduct, based on which to strengthen the role and recognition of a single professional Association in each country, to make sure the standards we vote for are applied.

Moreover, in my view, it is necessary to establish a control and assessment body, a body that may penalise bad practices.

IKD: the Executive Board

In the last 4 months we studied representative organizations in the field of both liberal professions and other professions in general.

Starting with COEES and ending with CEPLIS, it is easy to notice that the structure of a management board is a matter of image as well as efficiency.

All of the important organizations have a well-defined office, if possible in Brussels.

They also have a Board including Chairmen and at least four Vice-chairmen - that have responsibilities assigned according to the range of topics they should deal with. They have working groups and enjoy visibility.

The Treasurer must be independent; I mean the person who organizes, and is responsible for, the money of the respective organization. He is consulted concerning the budget and releases money only for the expenses approved by the General Assembly.

Consequently, in my opinion, for the sake of image and efficiency, IKD needs an enlarged board. The tasks of this board must suppose responsibility and involvement for each Vice-chairman in the area for which he was assigned.

Of course, a programme would be necessary and the programme should be monitored every step of the way.



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In lieu of conclusions.....

I intended to have a brief intervention covering the detective's business in the 21st century in Europe.

50 years of existence gives IKD the responsibility to undertake this role.

I propose you to be efficient and we should be prepared to make a decision in Rome, on 25 May 2013.

My presentation included a few observations, a few suggestions. Of course, there is room for more.

The project to amend the articles of association is not simple, but it is achievable for someone who clarified his objectives.

I can undertake to draft these proposals, to submit them to the IKD management, so that you can analyse them at least 15 days before the Congress in Rome.

Of course, Tony, George, and other fellow-workers will be consulted permanently.

But, finally, it is my desire and duty to highlight this:

I dedicated more than 20 years of my life to this goal: the detective's profession should be recognized as a regulated liberal profession.

I would feel really accomplished professionally if what I have dreamt in my professional career would be put into practice.

For this we need determination, clear ideas, organization and action.

Finally, we also need money. We can get it. I prefer using IKD funds, as small as they are, for much precise purposes. A part of the budget must be allocated to this action.

Final explanation:

I was honoured by my colleagues' proposal to become part of the IKD board.

But I have never had this as my goal.

My duty is to promote within the IKD the desires of those who elected me as Chairwoman of the Association in Romania. I must explain and justify the importance of IKD to them. What does the future hold for us, why is it important to become members of the IKD, what are our expectations?

As I cannot answer these questions alone, I preferred to express them here in this form.

I trust and I believe that all of you, my colleagues, will understand my sincerity and the care with which I look into the future and share my thoughts.

I invite you to do this together.

Rome is expecting us in 30 days.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Maria Bumbaru

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President

National Association of Detectives from Romania

London, 27th April, 2013