

## **Minutes of the Ecsite Annual General Meeting**

**Friday 23 May 23 2014  
14.30 – 16.30 CET**

**World Forum Convention Centre  
Churchillplein 10  
2517 The Hague  
The Netherlands**

*Room: Kilimanjaro 2*

### **1. Welcome by Rosalia Vargas, President of Ecsite**

Rosalia Vargas welcomed delegates to the 2014 Ecsite Annual General Meeting.

### **2. Verification of the quorum**

The meeting was declared quorate by Rosalia Vargas with 33 full Ecsite members present of the 88 total.

### **3. Designation of the Annual General Meeting president, secretary and protocol officers**

The President of Ecsite designates Catherine Franche as Chairperson of the meeting. Catherine Franche designates Luisa Marino as secretary. From a proposal by Catherine Franche, Ulrich Kernbach (Deutsches Museum, Munich, Germany) and Ann Follin (Tekniska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden) were designated protocol officers.

### **4. Comments on the Minutes of the Annual General Assembly 2013 as approved by the 2013 protocol officers**

There were no comments on the minutes of the Annual General Assembly 2013 as approved by the 2013 Protocol Officers. The minutes of the Annual General Assembly 2013 were adopted unanimously.

### **5. Activity report by Rosalia Vargas, President of Ecsite**

Rosalia Vargas presented the activity of Ecsite in the previous year. She described Ecsite's key priorities and summed them up as:  
Powerful Voice, with High Standards, seeking Collaboration, International Leadership and New Resources.

Rosalia Vargas stressed out the key role played by Ecsite in the design of the new framework programme of the European Commission, Horizon 2020. She said that VOICES and PLACES were key projects that helped to define Ecsite's role in European science policy and research. Rosalia introduced actions toward the creation of new partnerships, including the one with EAZA and BCGL, reaching Zoos, Aquariums and Botanical Gardens in Europe.

Rosalia Vargas thanked the Directors who participated in the last Directors Forum in Lisbon, where new trends were explored under the theme "More science, more beauty, more public". This focus on openness, with a view of learning with other key sectors, was the leitmotiv of

Ecsite thematic groups as well, reaching as far as Nature, Research and Evaluation, THE on training explainers and Space.

Rosalia Vargas mentioned some of the successful trainings that Ecsite co-developed in the last year: the training for museum explainers designed by the partners of the EU funded project "FEAST" and the Euro-Mediterranean and Middle East Summer School for Science Communication (EMME), organized at Parque de las Ciencias in Granada, Spain in collaboration with other Ecsite members.

Finally, she presented the strategy developed by the Fundraising Committee to attract new donors. A new useful tool was designed and published: the Corporate Partnerships Brochure. Ecsite recruited a Business Development Manager who is entirely devoted to identify new income streams. Rosalia Vargas thanked all Ecsite members, the Board and the Executive Office for their contributions to the work of Ecsite.

Robert Firmhofer, Ecsite past president, presented the revision process of the Ecsite Strategic Plan beyond 2015. Robert Firmhofer described the main building blocks of the revision process. The complete presentation of the Ecsite Strategic Plan 2015 is available in Annex I.

In sum, Ecsite:

- remains European
- is enriched by new competences and represents broader field while keeping the spirit
- is more inclusive for smaller organizations and has more Full Members
- has a transparent policy for connecting services and benefits with the membership category

## **6. Questions and vote on the activity report**

The activity report was accepted unanimously.

## **7. Financial report 2013 by Michiel Buchel, Treasurer of Ecsite**

Michiel Buchel presented the financial activity of Ecsite in the previous year.

He noted that he did not receive any comment on the 2013 financials that were distributed to members in the AGM documents sent to full members 15 days prior to the AGM.

## **8. Questions and Vote on the financial 2013 report**

No questions or further comments were raised on the financial report 2013. Catherine Franche asked the assembly to approve the financial report and the assembly unanimously approved it.

## **9. Vote on Ernst & Young Réviseurs d'entreprises as Statutory Auditors (accounts 2014-2016)**

The AGM approved the mandate of the statutory auditors Ernst & Young.

## **10. Presentation of the budget 2014 by Michiel Buchel, Treasurer of Ecsite**

Michiel Buchel presented the budget 2014. He explained that the Belgian law requires to allocate 20.000 euro as reserve to fulfil Ecsite obligations with the employees in case of closure of the Association.

## **11. Questions and vote on the budget 2014**

The budget 2014 was approved unanimously. The AGM unanimously approved the allocation of 20 000 € to the social passive reserve.

## **12. Presentation of the provisional budget 2015 and questions**

The budget 2015 will be presented at the Directors Forum 2014. The assembly didn't raise any questions.

## **13. Vote on the membership fees 2015**

The 2015 membership fees were accepted unanimously

Membership fees 2015:

- Full member : € 1640
- Associate member: € 395
- Sustaining member: € 825

#### **14. Designation of the election scrutineers**

Pedro Albuquerque, Julie Becker and Audrey Korczynska were suggested by Catherine Franche as scrutineers and approved by the assembly.

#### **15. Election of the Ecsite board 2014-2015**

Five positions were open in the Ecsite Board and eight candidates presented themselves for election to the assembly. As a result of the voting process, 5 of the candidates were elected. Catherine Franche confirmed the newly elected members of the Ecsite Board as follows.

##### **Elected:**

**Vilvite**, Bergen, Norway

Represented by Svein Anders Dahl, Managing Director

Votes: 39

**The House of Experiments**, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Represented by Miha Kos, Director

Votes: 36

**Experimentarium**, Hellerup, Denmark

Represented by Asger Høeg, Chief Executive Officer

Votes: 34

**Universum**, Bremen, Germany

Represented by Herbert Munder, Managing Director

Votes: 32

**Science Museum**, London, UK

Represented by Alexandra Burch, Director of Learning, Science Museum Group

Votes: 32

#### **16. Vote on the revised Internal Regulations**

The first internal regulations were adopted by Ecsite in 2011 and their use leads to suggesting minor operational revisions.

The AGM adopted the revised internal regulations unanimously.

#### **17. Proposal for the AGM 2015**

The assembly approved the proposal to hold the AGM on the afternoon before the official opening of the Ecsite Annual Conference, i.e. on Wednesday afternoon. Therefore, the next AGM will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2015.

#### **18. Questions**

There were no further questions.

#### **19. Close of the meeting**

Catherine Franche closed the meeting at 16:00

**Signed:**

**Date: 23/09/2014**



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**Rosalia Vargas**  
**President of Ecsite 2013 - 2015**

**Signed:**



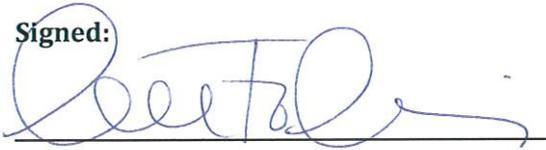
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**Date:**

20/08/2014

Ulrich Kernbach  
**Protocol Officer**

**Signed:**



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**Date:**

20/8 2014

Ann Follin

**Protocol Officer**

**Annex II**

**List of full Ecsite members attending the AGM 2014**



# Strategic Plan 2015...

## Building blocks

# **Geographical scope: is Ecsite European or international?**

Ecsite remains European (Full Members), but open and inclusive for international organizations (Associate Members)



# Membership Fees

Recognizing economical differences between members



# Members: who does Ecsite represent?

Organizations that connect people to science and technology. Keeping the Ecsite spirit while opening up to more diverse membership.



# Services and benefits

Transparent policy connecting services and benefits to the membership category with preference given to Full Members.

Needs of both larger and smaller Members addressed.



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# Consultation with members

# Timeline



May 23, AGM	Mandate given to Board to revise SP with building blocks
September	Consultation all members
November 13-14	Directors Forum Strategic Dialogues
AGM, June 2015	Adoption of Strategic Plan



Thank you !



## **Annex I**

### **Presentation of the Ecsite Strategic Plan 2015, Robert Firmhofer, Ecsite Annual General Meeting, 23 May 23 2014**



**Ecsite Annual General Meeting**  
**The Hague, The Netherlands, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014**

**Present**

	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Institution name</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	AUSTRIA	FRida & freD - The Graz Children's Museum	Jörg Ehtreiber
2	AUSTRIA	Universalmuseum Joanneum (UMJ GmbH)	Wolfgang Muchitsch
3	BELGIUM	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences	Camille Pisani
4	BELGIUM	Technopolis, the Flemish Science Center	Erik Jacquemyn
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	Techmania science center o.p.s.	Vlastimil Volak
6	DENMARK	Experimentarium	Asger Høeg
7	DENMARK	Natural History Museum, Aarhus	Bo Skaarup
8	ESTONIA	AHHAA Science Centre Foundation	Pilvi Kolk
9	FINLAND	Arktinen keskus - Arctic Centre (University of Lapland)	Leena Rantamaula
10	FINLAND	Metsähallitus / Pilke Science Centre	Heikki Hepoaho
11	FINLAND	Tietomaa Science Centre	Jonna-Marleena Härö
12	FRANCE	Cap Sciences	Bernard Alaux
13	FRANCE	Cité de l'Espace	Jean-Baptiste Desbois
14	FRANCE	Fonds de dotation Universcience Partenaires	Roger Rocca-Serra
15	FRANCE	Le Vaisseau	Philippe Gineste
16	FRANCE	Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle	Jean-Marie Sani
17	FRANCE	Nausicaa - Centre National de la Mer	Manuel Cira
18	FRANCE	universcience - EPPDDCSI	Brigitte Coutant
19	GERMANY	DASA	Bernd Holtwick
20	GERMANY	Deutsches Museum	Ulrich Kernbach
21	GERMANY	experimenta	Wolfgang Hansch
22	GERMANY	German National Maritime Museum	Ursula Warnke
23	GERMANY	LVR-Industriemuseum Oberhausen	Walter Hauser
24	GERMANY	phæno gGmbH	Michel Junge
25	GERMANY	Phänomenta	Achim Englert
26	GERMANY	Universum Managementges GmbH	Herbert Münder
27	ITALY	Fondazione IDIS - Città della Scienza	Vincenzo Lipardi
28	ITALY	MUSE	Michele Lanzinger
29	ITALY	Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia 'Leonardo da Vinci'	Fiorenzo Galli
30	ITALY	Sissa Medialab srl	Enrico M. Balli
31	NETHERLANDS	Science Center NEMO-NCWT	Michiel Buchel
32	NORWAY	INSPIRIA science center AS	Geir Endregard
33	NORWAY	Norsk Teknisk Museum	Jan Alfred Andersson
34	NORWAY	Vilvite, Bergen Vitensenter AS	Svein Anders Dahl
35	POLAND	Centrum Nauki Kopernik	Robert Firmhofer
36	POLAND	EXPERYMENT Science Centre	Ewa Jasinska
37	PORTUGAL	Fabrica Science Centre - Universidade de Aveiro	Pedro Pombo
38	PORTUGAL	Fundação Museu da Ciência da Universidade de Coimbra	Paulo Gama Mota
39	PORTUGAL	Pavilhão do Conhecimento - Ciência Viva	Rosalia Vargas
40	RUSSIA	The Polytechnic Museum	Natalia Sergievskaya
41	SLOVENIA	Ustanova Hisa eksperimentov - The House of Experiments	Miha Kos
42	SPAIN	Fundacio "la Caixa" (CosmoCaixa Barcelona)	Ignasi López Verdeguer
43	SPAIN	Museu de Ciències Naturals de Barcelona	Anna Omedes
44	SPAIN	Parque de las Ciencias	Ernesto Páramo
45	SWEDEN	Teknikens Hus	Helena Lilja
46	SWEDEN	Tekniska Museet	Ann Follin
47	SWEDEN	Universeum AB	Carina Halvord
48	SWITZERLAND	Swiss Science Centre Technorama	Thorsten-D. Künnemann
49	UNITED KINGDOM	Centre for Life	Linda Conlon
50	UNITED KINGDOM	Science Museum	Alexandra Burch
51	UNITED KINGDOM	The Natural History Museum	Louise Emerson