

**International Federation of Liberal Youth**  
**Bureau Meeting from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2006**

Venue: Jesenice and Zalec, Slovenia

*Minutes taken by Frederik Ferié*

**Participants:**

Jacob Rasmussen (JR) - from 12:00 h on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bart Woord (BW)  
Frosina Kostovska (FK)  
Marc-André Gendron (MG)  
Frederik Ferié (FF)  
Monika Jankauskaite (MJ)

**BMs not present:**

Paola Silva (PS) - *due to visa issues*  
Tafsir Thioye (TT) - *due to visa issues*

**Technical information:**

**All tasks for BMs are marked **blue and bold**. Please keep the deadlines in mind.**

*The meeting is opened by BW on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 09:00 h.*

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda is adopted as sent out.

2. Adoption of the minutes

The minutes from the bureau's last meeting in Copenhagen are adopted. It is decided to change the format of the minutes. Future minutes should specifically include:

- tasks
- responsibilities given
- deadlines

It is unilaterally stated that it is not helpful if the position of the bureau can be separated through the protocol.

### 3. General news / info

There is no news or information that is not considered in one of the agenda points.

### 4. News from the office:

MJ reports about recent developments concerning the office.

#### *New office search:*

Due to the low quality of the office and the planned rise of the rent after expiration of the contract the office will have to relocate. Requirements for the new office will be:

- saver neighbourhood
- first floor
- possibility for people to stay for short term (facilities like shower necessary)

**MJ** is going to look into options around Brussels. **BW** is going to contact Jasper Veen and LI to find out if any cooperation with the Liberal International in London is possible.

#### *Interns:*

The new intern is going to come from Lithuania and will work until July. In the beginning of April a new call is going to be put out. In order to receive more applicants from member organization **all BMs** will send the job profile to the MOs they are responsible for.

#### *Legal Status of the Executive Director:*

There are some problems concerning the legal status of MJ working in Belgium, a number of possible solutions are presented. The BMs are going to be followed-up by **MJ** on the developments.

### 5. Financial Status

*2005 result:*

JR and MJ state that the financial result of 2005 is around 10.000 €.

*Status for Grant Applications:*

MJ reports that the answer for the European Union grant is expected soon.

Furthermore she gives inside information about the "YOUTH programme - Action 5.1.2. Support Measures with Partner countries". After discussing the issue thoroughly it is decided to select Asia and the IFLRY-YLDA-programme campaign as topic for the application. **JR** will coordinate the activities from the bureau side. It is moreover decided to search for a project coordinator that is responsible for the creation of the application and eventually will also be the responsible project manager for the duration of the programme.

Coordinators suggested by the BMs:

- Linda Lindholm
- Olly Wells
- Neringe Morozaite
- Godart van Gendt

Deadline for finding a project coordinator and giving a framework (SOW) is Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. **JR** is responsible, being supported by **MJ** and **FF**.

## 6. IFLRY Website

MG reports about the development of the database and the website and updates the other BMs about the status as well as future tasks.

## 7. Communication

*Press database:*

Concerning Europe **MJ** is going to contact Srd for the press database after **JR** has checked with Roger.

*Libel:*

The bureau decides to pay a professional layouter (estimated cost: about 300 €) for the last edition in order to produce the issue in time for the requirements of the grant. The communication committee will draft an entire communication plan for 2006 which is going to be presented to the bureau in May.

### *Enews:*

The bureau discusses the future of the Enews. **JR** will remove the “add” function for the mailing list from the webpage, as the system does not seem to work.

The bureau decides to have a maximum period of three weeks in between newsletters. While BW is going to stay in charge of the content, the office will be in charge of sending the Enews. **MG** will take care of equipping the office with necessary software and skills.

### *General:*

**All BMs** will add their personal “downtimes” to the Sharepoint-Calendar which is available online. This matter is going to be followed-up during the next bureau meeting in Georgia.

There is a huge lack of communication from some parts of the bureau, **all BMs** are asked to be more active during discussions. **MJ** is going to prepare a form for **all BMs** which they are required to fill in with all the events they participate in for IFLRY.

The bureau decides that **all BMs** have to hand in reports on events attended that have significance for IFLRY.

## 8. Committees

### *Political:*

BW presents his ideas on the political committee. After a thorough discussion, no results are achieved.

### *Finance:*

BW has sent out the call for the committee. So far, no responses have been received. **All BMs** are requested to advertise the committee.

### *Seminar:*

**FK** and **PS** will present a final proposal on the seminar committee until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.

### *Communication:*

**MG** and **FF** will send out the draft paper on the communication committee until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.

## 9. Personal Plan of Action

**All BMs** will send out a personal plan of actions until the 5<sup>th</sup> of April - including deadlines.

## 10. News from the regions and regional associations

### *Regions:*

The BMs report about recent news in their regions.

### *LYMEC:*

JR and BW participated in the LYMEC anniversary ceremony and are also going to participate in the EC and the Congress in Switzerland.

### *YLDA:*

FF gives a report about recent events in YLDA. The next meeting of the YLDA executive will take place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, where also the time of the next YLDA GA is going to be determined.

### *OALY:*

The report is postponed to the next bureau meeting.

### *JULIA:*

PS has sent in a written report which is read out by BW. JULIA is going to have a meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April in Porto Alegre in Brazil.

### *ISEEL:*

FK reports that the organization is currently preparing their next congress. As she will stay two more days in Slovenia, she will also use the chance to talk to some of the active members to get a clearer image on the future of ISEEL.

*FYJ:*

JR has been asked by Reinaldas to organize a closer relation with the YFJ. The bureau decides to send **MG** as IFLRY representative to the next YFJ event in Florence.

*NLRU:*

JR informs the BMs, that the organization will have their seminar and congress Copenhagen from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

#### 11. YLDA-IFLRY campaign

FF reports about the developments within the seminar committee.

#### 12. Upcoming IFLRY events:

*Taiwan:*

MG outlines the preparations of the study trip.

*Israel:*

FF gives an overview over the seminar preparations.

*Georgia:*

**FK** is taking the lead on the preparation of the seminar committee. **FK** will contact prospective team members Yanki Pürsün and Peter Bancroft until the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.

**All BMs** have to send travel route proposals including the price to BW and BJ until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

*Portugal:*

MJ presents the project and the draft programme of the training course which is going to take place from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2006.

**MJ** and **FF** are going to approach FNS<sup>t</sup> regarding the financing of participant's travel costs.

*EYC seminar Strasbourg / Budapest:*

MJ updates the bureau on the status of IFLRY's application. **MJ** will contact Vincenza from the Center in Strasbourg concerning the matter.

*Latin America Project:*

MJ fills the bureau in on the actual developments. **PS** is in charge of organization and the preparation of the application. The deadline for the partnership agreements is the JULIA meeting in Puerto Alegre.

*Fall EYF seminar grant:*

The bureau decides to bind the seminar- grant to the GA. **JR** will establish contact to Tenerife and **BW** will get feedback from Ireland. The seminar is scheduled from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 and 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 for the EC/GA.

*2007 seminar applications:*

Some possible topics are discussed, but the decision is postponed.

*IFLRY 60 years anniversary August 26<sup>th</sup> 2007:*

It is proposed to have the event next to our cradle in Cambridge, UK. **JR** is going to prepare a plan for the next meeting.

13. EC June 2006

MG is presenting the planning status of the EC. Although the costs are to exceed those that were estimated initially (17000 - 20000 €) the bureau supports the decisions taken, however stresses the necessities of cutting cost factors. **MG** is going to open an account in the name of IFLRY in order to ease deposits and transactions.

14. GA 2006

*This agenda point was already discussed during agenda point 12.*

## 15. MO updates

BW reports about the survey taken so far. **All BMs** are requested to give a full overview over the inactive organizations in their responsibility area until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. In the cases where reduced membership fee could be an option, the BMs should consider to consult the organizations on that matter and keep in mind that the deadline for application is eight weeks prior to the respective EC: MJ is going to send out a list with the payment statuses until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

*New and possibly interested Organizations:*

Moldova - LSA (exact name not clear) - **BW**

Ireland - Young Progressive Democrats - **BW**

France - Jeunes Radicaux de Gauche - **BW**

Macedonia - Liberal Party - **FK**

Lebanon - Future Youth - **JR/FF**

**All mentioned BMs** are required to deliver a status report with an outlook regarding possible affiliation to IFLRY until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

**PS** and **TT** are asked to transmit a general update on current and potential MOs in their areas.

## 16. Liberal International

*EC meeting in the Philippines:*

**JR** and **FF** will be present they are also responsible for the preparation of the EC as well as the seminar. Deadline for resolution is the 26<sup>th</sup> of May.

*General:*

The deadline for the LI congress in Marrakesh is the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

## 17. Any other business:

**MJ** is going to put out a call for a one-year representative of IFLRY for the meetings of the ALDE group in the Council of Europe until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

**MG** will represent IFLRY together with Clinton and a group of YDA at the UN in September.

**MG** will present the impact of paypal to the bureau at the next meeting in Georgia.

*The meeting is closed by JR on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 13:00 h.*