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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

After one period of changes of our association due to his own growth, we worked on the necessary transformations to assure the future of the EFEA with the support of the Piloting Committee.

In 2003, under the presidency of Zenija Berzina and thanks to his work and devotion, a regulation of working of the General assembly, of the Steering Committee and the Executive developed the Statutes and clarified the procedures of all meetings. This regulation, also, foresaw his own modifications according to new situations. So the path was drawn to adapt us to the professional management of a big association in full growth. But all it was possible thanks to the silent and persistent work of Zenija Berzina to which I thank very heartily.

In this line, the Executive that I preside worked to return the transparent management while facilitating the communication between the members of the EFEA. So we added to our regulation a protocol for the repayments of the expenses of the members of the Executive, expenses caused by the work of the Executive. It is necessary to underline that all members of the Executive had an excellent attitude while minimizing the expenses to the maximum. I am anxious to thank them for it.

The Regulation allowed us to clarify the situation of numerous national associations in two senses.



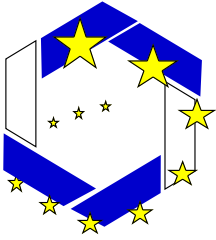
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The first: we must know how many members belong to the national associations and if these associations are active or no. It supposed a light reduction of the number of associations and, in some cases, the existence of individual members (Italy, Sweden and Hungary).

The second: we have, also, put up to date the contributions of the associations. A relatively important number didn't adjust their contributions. In spite of several calls to get up to date, some didn't make it. After one time prudential, these associations were crossed out of the EFEA. It was a painful process but that had to be made for the good of our association. It was the economic update.

A big effort has been made to put up to date and to maintain the list of the Presidents and the national Correspondents of all associations. We must say that this work was not easy to reason, in some cases, of the fluid communication absence on behalf of the national associations at the time of the changes. Today, we cannot assure that the list is perfectly up to date. It is the responsibility of the whole Steering Committee and the Executive. We owe all to make an important effort.

One of the objectives of this presidency was to make more present the EFEA that the members of the national associations know and know that they also belong to an European association. For it, with the agreement of the Piloting Committee, we developed the presence of the EFEA while participating in all possible symposia. Thus, one or several members of the Executive participated in the national symposia of the AFAE (France), FEA E (Spain), FPAE (Portugal), DGBV (Germany), ABAE (Bulgaria). When the presence of a member of the Executive was impossible, the President sent a letter that has been read to all participants. We think that this action is very important to maintain and to increase the ties between the



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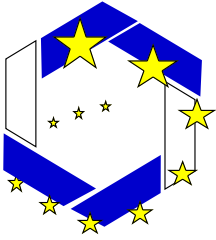
national associations and the EFEA because we cannot reduce these ties to two or three meetings of the Steering Committee every two years. All members of all national associations must know and must feel the EFEA .

During this mandate we participated and facilitated the creation of the Bulgarian association. After a meeting in May 2005, the Bulgarian association is a reality and it welcomed the Committee of May 2006 piloting in Sofia. We must thank the Chairman and the Bulgarian national Correspondent Mrs. Kina KOTLARSKA and Mrs. Maria KOSTOVA . Thank you.

We also worked to create the association in Italy and in Romania but our efforts didn't return their fruits again. But I must say that, during my presence in Lisbon, I met a Romanian friend who is interested very by the EFEA and I handed him all documents. She is going to begin to train people group and to try to create the association in Romania himself is made like that in Bulgaria. Unfortunately, the Hungarian association quit his activities and two of his members became individual members. The same situation occurred in Sweden. The Finnish and Norwegian associations are in one moment of waiting.

In a word to make know , beyond our borders, our Association, the Executive developed a politics of contacts and involvements in different symposia organized by others Association and /or exchanges of documents.

We maintain since some times, of good relations with the CCEAM (Commonwealth Council heart Educational Administration and Management) and we exchange our Newsletters regularly. We must especially thank the managements led by Mr. Len WATSON and Mr. Petros PASHIARDIS .

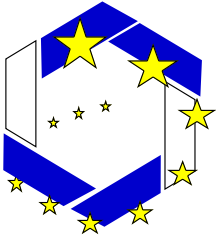


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We participated, in the name of the EFEA, to the symposium organized by the Foundation Ostad Elahi, in Paris, March 8, 2006: "What did we make of the right to the education?". Other associations participated "in this symposium as" Association European of the Chiefs of School establishments (ESHEA France), "Association European of the Teachers (AEDE)", "National Centre of teaching from afar (CNED)", "Institute Gustave Roussy of Villejuif (pediatric oncology)". This meeting permitted to establish some relations between the various associations that, I hope for it, will be able to continue in the near future and will carry, I am sure of it, of excellent results for the EFEA. One of the first consequences is the publication of the acts of this symposium that is distributed in the whole France and the French-speaking countries with the logo of the EFEA.

One of the chapters in reporting is the one of the archives, object of one point in the agenda. The archives are in two different places: the seat of the AFAE to Paris and the house of Len. Len Watson had undertaken a big work while trying to organize these archives and his goal was to constitute a file collecting the photographs of all events and activities of the EFEA and the national Associations. Unfortunately his disappearance upset everything. The speed of his death made impossible that a representation of the EFEA can attend to funeral ceremony. Mr. Peter Taylor, to the President's demand, accepted the representation of the EFEA and a bouquet of flowers came with our friend.

The death of Heinz Engel, co-founder of the EFEA, was very painful. The Office put Bob Van of Ven in charge of representing the EFEA to the funerals. Also, a bouquet of flowers came with our friend.



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It was necessary, at one time, to receive the archives of Len. For it the President moved to Manchester and Mr. Peter Taylor organized a meeting with Mrs. Len Watson and his daughters. This meeting was very moving and we could return, personally in the name of the EFEA, homage in Len and our respects to Mrs. Len Watson and to his daughters.

Benefiting of this journey in the United Kingdom, the President of the Executive has also been invited to attend a meeting of the Executive of the BELMAS March 30, 2007 thanks to the important work achieved by the correspondent national Mr. Peter TAYLOR that I thank very heartily. The results of this visit were very important because she/it opened a door of collaboration between the BELMAS and the EFEA and a bigger European implication on behalf of the BELMAS. Let's not forget that the BELMAS is one of the founding national Associations of the EFEA. It is a new path that we must cultivate.

Benefiting of this visit, we also attended the ceremony of graduating organized by the National College Heart School Leadership (NCSL) in a place of honour what enhances the importance that one assigned to the EFEA. This involvement permitted to take contact with the IAM and the associations of the United States and Canada.

We also participated in the IV Luso-Brazilian Convention of Politics and Administration of the education and III national Convention of the Forum Portuguese of the administration of the education under the title "The government of the schools; the new references, the practices and formation". This double Portuguese and Brazilian convention does a big importance because it allows the EFEA to take contact with the association Brazilian "National Association of Politics and Administration of the education (ANPAE) "and" National Association of Post-Grads and of Research in Education (ANPED)". In collaboration with the



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FPA E we open, there also, a new path of collaboration and exchanges of documents that, I am sure of it, will be very positive for the EFEA .

Here is the balance of two years of presidency; a presidency that felt to support completely by the Steering Committee. To all members of the Piloting Committee, past and present thank you.

I want to underline that the successes of this work are the successes of all members of the Executive; these are the successes of Helen, Zita, Joze and Len. I had luck and the privilege to work with committed people, workers, honest but especially with friends. The successes of this presidency belong to them . The mistakes and the failures only belong to the President and I fully assume them .

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