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# Draft of the meeting minutes of the 2020 Annual Assembly

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**Date: June 15th 2020, 10:00-12:00 CET**

**Place: Online meeting in Zoom**

**Present:**

name	Voting member	organization	Present
Tor Fridell	<b>X (SWE)</b> On behalf of Mauritz Danielsson)	Ladok	x
Ton van der Marck		DUO	x
Simone Ravaioli		Digitary, Ireland	x
Guido Bacharach		Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung	x
Koichi Nakasaki		RECSIE, Japan	x
Igor Drvodelic	<b>X (Croatia)</b>	Agency for Science and Higher Education, Croatia	x
Mirko Stanic		Agency for Science and Higher Education, Croatia	x
Paulo Ferreira		Universidade Lusófona, Portugal	-
Achim Stenzel		Freie Universität Berlin	-
Wenjun (Edward) Chen		CHESICC (China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center)	-
Bettina Bube		University of Göttingen, Germany	x
Jukka Kohtanen		CSC - IT Center for Science	x
Stina Westman	<b>X (Finland)</b>	CSC - IT Center for Science	x
Max Laihonen		CSC – IT Center for Science	x
Lifang Shi (Shelly)		CHESICC	x
Susan Li		China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center (CHESICC)	-
Heather Yuan		China Higher Education Student Information and Career Center (CHESICC)	-
Tessa Mouha		AHOVOKS, Flanders	x
Geir Vangen	<b>X (Norway)</b>	Unit	x

Janina Mincer-Daszkiewicz	<b>X (Poland)</b>	University of Warsaw	x
Jan-Joost Norder	<b>X (NL)</b> on behalf of Dick van der Wal	DUO	x
Matija Puzar		Unit, Norway	x
Petros Kavassalis		University of the Aegean, Greece	x

## Minutes

1. Welcome, Jan-Joost Norder, DUO
  - a. Opening of Annual Assembly
    - i. Norder opened the Annual Assembly (10:02) and welcomed participants.
  - b. Election of Chair of the Annual Assembly
    - i. Tor Fridell suggested Stina Westman, Kohtanen seconded
    - ii. Decision: Stina Westman was chosen and she took the chair.
  - c. Election of Secretary of the Annual Assembly
    - i. Jukka Kohtanen suggested Max Laihonen, Tor Fridell seconded
    - ii. Decision: Max Laihonen was chosen.
  - d. Apologies
    - i. Mauritz Danielsson (LADOK)
    - ii. Dick van der Wal (DUO)
  - e. Confirmation of quorum
    - i. Decision: 6 voting members were present, so the quorum was confirmed.
  - f. Approval of agenda
    - i. Decision: Agenda was approved.
2. New associate or full members
  - a. Full members
    - i. Georg-August-University of Göttingen was proposed as a new full member.
      1. Bettina Bube gave an introduction of the proposed university.
    - ii. Decision: Membership was accepted unanimously.
  - b. Associate members
    - i. Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias
    - ii. Freie Universität Berlin
    - iii. AVOHOKS (Higher education organization in Flanders)
      1. Tessa Mouha gave an introduction of AVOHOKS
    - iv. Decision: New associate members were noted.
3. Executive Committee's report, Tor Fridell, Ladok
  - a. Yearly report 2019 EMREX\_UserGroup\_Yearly report 2019.pdf
    - i. Statistics of 2019 usage were presented.
  - b. Year plan 2020 EMREX\_UserGroup\_Yearly plan 2020.pdf
    - i. EUG has received a grant from Vietsch foundation for 30 000 €. COVID-19 has however affected the activities.
  - c. Europass, EMREX cooperation, Geir Vangen, UNIT
    - i. New funding for EDSSI, under CEF. Involved are EUG members UNIT and University of Warsaw
    - ii. Clarification of connections, converters needed or convergence to a single format
4. Revised statutes, Jukka Kohtanen, CSC
  - a. Proposed statutes
    - i. Need for changes in the statutes was recognized at the EUG meeting last year.
    - ii. Significant changes in statutes were presented for the meeting.
5. Questions to the Executive Committee, Jan-Joost Norder, DUO
  - a. Kavassalis: Discussions in Greece are ongoing to submit a membership request for Emrex by the University of Aegean
  - b. Ravaioli: Can you expand on what the figures on the statistics refer to? Number of connections - what does that mean? What kind of data/documents were transferred more precisely?

- Fridell: More detailed statistics are available depending on the NCP. The use on data depends on the SMP - there are HEIs, employers etc and it depends on their data needs.
  - Norder: More information is available on the country pages.
- c. Ravaoli: Can you comment further on the connection / contribution to the new Europass (EDCI)?
    - i. Ravaoli: Which are the partners of EDSSI? Is there an abstract of the project available?
  - d. Bacharach: There are also initiatives going on in the countries (e.g. German Online-Access-Act) where we have to take care of Impacts and Connections on the timeline regarding EDCI, EDSSI, ...
    - i. How shall we deal with national initiatives? In Germany there are several initiatives e.g. EDSSI, EDCI, and the amount of standards might get confusing
    - ii. Norder: There is no single solution or initiative. ELMO could be an answer for the national initiatives as well and should be promoted.
    - iii. Vangen: **Goal is to support all standards/formats. In the future converters will be needed for standards to work together.**
  - e. Bacharach: What is the relationship between Blockchain partnership EBSI and EMREX?
    - i. Vangen: Have to clarify EDSSI and ELMO. EMREX is not formal partner in EDSSI.
    - ii. Ravaoli: This is a major issue for the future adoption/traction of ELMO - and it is a political/lobbying one.
    - iii. Westman: Executive committee should look into the matter.
  - f. Bube: We should discuss more of the semantics in EMREX.
    - i. Westman: Important for the usage of the data via EMREX.
    - ii. Fridell: Smallest common denominator was what we started with ELMO.
  - g. Westman: Questions on statutes:
    - i. New members - "EC has the right to adjust the process" - what does this mean, the voting process?
      - Kohtanen: It is a process that leads to applying for a membership. Referred process: <https://emrex.eu/how-to-join/>
    - ii. NCPs in the registry - Is it clear what a non-functional NCP means?
      - Fridell: An example is that a new SIS was not compatible and was removed from the network
      - Mincer-Daszkiewicz: We are planning on automating monitoring if NCPs are functional or not
    - iii. Voters → votes. Can two members make up a 2/3 majority?
      - Kohtanen: In theory it is possible that two members have the majority. One member can present at the maximum 1/3 of votes.
  - h. Ravaoli: What is the current state of the relationship between EMREX and EWP ?
    - i. Mincer-Daszkiewicz: Both will be represented in EDSSI in some way
    - ii. Vangen: Both EMREX and EWP activities are included in the EDSSI project, this will be the main relation the next couple of years. This includes explicit cooperation on format, data models,, registry. But also support and uptake for the networks are activities in the project.
    - iii. Ravaoli: EDSSI is essentially "EWP 3.0" then. I have been wondering about the "phantomatic" EWP Standard that will be mandatory from 2021. What is that exactly ? I hope it will be ELMO.
6. Acceptance of documents
    - a. Yearly report 2019
    - b. Yearly plan 2020
    - c. Statutes
    - d. Decision: Documents were accepted unanimously.
  7. Election of members of the Executive Committee
    - a. Candidates
      - i. Jan-Joost Norder, DUO
      - ii. Geir Vangen, UNIT
      - iii. Jukka Kohtanen, CSC
      - iv. Tor Fridell, Ladok
      - v. Janina Mincer-Daszkiewicz, UW
      - vi. Igor Drvodelić, ASHE
    - b. Chair called for a vote.
    - c. Decision: All candidates were accepted unanimously as the new executive committee.
    - d. Election of chair of the Executive Committee
      - i. Jan-Joost Norder proposed Tor Fridell, Jukka Kohtanen seconded
      - ii. Decision: Fridell was elected unanimously as the new chair of the executive committee.
  8. Meeting close
    - a. Meeting was closed at 11.18 CET

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