




**MINUTES  
of the  
49<sup>th</sup> EFEE Board Meeting,  
held in  
Brussels, Belgium  
on  
27<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**

Secretary General Roger Holmberg

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**European Federation of Explosives Engineers  
Fédération Européenne des Spécialistes de Minage  
Europäischer Sprengverband**



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## **PRESENT:**

Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad (JFG), Denmark, President  
Igor Kopál (IK), Slovak Republic, Vice President  
Jörg Rennert (JR), Germany, Immediate Past President  
Donald Jonson (DJ), Sweden  
Heinz Berger (HB), Austria, Treasurer  
Ricardo Chavez (RC), France  
Roger Holmberg (RH), Malta, Secretary General

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

## **APOLOGIES**

None

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### **1. Opening by the President**

The President JFG welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. The President mentioned the meeting which was held this morning with EU-Commissioner Federico Musso – Policy Officer – Chemicals Industry, Johanna Bernsel- Legal Officer-Chemicals Industry and Sophie Weisswange – Legal and Policy Affairs Office- Free Movement of Professionals. A full report from the meeting will be presented at the upcoming Newsletter.

### **2. Agenda**

The Agenda was approved.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The MoM from Lyon, France 2014-10-18 was approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by JFG.

### **4. Matters arising (if not on the Agenda)**

None.

### **5. Administration**

#### **a. Finance and banking report Y2014.**

The Management Accounts Y2014 was sent out to the Board before this Brussel Board Meeting.

#### **b. Management Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015**

The Management Accounts were visited.  
Incomes € 17 447,50 and Expenditures € 3 159,58.

Net current Assets; € 196 515,99.

consisting of:

ERSTE BANK €	194 626,24
Austrian PayPal €	1 889,75

Discussions regarding the bank accounts were held. It was obvious we need to have our assets spread out so the European legislation secures the assets, i.e. € 100 000 per bank.

**Decision: HB to check with the Austrian banks.**

**c. Membership Applications report**

Totally EFEE now has 24 Company Members and 75 Individual Members.

Paid 2014 Memberships up to February 27 are;

- 16 out of 25 National Members.
- 15 out of 24 Company Members.
- 48 out of 75 Individual Members.
- 0 out of 0 Student Members.

Slovenia has not paid 2012, 2014 or 2015.

**d. Board Annual Report 2014**

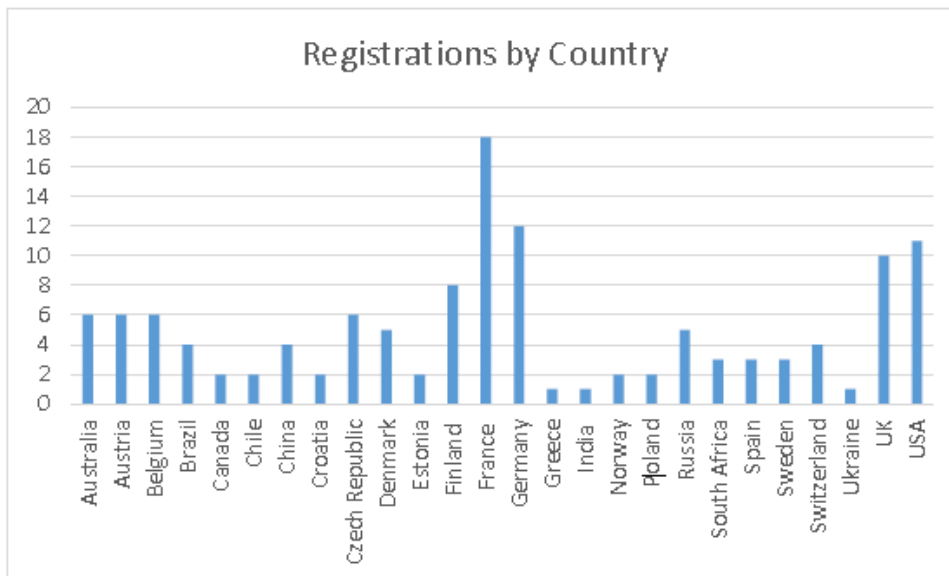
**Action: Secretary General RH will prepare a draft and send out to the Board for approval before it is sent to the EFEE Members.**

**6. EFEE World Conferences**

**a. 8<sup>th</sup> EFEE Conference in Lyon - 2015**

HB reported from TylerEvents status report of the conference,

In total we have 133 registrations plus 114 exhibitor representatives. We are waiting for 17 speakers to register so that will take the total registrations to 150.



We have 4 gold sponsors and 4 silver sponsors and we have sold 49 exhibition booths, I very much hope that we can achieve at least 50 booths.

## Exhibitors

- 49 Booths Sold
- 41 Organisations
- Gold Sponsors: **EPC, Orica, Lubrizol, Maxam,**
- Silver Sponsors: **Potters Europe, OJSC 'NMZ Iskra', Sigicom & Davey Bickford**

Company	Stand	Company	Stand
3GSM GmbH	18	Nitroerg S.A	45
Austin Powder International	9	Normet	12
AVA Monitoring	16	OJSC 'NMZ' 'Iskra'	33
Baroda Packaging	42	Ontaris	10
Chr. Otto Pape GmbH	7	Orica	8 & 17
Croda	6	Poly-Clip System GmbH	37 & 38
Davey Bickford	35	Potters	43
EFEE	48	Pulsar Measuring Systems Ltd	44
EPC Group	11 & 14	Renishaw PLC	26
Expancel	31	Shot Track	47
Expense Emulsifier Technology	13	Sigicom	46
EXTRACO SA	39	TBT DNA Blast Software	23
Frans Vermees GmbH	40	Tipper Tie / Tipper Tie Alpina GmbH	24 & 25
HOESCH Granules GmbH	2	Titanobel	1
Instantel	28	Tradestar	34
International Explosives Equipment Pty Ltd	30	Transmanut	36
ISEE	49	Tread Corporation	3
IVP	22	Valeron Strength Films	29
LIM Instrumentation	20	Vibraquipo S.L.U	19
Lubrizol	32 & 41	White Industrial Seismology, Inc.	27
Maxam	4 & 5	WipWare	15
MREL	21		

JT had sent the Board the suggestions for the Gala Dinner.

**Decision: The Board decided that RC will discuss with JT to have Hilton to serve the €51 dinner with a French touch.**

JFG has managed to buy shirts at same price as offered before but the delivery cost was only €100 instead of €900.

**Decision: The Board supported JFG to buy the shirts from the new vendor.**

The letter from ISEE was discussed.

**Decision: The Board decided that the future contract should include 3 participants for free and each participant should be entitled to three hotel nights. The three participants are invited for free to the gala dinner and also they will receive the proceedings. A draft contract shall be sent first to the board and then to ISEE before the Lyon Conference where it should be finally signed.**

**Action: HB will revise the existing contract and send out the draft to the Board before it is sent to ISEE.**

RC will make all efforts to find a French key speaker to the opening session.

**Decision: RC will have a concrete name March 15. RC will also on behalf of the French National Member make a 5 min presentation.**

The board discussed further actions to attract delegates to the conference.

**Action: see "7. c. Marketing and Membership"**

### b. 9<sup>th</sup> EFEE Conference, Amsterdam 2017

James Tyler has given the site for the venue. It is:

## Novotel Amsterdam City

- Date for approval: 24 – 26 September 2017
- Technical Session
  - Rosa 1,2 & 3 [170 Theatre Style]
  - Magnolia [120 Theatre Style]
- Exhibition Hall Layout – Confirmed for 50 booths

### c. EFEE Conferences Eastern Europe.

*Action: JFG will send out a letter to Alexander Efremovtsev regarding future conferences. The items will be discussed in Lyon, April 2015.*

## 7. EFEE communication and marketing

### a. Website.

Nothing to report.

### b. Newsletter.

IK is in contact with Teele Tuuna and the Newsletter is on its way.  
The Newsletter will be sent out March 6.

### c. Marketing and Membership.

IK mentioned that the Marketing and membership committee has sent out some 500 personal letter offering EFEE membership, this including information on the Lyon conference. Many positive responses were received. The Board expressed its gratitude over the action.

*Action: RH will send info to SAFEX and JR send info to UEPG regarding the Lyon Conference. IK will contact FEEM.*

*Action: In Lyon IK will contact all exhibitors for Membership of EFEE and Advertisements in the Newsletter.*

## 8. European shottfiring

*New Project application*

A final meeting was held in Amsterdam 16th January 2015 before the new application was sent in. It is anticipated that we will receive an answer regarding funding in late summer 2015.

## 9. EU Directives

JR mentioned the final date for the implementation of Track and Trace directive is April 5 for the end-users. FEEM has asked for a Transition period of 1-2 years as the directive not can be followed.

*Action: JR will send a letter to Mosso describing the EFEE position regarding the implementation of the EU-directive.*

JR also mentioned that a meeting with the Explosives Group will take place in October 2015.

## 10. Constitution and Bylaws

*Action: The Board must find a new Chairman after Vegard Olson who has left and cannot chair the committee.*

**11. Environmental Committee**

Jari Honkanen has accepted to chair the working group after Vegard Olsen left.

**12. Any Other Business**

*2019 EFEE Conference applications:*

***Action: RH to remind the various National Members that they need to send in the A4 Proposal for the 2019 EFEE Conference.*** (Deadline for interests to present their approach at the Lyon Council and AGM is February 15, 2015. Information (max one page) to be sent out with the call to the Lyon meetings shall be sent to the Secretary General before March 15. EFEE has received interests for holding the conference from Slovenia, Romania, Estonia, Poland, Finland and Sweden.)

*FRAGBLAST:* RH mentioned that Fragblast has approached EFEE to become a supporting organisation. The Board was in favour and will send FRAGBLAST a letter within three weeks.

***Action: JFG will coordinate the answer from the Board.***

*IATG:* Hans Wallin has sent info regarding IATG (See <http://www.un.org/disarmament/un-safeguard>). The Board will gladly discuss the matter with Jerry Wallace and Ron Elliot from ISEE at the Lyon Conference,

**13. Dates of next meetings**

- a. Lyon, April 25, 2015.
- b. Vienna, July 11 or 12, 2015.
- c. Madrid or Barcelona, September 25, 2015.

**14. Adjourn**

The President thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting. The Meeting was adjourned.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
President / Johan Finsteen Gjørdvad /

Date \_\_\_\_\_