



# The 53<sup>rd</sup> Europa Forum

17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Bucharest, Romania

## FIRST EUROPEAN COUNCIL

DATE	TIME	HALL
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2007	14.30 – 16.30 hrs	Alexandru Ioan Cuza

LANGUAGE:	Simultaneous translation
CHAIRPERSON:	PDG Benedict Ancar, President EF 2007
VICE-CHAIRPERSON:	PID Philippe Soustelle, Vice President of EF 2007
VICE-CHAIRPERSON:	PID Phil Nathan, Vice President of EF 2007
	ID Jan Ake Akerlund, ID delegate of IP to EF 2007
	ID Georgios J. Nicolaides
	ID Georges Placet
	ID Ermanno Bocchini
	ID Tapani A. Rahko
	PID Giovanni Rigone, Archivist & Advisor of the Forum
	PCC Jouko Ruissalo, Incoming Forum A&A
	VDG Niels Schneckner, Treasurer of EF 2007
SECRETARY:	IPDG Razvan Rotta, Secretary EF 2007
AUDITOR:	PDG Hans Richter, Forum Accountant
PARTICIPANTS:	All Districts of member Countries; one voting representative per member country, in accordance to the Rules of Procedure of the Forum

## AGENDA

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1.	Health and safety announcements
2.	Call to order
3.	Opening by PDG Benedict Ancar, President of EF 2007
4.	Credentials
5.	Approval of the minutes of the EF 2006
6.	Report of the auditors of Accounts of the Europa Forum 2006
7.	Report of the LCI Representative to the Council of Europe, presented by PID Giovanni Rigone - Archivist & Advisor of the Forum
8.	Application and voting of D 130 Bulgaria to become a member of the European Council, presented by DG Nedyalko Mladenov
9.	Presentation of candidacy for host country of Europa Forum 2009 by MD 107 Finland
10.	Presentation of candidacy for host country of Europa Forum 2010 by MD 108 Italy
11.	Presentation of candidacy for hosting the EF 2011 by MD 110 Netherlands
12.	Nominations for the function of Europa Forum Accountant for the period 2007-2012: PDG Hans Richter, nominated by MD 111 Germany Brief address by PDG Hans Richter PID Miklos Horvath, nominated by D 119 Hungary, Brief address by PID Miklos Horvath
13.	Presentation of resolutions 1. Resolution of MD 105 British Isles & Ireland regarding the Standing Orders of the EF, presented by PID Phil Nathan 2. Resolution of D 124 Romania regarding the Rules of Procedure of the EF, presented by VDG Niels Schneckner 3. Resolution of MD 106 Denmark regarding organization of the Europa Forum, presented by PCC Per Christensen 4. Proposal of the MD 111 Germany to amend the Rules of Procedure for the "Lions European Musical Competition, presented by CC Gerd Anselmann
	<b>Closing of formal part of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Council</b>
14.	<b>Informal part of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Council</b> 1. Proposal of MD 111 Germany regarding the bid to host an International Convention, presented by CC Gerd Anselmann 2. Appointment of the Working Group for the rotation of European ID, presented by PDG Benedict Ancar, Europa Forum 2007 President 3. Resolution of MD 111 Germany regarding the Working Group for the rotation of European ID, presented by CC Gerd Anselmann 4. Voting on items 2 and 3!
15.	Closing by PDG Benedict Ancar, President of EF 2007



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## MINUTES

### Item 1

PDG Benedict Ancar presents the Health and Safety announcements.

### Item 2&3

Forum President PDG Benedict Ancar called the first session of the European Council to order and welcomes all present. Among the welcomed, there were the International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, Immediate Past President Jimmy Ross, International First Vice President Al Brandel, International Second Vice President Eberhard Wirfs, Past President Ashok Mehta, Past President Sten Akestam, Past President Jean Behar, Past President Giuseppe Grimaldi, Past President Frank Moore, International Director Jan-Ake Akerlund, International Director George Placet, International Director Georgios Nicolaidis, International Director Tapani Rahko, International Director Ermanno Bocchini, Vice President of the Europa Forum 2007 PID Phil Nathan, Vice President of the Europa Forum 2007 PID Philippe Soustelle, Archivist and Adviser PID Giovanni Rigone, Forum Accountant PDG Hans Richter, PCC Jouko Ruissalo – Incoming Archivist and Adviser, Peter Lynch Executive Administrator of LCI; and part of the Host Committee – Lion Sorana Popa Deputy Secretary EF 2007, IPDG Razvan Rotta General Secretary EF 2007, VDG Niels Schneckner Treasurer EF 2007.

### Item 4

Forum Secretary advised that 21 delegates, out of a possible 35, were representing the Multiple Districts, Districts and un-districted member countries of Europe. (A full record of those attending is held.)

### Item 5

The Forum president invites PID Phil Nathan to move for the adoption of the Minutes of the 2006 Europa Forum, Bournemouth; the minutes having been previously circulated.

#### **Delegates voted as follows:**

**21 in favor – unanimous**

*PIP Jean Behar* intervenes with the comment that the European Council representatives that are now present in the room are not the ones who should vote, but those who were present last year in Bournemouth.

*The Forum President, PDG Benedict Ancar* emphasizes that the agenda of the first European Council and all the resolutions and documents were send in advance to the MD and D cabinets.

The Forum President asks the members of the European Council if they consider themselves the rightful representatives for adopting the minutes of Bournemouth.

#### **Delegates voted as follows:**

**18 in favor, 3 against**

The vote to adopt the minutes of Bournemouth is repeated.

#### **Delegates voted as follows:**

**19 in favor, 2 abstentions**

### Item 6

Forum President said that the Report of the Forum Accountant and Archivist is printed in the Analytical Program. There are no updates to the Report and no questions to the Forum Accountant.



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## Item 7

*PID Giovanni Rigone* updated his previously report (printed in the Analytical Program) with the latest information available, highlighting matters arising from the most recent meeting, which was held a few days before the Europa Forum 2007. *PID Rigone* said that there were a number of inputs into the activity of such a NGO, which is a positive result. The NGO's are about to restructure the operational activity because they received 2 years ago a positive charter and they would like to develop a significant role in an institution in the European Council within 29 European countries. More than 400 members would like to hear their word represented in the European Forum. Our association, in this context it has an important role to play, concluded *PID Rigone*.

## Item 8

*DG Nedyalko Mladenov* spoke in support of the Application made by D 130 Bulgaria to become a member country of the Europa Forum.

At the conclusion of the presentation, *the Forum President* asks if there were any questions; none being asked, the President reminds that accepting Bulgaria into the European Council means that they will be entitled to vote starting next year in Cannes.

The Forum President asked that delegates vote on the application of D 130 Bulgaria.

### **Delegates voted as follows:**

**21 in favor – unanimous**

Following the vote, the Forum President invited District Governor *Nedyalko Mladenov* to take his seat in the Council, having until next year a non-voting position.

## Item 9

*PID Harri Ala-Kulya*, representing MD 107 Finland, outlined the proposal and desire of the Lions of Finland to host the Europa Forum for the year 2009. The city proposed is Tampere, a location very easy to reach; the period suggested is middle of September because of the weather.

*The Forum President* emphasizes that the voting on this proposal will take place in the Third European Council.

## Item 10

*PID Giovanni Rigone*, representing MD 108 Italy, outlined the proposal and desire of the Lions of Italy to host the Europa Forum for the year 2010. The city proposed is Bologna.

*The Forum President* emphasizes that the voting on this proposal will take place in the Third European Council.

## Item 11

*CC Wim Raaphorst*, representing MD 110 Netherlands, outlined the proposal and desire of the Lions of Netherlands to host the Europa Forum for the year 2011. The city proposed is Amsterdam.

*The Forum President* emphasizes that the voting on this proposal will take place in the Third European Council.

## Item 12

The following candidates were proposed for the function of Forum Accountant for the period 2007-2012.

MD 111 Germany proposed PDG Hans Richter. The candidate addressed the audience.

D 119 Hungary proposed PID Miklos Horvath. The candidate addressed the audience.

The Forum President informed the candidates that the voting on these proposals would take place during the Third European Council. The ballot will be a secret one.

## Item 13.1

*“The European Council of the Europa Forum is requested to adopt at Europa Forum 2007 the Revised Standing Orders....”*

*PID Phil Nathan* spoke on behalf of MD 105 British Isles & Ireland presenting the resolution.



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The Forum President pointed out that the voting on this proposal will take place in the Third European Council and debates on Second European Council (Open Forum).

## Item 13.2

*“The European Council of the Europa Forum is requested to approve the complete revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Europa Forum”.*

VDG Niels Schnecker spoke on behalf of D 124 Romania presenting the resolution. The committee proposed is comprised of the Lions that already participated in this activity: PID Phil Nathan, PID Miklos Horvath, PCC Per Christensen, PDG Françoise Faure, IPDG Enrico Cesarotti, PDG Klaus Letzgus

The Forum President pointed out that the voting on this proposal will take place during the Third European Council and the debates during the Second European Council (Open Forum).

## Item 13.3

The first 2 point of the resolutions presented by PCC Per Christensen have been withdrawn, the representative of MD 106 Denmark asks that the ideas contained in the first 2 point should be taken into account when revising the Rules of Procedure.

The Forum President pointed out that the voting on the third point of the Resolution submitted by MD 106 Denmark will take place during the Third European Council and debates during Second European Council (Open Forum).

## Item 13.4

*“To amend the Rules of Procedure for the ‘Lions European Musical Competition’*

CC Gerd Anselmann spoke on behalf of MD 111 Germany presenting the proposal.

The Forum President pointed out that the voting on this proposal will take place during the Third European Council and debates during Second European Council (Open Forum).

The Forum President is closing the formal part of the First European Council, and he is opening the informal part of the First European Council.

## Item 14.1

PDG Barbara Grewe-Feldman presented the proposal of MD 111 Germany regarding the bid to host an International Convention, which contains two important points. These are:

### Proposal 1

*If a European district or multi district and/or a city or city state within this district or multi district officially bids for hosting the LCI International Convention, this bid will be supported by all other European districts / multi districts in such a way that they refrain from filing a bid for the same period to the convention committee of Lions Clubs International.*

### Proposal 2

*The European Council is supporting multi district 111 – Germany and the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg bid for the years 2013 to 2016. During this period no other bids from European districts / multi districts will be placed with the convention committee of LCI.*

The Forum President stressed that the voting on this proposal will take place during the Third European Council and debates during Second European Council (Open Forum).

## Item 14.2

PDG Benedict Ancar President Europa Forum 2007 presented the appointment of the Working Group rotation of European ID.

*He appointed the following members to the Working Group:*



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*PIP Sten Akestam – President*  
*PID Giovanni Rigone – Secretary*  
*PID Jean Oustrin - Member*  
*PID Colin Vicent - Member*  
*PID Klaus Hoffmann - Member*  
*PID Nesim Levi - Member*  
*PID Miklos Horvath – Member*  
*PIP Giuseppe Grimaldi – in a nonvoting position*  
*PIP Jean Behar – in a nonvoting position*  
*PCC Jouko Ruissalo – Incoming EF Archivist & Adviser, in a nonvoting position*

At this point, the MD 105 British Isles & Ireland wishes to replace their representative PID Colin Vincent with PID Phil Nathan in the Working Group.

## **Item 14.3**

The European Council is proposing the following members for the Tallying Committee for the secret ballot:

*PID Sid Scruggs III*  
*PID Scott Storms*  
*DG Nedyalko Mladenov*

**Delegates voted for the members of the Tallying Committee as follows:**  
**21 in favor – unanimous**

CC *Gerd Anselmann* presents the resolution of MD 111 Germany regarding the Working Group for the rotation of European ID.

*He proposed that the Working Group would consist of the following members:*

*Second Vice President Eberhard Wirfs*  
*PIP Jean Behar*  
*PIP Giuseppe Grimaldi*  
*PIP Sten Akestam*

Representative of MD 105 British Isles & Ireland asked for a debate on the issue of the Working Group for the rotation of ID.

The Forum President requests a vote for the proposal of debate made by MD 105 British Isles & Ireland.

**Delegates voted as follows:**  
**6 in favor, 13 against, 2 abstentions; The proposal of debate is denied.**

Therefore, the European Council is asked to vote on the proposal of MD 111 Germany.

**Results of secret ballot:**  
**10 in favor, 13 against, 0 abstentions**  
**Therefore, the committee finds that the resolution is defeated.**

Because of the secret ballot on the resolution proposed by MD 111 Germany, the Working Group will consist of the members appointed by the Forum President (Item 14.2.)

The Forum President PDG Benedict Ancar announces that the meeting of the Working Group committee will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October at Marriott Hotel, committee composed of the Following:

*PIP Sten Akestam – President*  
*PID Giovanni Rigone – Secretary*  
*PID Jean Oustrin - Member*  
*PID Phil Nathan - Member*  
*PID Klaus Hoffmann - Member*  
*PID Nesim Levi - Member*



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*PID Miklos Horvath – Member*

*PIP Giuseppe Grimaldi – in a nonvoting position*

*PIP Jean Behar – in a nonvoting position*

*PCC Jouko Ruissalo – Incoming EF Archivist & Adviser, in a nonvoting position*

Forum President closes the meeting.