

**MINUTES OF THE TWO GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
(EXTRAORDINARY AND ORDINARY) HELD IN DUBROVNIK,
CROATIA ON NOVEMBER 20TH 2009**

Present:

COUNTRY / PAYS	CODE	ORGANISATION / ETABLISSEMENT	CITY / LOCALITÉ	FORE-NAME / PRÉNOM	SURNAME / NOM	NAME OF SUBSTITUTE / NOM DU SUPPLEANT
AUSTRIA	A01	TOURISMUSSCHULEN SALZKAMMERGUT / BAD ISCHL	BAD ISCHL	Klaus	ENENGL	
AUSTRIA	A03	ZILLERTALER TOURISMUSSCHULEN	ZELL AM ZILLER	Alfred	MÜLLER	
AUSTRIA	A04	TOURISMUSSCHULEN BAD LEONFELDEN	BAD LEONFELDEN	Franz	HUEMER	
AUSTRIA	A07	BLT - TOURISM SCHOOL SEMMERING	SEMMERING	Jürgen	KÜRNER	
AUSTRIA	A10	HÖHERE BUNDESLEHRANSTALT FÜR TOURISMUS - HLT RETZ	RETZ	Birgit	WAGNER	
AUSTRIA	A02	TOURISMUSSCHULEN AM WILDEN KAISER	ST. JOHANN IN TIROL	Claudia	LANSER	
AUSTRIA	HON-10	MEMBRE HONORAIRE DE L'AEHT / AEHT HONORARY MEMBER	ST GEORGEN/ GUSEN	Adolf	STEINDL	
BELGIUM	B01	COLOMAplus – secundair onderwijs	MECHELEN	Hilde	WILDIERS	
BELGIUM	B02	PROVINCIAAL INSTITUUT PIVA	ANTWERPEN	Luc	BASTIAENS	
BELGIUM	B15	BBI - BRUSSELS BUSINESS INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION	BRUSSELS/ BRUXELLES	Jacques	GENDARME	
BELGIUM	B21	KONINKLIJK TECHNISCH ATHENEUM	WEMMEL	Herman	SIEBENS	
CROATIA	CR01	TOURISTICKO - UGOSTITELJSKA SKOLA	SPLIT	Ivo	BILIC	
CROATIA	CR02	SREDNJA SKOLA DARUVAR	DARUVAR	Dinka	IVANOVIC	
CROATIA	CR04	HOTELIJERSKO-TURISTICKA SKOLA	OPATIJA	Ksenija	BELJAN	
CROATIA	CR06	TURISTICKO UGOSTITELJSKA SKOLA "ANTONA STIFANICA"	POREC	Vesna	BARANASIC	
CROATIA	CR10	SKOLA ZA TURIZAM, UGOSTITELJSTVO I TRGOVINU PULA	PULA KANDLEROVA	Lučana	SAMSALOVIC	
CROATIA	CR12	TURISTICKA I UGOSTITELJSKA SKOLA DUBROVNIK	DUBROVNIK	Antun	PERUSINA	
CROATIA	CR16	TURISTICKO-UGOSTITELJSKA SKOLA	SIBENIK	Senka	DODIG	
ESTONIA	EE01	KURESSAARE AMETIKOOL	KURESSAARE	Neeme	RAND	
ESTONIA	EE04	ESTONIAN SCHOOL OF HOTEL & TOURISM MANAGEMENT	TALLINN	Valvo	PAAT	
FRANCE	F23	LP HOTELIER FRANÇOIS BISE	BONNEVILLE CEDEX	Annie	COLLINET	
FRANCE	F998-IND	HOTEL DES REMPARTS	KAYSERSBERG	Christiane	KELLER	
FRANCE	HON-02	MEMBRE HONORAIRE DE L'AEHT / AEHT HONORARY MEMBER	LE COUDRAY-MONTCEAUX	Gilles	HONEGGER	
FRANCE	AEHT-02	M. JO LAENGY	MUNSTER			
FRANCE	F19	LYCEE DES METIERS JEAN DROUANT	PARIS	Christian	BADINAND	
FRANCE	F89	LYCEE HOTELIER ET DE TOURISME DE BIARRITZ	BIARRITZ	Gérard	REBIERE	
HUNGARY	H01	GIORGIO PERLASCA Kereskedelmi, Vendéglátóipari Szakközépiskola és Szakiskola	BUDAPEST	Akos	SASVARI	
ICELAND	ISL01	KOPAVOGUR INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION	KOPAVOGUR	Helene H.	PEDERSEN	Asdis O. VATNSDAL
IRELAND	IRL03	FAILTE IRELAND	DUBLIN 1	Mary	OWENS	
IRELAND	IRL05	ATHLONE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	ATHLONE	John	O'HARA	
IRELAND	IRL09	CORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	BISHOPSTOWN, CORK	Adrian	GREGAN	

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ITALY	I02	IPSSARCT " A. PANZINI"	SENIGALLIA (AN)	Paula	PETRINI	
ITALY	I12	IPSSART "G. VARNELLI" BALCONE DELLE MARCHE	CINGOLI (MC)	Luca	FACCHINI	+ Gianfilippo GRASSELLI
ITALY	I18	IPSSAR "D. DOLOMIEU"	LONGARONE (BL)	Ferruccio	VASCELLARI	
ITALY	I21	IIS "EINSTEIN" - ALBERGHIERO	LORETO (AN)	Gabriele	TORQUATI	
ITALY	I30	IPSSAR "S.P. MALATESTA"	RIMINI (RN)	Luigi Angelo	CATALANO	
ITALY	I36	IPSSAR "SEVERO SAVIOLI"	RICCIONE (RN)	Giuseppe	CIAMPOLI	
ITALY	I38	IPSSARCT "ELENA CORNARO"	JESOLO LIDO (VE)	Ilario	IERACE	
ITALY	I45	IPSSAR "ARTURO PREVER"	PINEROLO (TO)	Rinaldo	MERLONE	
ITALY	I48	IPSSAR "BARTOLOMEO SCAPPI"	CASTEL SAN PIETRO TERME (BO)	Giuliana	ROSETTI	+ Alfio RIVALTA
ITALY	I51	IPSSAR "P. ARTUSI"	RIOLO TERME (RA)	Paola	MAMBELLI	
ITALY	I53	ISTITUTO D'ISTRUZIONE SUPERIORE "P. ARTUSI"	FORLIMPOPOLI (FC)	Maria Benedetta	BORINI	
ITALY	I55	IPSSAR "ALFREDO BELTRAME"	VITTORIO VENETO (TV)	Pasquale	DI NUNNO	
ITALY	I66	IPSSAR "TENENTE R. RIGHETTI"	MELFI (PZ)	Michele	CORBO	
ITALY	I68	IPSSAR	CASSINO (FR)	Lelio	IMBRIGLIO	
ITALY	I72	IPSSAR	CASTELLANA GROTTA (BA)	Laera	GIOVANNI	
ITALY	I76	IPSSAR "G. PASTORE"	VARALLO (VC)	Donata	ANTONIETTI	
ITALY	I87	IPSSAR "ANTONELLO"	MESSINA (ME)	Elvira	D'ORAZIO	
ITALY	I88	IPSSAR "PELLEGRINO ARTUSI"	ROMA (RM)	Maria Perla	PUGLIESE	
ITALY	I114	IPSSARCT "L. DI POPPA" TERAMO	TERAMO (TE)	Luigi	VALENTINI	
ITALY	I131	IPSAA "DON DEODATO MELONI"	NURAXINIEDDU ORISTANO	Nella	MANCA	
ITALY	I132	IPAA IPSSAR "F. TODARO"	RENDE (CS)	Giuseppina	RAINERI	
ITALY	I135	IPC "GIOVANNI FALCONE"	GALLARATE (VA)	Silvano	GOMARASCHI	
ITALY	I151	IPSSAR	ROCCARASO (L'Aquila)	Maria	IUDICIANI	
ITALY	I153	IPSSCTAR CESARE MUSATTI	DOLO (VE)	Patrizio	MARANGON	
ITALY	I154	IPSSARCT	GIULIANOVA	Leonilde	MALONI	
LATVIA	LV01	RIGA FOOD PRODUCERS' VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	RIGA	Silva	OZOLINA	
LATVIA	LV04	KULDIGA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL Nr. 78	KULDIGA	Dace	CINE	
LITHUANIA	LT01	VILNIUS TOURISM AND COMMERCE SCHOOL	VILNIUS	Birute	STASIUNIENE	
LUXEMBOURG	L01	LYCEE TECHNIQUE HOTELIER "ALEXIS HECK"	DIEKIRCH	Louis	ROBERT	
LUXEMBOURG	AEHT-03	AEHT HEAD OFFICE	DIEKIRCH	Nadine	SCHINTGEN	
MACEDONIA	MK01	PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR CATERING, TOURISM AND HOTEL SERVICES "LAZAR TANEV"	SKOPJE	Zoran	NIKOLOVSKI	
MACEDONIA	MK04	STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR CATERING AND TOURISM "VANCO PITOTESKI"	OHRID	Sekula	BATKOSKI	
POLAND	PL01	ZESPOL SZKOL HOTELARSKO-TURYSTYCZNO-GASTRONOMICZNYCH NR 1	WARSAW/ VARSOVIE	Boguslawa	PIENKOWSKA	
POLAND	PL03	ZESPOL SZKOL EKONOMICZNO-HOTELARSKICH IM. E. GIERCZAK	KOLOBRZEG	Zbigniew	STANKIEWICZ	
PORTUGAL	P05	ESCOLA DE HOTELARIA E TURISMO DE COIMBRA	COIMBRA	Ana Paula	PAIS	

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PORTUGAL	P06	ESCOLA PROFISSIONAL DE HOTELARIA E TURISMO DA MADEIRA	FUNCHAL / MADEIRA	Maria Tomasia	ALVES	
PORTUGAL	P07	ESCOLA DE FORMACAO TURISTICA E HOTELEIRA	PONTA DELGADA / AZORES / ACORES	Filipe	ROCHA	
PORTUGAL	P09	Tourismo de Portugal, I.P.	LISBOA	Paulo	REVES	
SLOVAKIA	SK01	THE HOTEL ACADEMY	PRESOV	Jozef	SENKO	
SLOVAKIA	AEHT-	AEHT HEAD OFFICE	PRESOV	Natalia	KOMANICKA	
SLOVENIA	SLO01	VOCATIONAL COLLEGE FOR CATERING AND TOURISM BLED	BLED	Janez	SOLAR	+ Jana SPEC
SLOVENIA	SLO02	VOCATIONAL COLLEGE FOR CATERING AND TOURISM MARIBOR	MARIBOR	Helena	CVIKL	
SPAIN	E04	ESCOLA SUPERIOR D'HOSTALERIA I TURISME SANT IGNASI	BARCELONA	Nuria	MONTMANY	
SWEDEN	S16	LEKSANDS GYMNASIUMS HOTELL- OCH RESTAURANGSKOLA	LEKSAND	Lars	DAVIDSSON	
SWEDEN	S33	ULLVIGYMNASIET	KÖPING	Arne	LARSSON	
SWITZERLAND	CH01	SSTH - SWISS SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY	CHUR	Marc	GARTMANN	represented by Peter WALLISER (CH04)
SWITZERLAND	CH04	SCUOLA SUPERIORE ALBERGHIERA E DEL TURISMO	BELLINZONA	Peter	WALLISER	
TURKEY	TR01	ETILER ANADOLU OTELCILIK VE TURIZM MESLEK LISESI	ETILER-BESIKTAS / ISTANBUL	Serpil	ARDA	
TURKEY	TR17	CANKAYA IMKB ANADOLU OTELCILIK VE TURIZM MESLEK LISESI	ÖVECLER-CANKAYA / ANKARA	Arif	EKINCI	

A. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In order to update several items in the statutes, a first Extraordinary General Assembly had been called in October 2009 in Diekirch; because the necessary quorum had not been reached at that meeting, the assembly had had to be deferred until November 20th 2009, i.e. the present meeting in Dubrovnik.

The modifications proposed by the outgoing Presidium and by the Executive Board are indicated in italics in the texts below; they have been definitively ratified after their unanimous adoption by the above-mentioned Extraordinary General Assembly, and come into effect as from today:

Ad) Title II: Membership and Function of the Association

Article 5 – Membership

5.2. If this country does not yet have a representative within the Executive Board, or in case of a vacancy to this post, the application can provisionally be received by the Executive Board.

The Association's Presidium or Head Office may also receive applications for individual, honorary, observer or professional membership from individuals and corporate bodies who are interested in the Association's objectives and who subscribe entirely to these aims.

Article 6 – Subscriptions

The General Assembly fixes the entrance fee and the annual subscription rate, which is set according to the category of membership (active, *observer*, *individual*, honorary or *professional* members) ...

In addition, the General Assembly fixes the amount of the entrance fee, payable once by new members, which will be not less than 150.00 EUROS for active, *observer and professional* members.

Article 7 – Admissions

A decision of whether or not to accept applicants as active, *observer*, *individual*, honorary or *professional* members is definitively taken by the General Assembly.

Article 8 – Resignations and Exclusions

..... *After a period of two years from the date of the exclusion*, a member who has been excluded from the Association can be readmitted as a new member in accordance with the provisions of articles 5.2, 6 and 7.

Titre III – Administration and Functioning

Article 9 – Executive Board

The Association is run by an Executive Board consisting of an elected member from each of the countries (*which are members of the Council of Europe*) represented in the Association, there will be one member per country. The organisation of the designating procedures is laid down in the "Rules and Regulations". The period of office of members of the Executive Board *shall be four years*

Article 12 – The Presidium

The Executive Board elects a Presidium, consisting of 1 President and 5 Vice-Presidents, for a period of four years.

The President and the 5 Vice-Presidents must be elected from among the members of the Executive Board. *Since the function of Presidium Member is attached to a person and not to the school which he or she represents, the Executive Board must proceed to a fresh election in case of a vacancy within the Presidium.*

.... The title 'Honorary' may be conferred by the Executive Board on any outgoing member of the Presidium, *and on any other person who can claim a special contribution to the Association.*

Article 13 – The General Assembly of Members

The Association's General Assembly consists of the active members. *Observer, individual, honorary and professional members* are invited to participate in the proceedings in an advisory (but non-voting) capacity.

The General Assembly meets at least once a year, and every time a meeting is called for by the Executive Board or upon a request by half of the paid-up members. The invitation to this meeting must normally be made by letter *or by electronic mail* individually addressed to each member, and sent out with at least a month's notice for the Ordinary General Meeting, and with two weeks' notice for the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Title IV: Modification of the Statutes and Dissolution

Article 18 – Modification of the Statutes

The statutes of the Association can be modified only by a proposal from the Executive Board or from the Presidium ...

Article 20 – Formalities

The President must notify the Court in Diekirch of the following within three months after every General Assembly:

- changes which have taken place in the membership of the Presidium
- ...

The most important changes are firstly the extension to four years of the mandates of the members of the Presidium and the Executive Board, and secondly the invitation by e-mail to the AEHT's General Assemblies. The complete text of the revised statutes may be consulted on the AEHT's website at www.aeht.eu.

After the vote Louis Robert declared the Extraordinary General Assembly closed.

B. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Welcome

The President Louis Robert warmly thanked Antun Perusina and all his colleagues for their warm welcome and for the excellent organisation of this Annual Conference in such a magnificent location.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously adopted.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Kuressaare, October 17th 2008)

The minutes of the said meeting were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting.

3. Outgoing President's Report and Report on Fixed Events and 'Gastronomy for Peace' (Louis Robert)

Louis Robert thanked John Rees Smith for acting as interpreter for so many years at meetings of the Executive Board and of the Presidium. When he announced that he wished to withdraw from the role of AEHT interpreter, the Head Office had sent out a call for candidates to member schools and had received two applications. Since Natalia Komanicka was the only applicant who had also registered for the 2009 Annual Conference, the Presidium had prioritised her application, and she had acquitted herself remarkably well, leading to the Executive Board accepting her as a replacement for John Rees Smith.

Louis Robert also took the opportunity to thank the General Secretary, Nadine Schintgen, the very heart of the Association to which she dedicated herself body and soul, often to the detriment of her personal life. He also addressed his most sincere thanks to our eternal

journalist, Jo Laengy, for his excellent illustrated reports. All of these colleagues received thunderous applause from the floor.

a. 2009 Annual Conference

Louis Robert raised the matter of the problems experienced this year in the organisation of the competitions. For the next Annual Conference the system of on-line management of registrations would be refined and new functionalities would be incorporated, in particular a system for blocking registrations for a competition which is already full or for which a country has already exceeded its authorised maximum number of entrants. The teams would no longer be formed at the conference itself, but several weeks before the start of the conference. Similarly, teachers would be obliged to state their specialism(s) when they register, thus enabling the organisers to draw on a larger pool when constituting the judging panels, which would be trained beforehand. A larger number of judges would enable the organisers to double the number of judging panels, which would allow all the teachers to take part in the excursions – until now this had been impossible for those who were involved in judging panels throughout the conference.

Louis Robert mentioned the delicate task of the Competitions Committee consisting of Romana Bauer, Helena Cvikl and Asdis Vatnsdal. Thanks to this ‘competition police’ the AEHT now had a set of regulations that were stable and watertight. Their work had to be respected, and Louis asked the assembly to give them a round of applause, which it duly did.

b. Christmas in Europe

Likewise for Christmas in Europe, the AEHT now had a detailed set of guidelines thanks to the contribution of the highly devoted Christiane Keller, the AEHT’s Mother Christmas. The General Assembly warmly applauded her for support over so many years.

c. Council of Elders

Two years previously the AEHT had set up a Council of Elders, made up of Alfonso Benvenuto, Jürgen Clausen, Michel Gaillot, Roy van Sassen, Adolf Steindl and Hans Russegger, who had just resigned following his appointment as AEHT treasurer. Over this period the AEHT had benefited from the skills and knowledge of these experts. The Assembly applauded them for their unpaid contribution. The report of the work they had achieved would be presented later by Adolf Steindl.

d. Gastronomy for Peace 2009

The ‘Gastronomy for Peace’ project had been set up at the 2003 Annual Conference in Copenhagen, with the purpose of collecting funds for peace and solidarity across the world through the activities of our students in their schools. For organisational reasons the project got off the ground only in 2005, and had collected €17,500 which was donated to Handicap International. The project was re-launched on October 12th 2009 with the objective of supporting the IPSIASAR School in L’Aquila (Italy), an AEHT member, that had been extensively damaged by the earthquake in the Abruzzo, in its efforts to rebuild its premises and above all to acquire new equipment. As in previous versions of the project, each school chooses what activities to undertake, and schools may also send equipment

(please see the list published on the website and in the global e-mail sent out in October). Members were requested to contact the AEHT Head Office for the L'Aquila school's delivery address. During the gala evening a piggy bank would be placed on each table and everyone could thus make their contribution.

4. Report from the Vice-President responsible for Professional Placements (Bogusława Pienkowska)

Bogusława Pienkowska presented the statistics relating to the periods of observation in units of the ACCOR Group in 2009 – this information had already been published in the AEHT's 2008/2009 Activities Report and on the AEHT's website. The number of participants had doubled since 2008. Three teachers had cancelled shortly before their placement was due to take place, and one of them had not even informed the receiving hotel of the cancellation. This type of behaviour is unacceptable because it could jeopardise the future of the placement programme with the ACCOR Group, give an unfavourable impression of our Association, and reflect badly on the sending school. School directors should take care to register only conscientious and reliable candidates. It should be noted that participants report a high degree of satisfaction with the scheme.

5. Report from the Vice-President responsible for Higher Education (Annie Collinet)

Annie Collinet did not take over from Alfonso Benvenuto until the end of 2008 and considered that 2009 had been taken up in learning the role. In 2010 she would be working closely with the Council of Elders, which in 2009 had devoted a lot of time to planning how to improve the involvement of Higher Education Institutions in our Association. Moreover, during the 2009 Annual Conference Jürgen Clausen and Adolf Steindl had organised a workshop to test the waters and to review the needs and interests of these HE institutions.

Louis Robert emphasised that the AEHT had been making considerable efforts in this area for several years, leading the AEHT to offer a management competition for schools offering higher education programmes.

Annie Collinet had also devoted much time in 2009 to promoting and developing awareness of the AEHT in France and, in the context of a project for setting up bilingual classes, in some Eastern European countries such as Bulgaria, Albania, Moldova and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – all of them being countries actively engaged in tourism development. She undertook to further develop these contacts in 2010.

6. Report from the Vice-President responsible for Seminars and Occasional Events, and for the Publication of Information on National Training Systems and for EU Educational Programmes (Ana Paula PAIS)

Events in 2009

Ana Paula PAIS reported on the wide variety of events organised in 2009 under the aegis of the AEHT. Several events had had to be deferred until 2010, most often as a result of the world financial crisis. The following events had already taken place, or would take place before the end of the year:

JANUARY 2009

FEBRUARY

February 21st-22nd The Brescia Golden Trophy for Gastronomy, Colorno (IT)

MARCH

March 3rd-4th Francoli Cup 2009 in Stresa, Lago Maggiore, (IT)

March 10th-14th Franz Josef's Dining Table – tradition and renewal in Central European gastronomy from the 19th to the 21st century, Budapest (HU)

March 22nd-25th 'Antonio Nebbia' Fifth International Hot Food Competition, Cingoli (IT)

March 25th-29th Atlantic Tea Festival, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores (PT)

APRIL

April 1st Barman competition – G&T Cup, Bled (SI)

April 16th-19th International Gastronomy Festival: Sport and Health (on the theme of motor sports), Faro (PT)

April 20th – 22nd 'Il Pesce dell'Adriatico' - Adriatic Fish Competition, San Benedetto del Tronto (IT)

April 21st - 24th 'Bartolomeo Scappi' International Competition 2009, Castel San Pietro Terme (IT)

April 27th – 30th 'Dining with the Ancient Romans' – their gastronomy, culture, history, art and music, Oristano, Sardinia (IT)

MAY

1st week in May 'Gioacchino Rossini Gourmet' culinary arts contest, Loreto (IT)

deferred to 2010

May 6th – 8th 'GASTRO 2009' Gastronomy Competition, Komiža Island (HR)

May 7th – 10th **deferred** 5th Competition for Hotel Reception Employees and 3rd Tourism in the City Competition (on the theme of mountains), Giulianova (IT)

JUNE

June 17th – 21st Mediterranean cuisine with summer flavours, Funchal, Madeira (PT)

deferred to 2010

OCTOBER

October **deferred to 2010** Gastronomy of the Baltic workshop, Warsaw (PL)

October - **cancelled** Seminar on 'Mushrooms in Polish Cuisine of Yore', Swidnica (PL)

October 26th – 29th Eurocup 2009 – Young Barman Competition (16th edition), Prešov (SK)

NOVEMBER

November 17th -22nd 22nd AEHT Annual Conference, Dubrovnik (HR)

DECEMBER

December 3rd – 8th 18th Christmas in Europe, Poznan (PL)

Details of the events are contained in the AEHT Annual Report, published on the website.

Ana Paula Pais reminded the organisers to send their reports as quickly as possible to Nadine Schintgen so that they could receive the subsidy granted by the AEHT at the start

of 2009. For this year three reports were still outstanding. The AEHT Head Office would wait another six months, then the 2009 financial year would be finalised and no further subsidies could be claimed. Organisers were also requested to enclose an article on the event as well as photographs for publication in the Newsletter and/or on the AEHT website.

7. Report from the Vice-President responsible for Promotion and for the AEHT Website (Neeme Rand)

Neeme Rand had been in charge of the AEHT's website for a number of years. The website is of a modern design, is compatible with most web browsers, and is highly secure. A collection of a new generation of statistics had just been started; for example it allowed us to see that in one day the site had received 400 hits from 49 different countries. Moreover, at the start of the school year there was a peak in the number of hits, with an average of almost 600 per day. In the month of October, for example, the site was visited 18,265 times. It was interesting to note that since they had appeared on the website, there had been more than 1,700,000 visits to the logos of each of our privileged professional partners.

The website is also used for the electronically generated lists and in addition provided a data base of all AEHT members accessible throughout the world. In order to maintain contact with the membership, it is essential for the AEHT to have a working e-mail address for every member.

In 2008 Ahti Paju, the AEHT's webmaster, had developed an on-line registration programme specifically for the Annual Conference. The programme was tested on the occasion of the Kuressaare and Dubrovnik conferences, and would undergo further refinement in time for the 2010 conference. It was now the property of the AEHT. This management system enabled the user to have access to a multitude of data (grouped together), which greatly facilitated the work of the organisers, making for a considerable saving in time, and therefore a reduction in the registration fees.

8. Financial Report form the Outgoing Treasurer (Klaus Enengl)

In 2008 the AEHT had had to face a deficit of around €16,800, which was explained as follows:

- the number of exclusions and resignations was higher than that of new memberships;
- there was a high number of dubious subscriptions (subscriptions that were due but not paid);
- there was a increase in the number of hours worked by the General Secretary because of the increased workload;
- costs were incurred by the operation of the newly constituted Council of Elders.

This deficit was covered the by the AEHT's reserves. In 2009 the AEHT had had to budget for a similar deficit, which would again be covered by the AEHT's reserves.

On September 16th 2009 the auditors, Danièle Snauwaert and Jürgen Clausen, undertook the inspection of the AEHT's books, and were able to report that throughout the year 2008 the accounts finalised on December 31st 2008 were correctly kept. They agreed to undertake the task of auditing the accounts for the 2009 financial year, and the assembly accepted this arrangement. The meeting applauded the conscientious work of the accountant, Norbert Richartz, and by acclamation the assembly granted discharge to the treasurer, Klaus Enengl and the Presidium for the 2008 financial year.

A) Exclusions:

For 2010 the annual subscription rate for member schools remained at €270, and the bank charges should be paid by the paying institution. 20 schools had not paid their subscriptions for the previous two years and therefore were at risk of being excluded:

1. CUB01 LA HABANA
2. DK08 ESBJERG
3. F28 AMIENS
4. F84 SAINTE SAVINE
5. GB07 LONDON
6. GB14 LONDON
7. I117 VALLO DELLA LUCIANA
SALERNO
8. I81 ANZIO
9. I89 TORINO
10. RUS02 SAMARA
11. S37 HANINGE
12. S56 SMEDJEBACKEN
13. SRB01 SUBOTICA
14. TR20 ISTANBUL
15. TR22 BOZUYUK
16. TR24 KUMBURGAZ
17. TR25 AYDIN
18. TR26 NIGDE
19. UKR03 MYKOLAIV
20. VE01 ISLA MARGARITA

B) Resignations:

17 schools had handed in their resignations for different reasons: financial problems (related to the world economic crisis), change of director, closure of the school, etc.

1. B11 GENT
2. B999 ROMBOUTS
3. F46 CAVAILLON
4. F72 MONTPELLIER
5. F82 AJACCIO
6. F83 OTTANGE
7. FIN11 JYVASKYLA
8. GB15 EDGWARE
9. I128 FIRENZE
10. I14 SCIACCA
11. I23 FERRARA
12. I26 BORMIO
13. PL13 KRAKOW
14. PL14 IWONICZ
15. PL19 SKIERNIEWICE
16. S57 SUNDSVALL

17. TR18 MUGLA

C) New membership applications:

In 2009 the AEHT received 29 new membership applications:

1. B22 HASSELT
2. CR19 VIROVITICA
3. CR21 KRK
4. CR22 ZAPRESIC
5. CZ07 ZNOJMO
6. F89 BIARRITZ
7. F90 ILLKIRCH CEFPPA
8. I133 ALTAMURA
9. I149 CASTELLANA GROTTA
10. I150 GRAVELLONA TOCE
11. I151 ROCCARASO
12. I153 DOLO
13. I154 GIULIANOVA
14. LV04 KULDIGA
15. N02 ORSKOG
16. NL27 THE HAGUE
17. NL28 ALKMAAR
18. NL29 EINDHOVEN
19. P11 LAMEGO
20. P12 AVEIRO
21. RUS09 CHERKESSK
22. TR28 ERZURUM
23. TR29 ANKARA TEKNİKOKULLAR
24. TR30 KIRKLARELI
25. TR31 KONAK-IZMIR
26. TR32 ESKİFOCA/IZMIR
27. TR33 AFYON
28. TR34 ANTALYA
29. USA01 TAYLOR & FRANCIS

The assembly approved by acclamation the new membership applications, as well as the resignations and exclusions.

9. Elections

On the previous day the Executive Board had proceeded to the election of a new Presidium in accordance with the procedures laid down in the statutes and the house rules. The Head Office had received only one candidacy for the post of President, that of Klaus Enengl, who had been elected unanimously.

Since the outgoing President, Louis Robert, was automatically allocated a post as Vice-President, there had been four further posts to fill from the five candidates who had presented themselves: Annie Collinet, Rinaldo Merlone, Ana Paula Pais, Bogusława Pienkowska and Neeme Rand. The ballot had turned out to be very close – in the end the outgoing Presidium had been re-elected; however they were aware that Italy should not be overlooked, since it represented a quarter of the AEHT membership, and that they should

make it a priority to continue to collaborate with Italy; the Presidium had therefore appointed the Italian representative to a post of external consultant, while in the meantime attempting to find a more suitable solution.

The Assembly gave its approval by acclamation to the election results. After the hand-over of the Presidency to Klaus Enengl, he thanked the Vice-Presidents for their much-valued collaboration over the last six years, in particular Louis Robert, who had been a Vice-President since 1991 and who planned to retire in two years time. Klaus Enengl took the opportunity to thank Nadine Schintgen – the heart of the AEHT as Louis Robert put it so well – who always had a sympathetic ear and who allowed her work to spill over into her private life. He also warmly thanked Norbert Richartz for his valued collaboration, and all the Austrian schools who had shown their confidence in him by re-electing him as their national representative. Klaus Enengl looked forward to his role in the extended family that the AEHT had become, and to continuing its success story together. In his role as President he was no longer able to take on the responsibilities of Treasurer, and therefore handed over this task again to Hans Russegger, who had already been AEHT Treasurer between 1991 and 2005, before Klaus had taken over from Hans in this role.

10. Approval of newly appointed Honorary Members

The Assembly approved the appointment as Honorary Member of Mary Owens of Fáilte Ireland in Dublin, who had been an AEHT Vice-President and Irish national representative for many years, as well as co-organiser of the Killarney Annual Conference in 2006.

11. Council of Elders

Adolf Steindl congratulated the new Presidium on their election and informed the Assembly that the Council of Elders currently had five members, all of them former Presidium members: Jürgen Clausen, Michel Gaillot, Hans Russegger, Roy Van Sassen and Adolf Steindl.

Since Hans Russegger had been appointed AEHT Treasurer, he had resigned from the Council of Elders.

The Council had met once or twice a year since it was set up in March 2008, with the intention of assisting the Presidium with the matters with which it was entrusted.

In 2009 Adolf Steindl had carried out several missions to the Ukraine, Montenegro and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on behalf of the Austrian National Ministry of Education, during which he had taken the opportunity to make his interlocutors aware of the AEHT. He had done the same at the conference entitled ‘Aktualni problemy cestovniho ruchu’ – current problems in the travel industry – held on March 11th and 12th at the University of Applied Sciences in Jihlava in the Czech Republic. Alfonso Benvenuto had remained in close contact with ALMA – the Colorno International Culinary Arts School – and in particular had represented the AEHT at the Golden Trophy for Gastronomy in Brescia in February 2009. In the summer, working with Klaus Enengl and Louis Robert, Adolf Steindl had prepared a project proposal, submitted in December 2009, under the Youth in Action programme, with a view to obtaining an EU grant. Roy van Sassen was currently collecting material and preparing documentation for the brochure to be published in 2013 to mark the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the AEHT. During the present conference Jürgen Clausen would be a member of the management competition judging panel, and had just chaired a workshop on the subject of

better integration into the AEHT of schools offering higher education programmes (levels five and six). 12 people had attended the workshop, mostly school directors, international relations officers or international project leaders, and several proposals had been formulated:

- I. Starting at the Lisbon Annual Conference, to organise one or two separate competitions for level five or six students, for example by dividing the tourism or management competitions into two levels;
- II. To organise a seminar on this subject (better integration into the AEHT of schools offering higher education programmes), to be attended by students accompanied by teachers, in Central Europe in March or April 2010. Other activities would follow if there was sufficient interest;
- III. Those interested should contact Adolf Steindl or Jürgen Clausen as soon as possible if they were interested in activities specific to this target group;
- IV. The working group set up in Dubrovnik would continue its collaborative work; the group's efforts could succeed only if schools showed sufficient interest.

Klaus Enengl thanked Adolf for his report, and for having introduced him to the AEHT several years previously. He then congratulated Antun Perusina on the excellent organisation of the current Annual Conference, to thunderous applause from the floor. Klaus pointed out that no school was entitled to attend the conference without paying its membership subscription, and proceeded to read out the names of the schools who were present and who needed to regularise the situation of their membership. He asked them to make contact with him as a matter of urgency.

12. Calendar of Activities for 2010

APP appealed for proposals and asked the organisers to give a brief presentation of the events proposed. A good dozen events were planned for 2010. The documents (invitations, programmes, application forms etc) should be sent to the AEHT Head Office as soon as possible, in both English and French, to enable them to be distributed to the Association's membership.

The 2010 calendar is as follows:

FEBRUARY 2010	
February 19 th - 21 st	International Gastronomy Festival: Sport and Health (Theme: Extreme Sports), Faro (Portugal)
MARCH	
March	Seminar on 'Dining with the population of Uragica', their gastronomy, culture, history, art and music, Oristano-Cabras, Sardinia, Italy
March 4 th – 7 th	"In the West-Pomeranian land of fish flavours"- Seminar-workshop on Baltic fish, Kołobrzeg, Poland
March 25 th – 26 th	'Il Piatto Verde' (green plate) competition, on the theme of herbs for vitality – Riolo Terme, Italy
March 25 th – 28 th	'Gioacchino Rossini Gourmet' International Prize for Enogastronomy, Loreto, Italy
March 31 st	5th edition of the Bartender G&T Cup Competition, Bled, Slovenia
APRIL	
April 13 th – 15 th	Bartolomeo Scappi competition (Pastry – cooking – bar – sommelier)

April 14 th – 18 th	competitions), Castel San Pietro Terme, Italy 2 nd edition of the international competition on the typical gastronomy in the Teramo region, 'Teramo in Tavola', Teramo, Italy
MAI	
May	5 th competition for Hotel Receptionists and 3 rd competition in City tourism, Giulianova, Italy
May	'GASTRO 2010' Gastronomy Competition, Croatia
JUNE/ SEPTEMBER	
June or September	AEHT Summer Camp in Bad Ischl, Austria
OCTOBER	
October 5 th – 10 th	AEHT Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
October - November	Eurocup 2010 - Junior bartenders competition (17 th ed.), Prešov, Slovakia
DECEMBRE	
December 3 rd – 9 th	19th Christmas in Europe, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal

Details of these events would be published in due course on the Association's website www.aeht.eu and sent out by e-mail to all member schools.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the 19th Christmas in Europe would be held in Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal, from December 3rd to December 9th 2010. Additional information would be published at www.aeht.eu at the beginning of 2010.

Herewith the calendar of the forthcoming editions of Christmas in Europe:

- 2010: Ponta Delgada, Azores, Portugal
- 2011: Semmering
- 2012: Bled
- 2013: Marseilles, France

We hope to see you there!

At the Annual Conference in Lisbon the organisers plan to make available to everyone a number of videos or multi-vision presentations showing the events organised by member schools under the aegis of the AEHT, by transmitting them not only to the meeting rooms used by the Executive Board and the General Assembly, but also in the lobby and in other places where people gather.

Klaus Enengl took the opportunity to provide details of the concept of the summer camp for students:

The camp would be organised the first year in Bad Ischl (Austria) in June or September 2010, though the month might change in future years. It would be aimed at students aged between 18 and 22 and would include workshops, seminars, an AEHT parliament, as well as sports and sociocultural activities. It would provide an opportunity for students to work together and to exchange views on subjects that interested them. The costs to the students would be only their travelling expenses, while their board and lodging would be financed by the AEHT or by the 'Youth in Action' programme. The project would be launched in 2010 even if no funding were forthcoming from the 'Youth in Action' programme. If necessary the AEHT would devote some of its reserves to the project. A given country would be allocated one or two places according to the country's number of member schools. The final selection of the candidates would be the responsibility of the national

representatives who would base their decision on the proposals made by their member schools. Further information would be sent out by e-mail to member schools as soon as possible.

13. 2010 Annual Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

Since building work was taking place at the Poznan school, the 23rd Annual Conference had had to be transferred to Lisbon, and would take place from October 5th to October 10th 2010. The Poznan school would undertake to organise the conference in 2011. We were very grateful to the Portuguese for picking up the challenge of organising the conference at such short notice – thanks were due to the Lisbon school and the ‘Turismo de Portugal I.P.’ agency – the national central authority for tourism responsible for the promotion, improvement and sustainable development of tourism activity in Portugal. Paulo Revés, Director of the department for coordination and management of the 16 public Portuguese hotel schools, had prepared in record time, together with his team, a presentation of Lisbon, the conference programmes as well as the logo and the ‘Turi’ mascot to be used during the Annual Conference. The Conference would take place in the premises of a former secondary school, which had just been purchased by the Lisbon hotel school, which intended to make it into their hotel school and training hotel. The organisers planned to lay on eight competitions and to host 800 participants from 30 countries. Since the estimates for accommodation and for the conference infrastructure had not yet been received by the organisers, they would find it difficult at the moment to provide information about the likely conference registration fee. Once they had received the necessary information, they would keep all member schools informed by e-mail.

The calendar for future Annual Conferences was as follows:

- 2010: Lisbon, Portugal
- 2011: Poznan, Poland
- 2012: Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- 2013: France
- 2014: Belgrade, Serbia
- 2015: Maastricht, the Netherlands
- 2016: Ankara, Turkey

14. Date of the next Ordinary General Assembly

The next General Assembly would take place in October 2010 during the Lisbon Annual Conference in Portugal.



Klaus Enengl,
President



Nadine Schintgen,
General Secretary