

## Annual General Meeting 2018 Minutes

### Istanbul, Turkey 3.-4.11.2018

#### 1. Presidential Address: Welcome and Opening Remarks

Outgoing President Victor Rehn opened the AGM via video at 12:15pm November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 2. Election of Chairperson & Secretary of the Meeting

Chairperson: Bowen Tang, Canada.

Secretary: Jenna Junttila, Finland.

Approved; no objections.

#### 3. Election of the Inspectors of the Minutes and Vote Counters (2)

Minute Inspectors and Vote Counters: Karolina Czaban, observer from Poland and Marcel Bobeldijk, observer from EFHOH

Approved; no objections.

#### 4. Stating the Members of IFHOHYP incl. new/dissolved members

| Organization Name                                   | Country        |
|---|----------------|
| Academy of Sports and Education for Deaf of Tunisia | Tunisia        |
| Bangladesh Hard of Hearing Association              | Bangladesh     |
| Bundesjugend  | Germany        |
| Canadian Hard of Hearing Association                | Canada         |
| Česká Unie Neslyšících (CUN)                        | Czech Republic |
| FADCY   | Russia         |
| Høreforeningen (HF)                                 | Denmark        |
| Hørselshemmedes Landsforbunds Ungdom (HLFU)         | Norway         |
| İsitme Engelliler ve Aileleri Dernegi (IED)         | Turkey         |
| Jugehörig (JH)                                      | Switzerland    |
| Kuuloliitto Ry                                      | Finland        |
| SHRUTI  | Nepal          |
| Sh-Jong   | Netherlands    |

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| Surdus Loquens                               | Poland  |
| Svenska Hörsselförbundet R.F.                | Finland |
| Uganda Federation of Hard of Hearing (UFHOH) | Uganda  |
| Unga Hörselskadade (UH)                      | Sweden  |

5. Stating the Delegates and Observers in the meeting

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|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Hanna Mullis          | IFHOHYP                            | Board    |
| Jenna Juntilla        | IFHOHYP                            | Board    |
| Manuel Rohrbach       | IFHOHYP                            | Board    |
| Karina Øbro           | IFHOHYP                            | Board    |
| Glenn Storsletten     | IFHOHYP                            | Board    |
| Anine Maria Lutt      | Denmark                            | Delegate |
| Katrine Søbstad Einar | Norway                             | Delegate |
| Paulina Lewandowska   | Poland                             | Delegate |
| Arzu Sen              | Turkey                             | Delegate |
| Camilla Mattjus       | Finland (Svenska Hörsselförbundet) | Delegate |
| Anniina Kauppila      | Finland (Kuuloliitto Ry)           | Delegate |
| Bowen Tang            | Canada                             | Delegate |
| Heiko Burak           | Germany                            | Delegate |
| Mikael de Vries       | Netherlands                        | Delegate |
| Pavel Novikov         | Russia                             | Delegate |
| Kevin Wieser          | Switzerland                        | Delegate |
| Behnam Arya           | Sweden                             | Delegate |
| Karolina Czaban       | Poland                             | Observer |
| Hanna Mullis          | Sweden                             | Observer |
| Ece Saygi             | Turkey                             | Observer |
| Ediz Tekok            | Turkey                             | Observer |
| Karolina Blaszk       | Poland                             | Observer |
| Tatia Datashvili      | Georgia                            | Observer |
| Maria Skoczynska      | Poland                             | Observer |
| Cathy Geurts          | Netherlands                        | Observer |
| Alper Coskun          | Turkey                             | Observer |
| Artashes Hovhannisyan | Armenia                            | Observer |
| Suha Halipci          | Turkey                             | Observer |
| Onur Ipek             | Switzerland                        | Observer |
| Marcel Bobeldijk      | Netherlands/EFHOH                  | Observer |

6. Verifying the Authority of the Meeting.

The AGM has quorum with 4 board members, 12 delegates, and 13 observers.  
Approved.

7. Approval of the Agenda of the Meeting

Katrine Sobstad Einar suggested the change in the agenda, to take the item number 16 (motions) right after approving the annual report, financial report and auditor's report. It

was also pointed out that auditor's report were not sent to the membership prior to the deadline. Explanation will be given at item #11.

Approved; no objections.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2017.

Approved; no objections.

9. Presentation of the Annual Report 2017-18

Presented.

10. Presentation of the Financial Report 2017

Treasurer Hanna Mullis presented the reports of financial year 2017.

11. Presentation of the Auditors' Report 2017

Auditor Mikael de Vries delivered a presentation, telling that he did not receive the needed information in time and gave recommendations to the Board (included as an attachment). Auditor Mikael suggests postponing the approval of the financial report of 2017 till the next AGM.

Suggestion approved, no objections.

Board will collect the needed documents and send them to Mikael by the end of the year.

12. Approval of Annual Report, Financial Report, and Auditor's Report

Annual report and auditor's report were approved; no objections. As per the outcome of item #11, the approval of financial report is postponed next AGM.

13. Motions

- a. Revision of Constitution Article 2 (Head Office – proposed by IED/Jugehörig)

Presented by Manuel Rohrbach, member of Jugehörig.

Approved; no objections.

- b. Revision of Constitution Article 7b (Members – proposed by IFHOHYP)

Presented by Karina Obro, Board Member.

Approved; no objections.

- c. Revision of Constitution Article 8 (Membership fee – proposed by IED/Jugehörig)

Presented by Kevin Wieser, member of Jugehörig



Idea is that all the money from the membership fees would be used for member activities. There is wish that Board members would ask first their own national organization to cover Board members' travel costs and then ask for IFHOHYP about covering the costs.

Approved; 6 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstained.

- d. Revision of Constitution Article 11c (Treasurer duty – proposed by IED/ Jugehörig)

Presented by Hanna Mullis, Treasurer.

Approved; 9 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstained.

- e. Revision of Constitution Article 11f (Vice Board member – proposed by IED/ Jugehörig)

Presented by Ediz Tekok, member of IED.

From the floor:

Vice-Board member position was added last year, it is too early to make changes.

Rejected; 3 in favour, 7 against, 2 abstained.

#### 14. Election of the Officers of the Board

- a. President (2-year-term)

Nominee: Bowen Tang, Canada. Elected with 10 out of 12 votes.

- b. Vice-President

Nominee: Manuel Rohrbach, Switzerland. Elected with 9 out of 12 votes.

- c. Board Member (1-year term)

Nominee: Ece Saygi, Turkey. Ece withdrew her application

*Quorum change – Onur, Suha and Thomas (all observers) left the AGM  
New update: 4 Board members, 12 delegates, and 10 observers.*

Manuel Rohrbach nominated Ediz Tekok for Board Member position. Ediz Tekok withdrew. Bowen Tang nominated Cathy Geurts and she accepted the nomination.

Nominee: Cathy Geurts Netherlands, Elected with 12 out of 12 votes.

## 15. Election of the Committees

Paulina Lewandowska presented the committees of IFHOHYP: Hear2Stay, Member & Communication, Study Session, Summer Camp and Nomination.

From the Floor:

Constitution needs to be changed in order to accept members for the committees in between AGMs. Camilla Mattjus from Svenska Hörsselförbundet suggested a motion to authorize the Board accept members for the committees throughout the year.

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| 1) <i>Hear2Stay</i><br>Cathy Geurts (Netherlands)<br>Juliane Grosse (Germany)<br>Camilla Mattjus (Finland)<br>Daria Panicheva (Russia)           | 3) <i>Nomination</i><br>Paulina Lewandowska (Poland)  |
| 2) <i>Member &amp; Communication</i><br>Karolina Blaszk (Poland)<br>Irina Ivanova (Russia)<br>Sara Kwekkboom (Netherlands)<br>Ece Saygi (Turkey) | 4) <i>Study Session</i><br>Paulina Lewandowska (Poland)<br>Hanna Mullis (Sweden)<br>Pavel Novikov (Russia)<br>Ece Saygi (Turkey)<br>Ediz Tekok (Turkey) |
| 5) <i>Summer Camp</i><br>Bowen Tang (Canada) – Board liaison; committee to be established at a later date  |   |

Approved; no objections.

## 16. Election of the Auditor for 2019.

Bowen Tang nominated Mikael de Vries for Auditor of 2019. He accepted the nomination.

Approved; no objections.

## 17. Presentation of EFHOH/IFHOH

Marcel Bobeldijk, President of EFHOH, presented activities in EFHOH and IFHOH. They have many projects going on - more information can be found from their website: [www.efhoh.org](http://www.efhoh.org).

Upcoming events:

- EFHOH AGM, Zagreb, April 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2019
- IFHOH World Congress, Budapest, June 2020

## 18. Presentation and deciding on acceptance of the Work Programme 2019

Presented by Bowen Tang, President.

From the Floor:

- Suggestion of providing guidelines for speech to text interpretation in cooperation with IFHOH and providing contact information list of palantypists.

- Suggestion of investing into projects in developing countries.
- Suggestion of having an active role in UN reports.

Accepted; no objections.

## 19. Presentation and deciding on acceptance of the Budget 2019

Presented by Hanna Mullis, Treasurer.

Estimated incomes are 18 000 euros and expenses are 7950 euros for the financial year 2019. Offer was made to general membership to apply for funds together.

Accepted; no objections.

## 20. Future Planning

### a. Annual General Meeting 2019

Jugehörig has offered a possibility to host the AGM 2019 in Switzerland, to be reviewed by IFHOHYP Board.

### b. Summer Camps

2020 – Hosted by Canada: first week of July, including Canada day

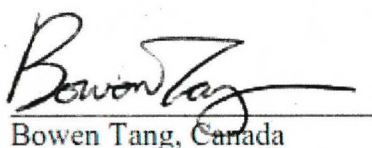
Tatia Datashvili from Georgia has made an invitation for people to visit her home country.

### c. Study Sessions in cooperation with the Council of Europe;

2019 – March 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> in Strasbourg, France

## 21. Closing the Annual General Meeting

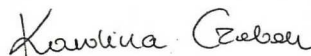
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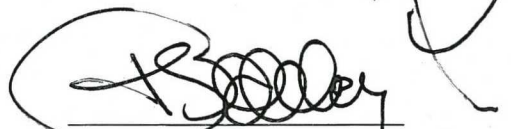
Bowen Tang, Canada  
**AGM Chairperson**  
**IFHOHYP President**



Jenna Junttila, Finland  
**AGM Secretary**



Karolina Czaban, Poland  
**AGM Minutes Inspector**



Mareel Bobeldijk, Netherlands  
**AGM Minutes Inspector**