

## Annual General Meeting 2019 Minutes

### Zurich, Switzerland 12.10.2019

1. Presidential Address: Welcome and Opening Remarks

President Bowen Tang opened the AGM at 9:15am.

2. Election of the Chairperson & Secretaries of the meeting

Chairperson: Heiko Burak, Germany

Secretary: Leonie von Berlin, Germany/Sweden

Approved; no objections.

3. Election of two inspectors of the minutes and vote counters

Minutes Inspectors and Vote Counters: Keegan Noxell, Canada & Viivi Kilpeläinen, Finland.

Approved; no objections.

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

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Country</b>
Academy of Sports and Education for Deaf of Tunisia	Tunisia
Aures Foundation	Georgia
Bangladesh Hard of Hearing Association (BDHOH)	Bangladesh
Bekol	Israel
Bundesjugend im DSB e.V. (BJ)	Germany
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)	Canada
Česká Unie Neslyšících (CUN)	Czech Republic
FADCY	Russia
Happy Faces Association	Turkey
Hard of Hearing Group Philippines	Philippines
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	The Netherlands
SUITA	Poland

Svenska Hörsselförbundet R.F.	Finland
Uganda Federation for Hard of Hearing (UFHOH)	Uganda
Unga Hörselskadade (UH)	Sweden
Voices of Silence	Armenia

5. Stating the Delegates and Observers of the meeting

Full Name:	Country:	Name of Organization:	Representing Organization as:
Bowen Tang	Canada	IFHOHYP	Board
Manuel Rohrbach	Switzerland	IFHOHYP	Board
Hanna Mullis	Sweden	IFHOHYP	Board
Jenna Junttila	Finland	IFHOHYP	Board
Karina Øbro	Denmark	IFHOHYP	Board
Giorgi Gobadze	Georgia	Aures Foundation	Observer
Tatia Datashvili	Georgia	Aures Foundation	Delegate
Emir Music	Germany	Bundesjugend	Delegate
Heiko Burak	Germany	Bundesjugend	Observer
Hart Plommer	Canada	CHHA	Delegate
Keegan Noxell	Canada	CHHA	Observer
Marcel Bobeldijk	The Netherlands	EFHOH/IFHOH	Observer
Pavel Novikov	Russia	FADCY	Delegate
Irina Ivanova	Russia	FADCY	Observer
Ediz Tekok	Turkey	Happy Faces Association	Delegate
EMRE ERDAL	TURKEY	Happy Faces Association	Observer
Glenn Storsletten	Norway	HLFU	Delegate
Anine Maria Lütt	Denmark	Høreforeningen	Delegate
Ece SAYGI	Turkey	IED	Delegate
Arezu Mehrvarz	Turkey	IED	Observer
Kevin Wieser	Switzerland	Jugehörig	Delegate
Thomas Ramseier	Switzerland	Jugehörig	Observer
Patrizia Müller	Switzerland	Jugehörig	Observer
Adi Meyer	Switzerland	Jugehörig	Observer
Vilma Emilia Forsell	Finland	Kuuloliitto	Delegate
Viivi Kilpeläinen	Finland	Kuuloliitto	Observer
Eleonora Maria (Ellen) Revenberg	The Netherlands	SH-Jong	Delegate
Mikael de Vries	Nederland	SH-Jong	Observer
Chantal Govaart	Netherlands	SH-Jong	Observer
Paulina Lewandowska	Polska	SUITA	Delegate
Maria Skoczyńska	Poland	SUITA	Observer
Camilla Mattjus	Finland	Svenska Hörsselförbundet	Delegate
Nina Charlotta Walloschke	Sweden	Unga Hörselskadade	Observer
Leonie von Berlin	Germany	Unga Hörselskadade	Observer
Behnam Arya	Sweden	Unga Hörselskadade	Delegate

*From the Floor:*

Ediz Tekok questioned the choice of delegate and observer made by the Turkish organisation IED.

6. Verifying the Authority of the Meeting

The AGM has quorum with 5 board members, 14 delegates and 16 observers.  
Approved; no objections.

7. Approval of the Agenda of the Meeting

*From the Floor:*

Behnam Arya suggested to add the Vice Board Member issue as item to the agenda but drew back his request and will set up a motion for the next AGM.

Approved; no objections.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2018

Approved; no objections.

9. Presentation of the Annual Report 2018-19

Bowen Tang presented the report.

10. Presentation of the Financial Reports 2017 & 2018

Hanna Mullis presented the report.

11. Presentation of the Auditors' Report

Mikael de Vries presented the Auditor's report. He stated that the two financial reports are correct but incomplete. Losses and profit are not clearly stated and the question if budget aims were fulfilled remains unanswered. Mikael remained neutral about whether or not to approve the financial report.

*From the Floor:*

Anine Maria Lütt suggested to take over the international bank account administration for IFHOHYP. Suggestion approved.

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

The Annual Report was approved; no objections.  
The Financial Report was approved; no objections.  
The Auditor's Report was approved; no objections.

### 13. Election of the Officers of the Board

#### Treasurer

Nominee: Mikael de Vries, Netherlands. Elected with 14 out of 14 votes.

#### Secretary

Nominee: Paulina Lewandowska, Poland. Elected with 14 out of 14 votes.

#### Board Members

Nominees: Leonie von Berlin, Sweden. Kave Noori, Sweden. Pavel Novikov, Russia. Moses Serwadda, Uganda.

Kave Noori was voted with 9 out of 14 votes.

Leonie von Berlin was voted with 8 out of 14 votes.

#### Vice Board Member

Nominees: Pavel Novikov, Russia. Moses Serwadda, Uganda.

Moses Serwadda was voted with 8 out of 14 votes.

### 14. Election of the Auditor 2019

No application received.

Keegan Noxell, Canada, was nominated.

Approved; no objections.

### 15. Motions

Revision of Constitution Article 14 (Committees – proposed by IFHOHYP)

Presented by Bowen Tang, President.

Approved; no objections.

Revision of AGM Working Format (proposed by IFHOHYP)

Presented by Karina Øbro, Board Member.

Approved; approved by 10 votes, rejected by 4 votes.

### 16. Presentation of EFHOH/IFHOH

Marcel Bobeldijk, President of EFHOH, presented activities in EFHOH and IFHOH.

Upcoming events: IFHOH World Congress, Budapest, June 2020

### 17. Presentation of New Members

*Aures Foundation (Georgia)*

Presented by Giorgi Gobadze.

Announcement of Summer Camp 2021 in Bakuriani, Georgia, 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of August.

*Happy Faces Association (Turkey)*

Presented by Emre Erdal.

*Hard of Hearing Group Philippines (Philippines)*  
Presented by Bowen Tang.

#### 18. Strategic Planning 2020-2024: small group discussions

Discussion in 5 groups to answer the following questions:

- Why is IFHOHYP beneficial or relevant to your organization?
- How can IFHOHYP contribute to the cause of your organization (i.e. gathering useful information about technology, or give advice/assist in communicating about HOH needs)?
- What course of action can IFHOHYP take to support your organization?

#### 19. Strategic Planning: Open Floor discussion

The following main points were discussed:

- Communication between IFHOHYP and its member organisations/individual members as well as between local organisations needs to be improved.
- IFHOHYP should serve as an information platform that can be referenced in policy processes.
- IFHOHYP should increasingly engage in political lobbying and policy making to improve the rights of hard of hearing people on international level.
- IFHOHYP needs to increase efforts to recruit new sponsors and receive grants to improve its financial situation.
- IFHOHYP should organize more international social events and exchanges.

#### 20. Presentation of Committees

##### Hear2Stay

- Presented by Irina Ivanova
- A social media movement to raise awareness about HoH issues.
- Is recruiting new members.

##### Member & Communication

- Presented by Manuel Rohrbach
- New IFHOHYP forum for communication and discussion ([www.ifhohyp.freeflarum.com](http://www.ifhohyp.freeflarum.com)) was opened.

##### Nomination

- Presented by Paulina Lewandowska
- Is responsible for the nomination process of board member candidates

##### Study Session

- Presented by Bowen Tang
- Organization of the Study Session in Strasbourg or Budapest.
- Is recruiting preparatory team for the next study session

##### Fundraising

No members yet, is recruiting new members

### Strategy Planning

No members yet, is recruiting new members

### *Proposed formations of new committees*

#### Policy committee

- Presented by Hanna Mullis
- Developing policy positions for IFHOHYP and promoting those via drafting of statements, awareness raising.

## 21. Confirmation of Committees

Approved; approved by 12 votes, rejected by 0 votes, 2 abstained.

## 22. Future planning

### Annual General Meeting

No host for the next AGM 2020 or 2021 found.

Request to local organizations to consider hosting the next AGM.

### Study Session

Recruitment of preparatory team for the next study session in progress.

Next study session will take place between January-June 2021 earliest.

### Virtual Town Hall

Live online meeting during which every member can participate to bring up issues and receive updates.

### Summer Camp

Summer Camp 2020 will take place in Calgary, Alberta, Canada with 60 participants.

Proposed dates are 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

Member organizations of IFHOHYP were inquired to publicly state their interest in Summer Camp 2020.

## 23. Deciding on acceptance of the Work Programme 2020

Presented by Bowen Tang, President.

Approved; approved by 13 votes, 0 rejections, 1 abstained.

## 24. Deciding on acceptance of the Budget 2020

Presented by Hanna Mullis, Treasurer.

Estimated incomes at 8500 euros and expenses at 4900 euros for financial year 2019.

The expectations of incomes by funding was reduced to 5000 euros

Travel costs will not be covered by IFHOHYP until financial situation improves.

Approved; no objections.

## 25. Closing the Annual General Meeting

The AGM was closed at 17:50.