



IFHOHYP Annual Report 2014

Prepared by the Board of IFHOHYP

*With contributions from:
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IFHOHYP Annual General Meeting

AGM, Strasbourg, France, 23 November 2014

The Annual General Meeting 2014 was held in the European Youth Centre, Strasbourg (EYCS). Although the AGM was initially planned to be made in Copenhagen and then in Israel, due to lack of financing and organizational support it was finally decided to have AGM for 1 full day following the Study Session 2014, which was also held in the EYCS. 15 member organizations were represented at the AGM and it was chaired by Alper Coşkun (Turkey). Annual Report 2013, minutes of AGM 2013, Financial Report 2013, Auditor's Report 2013, Work Plan 2014, Budget 2014 and Membership Fees were presented by the Board and afterwards approved by delegates. An entirely new Board was elected: Sidsel Munkebo Hansen (Denmark) was elected as President, Alper Coşkun (Turkey) was elected as Vice-President, Ece Saygi (Turkey) was elected as Secretary, Daria Panicheva (Russia) was elected as Treasurer and Bowen Tang (Canada) was elected as a Board Member. A presentation of the organizations, IFHOH, EFHOH and EDF, was given by Marcel Bobeldijk, president of EFHOH. At the end of the AGM the new IFHOHYP President signed the official cooperation agreement of the "European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Deafblindness". EFHOH president, the new IFHOHYP president and all delegates at the AGM thanked the former IFHOHYP president – Karina Chupina for her 10-year presidency.

IFHOHYP Committees' Reports

Information and Communication Committee

The Information and Communication Committee consists of a website team and a newsletter team:

- **Website team** consist of Batu Yetişgin (Turkey), who made improvements on the official IFHOHYP website with the help of Alper Coşkun (Turkey).
- **Newsletter team** consist of Ece Saygi (Turkey), Irina Ivanova (Russia), Natalia Kondratyeva (Russia) and James Ferguson (Canada).

Roles and responsibilities in the newsletter team are divided as follows:

- Ece Saygi and Irina Ivanova are the editors of the Newsletter. They are responsible for seeking new authors and material for the newsletter issues, liaising with the authors, collecting the articles, coordinating the process of Newsletter development - from collecting articles to Newsletter dissemination.
- Natalia Kondratyeva is the designer of newsletter
- James Ferguson is the proofreader of submitted Newsletter articles

The newsletter team experienced an increase in the number of authors, who would like to submit their articles during 2014. Next to that the newsletter also aroused interest by the readers. In 2014 2 newsletters were published and 3 newsletters are planned to be published in 2015.

Nomination Committee

Paulina Lewandowska (Poland) is a member of IFHOHYP Nomination Committee. This committee is responsible for making the call for new candidates for the free positions in the Board and collect and present candidates at the AGM. Before AGM 2014 in Strasbourg, Paulina Lewandowska found and communicated with new candidates for all Board positions and presented them at the AGM 2014 in Strasbourg.

Expansion Committee

Expansion Committee in 2014 consisted of Rasmus Draklander (Sweden), Royee Rothman (Israel) and Alper Coskun (Turkey). There was no significant activity in the Expansion Committee in 2014. But it should be noted that an organization from Poland, "Surdus Loquens" has joined IFHOHYP on AGM 2014.

Study Session Committee

Cristina Tabacaru (Romania) and Mona Belhouane (Tunisia) were the first to join the Committee. Later on, they, together with Juliane Grosse (Germany) and some support from the IFHOHYP Board, developed and submitted an application for the study session in the fall of 2014 on Organisational development. The application was successful and was accepted by the Council of Europe. The Study session titled "Tune Up Your Organizations, Fight For Your Rights" itself was also a great success. Alper Coskun (Turkey) and Bowen Tang (Canada) also joined the team, and they completed a successful Study Session. What started with 35 participants from 13 countries became one strong and cohesive community with the common goal to raise global awareness on the issues deaf and hard of hearing young people face in the society. A detailed report will be published in 2015. Five videos were developed by the participants with support from Chris Schuepp. Videos are published on IFHOHYP website and official Facebook page.

Representation of IFHOHYP: Advocacy at the European and international level

European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblindness Meeting

March 19, 2014. Brussels, Belgium

Sidsel Munkebo Hansen (Denmark) represented IFHOHYP at this Platform meeting in March 2014. Sidsel reported back to the IFHOHYP board about the main issues discussed at this meeting, which were the key objectives of the Platform in 2014 and the renewal of the Platform agreement.

Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Annual Meeting, Council of Europe Seminar on barriers to Social Inclusion for disadvantaged young people

October 1-2, 2014. Strasbourg, France

Karina Chupina represented IFHOHYP in two events of the Council of Europe and made a presentation about IFHOHYP, the challenges and possible solutions to social inclusion for youth with disabilities and youth with hearing loss.

EU Grants Info Day by the European Youth Forum

November 13-14, 2014. Brussels, Belgium

Daria took part an information day about Operating Grant 2015 for youth organisations from the European Council. The process of applying for this grant was overly formalised and complicated what caused a great number of declining applications (including the application of IFHOHYP in 2014). After collecting feedback from participants EACEA decided to simplify the process of applying and reporting for grants and to organize an educational event covering changes made in application process. Other EU funding opportunities and call for 2015 Operating grant were also included in programme of the Information Day. This resulted in successful application for the Grant and receiving it in 2015.

IFHOH BGM and EFHOH AGM

April 5-7, 2014. Jerusalem, Israel

Board members Nomy Bitman, Astrid Fejrø and Karina Chupina represented IFHOHYP at the IFHOH Biannual General Meeting (BGM) and EFHOH Annual General Meeting (AGM).

World Conference on Youth 2014

May 6-10, 2014. Sri Lanka

The World Conference on Youth (WCY) was held on May 6-11 in Sri Lanka, and the conference was organized by an International Youth Task Force. The task force was comprised of twenty young global leaders from around the world. The main task of WCY, 2014 was to develop the Post 2015 agenda through discussion and ratifying the Colombo Declaration, and to ensure the final push from the youth participants in order to present the recommendations to the UN. IFHOHYP is presented by Mona Belhouane (Tunisia) at this event, and she wrote an article about the conference in the IFHOHYP newsletter.

7th session of the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (COSP7), UNICEF Disability Section in joint cooperation with the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPcwd)

June 9-13, 2014. New York, USA

On 9-13 June 2014, twenty young influencers with and without disabilities, representing all five regions in the world, came together to explore inclusion, discrimination, and innovative approaches to inclusion in the context of the post-2015 agenda. They took part in COSP7 sessions and attended trainings on inclusive post-2015 conducted by International Disability Alliance and International Disability and Development Consortium. At 7th COSP, the States Parties and other actors stressed the urgent need for including the rights, needs and perspectives of persons with disabilities in all development processes, particularly because of the post-2015 development framework. Participants in the general debate shared their experiences and good practices about how to promote disability inclusive development. There were two roundtables and one informal panel on youth with disabilities. President Karina Chupina represented IFHOHYP in these two events, and wrote two articles about them for the IFHOHYP newsletter.

Non-formal and informal learning and activity programmes targeted at young people

IFHOHYP Study Session 2014

November 17-22, 2014. Strasbourg, France

IFHOHYP is pleased to announce that the 10th Study Session: “Tune Up Your Organizations, Fight For Your Rights” at Strasbourg France, from 17 – 22 November, was a spectacular success. The aim is to empower young hard of hearing leaders with competence needed for organisational development in order to enable their sustainable participation and disability rights work on local national and international levels. What started with 35 participants from 13 countries became one strong and cohesive community with the common goal to raise global awareness on the issues deaf and hard of hearing young people face in the society. We would like to thank the Study Session committee for putting all of this together, as well as support from the Council of Europe. A detailed report will be published later in 2015.

IFHOHYP Board meetings, 2014

The IFHOHYP board had four board meetings in 2014. Three of them were carried out as a Skype meeting and the last one as a face-to-face meeting after the AGM in Strasbourg.

- *February 27, 2014. Skype meeting (VBM)*
- *November 26, 2014. Strasbourg, France*
Main focus: Division of tasks within the new board
- *December 7, 2014. Skype meeting (VBM)*
Main focus: Application of Operating Grant 2015
- *December 22, 2014. Skype meeting (VBM)*
Main focus: Plan of Action 2015

Annex I

IFHOHYP Member Organisations in 2014:

AFaMUT	Italy
Bangladesh Hard of Hearing Association (BDHOH)	Bangladesh
Bekol	Israel
Bonaventura C.V.	Spain
Bundesjugend im DSB e.V. (BJ)	Germany
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)	Canada
Česká Unie Neslyšících (CUN)	Czech Republic
FADCY	Russia
Hard of Hearing Young People Foundation (HOHYPF)	USA
Hearing Link	United Kingdom
Høreforeningen (HF)	Denmark
Hørselshemmedes Landsforbunds Ungdom (HLFU)	Norway
İtme Engelliler ve Aileleri Dernegi (IED)	Turkey
Jugehörig (JH)	Switzerland
Kuuloliitto Ry	Finland
SH-Jong	The Netherlands
SOMNED	Slovak Republic
Surdus Loquens	Poland
Svenska Hörselförbundet R.F.	Finland
Unga Hörselskadade (UH)	Sweden

Annex II

IFHOHYP Board in 2014:

President: Karina Chupina

Vice-President: Maggie Plattner (resigned before end of period)

Secretary: Astrid Fejrø (resigned before end of period)

Treasurer: Anna Vita Ross

Board Member: Nomy Bitman (resigned before end of period)

IFHOHYP Board elected in November 2014:

President: Sidsel Munkebo Hansen, Denmark (elected 2014)

Vice-President: Alper Coşkun, Turkey (elected 2014)

Secretary: Ece Saygi, Turkey (elected 2014 for 1 year)

Treasurer: Daria Panicheva, Russia (elected 2014 for 1 year)

Board Member: Bowen Tang, Canada (elected 2014 for 1 year)

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