

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2006 of IFHOHYP

§ 1. Presidential Address: welcome and Opening Remarks

IFHOHYP Annual General Meeting 2006 was held on 25th of March 2006 in Villa Vintti, Tampere, Finland. Kuulonhuoltoliitto ry made the arrangement of the meeting.

Before starting the AGM, Karina Chupina welcomed all representatives of IFHOHYP members, especially its new member organisations from Slovak Republic and Switzerland, and thanked the Finnish organisation for organizing the AGM 2006.

§ 2. Presentation of attending Delegates and Observers.

IFHOHYP President Karina Chupina opened the meeting at 10 o'clock. Here is the list of participants below:

Bonaventura	Spain	Delegate		Maria	Lopez Garcia
			IFHOHYP Vice-president		
SHJO	The Netherlands	Delegate		Lianne	de Jonge
SHJO	The Netherlands	Observer	IFHOHYP Secretary	Christi	Menheere
A.Fa.M.U.T	Italy	Delegate			
				Andrea	Pietrini
FADCY	Russia	Observer	IFHOHYP President	Karina	Chupina
FADCY	Russia	Delegate		Evelina	Sukhovskaya
FADCY	Russia	Observer		Katerina	Monakhova
Jugehörig	Switzerland	Delegate		Laura	Marti
Jugehörig	Switzerland	Observer		Claudio	Nicita
SCHOHYP	Slovak Republic	Delegate		Juraj	Variny
SCHOHYP	Slovak Republic	Observer		Marek	Málik
FF HOH	Finland	Delegate	IFHOHYP Auditor	Noora	Penttinen
FF HOH	Finland	Observer		Heidi	Koyste
FF HOH	Finland	Observer		Ulla	Konkarikoski
FF HOH	Finland	Observer		Elina	Ratasvuori
FF HOH	Finland	Observer		Sami	Virtanen

§ 3. Election of Ballot Committee: Chair, Secretary and Vote Counters (2)

Karina Chupina proposed to Christi Menheere to be Chair of the meeting. It was approved; no other candidates were proposed.

Karina Chupina asked to everybody who wanted to be Secretary of the meeting. María López proposed herself to be Secretary of the meeting and it has been approved and no other candidates were proposed.

Elina Ratasvuori from Finland and Evelina Sukhovskaya from Russia were appointed as votes' counters.

§ 4. Approval of the Agenda 2006

Before approving the Agenda, Christi Menheere proposed to add a new point; it was 7.5 Switzerland's membership fee.

The agenda was approved and taken as read.

§ 5. Approval of AGM minutes 2005

The minutes were approved and taken as read.

§ 6. Annual Report 2005

Karina Chupina presented the Annual Report 2005. She explained that in 2005 IFHOHYP organized a lot of activities. Furthermore, grant applications for Study session and IFHOHYP Multimedia project "What is it like to be young and hard-of-hearing in Europe?" were approved and IFHOHYP is waiting for the answer to the application for the Administrative costs grant. Karina Chupina also explained that now there is an IFHOHYP representative in Advisory Council on Youth, Council of Europe. It is the first time IFHOHYP is represented in the Advisory Council on Youth, and IFHOHYP representative is the only representative of disability youth issues there. The annual report was approved and taken as read.

§ 7. Financial Issues

7.1. Financial Report 2004

Karina Chupina explained the situation of the treasurer. Greet Penneman, the actual treasurer had a lot of work because she had to make the financial reports of 2004, 2005 and 2006, and she did not have all the information about expenses and incomes of the last years from previous treasurers. Some days before the AGM, Greet Penneman sent a letter explaining she couldn't come to the AGM and informing about the new IFHOHYP bank account.

Treasurer tried to make the Financial Report of 2004 but some information could not be checked as proof was missing from previous treasurers. Noora Penttinen proposed to non-accept this report forever since there is no chance to retrieve all needed information anyway.

Karina Chupina read the IFHOHYP constitution and she informed that constitution doesn't say anything specific about the rules of non-acceptance of the report.

Everybody agreed to not accept the financial report of 2004 forever.

7.2. Financial Report 2005:

Claudio Nicita said that bank costs were very high. IFHOHYP board explained that Italian bank had very expensive costs but this bank account is closed and now IFHOHYP opened a new one in Belgium and costs are cheaper. Financial Report of 2005 was approved.

7.3 Budget 2006

Everybody read the budget prepared by the treasurer and there was some incorrect information. In the explanatory note of the treasurer, she said that there were other expenses which she did not know about at the moment of writing the budget proposal. Indeed, there was a need to introduce more costs from the new Council of Europe grants and debts for the Board members. Christi Menheere proposed to make a new draft of Budget during the AGM and to approve it in the end of the AGM. María López, Claudio Nicita, Noora Penttinen and Karina Chupina made a new draft during a break.

After the break, Karina Chupina explained the new budget, she explained that there is an income of 27.825€, 26.577€ in expenses and a profit of 1248€. This new budget was approved by unanimity.

7.4 Individual membership fee- as proposal by the Czech organization

Karina Chupina explained that Czech organization had problems to pay last year the IFHOHYP membership fee, and the Czech Union of the Deaf proposed individual fee.

Noora Penttinen said that if IFHOHYP accepts individual fees, we have to change the constitution because by constitution, IFHOHYP is a federation of organizations.

Everybody agreed if a member organization of IFHOHYP organizes an activity that collects some money from non-members, that organization will not pay the membership fee that year. It was approved to apply it from 2007.

It was approved not to offer a individual membership fee.

Everybody agreed that if a person contributes a lot to IFHOHYP committees or to IFHOHYP activities, IFHOHYP board will decide that person will not pay the so-called non-member "extra fee" in IFHOHYP activities such as summer camps and study sessions. Those persons will be Honorary members, accordingly with the Constitution Article 9.

7.5 Membership fee of Switzerland

Laura Marti explained the situation of Switzerland, they are a working group of 10 people, and they are a part of a big organization who provided IFHOHYP membership fee (200€) for the group. Switzerland's group is a regional organization and 2006 is the first year of their membership, then they have to pay 50€ for membership fee this year and next year 100€. Everybody agreed to accept only 50€.

§ 8. Election of New Board members

8.1. President

AGM elected Karina Chupina as the President of IFHOHYP for the next two years. No one else was suggested. Following the Constitution delegates have had to make a written vote on a paper. The total number of votes must be seven. The votes were counted and the only candidate has got seven votes.

8.2. Vice-president

AGM elected María López as the Vice-president of IFHOHYP for the next two years. No one else was suggested. Delegates voted on a paper. The votes were counted and the only candidate has got seven votes.

8.3. Auditor

AGM chose Noora Penttinen to be the Auditor of IFHOHYP for the next year. No one else was suggested. She became elected by unanimity.

§ 9. Programme for IFHOHYP 2006-2010

9.1. Summer Camps are planned to be in:

2006 Spain
2007 Finland
2008 Slovak Republic
2009 Location to be decided
2010 Location to be decided

9.2. Conferences, Courses (Reports from committee/s)

9.2.1 Study Session

Karina Chupina explained the next Study Session is about: **Safeguarding human rights of HOH youth: How to cope with discrimination and violence in Education and Employment.** It will be organized in the last week of April 2006 (23th-30th April), in the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. She explained that there will be 30 participants from 19 countries. This Study session has a more political dimension than the sessions before. After Study session there will be the first meeting of Multimedia project, also in Strasbourg, where national coordinators will start working on the project.

Karina Chupina informed about Youth Express Network. Perhaps IFHOHYP will apply in October together with YEN for the joint study session in the European Youth Centre of the Council of Europe in October 2007. In this case participants will be HOH and hearing young people together.

9.2.2 English course

María López informed about English Course. She explained that Loli Martinez from Madrid contacted teacher of English and an Irish boy who are competent to teach English for HOH students. María López is waiting for a project that they have written and then English course committee will start to look for sponsors.

Lianne de Jonge proposed to arrange the English course in a country with native English speakers as it is better for the learning process.

Juraj Variny explained that in Slovak Republic there are English courses in schools for hard of hearing people.
English course committee will work on that.

9.3. Annual General Meetings

The next AGMs will be held in:
2007 Switzerland OR Spain (in case if Switzerland will not be possible)
2008 Spain OR Switzerland
2009 Location to be decided
2010 Location to be decided

§ 10. Committee Reports/ Updates

Some committees were already established at last AGM and they are still working, although the committee members may change and were replaced by other people.

10.1. Newsletter Committee

Andrea Pietrini – Coordinator (Italy)
Vanessa Migliosi (Italy)
María López (Spain)
Lianne de Jonge (The Netherlands)
Juraj Variny (Slovak Republic)

10.2. The Website/ Mailing list Committee:

Christi Menheere – Coordinator (The Netherlands)
Gerard Van Maurik (The Netherlands)
Greet Penneman (Belgium)
Juraj Variny (Slovak Republic)

10.3. Fundraising Committee

Karina Chupina – Coordinator (Russia)
María López (Spain)
Laura Marti (Switzerland)
Greet Penneman (Belgium)

Karina Chupina informed about this committee and its work. She explained that IFHOHYP applied for the administrative costs grant from the Council of Europe. Later by the end of the year, if IFHOHYP meets all needed criteria of the European Commission, we can apply for the EU NGO support grant from the European Commission. We are waiting for the result.

10.4. New Study Session Committee:

Karina Chupina – Coordinator (Russia)
María López (Spain)
Noora Penttinen (Finland)
Yana Domuschieva (Bulgaria)
Johan Bijleveld (The Netherlands)

Karina Chupina asked everybody who would like to be in the Study session committee for the next study session (most probably organised together with Youth Express Network). Nobody confirmed and it was said that it is best to discuss new study session committee after the study session of 2006 is over. Participants of the study session 2006 could become members of the new study session committee.

10.5. Conference and/or seminars participation Committee:

Vanessa Migliosi (Italy)
Noora Penttinen (Finland)
Lianne de Jonge (The Netherlands)

Noora Penttinen contacted Maria Pantaleva asking if she wants to continue, and she didnt reply. Thus Maria Pantaleeva will not be a member anymore.

10.6. Summer camp Committee:

Christi Menheere (The Netherlands)

Christi Menheere explained that nobody asked her about how to organize a summer camp, but she will stay in the committee.

10.7. English course Committee:

María López – Coordinator (Spain)

Lianne de Jonge (The Netherlands)

Laura Marti (Switzerland)

Marek Málik (Slovak Republic)

10.8. Development of new activities Committee:

María López (Spain)- Coordinator

Lianne de Jonge (The Netherlands)

Heidi Koyste (Finland)

Evelina Sukhovskaya (Russia)

§ 11. Representation of IFHOHYP in Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe since 2006

Karina Chupina explained that Johan Bijleveld, from The Netherlands, was nominated by IFHOHYP for the membership in the Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth. It is the first time IFHOHYP is represented in the Advisory Council on Youth, and it is a very important membership for IFHOHYP. The Advisory Council on Youth comprises 30 representatives of non-governmental youth organisations and networks. It provides opinions and input from the youth NGOs on all youth sector activities and ensures that young people are involved in the Council's other activities. IFHOHYP representative is the only member of the Advisory Council who represents youth disability issues and will bring disability concerns in the youth matters of the Council of Europe.

Johan Bijleveld went to the first meeting of Advisory Council on 1-2 of March, 2006. Johan is also involved in the Programming Committee on Youth of the Council of Europe that establishes, monitors and evaluates the programmes of the European Youth Centres and of the European Youth Foundation. Karina explained that Johan Bijleveld would like to leave the Advisory Council because of the increased job commitments. IFHOHYP board will discuss this issue with Johan and will try to find the best solution to this situation or look for replacement.

§ 12. Joint partnership with EFHOH and IFHOH

Karina Chupina explained that IFHOHYP has more partnership with EFHOH, we will be working together on multimedia project, we are in different meetings on international affairs. She explained that IFHOH, EFHOH and IFHOHYP will be working together for fundraising. She informed that Greet Penneman will go to the IFHOH and EFHOH AGM in Croatia in April, and IFHOHYP can become member of IFHOH with one vote (IFHOH constitution changed). We have to discuss the ways of cooperation with both Federations. Christi Menheere proposed committees about "media" or subtitles as media is a pre-requisite for receiving information and a tool of communication. Representatives commented that it would be a good opportunity to participate in Vancouver Congress in 2008. We thought that maybe a less expensive cost of participation for young people in Vancouver Congress would be possible. Karina Chupina will be in touch with Canadian youth organization concerning this issue.

§ 13. Any Other Business

13.1 Next training courses information

Karina Chupina informed that IFHOHYP receives a lot of information about different training courses organized by the Council of Europe. Christi commented that she will send the information to the mailing list when IFHOHYP receives it.

13.2 Cooperation with youth Express Network (joint study session 2007 and other projects).

Karina Chupina informed before IFHOHYP will probably apply for a new Study session together with YEN, it would be in autumn 2007 and participants would be both Hearing and Hard of Hearing. Study session will be most likely devoted to the situation of disadvantaged young people.

13.3 Membership of EDF and activities:

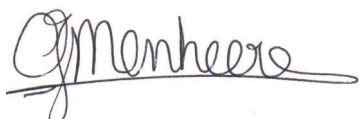
Karina Chupina explained that for being Ordinary member of EDF IFHOHYP has to have 15 members and we have only 8 organisations at the moment. In this case we can only be an Associate Member. This allows us to receiving information from them about disability initiatives across Europe, legislation and project opportunities. Christi is sending relevant information to mailing list.

§ 14. Closing of the Annual General Meeting

Christi Menheere closed the AGM 2005 at 16.30h

Karina Chupina thanked a lot Kuulonhuoltoliitto ry for their work in hosting the meeting.

Chairman



Christi Menheere

Secretary



María López García