



AIDA Europe Assembly
13 April 2018, Sofitel Victoria / Warsaw

Minutes

1. Welcome

Christian Felderer, Chairman AIDA Europe, opens the Assembly at 0815 CET and welcomes all present. He explains that the Assembly has been duly called and that together with the Notice a copy of the Annual Report 2017 had been sent to all Members by e-mail, whilst the materials for the Assembly have been, at the same time, posted on the AIDA Europe Webpage.

2. Presence / Apologies of Members

The Chairman finds that out of the 31 Members the following Members are represent in today's Assembly:

1. Belgium
2. Finland
3. Germany
4. Greece
5. Hungary
6. Israel
7. Italy
8. Netherlands
9. Portugal
10. Russia
11. Switzerland
12. UK

As there have been no additional items suggested for today's Assembly, the Chairman proposes to conduct the Assembly in line with the proposed Agenda ([Attachment 1](#)).

Furthermore, the Assembly appoints Peggy Sharon as the secretary for taking the minutes of today's meeting.

3. Report of the Chairman

The Members acknowledge that the 2017 Assembly was held by way of a written resolution, the results of which were duly announced on the AIDA Europe Webpage. Therefore, all Members present acknowledge that no minutes need to be approved.

The Chairman refers to the Annual Report 2017, which was sent to the Members together with the remaining material for the Assembly 2018 in due time before today's Assembly.

In emphasizing certain items of the Report the Chairman explains that the operational governance could be resolved in 2017 and that the formation of the AIDA Europe Scientific Committee has greatly helped to promote the scientific activities of AIDA Europe. Next to the very successful *Call for (academic) Papers* for this year's conference in Warsaw (35 abstracts were filed), Prof. Pierpaolo Marano, Chairman of the AIDA Europe Scientific Committee, has already launched a further Call for Papers for 2019 focussing on the subject of Insurance & Human Rights. The Scientific Committee, on behalf of AIDA Europe, has also arranged for a publishing house (Springer) for the AIDA Europe Research Series on Insurance Law and Regulation.

Rolf Staub, Chairman of the Swiss Chapter, welcomes the scientific activities undertaken by the AIDA Europe Scientific Committee and suggests that AIDA Europe considers giving money prizes to the winners of the academic awards. This might be highly valued by and incentivising the academics who will be participating in any future academic competition. He proposes to speak to the Chairman of the AIDA Europe Scientific Committee for further developing the idea.

The Chairman further comments that the decision by the Zurich Cantonal Tax Authorities, regarding AIDA Europe's tax exemption status under Swiss Tax Law, has been re-affirmed. The Cantonal Tax Authorities rejected the objections by the Zurich City Tax Authority. In the light of the prevailing practice by the Cantonal Authorities it is now hoped that the City Tax Authorities will abstain from lodging an appeal against the Cantonal decision. The matter will receive continued attention by the AIDA Europe Committee.

The Chairman further mentions that the Treasurer, *Mrs. Stefanie Gey*, has asked to be released from her duties due to changing business commitments, which make it difficult for her to follow-up on her Treasurer's duties. The AIDA Europe Committee has considered the situation in its meeting of 11 April 2018 and has appointed, *Mr. Dominik Skrobala, Attorney at Law, LL.M., Zurich/Switzerland*, as the new Treasurer, with effect as of the same date.

In closing the report the Chairman refers to the focus items, which the AIDA Europe Committee has identified for 2018/19

- Law making and the development and harmonization of legal issues outside the Conference schedule, which is yet at a very early stage;
- Assessing the feasibility for AIDA Europe to provide superior academic education (e.g. summer schools); and
- Strengthening of the AIDA Europe's membership base, e.g. by checking the feasibility of individual membership in AIDA Europe

Finally, he mentions that there are a number of inactive AIDA Europe member countries. Appropriate measures for reactivating these members shall be ascertained.

The Members present unanimously acknowledge and approve the Annual Report 2017.

4. Approval of financial accounts

The Chairman explains that the balances of AIDA Europe's bank accounts with Credit Suisse, Zurich/Switzerland, fully reflect the current financial situation of AIDA Europe, as at 31 December 2017. This remains the only banking facility entertained by AIDA Europe, after all funds from the account at the Royal Bank of Scotland, London, have been transferred to the Credit Suisse account in the course of 2017. The account at the Royal Bank of Scotland was closed during 2017. AIDA Europe has no further assets.

The closing balances as at 31 December 2017 for AIDA Europe's accounts at Credit Suisse were as follows:

£ 89'968.74
€ 17'411.95
CHF 954.32

The Members acknowledge the comments of the Chairman and unanimously approve the 2017 Annual Financial Accounts of AIDA Europe, as per Part B of the 2016 Annual Report.

5. Elections

The Chairman explains that in the course of 2017 Anna Tarasiuk, Chairwoman of the AIDA Polish Chapter has been appointed by Prof. Samim Ünan as his alternate in the AIDA Europe Committee. In light of his further responsibilities Prof. Ünan has decided to step down from the Committee with effect as of today's Assembly. The Committee proposes to the Assembly the election of Anna Tarasiuk for the remainder of the term of office 2016 – 2020. The Chairman thanks Prof. Ünan for his kind support of the Committee's activities and of AIDA Europe.

He further informs the Assembly about the intent to allow for the elections of further new members in the Assembly 2019, with a view to avoiding that too many existing members need to be replaced (*due existing limitations in the eligible terms of office*) at once in the Assembly 2020.

Elections – Preliminary Remarks

Member / Person	Chapter	First elected
Christian Felderer	Switzerland	13.9.2012
Herman Cousy	Belgium	13.9.2012
Ioannis Rokas	Greece	22.5.2008
José María Muñoz Paredes	Spain	22.5.2008
Otto Csurgó	Hungary	22.5.2008
Peggy Sharon	Israel	22.5.2008
Pierpaolo Merano	Italy	13.9.2012
Robert Koch	Germany	22.5.2008
[Samim Ünan] Anna Tarasiuk	[Turkey] Poland	[13.9.2012] / [13.4.2018]
Sjoerd Meijer	Holland	2.12.2015
Slobodan Jovanovic	Serbia	22.5.2008
Tim Hardy	UK	3.11.2016
Torben Bondrop	Denmark	22.5.2008
Sandra Dallimore (Administrative Secretary)	UK	20/2009
Stefanie Gay (Treasurer)	Switzerland	3.11.2016

Note: Parliament rules for office of Committee Members – AIDA Europe By-laws - Article 10 para. 2 / Chairman – re-election 1x, in exceptional cases 2x / Members – re-election up to 3x / Max. Age 70

Committee Members no longer available for re-election

In consideration of the proposal for election, the Assembly unanimously elects Anna Tarasiuk as a new Committee Member for a term of office ending on the date of the Assembly 2020. Anna Tarasiuk accepts her appointment. All present confirm the election with acclamation.

7. Any other business

Sandra Ramirez, Vice-Chairperson of CILA explains that she will run for President of CILA. She further provides details of the Salamanca Conference and encourages participation in that Conference.

The Chairman elaborates on the bidding process for the 2019 AIDA Europe Conference. Two highly valuable bids have been lodged, one by the Swiss and one by the Portuguese AIDA Chapter. After discussion with the two Chapters, it was found that the *8th AIDA Europe Conference should be held in Lisbon/Portugal on 3/4 October 2019.*

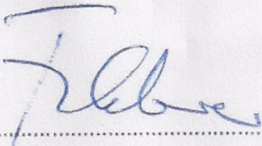
In light of the two excellent bids the AIDA Committee decided to take advantage of the second bid and agreed to hold the *9th AIDA Europe Conference in Zurich/Switzerland*, which should also reflect the Swiss seat of the organization. For the conference in Zurich, the date has been tentatively fixed for September/October 2020.

8. Next Assembly Meeting

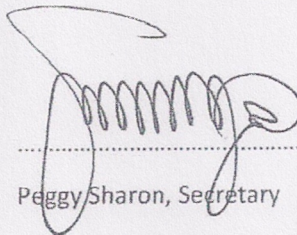
The next Assembly will take place on *4 October 2019 in Lisbon / Portugal in combination with the 8th AIDA Europe Conference.* The venue of the Assembly will be communicated, as and when determined.

As there are no further matters to be discussed, the Chairman closes the meeting at 0845 and wishes all a successful continuation of the conference.

Warsaw, 14 April 2018



Christian Felderer, Chairman



Peggy Sharon, Secretary

Attachments

1. Motions for approval at the 7th General Assembly, 13 April 2018 – Sofitel Victoria Hotel, Warsaw
2. Annual Report 2017



To the members of AIDA Europe

Motions for approval at the 7th General Assembly, 13 April 2018 – Sofitel Victoria Hotel, Warsaw

In its meeting of 3 April 2017, the AIDA Europe Committee has agreed to put forward to the Members of AIDA Europe, by way of a *Motion for a Written Resolution*, the following Assembly 2017 Motions:

1. Approval of Annual Report 2017

“The AIDA Europe Committee proposes to the Assembly the approval of the Annual Report 2016.”

2. Approval of Annual Accounts 2017

“The AIDA Europe Committee proposes to the Assembly the approval of the 2016 Annual Financial Accounts of AIDA Europe, as per **Part B** of the 2016 Annual Report.”

3. Elections

“The AIDA Europe Committee proposes to the Assembly the election of **Anna Tarasiuk**, Chairwoman of the AIDA Polish Chapter, as a new Committee Member for the term of office ending at the Assembly 2020, replacing Prof. Samim Ünán who is stepping down as of the date of the Assembly 2018.”