

FIMITIC
Activity report of the Secretariat
2009 - 2011
To the Delegates' Conference 20 October 2011 Madrid, Spain

After the Delegates' Conference and the conference on employment in Slovenia the Secretariat cooperated with the Slovene association ZDIS, collected the papers, the conclusions of the conference, made a summary and put them on the website.

Several pieces of news were sent to the website every month and changes were made (new Board, excluded member associations, new addresses, new e-mails)

In October EDF Board meeting was held on 18-19 October 2009 in Stockholm
participant: Miguel Angel García Oca

Draft minutes of the Executive Board meeting Spa Topolsica, September 17 was sent to the Board

Draft Minutes of the Delegates' Conference, September 19, 2009, at Hotel Vesna, Spa Topolsica, Slovenia was sent to the members

We got a letter of interest from the Association of People with Disabilities - Shpresa from Skopje, Macedonia

Information was sent about FIMITIC and the procedure of joining FIMITIC (no reply)

In November a summary was sent to the Board about the EDF Board meeting (European Pact)

EDF called for membership in different committees, task forces, and email expert groups. We got it on 3rd November and the deadline was 20th November

Miguel Angel García Oca applied for membership in the e-mail expert group on health and transport

FIMITIC registration - checking the possibilities in Spain

In December we got information from Cyprus that the FIMITIC can be registered there. This was sent to the Board on 11th December

On 23rd December we got a letter from the Association of Physically Handicapped People in the Czech Republic (Svaz telesne postizenych v České republice STP).

They informed us that they were going to quit their membership in FIMITIC from the year 2010.

In January 2010 the request of STP, the Czech association was accepted and a letter was sent on 19th January 2010

We got information that ANDST from Portugal can pay the membership fee in 2010.

In February a Conference "Access for employment for the most vulnerable persons" was held in Madrid, 22-23/2/2010

applicant: Rodica Marian, AHNR Romania

EDF did not accept the application

FIMITIC was represented by Miguel Angel García Oca

Albert Caminada, Honorary President of FIMITIC passed away on 16th February - obituary was sent to the members and to the website, a letter of condolences to his family and to his association in Liechtenstein.

Spanish Presidency conference entitled "Inclusive education by promoting social cohesion" which will take place in Madrid - Invitation was sent to the member associations.

Payment of EDF membership fee - EUR 1100 as full member NGO

On 11th February a circular letter arrived from the Council of Europe Head of Department of the European Social Charter an invitation to re-apply for entitlement to lodge complaints alleging violations of the Charter in the States Parties to the Charter which have accepted the Additional Protocol.

- Data of FIMITIC was updated at the International Labour Organisation - Special List of NGOs on 26th February
- Survey of International Organization in liaison with ISO - information on FIMITIC was updated on 28th February

In March we got request from the Czech National Disability Council to let them pay the membership fee in May. It was accepted.

EDF Board meeting was held on 19-21 March in Greece
FIMITIC was represented by Miguel Angel García Oca

European Disability Pact campaign was forwarded to the member associations.

Information was disseminated about the EU Structural Funds that was given at the EDF Board meeting in Greece on 26th March.

On 30th March opinion and position on the implementation and utility of the EU Equal Treatment Directive was asked from the member associations with the EDF.

Survey - young people with disability was forwarded to the members on 31st March
Replies from: - ESFC Cyprus, OFOONR Poland

In April Spanish Presidency conference on Education "Inclusive Education by promoting social cohesion" was held in Madrid, 10-12 /4 /2010

applicant: Abdulla Omuri, Albania

it was not accepted

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EDF AGA nomination form was sent

applicant: Chrysis Michaelides

He could not participate in it.

Reply to the Council of Europe - Social Charter. FIMITIC enjoys participatory status with the Council of Europe, Our association is entitled to lodge complaints of violations of the Charter in the framework of the Additional Protocol to the European Social Charter. Our entitlement expired on 30th June 2010. This status can be extended every four year.

"At present FIMITIC is in an interim situation and due to the process of restructuring shall not re-apply for inclusion on the list of international non-governmental organisations entitled to lodge complaints for a new 4-year period.

Certainly we will look at the development, examine the preconditions with the Board and Members and express our interest next time for it when a new call is launched."

In May EDF Annual General Assembly and Board meeting were held on 8-9 May FIMITIC was represented by Miguel Angel García Oca

In June the request of FIMITIC was accepted by the Social Charter in the Council of Europe at the 121st meeting (Strasbourg, 3-6 May 2010) The entitlement to lodge complaints will expire on 30 June 2010.

Organization of the Board meeting in cooperation with the Czech National Disability Council

The first call for participation in the European Day for Disabled People was sent to the member association.

Executive Board meeting was held in Prague on 11 June 2010.

In July the Minutes of the Board meeting held in Prague were sent to the Board members

Physical Disability Australia interested in the contact with FIMITIC.
News were sent to the member associations

News were sent to the website (EU, EDF, UN, international, greetings)

In August - News from the members:

AHNR from Romania held the general assembly and new President was elected on 19-20 August 2010. The new elected President is Ion Adrian Mihalcea
Data of the Romanian association was changed on the website

In September - Preparation for the executive Board meeting.

In October news were sent to the member associations.
The Board meeting was organized.

In November the Board meeting was postponed
News were sent to the website.

In December - On the European Day of Disabled People on 2-3 December 2010
Abdulla Omuri from AALI the Albanian association represented FIMITIC

FIMITIC membership fee requests of invoices were forwarded to the Treasurer

In January 2011 - Universal Learning Design conference was organized by the Czech National Disability Council - invitation was forwarded to the FIMITIC members

In February - Preparation for the Board meeting

An invitation to the international Photo Competition the "Accessible Love" organized by MEOSZ the Hungarian association was forwarded to the member association.

In March a survey on holiday exchange between FIMITIC countries was sent to the member associations

- three filled questionnaires were sent back (Czech Republic, Cyprus, Poland)

Searching for funding

- at the European Commission "Europe for Citizens 2007-2013" program
It did not managed because of financial reasons.

In April the published material of the conference held in Topolsica Slovenia in September 2009 was received in April.

Executive Board meeting was held in Budapest on 30 April 2011.

Minutes of the Board meeting held in Budapest 30 April 2011 were sent to the Board members in May.

In May information on the Eurokey project was disseminated to the member associations

News were sent to the website (EU, EDF, UN, international)

In June news from PWDI Ireland: There was a restructuring in the organisation and now their association is not only an organisation for people with physical disabilities. It was agreed that they will stay a member of FIMITIC.

Information was sent about the Delegates' conference to the member associations.

Invitation to the Delegates' conference was sent to the member associations.

A questionnaire was sent about the UN Convention. Several questionnaires were sent back from the member associations.

In July we got a request from Australia to contact with FIMITIC.

Some years ago, the Physical Disability Council of Australia became a member of FIMITIC, and they were interested in the membership in FIMITIC again. Their name changed into Physical Disability Australia, they are the national disability peak organisation for physical disability in Australia. All board members and staff are people with physical disability, or family members. They would like to re-establish the links with our federation in order to forge ahead with the rights of people with a physical disability world wide.

The FIMITIC application form was sent to the Australian association.

In August the member associations were asked to have information in English on their websites. We got one reply from HSUIR Croatia. Their association cannot bear the cost of it because it is too expensive.

Information on the complaint procedure was sent to the member association to help them in case of violation of the UN Convention. The members were informed on the link of Human rights complain procedure, with the help of the page they can get information how complaints can be made when certain aspects of the UN Convention are not being implemented.

In September a questionnaire was sent to the members on the impact of the crisis with some points of the raised retirement age. We got back the questionnaire from

four associations from Poland, Cyprus and Portugal.

Invitation to the European Day for Disabled People 1-2 December Brussels was forwarded to the member associations. Applicants for participation: Chrysis Michaelides from Cyprus and Monica Vrablova from Slovakia

The FIMITIC members were informed about the Access City award 2012.

In October the preparation for the Delegates' Conference and for the associated events was done in cooperation with the Spanish organizers.

CONCLUSIONS

We spent two years with the efforts to examine the place where FIMITIC can be registered again. In the future the most important task will be to strengthen our federation with the registration in a suitable country. If the FIMITIC is registered, it can promote its international work by fund raising for different projects. There are many areas in need of development today. One of them is the rights of people with disabilities, as the topic of the conference. The crisis has a negative effect on every field of life and on the rights of people with disability as well. It is difficult to live day by day with restrictions, hindrance in finances and without development.

If the member associations share the responsibility to take actions together, only in that case could FIMITIC be active. This federation was established in 1953 to represent and help people with physical disability but it needs the support of its members.

I hope the member associations will contribute with their experience and knowledge to enable FIMITIC to promote equal rights and inclusion in the society for all. In the future, we will have to work in closer cooperation with all of the member associations to achieve our aims.

I would like to ask the member associations to share their news and ideas with us to create a good base of cooperation.

Vác, 10 October 2011



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