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## Participants list

COUNTRY	VOLUNTEER	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Albania	Glen Guxho	Bruna Hylviu
Austria		Angela Tunkel
Belgium (Sensoa)	Alexis Dewaele	Dirk Pyck
Belgium (FLCPF)	Katinka Intzandt	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ena Mesihovic	
Cyprus	Marilena Kyriakou	Maria Epaminonda
Denmark	Marie Beha	Bjarne B Christensen
Estonia	Jonas	Marko Gummert
Finland	Ms Maria Kaisa Aula	Ms Eija Koivuranta
France	Mathilde Chafreau	Sharlen Sezestre
Georgia	Ana Tomadze	Nino Tsuleiskiri
Germany	Dr. Gülhan Inci	Jutta Gueldenpfennig
Ireland	Natasha O'Brien	Niall Behan
Israel	Ruti Gilat	Sharon Cherkasky
Kazakhstan	Natalya Rakhalskaya	Galina Grebennikova
Kyrgyzstan	Uluk Batyrgaliev	Galina Chirkana
Latvia	Laura Isajeva	Rita Kubulina (not ED)
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Norway	Berit Austveg	Tor-Hugne Olsen
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Romania	Mihaela Madalina Matache	Carmen Suraianu

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Sweden	Hans Linde	Anna-Karin
Switzerland	Noemi Grutter	Barbara Berger
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REC	
Gabriel Bianchi	President
Petra Bayr	Vice President
Reinis Upenieks	Treasurer
Juela Skarra	Youth Representative
Johannes Rindal	Member
Alice Ackermann	Member
Daniela Draghici	Member
Esther Albarran	Member
Niki Georgiou	Member

YSAFE	
Maryna Honcharova	Vice Chair
Louise Withalison	Member
Viktor Damjanovski	Member
Muna Shukorova	Member

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Caroline Hickson	Regional Director
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Alexandra Ilieva	UNESCO
Maria Medvedchikova	UNESCO
Claire Provost	Tracking the Backlash
Yuri Guiana	AllOut
Ania Shapiro	Research Consultant
Steve Sinding	Independent Commission for Governance and Reform
Snjezana Bokulic	IPPF (Central Office)

This document contains a summary of the decisions taken by the Regional Council delegates in their governance capacity. For notes on the content-specific parts of the meeting, please refer to the RC-RMM report.

## 1. Welcome

Gabriel Bianchi, Regional President, welcomes all participants to the Regional Council (RC) and Regional Management Meeting (RMM). He explains that there are 29 Member Associations present from across the region and thanks the Estonian Sexual Health Association for hosting the event. Gabriel touches upon IPPF's new reform agenda and expresses his wish to explore this agenda further with participants over the weekend. He also introduces the REC and extends particular welcome to YSAFE.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Alice Ackermann, youth representative to the REC, announces the apologies for absence and goes through some procedural items for the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from: Marie-Dominique Pauti (ED of Le Planning Familial); Emina Osmanagic (ED of Association XY – B&H), Katerina Glosova of The Slovak Family Planning Association, and Simon Herteleer, Chair of the YSAFE Steering Committee. Apologies were also received from Natika Halil, former ED of the UK MA which ceased trading a couple of months before the meeting.

Among the MAs present at the RC, 65 % were women and 31% were young people which is in line with the IPPF requirements.

## 3. Adoption of the agenda

The theme of the 2019 Regional Council was 'SRHR in the digital era.' The meeting aimed to provide delegates with the opportunity to consider how sexual and reproductive health and rights are affected by trends in the digital revolution. The RC is asked to approve the agenda of the 47<sup>th</sup> Regional Council. The agenda is **APPROVED** [Annex 01].

## 4. Approval of the 2018 Regional Council Minutes

Regional Council delegates **APPROVED** the 2018 Regional Council minutes without changes [Annex 02].

## 5. Matters arising from the minutes

### 5.1 Appointment of the Resolutions Committee

This Committee should comprise three RC delegates, one REC member and one staff member. The REC proposed the following names:

- Ena Mesihovic (Bosnia & Herzegovina)
- Alexis Dewaele (Belgium)
- Muna Shukurova (YSAFE SC)
- Johannes Rindal (REC)
- Lena Luyckfasseel (Regional Office)

All proposed accepted the assignment. The 2019 Resolutions and Recommendations Committee was appointed.

## 6. Elections

### *Nominations for the Finance and Audit Committee and Nomination and Elections Committee*

Gabriel presents the nominees for the Finance and Audit Committee and Nomination and Elections Committee and asks delegates to review their profiles online before the elections the following day. He also asks delegates to consider putting themselves forward for the remaining seat on the Nomination and Elections Committee. Should there be no additional nominee, the RC will elect freely from the floor.

## 7. Welcome from Jonas Grauberg, Estonian Sexual Health Association

As Board member of the Estonian Sexual Health Association, Jonas Grauberg welcome participants to Estonia. He gives a presentation on developments happening in the digital arena in Estonia and shows a film on 'e-citizenship' in the country.

## 8. Video presentation by Rob Cover

A video recording of a presentation made by Rob Cover, Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia, is played [Annex 03]. Rob presents findings from the sociological research he has conducted on the ways in which youth, gender and identity are shaped by digital media. Rob then joins virtually for questions from the delegates.

## 9. A new way forward for IPPF

Petra Bayr, Regional Vice President, introduces the session on the IPPF reform agenda which includes presentations from Gabriel Bianchi, Steve Sinding (Member of the Independent Commission), Achille Togbeto (Director of Governance & Accreditation), Caroline Hickson (Regional Director) and Bjarne Christensen (ED of the Danish Family Planning Association).

Gabriel presents pivotal moments in recent IPPF history which have provoked the current need for reform. Steve explains the role of the Independent Commissions in the current reform process. He stresses the importance of listening to MAs during the reform process and notes that all MAs will be invited to a General Assembly in India in November. Achille provides a summary of the current

governance structure of IPPF including the committees therein. Caroline provides an overview of the IPPF resource allocation formula. Bjarne summarises the discussion held among EDs the day before [Annex 04]. The floor is opened for discussion.

RC delegates and EDs attend a groupwork session facilitated by the REC. The groupwork session builds upon the preceding panel and participants are asked to respond to the following questions: what do we get from our membership of IPPF?; what are we not getting? what are our fears for IPPF? what are our hopes for IPPF? what is needed to enable the hopes? The feedback from this session will be summarised and reported on the following day.

## 10. REC Report

The REC presents its report, including on work carried out by the Treasurer to improve financial systems and the experience of REC members on Accreditation Review Visits over the previous year. Delegates ask questions about exchange rate fluctuations and the suspension of the Bulgarian MA.

The REC report is **NOTED**.

## 11. Where do MAs stand on sex work?

The results of a survey done among MAs, provides the basis of a discussion paper that was developed to gain better understanding of IPPF EN's viewpoints towards sex work and experiences engaging with sex workers [Annex 05]. The survey collected responses from 21 MAs and partners, which gave a good representation of the membership. It showed that there is strong support from MAs to allow IPPF EN to openly support decriminalization (71%). MAs support a continuation of the process, and support endorsement of decriminalization in principle, but better understanding is needed of the impact of the different models.

## 12. Elections

Johannes welcomes the delegates back into the room for the elections. Johannes invites people to raise their cards so that quorum may be established. It is established.

### 12.1 Elections to the Finance and Audit Committee

Johannes begins by presenting the primary nominee to the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC), Nicolette Loonen (RFSU). Johannes notes that, in the absence of a suitable nominee for the position of alternate representative to the FAC, the RC need only elect a primary representative. Elections will be held electronically for the position of alternate representative after the RC.

Johannes asks delegates to vote on the candidature of Nicolette Loonen. Nicolette Loonen is **ELECTED** as primary representative to the FAC.

### 12.2 Elections to the Nomination and Elections Committee

Johannes presents the profile of Alojva Xhelilaj (Albania) as the only person running for the Nomination and Elections Committee (NEC) in absentia. Johannes asks delegates to vote on the candidature of Alojva Xhelilaj. Alojva Xhelilaj is **ELECTED** to the NEC.

Johannes invites Marilena Kyraciou (Cyprus) to present her qualifications and motivation for running for the NEC to the RC. Johannes asks delegates to vote on the candidature of Marilena Kyraciou. Marilena Kyraciou is **ELECTED** to the NEC.

Johannes invites Muna Shukurova (Tajikistan) to present her qualifications and motivation for running for the NEC to the RC. Johannes asks delegates to vote on the candidature of Muna Shukurova. Muna Shukurova is **ELECTED** to the NEC.

### 13. Finance

#### 13.1 Financial Statements 2018

The IPPF EN Treasurer, Reinis Upenieks, presents the financial statements from 2018 [Annex 06]. The expenses were €4.614.111 and the income was €4.739.842 with a balance of €125.731 prior to allocation to restricted reserves, and with a final surplus of €47.197.

The RC asks for clarification of the different budget lines. Reinis clarifies the activities to which each budget line corresponds.

The RC is asked to approve the annual accounts. The annual accounts are **APPROVED**.

#### 13.2 Discharge of the REC

The RC is asked to discharge the REC of their fiduciary obligations. The discharge of the REC is **APPROVED**.

#### 13.3 Discharge of the Auditor

The RC is asked to discharge the auditor of his contractual obligations. The discharge of the accountant is **APPROVED**.

#### 13.4 Budget 2019

Reinis then presented the budget for 2019 which has a deficit of €74.639.

The RC ask for further detail on the potential impact of cuts in performance-based funds. The RC ask for clarification on the function of the Volunteer Development Fund.

The RC is asked to approve the budget of 2019. The RC **APPROVE** the 2019 budget.

### 14. Presentation of Recommendations and Resolutions

It is noted that there are no recommendations and resolutions for the 2019 RC.RMM.

#### 15. Sum-up of groupwork session on the IPPF reform process

The rapporteurs briefly present a summary of the groupwork session on reform from the day before [Annex 04]. The Executive Directors from the Irish, Tajik and Danish MAs are then invited to summarise their perspective on the reform process.

#### 16. Any other business

There is no other business.

--- Close of Meeting ---

## Annexes

- Annex 01 – Agenda for the 47<sup>th</sup> Regional Council Meeting
- Annex 02 – Minutes of the 46th Regional Council Meeting
- Annex 03 – [Video by Rob Cover](#) (truncated version [here](#))
- Annex 04 – Governance and Reform Session – PowerPoint presentation
- Annex 05 – Discussion paper on sex work
- Annex 06 – Finance presentation – PowerPoint