



**MINUTES**  
**GEECT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ZHdK Zurich, Switzerland, October 25th 2017**

The 3rd GEECT Board Meeting 2017 took place during the CILECT CONGRESS, Zurich, Switzerland, on the 25th of October.

Summary of GEECT Board actions since Board meeting Lillehammer (May 9th 2017):

As Chair of GEECT Bert Beyens attended the CILECT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meeting in ULHT Lisbon Portugal, 1+2 July 2017 (see CILECT Minutes).

GEECT Member schools received following mails via their contact persons in the CILECT Directory (and via participants list ZHdK):

- May 26th: a mail with subject "GEECT NEWS JUNE 2017" reminding the 2 calls for GEECT Conferences 2018; with, in attachment: "Minutes GEECT Board meeting Lillehammer May 9th"; "Letter to Members GEECT June 2017" and the "GEECT Conference application form".

- June 5th: a mail with subject "reminder: GEECT VILNIUS CONFERENCE", with, in attachment "LETTER+INFO about LMTA Conference"

- June 14th: a mail with subject "Extended Deadline Vilnius"

- August 23th: a mail with subject "Reminder Calls for Conferences 2018" with focus on the deadlines of September 15th and October 20th, with, in attachment "Letter to Members GEECT August 2017"

- October 13th: a mail with subject "Reminder Call for Autumn Conference 2018", deadline October 20th.

- October 22th: a mail with subject "GEECT in ZURICH 2017" about the GEECT Council meeting in Zurich on Wednesday 25th October to discuss 4 Conference Proposals, and an invitation to school representatives and attendees to be part of the Regional Association Members Meeting in Zurich on Thursday 26th October.

The Board meeting started at 8pm with all Board members present: Bert Beyens (Chair), Vinca Wiedemann (Vice-Chair), Manuel José Damásio (Treasurer), and Eli Bø and Guido Lukoschek (Members). Location: Restaurant Più Schiffbau.

## **1. GEECT FINANCES 2017.**

Expenditure (from May until October):

-Partial travelling reimbursements for Board Meetings (Lillehammer) were done according to the Brisbane agreement.

-The Board had a working dinner while meeting in Zurich.

(The very loaded schedule of the Zurich Congress didn't leave any room to organize a GEECT Members Dinner. It was also stated last year that the Brisbane Dinner would not become a precedent, and that it was merely a convenient solution and a service to the members in a logistic difficult place).

-The 2nd instalment of support for Conferences (DNF Lillehammer and LMTA Vilnius) is not paid yet (see 3. Evaluation of 2 conferences 2017).

Income: The chair will contact Stan Semerdjiev about the transfer of the GEECT FEES to our accounts.

## **2. COMMUNICATION WITH GEECT SCHOOLS + PARTICIPATION**

With 60 schools attending the Zurich CILECT CONGRESS the GEECT Regional Council had reasons to be very satisfied. (GEECT reunites 93 schools). But still, the absence of schools from 8 countries (Georgia, Greece, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Turkey) remains a real concern for the GEECT Board. Especially because these are mostly long-time members that have been very active in the past. The question was asked whether the Theme or Subject Matter of recent CILECT/GEECT events had something to do with this? Chair Bert Beyens will try to find out more by informal and personal mailings.

## **3. EVALUATION OF 2017 CONFERENCES**

It was agreed that during the Regional Association Members Meeting on the next day, chair Bert Beyens would thank the two coordinators of the 2017 Conferences, Fredrik Graver (for the Lillehammer Conference in May entitled *Training the Trainers Reboot: from Artist to Teacher*), and Giedre Kabasinskiene (for the Vilnius Conference in September on *Music and Sound Design for Film and New Media*), and would congratulate them for well-organized and well-attended events.

### 3.1. SPRING 2017 CONFERENCE: *Training the Trainers Reboot: from Artist to Teacher.*

Already in May, while the Conference was unfolding, the GEECT Board had expressed reservations about the Lillehammer Conference, because the actual format was so very different from the approved proposal. (See Minutes Lillehammer). The Board decided to await the evaluation feedback from participants and to wait for the output of the Conference.

Therefore, a meeting with Fredrik Graver took place in Zurich, on October 24th (the day before the Board meeting) in order to evaluate together.

The Survey that was done (in anonymity) gave a balanced view on the event. First-time participants in general reacted very positive, and expressed gratitude for this unique opportunity to meet peers. Attendees with more experiences in GEECT/CILECT events were more critical and somewhat disappointed.

Asked about the promised output Fredrik Graver admitted that the work to be done will take much more time than he originally thought.

### 3.2. AUTUMN 2017 CONFERENCE: *Music and Sound Design for Film and New Media.*

As only representative of the GEECT Board, Chair Bert Beyens attended the Conference *Music and Sound Design for Film/New Media* in the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre LMTA in Vilnius, September 2017.

He reported that the Conference had met all expectations, and was very well received by its participants.

Similar to the positive after-effect of the Production Design Conference in Dublin 2015 the Vilnius participants felt the need to stay in touch.

The results of the official survey were not available yet. The output will be available later this year.

## 4. CONFERENCES 2018

4.1. Four very interesting Conference Proposals from 4 different countries (Belgium, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands) reached the GEECT Board within the given deadlines — there were 2 CALLS: the 1st CALL considered a Spring Conference 2018; the 2nd CALL asked for Autumn Conference 2018 proposals. The Board was thrilled by the seriousness of the work presented.

4.2. Vice-Chair Vinca Wiedemann, Eli Bø and Guido Lukoschek asked both Bert Beyens and Manuel José Damásio to withdraw from the Board Meeting for this topic on the Agenda because their respective schools (RITCS and ULHT/DOCNOMADS) were involved and/or partner in one of the proposals. Neither one of them could take part in the proper discussion or cast a vote.

4.3. Vice-Chair Vinca Wiedemann opened with the statement that similar themes and concerns were dominant in the proposals: an interest in Fiction/Reality issues (Documentary) and attention to Diversity/Inclusiveness.

4.4. For the Spring Conference 2018, there was only one proposal: Teaching Documentary II, by Heidi Gronauer (ZELIG) and John Burgan (NFS/USW), planned to take place in May 2018. Both applicants were the organizers of the very successful Teaching Documentary Conference in Cardiff-United Kingdom, in 2014. The GEECT Board was very positive and accepted the proposal.

4.5 For the Autumn Conference 2018, 3 proposals were received.

Because of the first decision about the SPRING CONFERENCE, to support the Teaching Documentary II proposal in Bolzano-Italy, the joint Belgian proposal by INSAS-LUCA-RITCS-DOCNOMADS, being a documentary event as well under the title *Mise-En-Scène of Reality. Coordinators Laurent Gross, Carl van Eyndhoven, Ann Olaerts, Rob Rombout*) was not kept for discussion.

The 2 remaining proposals were further discussed in depth: the first one from *ifs* COLOGNE, entitled *Diversity and Film making— Researching and teaching Diversity in Film Schools (coordinator Su Nicholls-Gärtner)*; and the second one from NFA AMSTERDAM entitled *All Stories need to be Told, How Inclusion in Film Schools will lead to better Storytelling and more relevant Cinema (coordinator Bart Römer)*.

The GEECT Board concluded that with 2 proposals with such very similar subjects and approach, it was at this stage impossible to come to a decisive choice, and agreed to prepare a mail with a list of questions for more details, in order to justify a later final choice.

The GEECT Board also stated again that a collaboration between two schools is generally seen as very positive, but it is not a condition, and it will not be imposed.

The GEECT BOARD felt that it would be good to suggest to the 2 respective schools to get in touch with each other to explore possibilities of collaboration. The Board agrees to communicate about the AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2018 by mail and hopes to have a decision asap.

## **5. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING ZURICH OCT. 26th**

Bert Beyens and Manuel José Damásio joined the conversations again to prepare the agenda for the Regional Association meeting planned the next morning.

### **GEECT BOARD MEETING ENDS at 11pm**