

# Report from EJA Board Meeting in Athens 2007-07-31

## 1. Opening of the Meeting

Tarim **opened** the meeting

### Meeting Participants

Person	Role	Board Member
Tarim	Executive Committee Chairman	Yes
Fredrik Almgren	Sweden – Country Rep	Yes
Jon Skjerring-Rasmussen	Executive Committee Secretary	No
Geir Berge Ottersen	Observer/Presidential Candidate	No
Samuli Mannistö	Norway – Contact	Yes
Adolfo Rossomando	Finland – Country Rep	Yes
Robert Krizanic	Italy – Country Rep	Yes
Ron Atazky	Slovenia – Country Rep	No
Fabien Laude	Israele – Contact	Yes
Veronika Gallyas	Carvin 2004	Yes
Ferko Adamczyk	Hungary – Country Rep	No
Daan Yperman	Netherlands – Contact	Yes
Tobias Horstmann	Belgium – Country Rep	Yes
Philip Nicolai	Festival rep - Karlsruhe 2008	No
Tassilo Timm	Karlsruhe 2008	Yes
Markus	Karlsruhe 2000	No
Alex Vega	Munich 2010/2011	Yes
Deirdre Toher	Spain – Country Rep	Yes
Ali Close	Ireland – Country Rep	Yes
Johanna	UK – Country Rep, Prereg	No
Jakub A Tesinsky	Czech republic – observer	No
Fratl	Czech republic – Contact	Yes
Magnus Bjarnason	Austria – Country Rep	Yes
Sonja	Denmark – Country Rep	No
Bruno Furnari	EJA Archivist	Yes
Paul Andersson	Torino 1997	No
Costas Vazeos	USA – Contact	Yes
	Greece – Country rep	Yes

Everyone presented themselves. No voting was done at the meeting.

## 2. Presentation of EJC 2010 Candidates

There are two current candidates for organizing EJC 2010 – Munich in Germany and Joensuu in Finland. The two teams each gave a brief presentation.

### Munich Presentation

The planned site is the Olympic site from 1972. The group has founded a legal entity to be the organizing entity and has good contacts with the city. The plan is dependent on getting the intended site.

The team intends to organize another juggling convention prior to EJC 2010 in order to get experience in the group.

### **Joensuu Presentation**

The planned town is Joensuu which is located in the eastern parts of Finland about 75 km from the Russian border. The city supports the event.

The intended site is the Joensuu Arena and negotiations are ongoing. It is 14600 square meters and 24 meters high and provides WLAN, warm water. The intended dates are either early July or late July. In early July the night will be very light.

### **Discussion**

There was some discussion regarding the options for EJC2010.

Tassilo pointed out that neither of the candidates had secured the sites and that that is a risk if the vote is taken at the General Assembly this year and the selected candidate then fails to secure the site.

The Munich team pointed out that they would prefer to first secure the site and then go for the vote at next year's general assembly.

As a general comment it was said that what is desired from the general assembly is the selection of a prime candidate who then is guaranteed the EJC if the site is secured.

Jon pointed out that EJA should publish application deadlines for future EJCs so that it is known when to apply.

### **3. Ptuj Surplus**

Tarim **presented** the background on the outcome of EJC2005 in Ptuj. The organizers of EJC2005 decided to donate €5000 to EJC2006 in Millstreet and to leave some money with Novo Rocodelci in Ptuj. This took place without discussion with EJA and is a unique happening. Tarim informed that several people have been upset due to this.

Fabien **pointed** out that it is important for EJA to be able to provide loans and support to future organizers. If a team organizes EJC and do not transfer an agreed portion of a surplus back to EJA that will lead to a problem for future organizers. Organisers of EJC should be familiar with these rules.

There were some questions on how Millstreet regarded the €5000. Millstreet **answered** that it had not seen the money as having any connection to EJA.

Robert **stated** that he is aware of the situation. He was of the opinion that the discussion was finalized with the EJA board meeting in Millstreet where Jules announced that the €5000 grant had been given to Millstreet. Robert states that since he was new he trusted the more experienced EJA people in the Ptuj organizing group when they proposed to give the money to Millstreet. The understanding was that this decision depended on a disagreement between EJA people in the organizing group and the EJA president. Therefore the EJA people in the Ptuj group thought they wanted to do something else with the surplus. Robert finally stated that the EJA contract was late in getting to the Ptuj organizers and they thus chose not to act on it.

Tarim **stated** that the division of a surplus is normally settled through a contract between EJA and the local organizer. Ptuj never agreed to a contract.

Tarim also **stated** that EJA did not appoint any member to the Ptuj organizing team. The first formal contract was sent to the Ptuj organizers a month before the EJC2005 since it had not been possible to get an answer from Rocodelci regarding division of a potential surplus. In the end EJA left the fields for defining the division of a surplus blank for letting Rocodelci fill this in. The contract was never signed.

Adlofo **proposed** that EJA shall have clearer rules.

#### **4. Presentation of Candidates for EJA President**

The meeting held a questions and answer session with Jon and Robert who are both standing for the position of EJA president.

#### **5. Closing of the meeting**

Tarim closed the meeting.

Minutes taken by

Fredrik Almgren, EJA Secretary

Minutes approved by

Tarim, EJA President