



Secretary General

**Minutes of the
2003 General Assembly**

8 October 2003, 13:00 – 17:00

Le Meridien Hotel, Amman, Jordan

Present: Prince El Hassan bib Talal, President
Woulter van Dieren
Orhan Güvenen
Mohammad Kassas
Ashok Khosla
Eberhard von Koerber
Patrick Liedtke
Mona Makram-Ebeid
Uwe Möller
Franz Josef Radermacher
Maria Ramírez
Tasneem Siddiqui
Heitor G. de Souza
Klaus Steilmann
Raoul Weiler
Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker

As guest: Jonko Jotov
Hugo Thiemann

Proxy given by: Ricardo Díez-Hochleitner
Isidrio Fainé
Esko Kalimo
Pentti Malaska
Mircea Malitza
Eleonora Masini
Jésus Moneo
Ramon Tamames

1. Welcome / Opening

The President opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. The invitation and agenda had been sent out in due time prior to the meeting. 24 out of 67 active members are present or have given their proxies.

2. *Report of the President*

2.1. *Major Activities*

In March, on invitation of Eberhard von Koerber, a group of members met in Feldbach/ Zurich to discuss the strategy for future CoR activities.

In June, on a meeting in Brussels to which all our members had been invited, a statement to WSIS was developed.

At the same time ExCom met in Brussels to discuss current CoR affairs.

In December the Club of Rome will participate in the World Summit on the Information Society in Geneva. In preparation Raoul Weiler and members of the Brussels EU Chapter participated in the PrepCom meetings.

Initiated by Raoul Weiler and Jérôme Bindé (UNESCO), the co-operation with UNESCO will be revived. As a first result CoR and UNESCO will organise a joint event at WSIS in Geneva.

Initiated by Eberhard von Koerber and Horst Köhler, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) several CoR members will participate in a joint initiative IMF – CoR aiming at supporting the implementation of a policy change of IMF.

In September tt30, the young think tank of the CoR, held its 2003 annual meeting in Rome. Meanwhile more than 1/3 of the tt30 members come from non European countries.

2.2. *Membership*

Since October 2002 the following members were adopted or have resigned:

Passed away:	Jermen Gvishiani Ilya Prigogine
Resigned:	Yehezkel Dror Dan Tolkowsky
New active members:	Gerardo Gil-Valdivia (Mexico) Kamal Hossain (Bangladesh) Martin Lees (Costa Rica / UK) Siegfried Sellitsch (Austria)
New associate members:	Jonko Jotov (Bulgaria)

On the ExCom meeting on 7 October 2003 the following members were adopted:

Honorary member:	Fredrick Fu Chien (Taiwan)
Active members:	Ferando Cardoso (Brazil) Majid Tehranian (Iran)
Associate members:	Peter Johnston (UK) György Nogradi (Hungary)

All members are asked to make proposals for candidates to become members, under special consideration of age, gender, profession and region. These proposals should be sent to the office of the Secretary General, together with a CV of the candidate.

2.3. *Meetings*

Due to lack of response from any official agency in Beijing, the idea of holding the 2004 Annual Conference in Beijing has been dropped.

There are two further options for Annual Conferences: Finland and Spain. The possibilities of holding the 2004 Annual Conference in Finland will be explored. This would also support a stronger representation of CoR in the Scandinavian countries. Favoured dates for the conference would be June or September 2004.

If it should not be possible to hold the 2004 Annual Conference in Finland, Spain would be the second option. Otherwise Spain would welcome to host the 2005 Annual Conference.

2.4. *Reports*

The following reports are under consideration, proposed, under development or completed:

- "The Future of the Disabled in the World" by Rafael de Lorenzo, ONCE Foundation
- "The Double Helix of Learning and Work" by Orio Giarini & Mircea Malitza
- "Limits to Privatisation" by Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker et al.
- "The Significance of Sustainability – Sustainable Prosperity" by Renate Feiler et al.
- "The Future of the Cities" by Jesus Moneo
- "New Governance in a Globalizing World" by Paul Rademaker et al.

3. *Report of the Treasurer*

The Treasurer reports on the 2002 accounts, the financial situation as of 30 September 2003 and budget for 2004. The 2002 accounts were approved by the external auditor. The accounts as of 30 September 2003 are within the budget. The 2004 budget is within the same dimension as the one of 2003. Some members still have not yet paid their 2003 membership fees. Those are urgently requested to do so until the end of the year 2003.

4. *Approval of the reports of the President and the Treasurer*

The reports of the President and of the Treasurer are unanimously approved.

5. *Election of members of the Executive Committee*

The terms of Prince Hassan, Ricardo Díez Hochleitner and Eberhard von Koerber are running out in November 2003. They are all willing to take another term of 3 years and are unanimously elected.

6. *Election of the auditor*

The Treasurer proposes to commission the same auditor as in the years before. This proposal is unanimously approved.

7. *Mission and activities of the Club of Rome*

On its 7 October 2003 meeting the Executive Committee had decided to establish a Programme Committee, chaired by Prince Hassan. The Assembly welcomes and supports this project. The task of this committee will be to identify and formulate themes and key issues for CoR's future activities. Proposals are already discussed at length during this meeting. On the basis of this discussion, the Committee will present a first draft until the end of the 2003 Annual Conference. This draft will be distributed to all members for further discussion and comments.

Eberhard von Koerber thanks the President, the staff of his office and the Secretariat General for the smooth and efficient organisation of the Conference. He expresses his special thanks to the President for his hospitality and the funding of the 2003 Annual Conference.

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