

1st ConT_EXt Group meeting

Bassenge, Belgium

23 september 2011

1. Opening
The meeting is opened by the president at 18:00.
2. List of members at the present meeting:
Alan Braslau, Willi Egger, Michael Guravage, Hans Hagen, Tomáš Hála, Taco Hoekwater, Harald König, Jan Kula, Mojca Miklavc, Lukáš Procházka, Arthur Reutenauer, Wolfgang Schuster, Luigi Scarso, Ulrik Vieth, Mari Voipio, Steffen Wolfrum.
Total: 17
3. List of members not present but excused:
John Haltiwanger, Thomas A. Schmitz, Frans Goddijn, Adelheid Grob
4. Election of the new president
Arthur Reutenauer has resigned as a president. The board proposes Taco Hoekwater as his successor. The members elect Taco with 17 : 0 votes as the new president.
5. Presentation of the board
Because this is the first members meeting the board is presented to the members.

President	Taco Hoekwater
Vice-president	Mojca Miklavc
E-communication	
Treasurer	Adelheid Grob
Secretary	Willi Egger
Editor Journal	John Haltiwanger
Member	Arthur Reutenauer
Member	Thomas A. Schmitz
Member	Jano Kula
Member	Sébastien Mengin

6. There will be the following change in the bylaws:
"Because of the highly international structure of the association, the board reserves the right to use any language to produce documents for official use with local authorities. Such documents fully commit the association, but do not affect the language(s) the latter may use to communicate with its members."
The number of members of the board is actually 8, this number will be increased to 12.
The two changes are accepted unanimously by the meeting.
7. Auctioning off the member number #1
The #1 member number is auctioned off for 120 E to Arthur Reutenauer.
8. Making Hans a honorary member
The members welcome Hans Hagen as a honorary member of the group with 16 : 1 votes.
9. People who wanted to be here but were not able to come: Frans Goddijn, Pavneet Arora, Peter Schorsch.
10. The proposed membership fees were accepted by the members unanimously.

Full membership 40 E

Student membership 20 E

Any one who can not afford this fee can apply to the board.

For those who do not want to receive paper-versions: reduction of the fee to 20 E.

Corporate membership 200 E:

A corporate membership includes 3 individual memberships. Those will get all the

shipments like the other members. Furthermore each of these members get a vote.

11. A bank account will be opened preferably in the country of the treasurer. However, if there arise too many troubles with this idea we will open a bank account in France. In a board meeting before the general assembly it was decided, that the president (Taco Hoekwater), treasurer (Adelheid Grob), vice-president (Mojca Miklavac) and if required by the bank the contact-person in France (Peter Münster) will have the right to operate the account.
12. Communication:

There will be worked on a good website for the presentation of the ConT_EXt Group to the outside world. Mojca has the lead in this development. We will have also a restricted area for members only.

We will set-up a ConT_EXt Group mailinglist.

We will prepare an announcement article in the existing LUG-journals as well as an announcement to the boards of the different LUGs.
13. Name for the ConT_EXt distribution

The distribution has for years been known as the 'Minimals'. The members of the association vote for a name change. The new name is **ConT_EXt Suite**.

Please pay attention to the pronunciation: according to the dictionary it is: The pronunciation of the name is ConT_EXt "swēt" (the same as for word "sweet").
14. Input / questions by the members
 - During the meeting also Martin Schröder joins the group as a new member.
 - Jano stresses, that the memberfee is important to support the group for paying production costs of the printed proceedings, serverspace (ConT_EXt garden), expenses for accounting.
 - Mari suggests to create a possibility for people to donate money to the group without necessarily becoming a member of the group. Such donations could e.g. be honored with a dedicated ConT_EXt Group T-shirt.
 - Hans points out that volunteers for specific activities can be found through the mailinglist(s). He mentions the scheduling of forthcoming meetings as the combined ConT_EXt - EuroT_EXt-meeting of next year, which will be held in the Netherlands, Breskens, in the middle of oktober.

During a lively discussion it turned out, that the ConT_EXt-meetings should be scheduled in second half of the year.
 - Arthur mentions that he is celebrating his 32nd birthday next year with a party in France to which all members will be heartily welcome.
15. Closing

The president expresses the wish to be able to have many more meetings like this one at the 'Sjatootje' at Bassenge-Boirs. He thanks everybody for the input. He closes the members meeting at 20:30 (The length of the meeting is explained by the fact that it was interim stopped for dessert).

At the moment of writing these minutes it is clear that also the participant of the 5th ConT_EXt meeting Jean-Michel Hufflen has joined the group!