



Minutes of the 29th Presidents Meeting

The Hague, the Netherlands
31 January 2013

Participants:

Mr. Jan Wind	NL- chairman KIVI NIRIA DV and EDTA president
Mr. Harold Bousché	NL- secretary KIVI NIRIA DV and EDTA secretary
Mr. Wolfgang Döring	GE – Managing Director DWT
Mr. Philippe Roger	FR- president CAIA and representing CAIETA

Apologies were received from Mr. Palle Buus Jensen (DK – MtF), Mr. Enrique Rodriguez Fagundez (SP – ACID), Mr. Dany Van de Ven (BE – BSDI) and Ms Tuija Karanko (FI – AFDA)

1. Opening.

Jan Wind welcomed the participants to this 29th meeting, held after a long period of silence since 2006. He expressed how grateful he was that we might be able to revive EDTA in these times of economic austerity where international cooperation is becoming more important every day. He mentioned that apologies were received from several associations who were unable to attend this meeting. Most associations unable to participate explicitly expressed a need for revival of the EDTA in their correspondence.

DWT (GE) remarked there is however only a reason for EDTA to exist when the Federation has added value for the member associations. It is our goal to find or establish this added value.

2. The minutes of the 28th Presidents Meeting, held on 23 November 2006 in The Hague, were taking note of and declared valid.

3. Potential increased and improved activity of the EDTA

a. Use of EDTA website for English language exposure of EDTA associations.

The participants took note of the opportunity to use the EDTA website [www.fedta.eu] for this purpose. It is a responsibility of each individual association if they would like to use this opportunity.

b. Use of EDTA network to invite international speakers for national conferences.

KIVI NIRIA indicates they routinely invite one or more international speakers to their annual symposium and would be glad to use the EDTA framework as additional opportunity to invite these speakers. DWT does not often invite international speakers to their conferences. CAIA and CAIETA do not organise any conferences.

No objection was raised for other associations to use the EDTA framework to invite international speakers.

c. Coordinate discount opportunities for relevant conferences and exhibitions.

EDTA regularly receives requests from commercial or non-commercial conference organisers to announce their conferences through EDTA channels. Usually a considerable discount is offered.

KIVI NIRIA policy is to accept these discount offers when the conference fits within the goals of the association and use their channels (website, mailing, magazines) to promote the event



when a reasonable discount (15% or more) is offered.

DWT remarked they are not allowed to offer or to forward any discount opportunity to members by DWT events under German law.

d. Announce EDTA member association activities on the EDTA website.

KIVI NIRIA regularly invites international guests to their activities. At the annual symposium simultaneous translation (English) is available for this purpose.

DWT does not often organise conferences having international relevance. CAIA and CAIETA do not organise any conferences.

No objection was raised for other associations to use the EDTA website to announce member association activities open for international participation.

e. Actively invite members of EDTA associations to national activities.

KIVI NIRIA mentioned that many members live close to the German border and The Hague is often further away than Bonn or Bremen. Their members would be glad to participate in DWT activities. A few are even active member of DWT and regularly travel to Germany for this purpose. KIVI NIRIA would encourage DWT (and other EDTA) members to participate in their events too.

No objection was raised to use the EDTA framework to invite international members to national association activities.

f. EDTA to publish independent facts and views on defence technology matters in columns and articles

See item 3h

g. Develop EDTA PhD award for Defence related technology

KIVI NIRIA annually awards the best Master graduate in Defence or Security Technology with the Prof. Johan Kooy award.

Recently EDA developed the Van Egmont PhD award. It was decided it would be much more effective to promote this Van Egmont award through EDTA channels than developing a federation award.

@29-1 EDTA president to discuss options with EDA to promote the PhD award through EDTA channels on future occasions.

h. Brainstorm / discussion on other options to better utilize the EDTA network

Mr. Wolfgang Döring expresses his preference for EDTA to be used for information exchange only.

Mr. Philippe Roger of CAIA proposed to use the EDTA to let the engineers voice be heard in Brussels. Our federation is independent of governments and industries and could express unbiased views on defence technology matters. The practicality of this plan at this time was considered to be limited as we don't have an office in Brussels or a history in lobbying.

To enable this in a practical sense Mr. Roger however proposed to join forces with Eurodefense [<http://www.eurodefense.net>] and add a technical perspective to this politically oriented federation. This could create synergy for both organisations.

Eurodefense is a federation of associations like EDTA, established in 1994. The mission of the federations is "to pursue the search for a united and effective European defence". The organisation is active in many of the European Capitals.

The Netherlands Chapter Chairman is Dr. Wim van Eekelen, former Chairman of the Western



European Armaments Group (WEAG) and predecessor of the European Defence Agency (EDA).

@29-2 EDTA president to work with the NL chapter chairman of Eurodefense and investigate if a potential model for cooperation is possible.

4. Relationship to Feani, the European Federation of National Engineering Associations

Mr. Bouke Bosgraaf of the KIVI NIRIA policy office and NL representative to Feani [www.fiani.org] presented the roles and activities of the Feani framework. This framework could be used to invite other association and expand the EDTA.

It was decided that at this time we should not try to expand the Federation as the future and added value of the Federation is unclear.

5. Participation of EDTA members in KIVI NIRIA annual conference (3 April 2013).

KIVI NIRIA invited EDTA members to attend their annual Prof. Johan Kooy symposium on 3 April 2013 in Amsterdam. This years' subject is Unmanned Aerial Systems.

Visit www.fedta.eu/kiviniria/ks for details.

6. Confirmation of change of associated member DMA (UK) into A|D|S.

Although no response was received on the invitation of A|D|S to the Presidents meeting the changed associated membership was accepted.

7. Election of new Presidency for two years.

KIVI NIRIA assumed acting presidency in 2010 when ACID of Spain remarked they could no longer fulfil this role.

KIVI NIRIA now volunteered to continue this duty for two more years. The other associations present gladly accepted this offer and elected the KIVI NIRIA chairman as president of EDTA until 2015.

8. Closing remarks.

Jan Wind once more expressed his gratitude for the effort taken by participants to attend this meeting and remarked he is looking forward to the 30th EDTA presidents meeting hopefully to be held in 2014.