



Minutes of the ECAD Advisory Board meeting on October 14th, 2011 in Riccione

1 **Apologies for Absence received from Bourgas, Oslo, Pembroke and Vilnius**

2 **Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting on May 11, 2011 in Varna were adopted.**

3 **Report on payment of the membership fees so far was adopted**

Marie Ljungberg-Schött (Stockholm) proposed for the record, that the proper membership, that is, the right to vote, should be based on the payment of membership fee during the past two years, which was agreed upon.

4 **Financial report January – August 2011 was adopted**

5 **Action plan and reflections**

Åke Setréus reported on ECAD activities in 2011 so far

- The Mayors' Conference in Varna in May was of course ECAD's main event and a great success, with many interesting speakers.
- Veliky Novgorod, Russia: International conference "It works! Drug prevention from an international perspective" on September 15-16, some 70 participating politicians and specialists
- ECAD seminar in Riccione and participation in the San Patrignano WeFree Day on October 14-17, 60 participants from 16 cities in 10 countries
- ECAD participated in the regular meetings of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (ECAD is a Board member) and Civil Society Forum on Drugs in Brussels

6 **Up-date on the Youth in Europe programme**

An extended collaboration agreement has been signed with Actavis Group, ensuring the continuation of the programme and securing sponsorship throughout the year 2016. Data collections are planned to take place in October 2012, 2014 and 2016.

Besides the exististing participant cities, amongst them Belgrade, Istanbul, Oslo, St. Petersburg, Bucharest, Riga, Jurmala, Sofia, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Vilnius,

Milan, Örebro, Gävle and Söderhamn, new cities all around Europe are invited to join the programme.

7 **ECAD Sweden situation**

Background:

After the vote at the Plenary session in Varna regarding amendments to the ECAD resolution and the Mission statement (the voting result: 25 for and 10 against), the Board of ECAD Sweden wrote a letter to the Advisory Board criticizing the meeting procedures.

The Advisory Board agreed that that the letter should be answered with the message that the Advisory Board strongly rejects the allegation that "the adoption of the amendments to the Mission statement and the ECAD resolution was done in a way that was not fair and in accordance with recognized democratic principles" and that the voting result stands.

The Advisory Board however welcomes proposals/amendments on any specific changes to the present Resolution and Mission statement from ECAD Sweden before the next Advisory Board meeting on February 10th, after which the Advisory Board gives its recommendations to the Plenary session in May in Killarney.

Furthermore, the Advisory Board will make sure that there will be ample time for thorough discussions at the Plenary session in Killarney.

8 **Mayors' Conference 2012**

The next ECAD Mayors' Conference will be hosted by the municipalities of Killarney, Ireland and Staffanstorp, Sweden jointly in Killarney on May 10-12, 2012 (with the Advisory Board meeting on May 9th). Killarney and Staffanstorp became twin cities after meeting at an ECAD Mayors' conference.

9 **Next Advisory Board meeting will be held on February 10th in Staffanstorp, Sweden**

Minutes taken by

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