



Minutes of ECAD Advisory Board meeting on May 11, 2011 in Varna

- 1 **Apologies for Absence received from Istanbul.**
- 2 **Minutes of the Advisory Board meeting on on February 4th, 2011 were adopted.**
- 3 **Report on payment of membership fees in 2011 so far was adopted**
- 4 **Financial report January – April 2011 was adopted.**

The Board agreed that the financial reports to the Advisory Board from now on shall be presented in euro as well as Swedish crowns.

- 5 **Run-through of the Mayors' Conference and Plenary session**
- 6 **Action plan and reflections – Jörgen Svidén**

Reflections on the Activity Plan 2011:

Some comments can be made on the short-term goals. Regarding conference arrangements, ECAD will arrange a conference in Veliki Novgorod, Russia, and Riccione, Italy in the autumn. More information about these events to be found on ECAD's webpage.

Recruiting new cities is an ongoing process and a continuing task for the ECAD office.

The website has improved but some major and important steps are still to be taken, so that the users will have more benefits from visiting it. Some cities have started to deliver material about what is happening in their cities, which is an important contribution.

ECAD has continued to be an active part in the international work in its topic field, foremost in the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs, where we also have a seat in the Board, and in Civil Society Forum on Drugs in Brussels.

Finally, ECAD has improved the organisation's efforts to apply for external financing, in cooperation with cities and organisations working in our field topic. The efforts are likely to give results in the near future.

7 **Up-date on Youth in Europe program**

Jon Sigfusson gave an up-date on the program, which proceeds according to plan. The main news is that the Actavis Group has agreed to continue sponsoring the program until 2016. That new cities are welcomed to join the program should be vigorously promoted by ECAD, which is the "glue" between the participating cities.

8 **ECAD representation in St. Petersburg**

The Advisory Board thanks Georgi Zazulin for his valuable and very much appreciated services to ECAD during the past ten years, and regretfully terminates his contract as ECAD representative in Russia as of September 1st, 2011.

9 *The Advisory Board agreed that, in order to further transparency, the decisions made by the ECAD Advisory Board and the annual Plenary session should from now on be published at the ECAD website.*

10 **Venue of the Mayors' Conference 2012**

The 19th ECAD Mayors' Conference will take place in Killarney, Ireland on May 9-12, 2012. The conference will be co-hosted by the twin cities Staffanstorp, Sweden and Killarney.

11 **Next Advisory Board meeting will take place in Riccione, Italy on October 14th, 2011.**

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