

Minutes for the PREPSEC International meeting October 3rd 07:00

Washington State time, 10:00 Eastern Standard Time, 14:00 Sigrid Time and 16:00 Scandinavian time.

Present: Knut, Bengt, Kim, Sigridur, Kelli, Cecylia

Introduction and information.

In this board meeting we will discuss the final issues before the conference. It seems like the event committee has done a great job so far and we look forward to meeting in Poland

Knut informs us that Johannes Finne has submitted an article on his research on SPT to a prestigious journal. The results of his research are very promising and it is good to have data on an additional PREPARE program.

1. Approval of the resolutions of the Board meeting August 15th 2016

Resolution

The Board has already approved the minutes from the meeting August 15. There were no objections and the minutes are published on the web pages

2. The conference

Introduction

The event committee updated the board on the conference and how it is proceeding.

- There are 47 attendees from outside of Poland and 58 from Poland with more expected to register up until the opening day
- Teachers at a language school have offered to provide translation at the conference. As workshops are mostly 60 minutes, we will have the translators sit amongst those who need the service and do simultaneous translation with them only.

- The evaluation process will be simple:
For workshops: emoticons- colorful papers with symbolic faces to express one's feeling about the workshop.
The whole conference: a paper with tear-away answers for specific questions

Resolution

The registration period is extended up to the conference date or until it is fully booked with 200 participants.

3. Issues to be discussed on the two days before the conference.

The board has decided that Knut together with the event committee will make an agenda based on the following topics.

Our vision for the future of PREPSEC International

Status of Board vis a vis upcoming elections including positions that will be vacated in a new board. The Election Committee has prepared a report to be sent ahead to the board members.

How to improve the web pages and marketing the organization. Cecylia and Sigridur will provide some suggestions for change.

Should we apply for a NGO status? What are the advantages and eventually where. Kim and Kelli will report on this

New conferences – possibilities for research / dissemination of the programs. Knut and Bengt will report on this

Update of all committees: Shannon and Robert to attend a portion of Wednesday's meeting

Appointing national representatives. Kim will reissue the email as well as contact Robert.

Planning the PREPSEC meeting during the conference.

Resolution

Knut and Kim will set up an agenda for the two days including suggesting time for other committees to meet and work.

4. Date for the next meeting: Wroclaw, October 18th