



AEMI BOARD MEETING

Aalborg, Denmark, 4th of April, 2011

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meetings (Aalborg, Denmark, 2 July 2007; Genoa Italy 21 April, 2008)

Minutes accepted

2. Matters arising

None

4. Review of Annual Meeting 2010, Bilbao, Basque Country

The annual meeting in Bilbao was well organized; there were interesting presentations and papers, nice facilities and good hosting. There were 40 participants at the conference, 25 at the annual meeting. Thanks to Benan for organizing a fine meeting.

5. Review of Programme for Annual Meeting 2011, Aalborg, Denmark

The programme was divided into two parts

a) AEMIs annual meeting at the Danish Emigration Archives Wednesday 6.00-9.00 p.m. Thursday 9.00-11.00 am and Saturday 09.30 -11.30 pm and 2) the Conference. Migration History Matters at The Utzon Centre, Thursday 11.30 a.m. – 22.00 p.m. and Friday 9.00 a.m.-16.30 p.m.

A new programme will be mailed to members as part of a new message from the chairman.

The board decided on registration and a glass of wine etc. Wednesday 6.00-9.00 p.m. Thursday 9.00-11.00 a.m. Brian Lambkin will introduce AEMI history and perspectives and three central questions: 1) Why does Migration History Matter? 2) What is going on in your Migration Institution that we should know about? and 3) What would you like to see AEMI do in the next three years. The participants will discuss the questions in groups and plenary. The formal Annual Meeting is to take place as planned, Saturday 09.30 - 11.30 p.m.

Regarding the conference the Board decided on opening presentations focusing what is going on in Denmark: 1) Digital Migration, Torben Tvorup Christensen, Migration History with a new focus by Henrik Bredmose Simonsen and new plans for The Danish Immigration Museum by Cathrine Kyø Hermansen. Member projects like Migraport, Migrapedia will be invited to give speeches and there will hopefully be a videoconference supported by the Danish American ambassador Laurie S. Fulton.



6. Review of the Agenda of AEMI Annual Business Meeting 2011

(a) Elections

Brian Lampkin and Jens Topholm will retire from the board. Hans Storhaug accepted nomination as new chairman and he will ask Sarah Clement from Génériques, Paris to become new secretary and Maddalena Tirabassi, Torino, to become new vice chair. Eva Meyer continues as treasurer and Hans Storhaug as editor of The Journal.

(b) Constitution (proposals for change)

Article 4 is proposed changed, so the executive board shall consist of 7 positions, including a new position as vice chairman.

7. AEMI Journal: review of progress

Two options were discussed. 1) a 2011 volume with 4-5 articles celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of AEMI in Bremerhaven in 1991, or 2) a 2011-12 volume with 10 articles. Hans Storhaug will decide.

8. Review of AEMI Strategic Plan

The board discussed member projects like the European Migration Heritage Week, The Migraport project and the elaboration of a Migrapedia website. It was agreed that member projects should be in focus to attract EU funding and new members to make the interactivity between members and the knowledge of and participation in common projects a central part of the new strategic plan. AEMI shall be a kind of umbrella organization, that will support development of new ideas and the organization of new member projects.

9. Venues for Annual Meetings 2012-14

Will be decided at the Annual Meeting.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date, Place and Agenda of Next Meeting

The new board will hold a meeting during the Annual Meeting in Aalborg.

Brian Lampkin, Chairman

Jens Topholm, Secretary