



Minutes

AIIST Executive Committee meeting

2 June 2009 at 10:30

Attendees:

France
Morocco

By conference call:

Lebanon
Ukraine

Excused:

Ghana
Madagascar

The AIIST Executive Committee meeting was held in Paris on 2 June 2009.



The Chairman, Mr Saïd Ibrahimî, opened the second meeting of the Executive Committee in 2009 at 10:30. He welcomed all the participants and presented the following agenda:

A - Miscellaneous items

1. Financial report
2. Update on subscriptions
3. Enlargement and organisation on a regional basis

B - AIST communication and website

4. Communication
5. Database

C - Organisation of the 2009 seminar in Paris

6. Logistical organisation
7. Draft programme

The Chairman thanked Mrs Sliuz in particular for her work, which she was scheduled to present to this meeting.

I Miscellaneous items

1 Financial report

The General Secretary presented the AIST's current financial position. Net income since the last year-end closing of accounts on 1 July 2008 totals €29,191.25.

Incomings came mainly from subscriptions and payments received from sponsors approached for the holding of the Washington seminar (a last subscription in this regard is still outstanding).

Outgoings concerned mainly the costs of holding the Washington seminar and the Executive Committee meeting.



In terms of assets, the Association holds a portfolio of money market funds (SICAVs) for a value of €55,521.73 (value as at 25 May 2009); the bank account balance stands at €10,529.54.

2 Update on 2008-2009 subscriptions

The *General Secretary* presented the subscriptions received to date for the 2008/2009 financial year. Ten countries have paid subscriptions. Lebanon's subscription is in the process of being paid. A new country has joined: Slovenia.

Three countries have not paid subscriptions since the first year (Burkina Faso, Mali and Chad). Ghana has not paid its subscription. Cameroon has settled two years of subscriptions.

The *Chairman* proposed that the Association send subscription reminders to the countries that have already joined, but not paid in 2008-2009.

3 Enlargement and organisation on a regional basis

Mrs Sliuz reported that she had sent a letter to several CIS countries proposing that they join the AIST and enclosing a presentation of the Association translated into Russian. The countries are expected to answer very shortly. (*Off meeting*: following this letter, Kirghizstan contacted the *General Secretariat* to ask for more information on the Association).

Lebanon will send the same letter and presentation to the Near and Middle Eastern countries. Lebanon has already contacted the League of Arab States countries outside of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Mauritania. First reactions are expected shortly. (*Off meeting*: following this letter, Kuwait contacted the *General Secretariat* for more information on the Association.)

II AIST communication and website

4 Communication

The *Executive Committee* approved the new AIST presentation leaflet. It is due to be translated into English and Spanish (by France), Russian (by Ukraine) and Arabic (by Lebanon).

Paper copies will be sent to Lebanon, Morocco and Ukraine.



The website, currently in French and English, is updated by the General Secretariat. Morocco and Lebanon will produce the Arabic version and Ukraine the Russian version. France will also take care of the Spanish version. The General Secretariat will put these versions online.

5 Database

The General Secretariat has approached Morocco, Tunisia and Hungary. French, Moroccan and Tunisian experts have been identified. There has been no answer from the Hungarian Treasury since it has changed Director, but a correspondent has been identified. The working group will work by e-mail.

A preliminary project is set to be presented to the next annual general meeting.

III Organisation of the 2009 seminar in Paris

✓ Date

At the Executive Committee meeting on 30 January, it was decided that the seminar would be held in Paris, alongside the IMF and World Bank autumn meetings. The Executive Committee mentioned the dates of 8 and 9 October 2009.

Off meeting: following this decision, the General Secretariat launched the organisation of this event. For technical reasons (unable to find a venue) and in agreement with the Chairman of the AIST, the date of the seminar and the annual general meeting was eventually postponed to 26 and 27 November 2009.

✓ Subject

The subject decided on at the last Executive Committee meeting was "Accounting Reforms and the Organization of State Accounting Systems."

The following points will be presented at the seminar:

- Overview of government accounting reforms
- Accounting reform issues and prospects
- Accounting benchmarks
- Scope of the reforms and consolidation
- Organisation of the government accounting task
- Financial statements and accounts quality
- External audits and certification

On the agenda are presentations by 12 countries, four private companies, which could make their contribution to the event, and international bodies such as the IMF, the World Bank, the OECD and the EU.



Mrs Sluiz would like, as she mentioned at the last meeting, this programme to be presented against the backdrop of the financial crisis.

Mr Ibrahim proposed that members make their comments on this programme and that sponsors be prospected as soon as possible.

Mr Ibrahim thanked the participants, the General Secretariat for its work, and Mr Limal for hosting the meeting on his premises. He closed the meeting at 11:40.