

Minutes of the ECERI Executive Committee

28th March 2012

Present :

Mr Dominique Belpomme, ECERI President, Paris VI University, Oncologist
Mrs Christine Campagnac, ECERI General Secretary
Mr Jean Clément, Vice-Governor of Brussels
Mr Jean Huss, ECERI Vice-president
Mr Philippe Irigaray, ARTAC Scientific Director
Mr René Olivier, AIDS Fondation General Secretary, UNESCO, invited

Excused :

Mr Frédéric Boulin, ECERI Treasurer
Mr Janos Frühling, Royal Academy of Medicine Permanent Secretary, ECERI Scientific Committee, invited
Mrs Carine Houssay, ARTAC
Mrs Genon Jensen, HEAL General Director
Mr Paul Lannoye, Honorary Member of the European Parliament
Mrs Corinne Lepage, ECERI Vice-president, Member of the European Parliament
Mr Peter Ohnsorge, Physician, European Academy of Environmental Medicine Managing Chairman
Mr Roberto Romizi, ISDE President
Mr Paolo Tomatis

1) Approval of the 30th November Executive Committee minutes

The minutes are unanimously approved by the present members. Following the last Executive Committee, contact has been taken with Mrs Françoise Meunier, head of the EORTC in Brussels. Mr Jean Clement attended the 50th anniversary of the EORTC creation which took place in Brussels on the 16th March. Over 1 000 oncologists were present.

Mr Clement explains that the EORTC gets fundings from several foundations and is strongly supported by the Royal Authorities; nevertheless Belgian fundings remain scarce, and limited to Wallonie. Flamish Universities tend to establish anglo-saxon collaborations.

In order to create a real partnership and to work in transparency, Mr Dominique Belpomme suggests to offer Mrs Meunier or one of her collaborators to be part of the ECERI Executive Committee. Besides, the organization of a fifth international Paris Appeal congress in Brussels in 2014 may be the opportunity to collaborate with the EORTC.

2) Changes in the composition of the Executive Committee

Carine Houssay, one of the elected member of the ECERI Executive Committee, is leaving the ARTAC and is resigning from ECERI.

Mr Dominique Belpomme suggests the candidacy of Mr René Olivier. Mr René Olivier is an immunologist, General Secretary of the AIDS Fondation in Paris and close collaborator of Pr Luc Montagnier for 27 years. Besides its current research on AIDS and chronicle neurodegenerative diseases, he is developing integrated bioclinical research centers in Africa, South Africa and Asia, and is organising international conferences through a GNO, in Mexico, and in China at the moment. Another partnership with China is about the organization of a World Economical Forum , on health, environment and new technologies.

Mr René Olivier suggests that ECERI be part of this project, on the environmental health thema.

The candidacy of Mr René Olivier is unanimously approved by the present members.

According to the ECERI Statutes, this candidacy has to be confirmed in the next ECERI General Assembly.

3) Scientific Council and researchers network

Mr René Olivier will enquire about Chinese scientists interested to enlarge the ECERI Scientific Council to Asian collaboration.

Regarding the participation of a Russian Scientist in this Council, Mr Jean Huss suggests to take contact with Mr Youri Grogoriev, from the Russian Radioprotection Committee. Mr René Olivier may as well propose some scientists from Russia.

Mr Dominique Belpomme had a recent conversation with Mr Luc Montagnier, who agreed to collaborate with the ECERI. His present leading research concerns the impact of antibiotherapy on autism, with interesting and innovative results.

The participation of Mr Zur Hausen is being discussed in regard of the Gardasil controversy.

Mr Jean Clement will try to take contact with Mr De Duve, in Belgium.

Regarding the researchers network, 21 high level scientific research units all over Europe working on cancer and the environment and collaborating with the ARTAC have been identified. The list is approved by the present members.

The following point of the agenda is the process of settling the network and how to have the centers that haven't given their answer yet, join the ECERI. A letter and a questionnaire will be sent to each team leader : these drafts are submitted to the members and corrections brought.

Mr Dominique Belpomme adds that 5 US collaborative research centers on cancer will be asked to join the ECERI. This collaboration is all the more important as Europe is still behind the United States, Japan and Canada as regards international publications on environmental cancer research.

The centers will be asked to return the questionnaire by the 30th April.

Mr René Olivier suggests that in order to emphasize the collaboration and settle the network a scientific publication on health and environment, collecting the works and publications of the associated teams should be created.

The idea is approved in a medium-term scheme, a more simple Newsletter may be lighter in the first place.

4) Other questions

Mr Dominique Belpomme plans to organize the 4th Paris Appeal Congress under the ECERI banner in May 2013. Some fundings from the European Institutions may be helpful to this organisation.

The next ECERI Executive Committee and General Assembly will take place in September-October 2012 in Brussels, several optional dates will be proposed to the members.



Christine Campagnac,
General Secretary