

#### **REPORT**

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

# "PASSPORT FOR GLOBAL ETHICS – UNESCO AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR" BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, 19<sup>TH</sup> -21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Executive Board meeting of the European Federation for UNESCO, Clubs Centres and Associations (EFUCA) organized by the Romanian Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FRACCU) in collaboration with the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO and the Alumnus Club for UNESCO and with the support of the Private Sector, was held at Domeniul Greaca Hotel in Giurgiu- Romania on 20-21 September 2013 (ANNEX I). Present at the meeting were seven out of the eight elected members of the Executive Board, constituting the required quorum (ANNEX II). Present were also the Honorary President of EFUCA Ms. Marialusia Stringa, the Honorary Member Mrs. Paola Jacob, the Ex- Officio Member on behalf of the World Federation for UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (WFUCA) Mr. Ioannis Maronitis, the Auditor of EFUCA Ms. Adeline Popescu, the Member from the Conciliation Commission Mr. Guy Djoken, President of the U.S. Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (USFUCA), volunteers from the Alumnus Club for UNESCO and representatives from the Private Sector. The President of WFUCA Mr. George On. Christophides was also present, after invitation by the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu.

The agenda (ANNEX III) of the meeting included items regarding EFUCA reports, members' reports, presentation of statutory documents, EFUCA's bank account and website, the next Intermediary Congress the next Executive Board meeting and other issues of the European and North American UNESCO Clubs movement. The meeting paid tribute to the International Day of Peace (21 September) with reference to the efforts and activities of UNESCO and the UNESCO Clubs for the promotion and establishment of a culture of peace.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013

#### International Symposium "Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector"

On the 19 September 2013 the International Symposium "Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector" (ANNEX IV) was held at the University of Political Science and Public Administration (SNSPA), under the auspices of EFUCA in collaboration with SNSPA, WFUCA, the Alumnus Club for UNESCO and the Corciu & Asociatii Law Firm. Media Partners were UZP, Domeniul Greaca, Volvo, ADO Romania, Spandugino and Seed.ro.

The International Symposium gathered participants from the Government of Romania such as H.E. the Minister of National Education of Romania and President of the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Remus Pricopie, as well as educators, academicians, youth and representatives from the UNESCO Clubs and the Private Sector (ANNEX V). Presentations and discussions focused on the relations between the UNESCO Clubs and the Private Sector based on the Global Ethics project of WFUCA and the creation of a common platform of values and goals that include global cooperation, global interaction and global communication. Within this framework, the "Passport for Global Ethics" was presented to all participants by the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu. Reference to the International Day of Peace was also made through a letter – message to the Civil Society for Peace (ANNEX VI) read by Ms. Anna Maria Negoita, volunteer of the Alumnus Club for UNESCO.

#### **Opening Ceremony and Presentations**

#### President of EFUCA Mrs. Daniela Popescu

The President of EFUCA Mrs. Daniela Popescu welcomed all participants and presented the Passport for Global Ethics to H.E. the Minister of National Education of Romania, Mr. Remus Pricopie. Mrs. Popescu explained how the Passport for Global Ethics was initiated within the framework of the Global Ethics project of WFUCA and expressed her appreciation and greetings to the President of WFUCA, Mr. George On. Christophides.

#### President of WFUCA Mr. George On. Christophides

The President of WFUCA Mr. Christophides underlined the importance of the International Symposium in the initiation of an open platform of discussion between the representatives of the UNESCO Clubs movement and the representatives of the Private Sector. Mr. Christophides referred to his visit to SNSPA in 2012 and to his meeting with the Rector of SNSPA Mr. Pricopie, present Minister of National Education of Romania and President of the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, saying that the International Symposium represents part of the fruitful outcome of the partnership between the World UNESCO Clubs movement and the SNSPA.

#### H.E. the Minister of National Education of Romania Mr. Remus Pricopie

H.E the Minister of National Education of Romania, Mr. Remus Pricopie greeted all participants and referred to the initiation of the cooperation between SNSPA and WFUCA, stressing out the importance of the work of UNESCO and the UNESCO Clubs in promoting Peace. He further referred to the mission of

SNSPA in relation to the values of democratic societies including Global Ethics through practical and humanistic approaches. In addition, he confirmed that offices of the Romanian National Commission will be offered to EFUCA as an expression of the Ministry's appreciation and support to EFUCA and FRACCU and to their work in the promotion of UNESCO's ideals.

#### Vice Rector at SNSPA Mrs. Liliana Popescu

Mrs. Liliana Popescu, Vice Rector at SNSPA, expressed her pleasure for having the opportunity, to be present at the International Symposium and take part in the discussions regarding UNESCO and the Private Sector. She referred to ethical aspects in relation to financial issues and to the role of the emerging Global Ethics in a world of constant wars in many countries. She further made reference to the Magellan Moment Project with regard to bioethics, held in Bucharest Romania, in September 2012 under the auspices of WFUCA.

#### Session I

#### Moderator: Mr. George On. Christophides, President of WFUCA

The President of WFUCA Mr. Christophides saluted participants and expressed his pleasure for being present at SNSPA for the second time in order to discuss issues related to Global Ethics. He congratulated the organizers and all partners who contributed in the organization of all events, stating that the UNESCO Clubs movement will continue working together with SNSPA in the promotion of Global Ethics and UNESCO values and principles, on the basis of the memorandum of cooperation signed in 2012 by WFUCA, EFUCA and SNSPA. In addition, he referred to the important and long-term work of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Romania with the enlightened leadership of Mrs. Daniela Popescu. Mr. Christophides congratulated Mrs. Popescu for her initiative regarding the Passport for Global Ethics and confirmed that WFUCA will include the initiative in the relevant framework of WFUCA on Global Ethics. Expressing his thanks to the Minister of National Education and President of the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Pricopie for his support towards FRACCU, he further referred to WFUCA's two declarations; the Florence Declaration on the Proclamation of the International Day on Global Ethics and the Astana Declaration on Global Ethics scheduled to be presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference of UNESCO, in November 2013, in Paris. Moreover, Mr. Christophides elaborated on the priorities and set of values for all human beings based on cooperation, tolerance and understanding through intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and the support of the Private Sector governments and Civil Society. Finally, with reference to the celebration of the International Day of Peace, he stated that in order to accomplish Global Ethics it is necessary to accomplish the important issue of peace.

#### **Speakers**

Mrs. Lavinia Spandonide representing Volvo and the Spandugino Foundation referred to accomplishments as a result of the partnership with the UNESCO Clubs movement within the framework of the action plan on Global Ethics including the Magellan Moment Project. Mrs. Spandonide talked about how important it is to raise awareness on current challenges worldwide and on Global Ethics within the

approach of WFUCA's Honorary President Mr. Eiji Hattori, for a transition from the civilization of power to the civilization of life. She also referred to the relations between the UNESCO Clubs movement and the private sector saying that business and culture can communicate better based on common values such as respect for diversity and individual difference. In addition, she referred to a human centric culture and informed the participants that the aim of Volvo, to be achieved by 2020, is that no one is to be killed or get seriously injured in a new Volvo car, explaining that safety is the background of genuine care. Finally, she stated that Volvo will continue to work with governments and Non-Governmental Organizations in order to mobilize people to take immediate actions to strengthen ethical values. Concluding, Mrs. Spandonide invited the participants for a tour in the Volvo offices in Bucharest.

Ms. Marialuisa Stringa, Honorary President of EFUCA expressed her thanks to the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu and to all participants. She referred to the Global Ethics vision as a new humanism, stressing the need to study ethics in order to face existing and future challenges. Mrs. Stringa with reference to the relations between UNESCO and the UNESCO Clubs movement worldwide, she underlined the importance of the representation of the civil society at the General Conference of UNESCO through the representatives of the UNESCO Clubs movement. Referring to the relations between the UNESCO Clubs movement and the private sector, she brought attention to the example of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (FICLU) during the organization of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of EFUCA, held in Lucca and in Florence, in March 2013. Mrs. Stringa explained that the Private Sector played an important role in contributing to the success of the organization of all events in Italy, in March 2013.

Mr. Daniel Zlate representing Mrs. Elena Corciu from "Corciu si Asociatii" Law firm expressed his happiness to participate in the Internal Symposium and to cooperate with the UNESCO Clubs movement. Mr. Zlate referred to youth professional training projects with which "Corciu si Asociatii" is actively involved. He further referred to the support towards the promotion of the Romanian monuments which are part of the UNESCO world heritage and in specific to the project "Be the chief of your own destiny" developed by the association ADO Romania where Mrs. Corciu is one of the charter members. Mr. Zlate informed that "Corciu si Asociatii" always place practice before theory and ethics before profit and talked about how ethics is related to law. He also referred to several ethical principles such as trust and respect which are mandatory in the business sector in order to maintain healthy enterprises with long and successful life in the market. Finally he underlined the important role of education in teaching ethics based on love and respect for all people (ANNEX VII).

Maria Paola Azzario, Vice-President of EFUCA expressed her thanks to the organizers for the hospitality saying that this is one element of ethics. Mrs. Azzario's presentation on the UNESCO Centre in Turin provided information on the implantation of various activities for young people including students, aiming to promote knowledge and apply human rights as well as to facilitate dialogue between different cultures and generations. Mrs. Azzario said that among the objectives of the UNESCO Centre in Turin is to contribute to the civic and socio-cultural education of young people, to promote the creation of teams to inquire cultural, social and economic themes, to join and support campaigns and activities carried out by

UNESCO and to provide educators' training based on the ECA-UNESCO method of Self-managed creative education. She mentioned that the major programs and activities of the UNESCO Centre of Turin for 2013-2014 are based on the following themes; Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Integration and Anti-Racism with sponsor Juventus F.C., Women and Science, Gender Equality and World Heritage with sponsor the municipality of Foligno. Mrs. Azzario elaborated on the four activity themes with reference to the partners and sponsors from the private sector of the UNESCO Centre in Turin.

Pablo Reverte Secretary General of the Spanish Confederation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (CECU) expressed his thanks and appreciation to the organizers and talked about the cooperation between confederate UNESCO Centres in Spain in carrying out activities in collaboration with the Private Sector. Some examples mentioned were: Charles III University in Madrid, Video laboratory Bambara in Leon, Saint Anthony Catholic University and Mare Nostrum Bank BMN in Murcia, Teaching Cooperative Union of the Region of Murcia and Pictographie, SA. Graphic Arts of Murcia, Real Madrid CF and Atletico Madrid. Mr. Reverte explained that cooperation between the Private Sector and confederate UNESCO Clubs in Spain, aim to raise awareness and to promote UNESCO's ideals such as peace and respect for human rights for a more active participation of youth, educators and the Civil Society.

**Nicole Toma Director Marketing at Greaca Domain** expressed her thanks and appreciation to the organizers for having the opportunity to participate at the International Symposium and for the cooperation between the UNESCO Clubs movement and the Greaca Domain in Giurgiu on the occasion of the Executive Board meeting of EFUCA on 20-21 September 2013. Ms. Toma described the location of the Greaca Domain saying that it is a destination for peace and calmness where natural beauty is being preserved and can be enjoyed. In addition she welcomed everyone to visit the Greaca Domain and to participate in the local activities.

**Ioannis Maronitis EFUCA Ex-Officio Member on behalf of WFUCA** expressed his thanks and appreciation to the organizers. Mr. Maronitis' presentation provided information about a project against poverty under the auspices of the Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands in Greece with the support of the Private Sector. He explained that within the framework of this project special houses are built providing shelter, medical care, food and education to less advantaged people. In addition, he informed that there are workshops related to UNESCO's ideals and to the promotion of a culture of peace with the active participation of youth.

#### Session II

Moderator: Mrs. Florina Panzaru Dean of SNSPA

Ms. Marina Christophides Executive Secretary of EFUCA expressed her thanks to the organizers and talked about the promotion of the UNESCO ideals in Cyprus through the cooperation and interaction between the governmental, the non-governmental and the private sector as well as the civil society. Ms. Christophides informed about the collaboration between all sectors and the organization of activities aiming to promote respect for diversity, peace, sustainable development, respect for human rights, equality and tolerance and Global Ethics. She also referred to the active participation and exchange of ideas between youth, educators, academicians, politicians, the private sector and the civil society in order to overcome existing

challenges. Ms. Christophides underlined the importance of the support of the private sector in the activities of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Cyprus and the need to accomplish aims for the future which include global ethics education and the promotion of a code of conducts in the business world (ANNEX VIII).

Ms. Adeline Popescu Auditor of EFUCA saluted all participants and talked about the activities of the Alumnus Club for UNESCO in Romania and the initiation of the "Passport for Global Ethics" within the framework of the Global Ethics project of WFUCA. She underlined the important role of youth in reforming societies for a more sustainable world. Ms. Popescu's speech was accompanied by a relevant video (<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q50mcRz3ytM">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q50mcRz3ytM</a>) which was presented by the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu at the Asia-Europe Forum on School Ethics Education, in July 2013 in Beijing.

Mr. Mihai Sebe International Relations Manager ADO Romania saluted everyone and talked about the ADO Romania and NGO aiming to establish harmony through the promotion of tolerance and equal chances irrespective of gender, race, age or social status. Among others, Mr. Sebe informed about the NGO's project "Be the CHEF of your own destiny" through which less fortunate children such as children from foster homes, are cook trained and given employment opportunities in hotels. He also informed about the project "Violence is NOT domestic" based on the partnership between the private and public bodies aiming to raise awareness and to modify current legislation in order to eliminate domestic violence. Mr. Sebe explained that the projects of ADO Romania aim to create equal opportunities for all in a more sustain and harmonious society (ANNEX IX).

Ms. Yulia Averina Treasurer of EFUCA expressed her thanks to the organizers saying that cooperation is significant in the world today. Ms. Averina talked about the UNESCO Clubs movement in Russia and how it unites people through the promotion of UNESCO's ideals. In addition, she talked about the cooperation between the UNESCO Clubs movement in Russia and the business world based on common goals such as to improve people's lives. Ms. Averina said that the cooperation between the Ural-Siberian Federation of UNESCO and the private sector is based not only on sponsorships but also on equal partnership. She referred specifically to the first program of the Ural-Siberian Federation called Demidov through which many UNESCO related activities were able to be organized successfully. Moreover, she referred to the fruits from the partnership between UNESCO, UNESCO Clubs, parliamentarians, municipalities and the Private Sector. Finally she underlined the importance of the International Symposium in sharing common experiences and common goals based on the cooperation with the Private Sector (ANNEX X).

Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic Member of EFUCA expressed her thanks to the organizers and underlined the importance of the partnership between the civil society and the private sector for sustainable development in all sectors. Mrs. Dromnjakovic explained how this partnership based on common objectives can make possible the organization of the UNESCO Clubs projects in Serbia which are related to Human Rights, peace, tolerance, sustainable education, ecology and others. She further explained how it is difficult to organize projects without the support of the private sector underlining the need for better dissemination of information and for further cooperation based on common goals (ANNEX XI).

Mr. Jorge Oliveira Member of EFUCA expressed his thanks to the organizers and referred to the activities of the Portuguese Federation and the relations between the UNESCO Clubs movement in Portugal with the

private sector. He underlined the importance of the cooperation between the UNESCO Clubs movement and the private sector for the promotion of the ideals of UNESCO.

Mr. Dzimitry Substelny Vice-President of EFUCA expressed his thanks to the organizers and talked about the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs and its close cooperation with the Ministry of Education of Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Health of Republic of Belarus, the National commission of Republic of Belarus for UNESCO, the Belarusian committee of the youth organizations and the National center of art creativity of children and youth as well as other international partners including United Nations agencies. With reference to joint activities with the private sector he explained how thematic auto-marathons, children's camps and other events are being organized with the support of the private sector and the involvement of privet companies in the educational project on development of social entrepreneurship in Belarus. He also talked about the global contract between the Belarusian Association and the United Nations, combining business and nongovernmental organizations for the purpose of partnership and social development. Finally Mr. Subtselny underlined the importance of the cooperation with the privet sector in creating opportunities and in further strengthening and motivating the business world (ANNEX XIII).

Mr. Marius Dinca PhD Candidate on Global Ethics at SNSPA saluted everyone and referred to the concept of law and the ethics of law inviting participants to enter into a discussion on whether law is ethical.

Mrs. Paola Jacob Honorary Member of EFUCA expressed her pleasure to be present at the International Symposium and referred to the significant contribution of the UNESCO Clubs movement in the promotion of the UNESCO ideals and to the role of the Private Sector in the promotion of ethical values.

Ms. Anna Maria Negoita representative Alumnus Club for UNESCO on the occasion of the International Day for Peace read a letter titled "Open letter to Civil Society: Peace as an Act" aiming to send a message to take action for the establishment of peace. The letter contained reference to UNESCO's preamble and to quotes related to peace by John Lennon, Martin Luther King Jr. and Ambrose Redmoon as well as to the contribution of Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi, the Dalai Lama and Mother Theresa in the establishment of peace (ANNEX VI).

#### Follow Up Activity – Visit to Volvo Showroom from Bucharest

The participants after the conclusion of the works of the International Symposium visited the premises of the Volvo Primus Auto-dealer in Bucharest where a presentation of new Volvo products took place.

#### Round Table at University of South- East Europe LUMINA in Bucharest

After the visit to Volvo Showroom in Bucharest the participants were transferred to the University of South-East Europe LUMINA where they met for a round table discussion with the President of Lumina University Mr. Huseyin Padem, the President of the Senate of Lumina University Mr. Ragip Gokcel, the General Manager of Lumina University Mr. Mucahit Biner and Rector Filip Stanciu as well as other members of the staff of the Lumina University (ANNEX XIV).

#### 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013

#### **EFUCA Executive Board Meeting**

The Executive Board of EFUCA was held at Domeniul Greaca hotel in Giurgiu- Romania from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013. The first session of the Executive Board meeting started in the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> with the speech of the President of EFUCA Mrs. Daniela Popescu, who welcomed the President of WFUCA Mr. George On. Christophides and the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA, as well as volunteers and observers, confirming the presence of a quorum. Before moving to the agenda of the meeting, the members of the Executive Board reaffirmed procedural matters regarding statutory issues.

#### Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Secretary of EFUCA Ms. Marina Christophides invited members for proposals regarding possible amendments on the draft agenda and explained that all members will have the opportunity to talk about the activities in their countries at item four of the draft agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consensus without any amendments as shown in ANNEX III.

#### Adoption of the report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA

The Executive Secretary referred to the draft report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA in Bucharest, Romania on 29/11-1/12/2012 which was sent to all the members of EFUCA via email by the Secretariat of EFUCA. All present members of the Executive Board of EFUCA acknowledged receipt of the report. A proposal for an amendment on page 5 paragraph 3 of the report sent via email to the Secretariat of EFUCA by Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario was adopted by consensus and included in the final text as shown in ANNEX XV.

#### Adoption of the report of the Executive Board meeting in Romania (1-2/12/2012)

The Executive Secretary referred to the draft report of the Executive Board meeting of EFUCA in Bucharest, Romania on 1-2/12/2012 which was sent to all members of the Executive Board of EFUCA via email by the Secretariat of EFUCA. All present members of the Executive Board of EFUCA acknowledged receipt of the report. In the light of no suggestions for amendments the report of the Executive Board meeting in Romania on 1-2/12/2012 was adopted by consensus as shown in ANNEX XVI.

#### Report by the Executive Secretary (ANNEX XVII)

The Executive Secretary Ms. Marina Christophides, presented information and database received by the Office of the President of EFUCA and the Secretariat of EFUCA from the following member- countries: Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain and United States of America (USA). This information was gathered in a form of an online questionnaire prepared by the Office of the President in collaboration with the Secretariat of EFUCA.

Accordingly, there are approximately seven hundred UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations in the fifteen member-countries that answered the said online questionnaire including five newly established UNESCO

Clubs in Moldova. Activities aim to promote UNESCO's ideals and programmes which are related to intercultural dialogue, culture of peace, respect for diversity, human rights and equality, education for all, the role of youth, preservation of the cultural heritage, sustainable development and ecology. Within this framework member-countries organize a range of conferences, seminars, youth exchange and youth training programmes as well as other events based on the values and principles of UNESCO.

The Executive Secretary informed about the dissemination of information through the social network of EFUCA. Accordingly, Ms. Christophides referred to the creation of EFUCA's official Facebook page by the Secretariat of EFUCA in collaboration with the Office of the President of EFUCA aiming to increase transparency and visibility regarding the organization of activities of member-countries. Additionally, she informed about the updating of the website of EFUCA by the Office of the President of EFUCA in collaboration with the office of the Vice-President of EFUCA Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny.

Ms. Christophides further talked about the six Skype meetings of the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA coordinated by the Secretariat of EFUCA in collaboration with the Office of the President of EFUCA. The members of the Executive Board of EFUCA are informed about the discussions during the Skype meetings through the draft talking points, adopted by the present Executive Board meeting (ANNEX XVIII).

Within the framework of communication exchanges the Executive Secretary informed about the correspondence of the Secretariat and the organization of the database including Executive Board member's details, emails with the Executive Board members and with member-countries as well as with WFUCA and other regional federations and partners of EFUCA.

Moreover, the Executive Secretary informed about the relations between EFUCA and WFUCA as well as all regional branches within the framework of WFUCA's project on Global Ethics. Reference was made to the organization of events such as the Magellan Moment organized in Bucharest in collaboration with WFUCA as well as the Asia-Europe Forum on School Ethics Education co-organized in Beijing by EFUCA, WFUCA, the Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (CNFUCA) and others. During the Asia-Europe Forum the President of EFUCA Mrs. Popescu presented the Passport for Global Ethics an innovative document of the Alumnus Club for UNESCO in collaboration with EFUCA. In addition, information was given regarding EFUCA's participation in the International Conference "Global Ethics: Save the Planet Earth", held in Astana, Kazakhstan in August 2013.

Ms. Christophides referred to the proposals sent by the member-countries of EFUCA which included youth training and exchange programs, further dissemination of information, further promotion of UNESCO's programmes on a culture of peace, further cooperation between member-countries and other.

Within the framework of the activities in the European and North American UNESCO Clubs movement, achievements have been noted by the Secretariat of EFUCA regarding training programs on leadership youth exchange programs and activities on compacting unemployment and based on the promotion of UNESCO's ideals. Progress was also noted in the dissemination of information through the creation of EFUCA's Facebook page and by updating EFUCA's website as well as by the EFUCA publication (ANNEX XIX) presented at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA and circulated to all member-countries via

email. In addition, communication has strengthened between the members of the Executive Board through the monthly Skype meetings. Finally, EFUCA has been broadened through new membership of the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FPACU) and the U.S. Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (USFUCA).

Concluding, the Executive Secretary underlined the dynamism of EFUCA as a non-governmental entity, representing the civil society in the promotion of the UNESCO ideals.

#### Reflections and ideas by the participants

After the report of the Executive Secretary, the members of the Executive Board expressed their reflections ideas for the future. Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic, expressed her observation regarding the many categories of activities and proposed to have more specific themes. In addition, she proposed activities within the framework of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures 2013-2022. Mr. Jorge Oliveira proposed for member-countries to organize more activities in collaboration with EFUCA. The President of WFUCA, Mr. George On. Christophides congratulated the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA for their ideas and encouraged the initiation of activities based on UNESCO's programmes. Mr. Christophides further congratulated the President of EFUCA Mrs. Popescu for the positive changes and progress in EFUCA. He also expressed his congratulations for the initiative of Mrs. Popescu on the Passport for Global Ethics during the Asia-Europe Forum in Beijing, in July 2013 and praised the cooperation between different regions (Asia-Europe) of the world UNESCO Clubs movement.

After the reflections and the ideals expressed by all members, the report of the Executive Secretary was adopted by consensus.

#### Report of the Treasurer (ANNEX XX)

The Treasurer of EFUCA, Ms. Yulia Averina presented the figures of the balance of incomes and expenditures from 2/12/2012 until 2/9/2013 and a table with the members' contributions until the 2/9/2013. Some of the members that were present paid for their contributions in cash. Ms. Averina explained that the cost for the domain of EFUCA was € 50 which was taken from the bank account of EFUCA. The amount of € 29.1 as shown in ANNEX XII was taken for bank charges purposes.

#### Reflections and ideas by the participants

The participants examined the possibility of increasing the annual financial contribution of the members of EFUCA and decided that at the present time the existing amount of contribution by country is considered adequate taking into consideration the economic crisis and many other financial priorities and needs that members of EFUCA have.

After the reflections and the ideals expressed by all members, the report of the Treasurer was adopted by consensus.

#### President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu

The President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu referred to the EFUCA documents that needed to be signed by all the members of the Executive Board in order to be presented to the tribunal in Romania. She further referred to the activities organized in Romania regarding youth, science, history, gender and environmental issues including cultural events such as exhibitions and music. In relation to the EFUCA President's activities she referred to her participation at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA and the International Conference "The Universal language of Music and Art for a Global Ethics" in Lucca- Firenze, Italy in March 2013 as well as the International Conference in Messolonghi, Greece regarding the cultural heritage. Furthermore, she referred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the International Conference on Youth and Museums held in June 2013 as well as the Asia-Europe Forum on School Ethics Education held in Beijing, China in July 2013 and the International Conference "Global Ethics: Save the Planet Earth" held in Astana, Kazakhstan in August 2013. She further referred to the V Metamorphosis – Space for Europe in Romania in September 2013 including reference to a workshop dedicated to intercultural dialogue.

The President of EFUCA referred to the Passport for Global Ethics within the framework of the Global Ethics project of WFUCA which she presented in Beijing during the Asia-Europe Forum, explaining that the main aim is to further develop the awareness on Global Ethics and the relations between people on sustainable development and other values related to Global Ethics.

Mrs. Popescu presented the Passport for Global Ethics as well as EFUCA's Identity Cards, as prepared by the Office of the President of EFUCA, to each member of the Executive Board. In addition, the Executive Secretary presented the document of the personal attestation prepared by the Secretariat of EFUCA, to each member of the Executive Board. The collective attestation was prepared by the Office of the President of EFUCA and distributed to the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA in Lucca, Italy in March 2013 during the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA. The members that were not present at the events in Italy received the collective attestation by the President of EFUCA during the Executive Board meeting in Romania at Greaca Hotel.

Mrs. Popescu also informed about the meeting with the Minister of National Education of Romania and President of the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, Mr. Remus Pricopie, the President of WFUCA and the Executive Secretary of EFUCA during which the Passport for Global Ethics was presented to H.E. the Minister. She further informed that the Passport for Global Ethics will be presented to all delegations at the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of UNESCO in Paris, in November 2013.

The President of EFUCA continued by referring to the Magellan Project organized in Bucharest in September 2012 under the aegis of WFUCA with the participation of the President of WFUCA and the Nobel prize winner Dr. Luc Montagnier in a discussion regarding a scientific approach among cultures with common language. She further talked about the creation of distinctions towards partners of EFUCA. In addition, she referred to the visit of the Chinese delegation from the UNESCO Clubs movement in China in October 2013.

Mrs. Popescu explained that due to the difficulties faced in opening a bank account of EFUCA in Romania and the preparatory necessities of documentation requested by the tribunal, the said account was expected to open soon.

Furthermore, she congratulated the members of the Executive Board for their cooperation and participation in the Skype meetings underlining their importance in strengthening the relations between members and disseminating information. She also informed the members about her meeting with the Vice-President Mrs. Silvia Martinez Canton at the airport in Bucharest in June 2013 and their discussion regarding the situation of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Spain.

Reference was also made to the organization of the International Conference "Passport for Global Ethics: UNESCO and the Private Sector" and to the support by the partners of EFUCA. Moreover, the President of EFUCA expressed her thanks to her former assistant Ms. Diana Arhir for her work after her election in December 2012 until April 2013. She also expressed her thanks to Mrs. Daniela Moia, Mr. Mihai Sebe, Ms. Anna Maria Negoita and Mr. Marios Gkialos volunteers of the Alumnus Club for UNESCO.

After her presentation, Mrs. Daniela Popescu invited everyone to a moment of silence in the honor of the late Albert Rutter one of the founding members of EFUCA and President of the UNESCO Club of Malta who was honored during the ceremony "A life Dedicated to UNESCO" on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA held in November-December 2012 in Bucharest, Romania.

#### Vice-President of EFUCA, Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny

Vice-President Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny talked about the efforts for the updating of the website of EFUCA in collaboration with the office of the President of EFUCA. Mr. Subtselny referred to the project "Youth in Action" and the events to be held in March 2014 in cooperation with Armenia, Romania and Spain. He informed about a working group in Minsk for exchanging of experience with a delegation from Russia. In addition, he informed about the intention of the Belarusian association for the creation of a new UNESCO Center in Minsk for non-formal education.

#### Vice-President of EFUCA, Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario

Vice-President Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario informed about the 2013 edition of the contest "The Factory in the Landscape", created and promoted by the UNESCO Club Foligno and Clitunno Valley, under the auspices of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FICLU) and with the support of the European Observatory of Arco Latino Landscape. Main aim is the initiation of activities for a new ethic to protect and respect the cultural heritage identity based on common goals and objectives (ANNEX XXI). Mrs. Azzario also talked about the activities regarding the elimination of racism.

#### Secretary General of CECU, Mr. Pablo Reverte on behalf of Vice-President Mrs. Silvia Martinez Canton

The Secretary General of CECU Mr. Pablo Reverte presented the situation of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Spain. He informed about the autonomous communities of the Spanish Confederation some of which have UNESCO Clubs and/or UNESCO Centres. He also informed about the meeting between the President

of CECU Mrs. Silvia Martinez Canton and the President of EFUCA Mrs. Daniela Popescu regarding the situation of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Spain. Mr. Reverte referred to twelve UNESCO Clubs and Centres that are active members of CECU. Furthermore, Mr. Reverte informed about the activities with Latin American Region regarding indigenous people.

After the presentation of Mr. Reverte the Executive Secretary informed about the communication between the Secretariat, the Office of the President of EFUCA and Vice-President Mrs. Canton regarding the situation of the UNESCO Clubs movement in Spain.

A proposal was made to CECU to re-invite all the UNESCO Clubs and/or Centres that are not active members of CECU to join the Confederation.

#### Member of EFUCA, Mr. Jorge Oliveira

Member Mr. Jorge Oliveira talked about the creation of the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FPACCU). He also talked about the project for social inclusion of people with Roma origin and the support and cooperation of EFUCA and WFUCA.

#### Member of EFUCA, Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic (ANNEX XXX)

Member Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic informed about the recent activities of the Federation of UNESCO Clubs in Serbia including visits of cultural heritage monuments and youth events.

#### Honorary President of EFUCA, Mrs. Marialuisa Stringa

The Honorary President, Ms. Marialuisa Stringa talked about the events of March 2013 in Lucca and in Florence on the occasion of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA and the International Conference "The Universal Language for Music and Art for a Global Ethics". She further talked about a technological project in cooperation with the London University.

#### Ex-Officio Member and Vice-President of WFUCA, Mr. Ioannis Maronitis

The Ex-Officio Member Vice-President of WFUCA for Europe and North America, Mr. Ioannis Maronitis supported the initiatives to organize more youth activities under the umbrella of EFUCA and referred to a new program for the year 2014 with title APOLLON to be held in Greece.

#### **Proposals for 2014**

After the interventions by the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA, the President Mrs. Popescu invited all members to send written proposals to the Secretariat of EFUCA regarding activities for the year 2014.

In the light of the above appeal, the following proposals were received during the Executive Board meeting in Romania:

- Proposals for projects received by Mr. Pablo Reverte regarding Indigenous population in the Chaco
  of Paraguay, International Conference of Afrodescendents and UNESCO wall;
- Proposals for activities in 2014 received by Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny regarding the opening of the nonformal education center of EFUCA in Minsk, the creation of an educational module "UNESCO Clubs: Fundamentals of Management", the project "UNESCO Clubs and historical and cultural heritage" (participants from Belarus, Romania, Spain, Armenia) - within the framework of the program "Youth in Action" and Development of a movie about the EFUCA;
- Proposals for activities in 2014 received by Ms. Yulia Averina regarding summer camp at lake Baikal
  of young UNESCO Club leaders (July 2014) and training of UNESCO club leaders with collaboration of
  Belarus Federation of UNESCO Clubs (March 2014).
- Proposals for activities received by Mrs. Milica Dronjakovic regarding cultural diversity through
  exchanges and partnerships between clubs. The exchanges would be in a group of ten young people
  between 15 and 17 years within a framework of exchange of information regarding cultural
  heritage. Another proposal by Mrs. Dromnjakovic was regarding excursions to different countries in
  order to learn about other cultures and civilizations as well as monuments under the protection of
  UNESCO.

#### **EFUCA Distinctions**

The President Mrs. Popescu referred to the establishment of EFUCA's distinctions as a token of recognition and appreciation to major sponsors or other partners of EFUCA.

#### 21st September 2013

#### **Next Intermediary Congress of EFUCA**

The Executive Secretary of EFUCA informed that according to the requested by the Secretariat criteria for submissions of proposals regarding the next Intermediary Congress of EFUCA there was only one proposal from the UNESCO Center of Turin, Italy with the support of the Italian Federation.

Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario, President of the UNESCO Center of Turin informed that the Intermediary Congress will last three days in mid-2014 with title related to Global Ethics and gender equality. Within this framework a working group of young people will examine women's contribution to development in collaboration with other working groups of experts, academicians and UNESCO Clubs representatives, on employment and violence. The languages offered for translation will be English and French. A visit to the UNESCO monuments will be organized by the hosting country.

The proposal was adopted by consensus.

#### **Internal Rules and Regulations**

After a general discussion on the issue, the Executive Board of EFUCA designated an ad hoc committee consisted by the President, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer of EFUCA to make a preparatory work.

#### **Next Executive Board Meeting of EFUCA**

Mr. Guy Djoken, President of USFUCA expressed his pleasure for being present at the Executive Board meeting of EFUCA on the International Day of Peace and reconfirmed USFUCA's proposal to host the next Executive Board meeting of EFUCA in New York U.S.A from 6-9 March 2014. Mr. Djoken further informed that during the Executive Board meeting in New York there will be an event on the occasion of the International Women Day.

Mr. Djoken explained that the Executive Board meeting in the United States of America (U.S.A.) will be an opportunity to raise awareness on the activities of the UNESCO Clubs movement in the U.S.A.

The proposal to organize the next Executive Board meeting of EFUCA in New York, U.S.A. in March 2014 was adopted by consensus. The Executive Board authorized the President and the Executive Secretary to work on the terms of the proposal and proceed with the notification and invitation according to the statutory provisions.

#### Miscellaneous

Discussions were made regarding the amendment of the name of EFUCA from "European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations" to "European and North American Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations". The issue will be examined during the next Executive Board meeting of EFUCA.

#### Remarks

The President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu expressed her thanks and appreciation to all participants and underlined the importance of working closely together to further strengthen EFUCA and all efforts for the promotion of the UNESCO ideals and programmes. Mrs. Popescu invited Ms. Anna Maria Negoita, volunteer of the Alumnus Club for UNESCO to read the letter of peace "Open letter to Civil Society: Peace as an Act" which was also read during the International Symposium "Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector", on the occasion of the celebration of the International Day of Peace. The Honorary Member of EFUCA Mrs. Paola Jacob expressed her pleasure to be present among dear friends and colleagues on the occasion of the Executive Board meeting of EFUCA and the International Day of Peace. Mrs. Jacob referred to the long-lasting efforts of the UNESCO Clubs movement for the promotion and the establishment of a culture of peace. The President of WFUCA Mrs. George On. Christophides expressed his thanks and appreciation to the President of EFUCA Mrs. Daniela Popescu and congratulated all members for their efforts and cooperation in the promotion of the UNESCO ideals including Global Ethics within the framework of WFUCA's action plan. All members expressed their thanks and appreciation to the President

of EFUCA Mrs. Popescu for the successful organization of the Executive Board meeting of EFUCA and the International Symposium "Passport for Global Ethics- UNESCO and the Private Sector".

#### **ANNEX I**



## The Executive Board

of The European Federation of Associations, Centers and Clubs for UNESCO

Participate: Belarus, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain United States of America









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3.	Averina	Yulia	Treasurer EFUCA	Half.
4.	Azzario	Maria Paola	Vice President EFUCA	the se
5.	Substelny	Dzmitry	Vice – President EFUCA	Dfiles
6.	Dromnjakovic	Milica	Member EFUCA Board	4 Zpont
7.	Oliveira	Jorge Manuel	Membre EFUCA Board	mer day de

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#### **ANNEX III**



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

# EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS (EFUCA) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, 18<sup>TH</sup> -22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AGENDA

- 1. PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE  $3^{RD}$  GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF EFUCA IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA ON 29/11-1/12/2013
- 3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA ON 1-2/12/2013
- 4. REPORTS BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
- 5. NEXT INTERMEDIARY CONGRESS
- 6. "UNESCO AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR": PRESENTATIONS
- 7. NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- 8. INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
- 9. MONTHLY SKYPE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
- 10. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND ACTIVITIES
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS

#### **ANNEX IV**





The National School of Political Science and Public Administration (SNSPA)
The European Federation of Associations, Centers and Clubs for UNESCO

The European Federation of Associations, Centers and Clubs for UNESCO
The ALUMNUS Club for UNESCO

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#### ANNEX V



The Romanian National Commission for UNESCO
The National School of Political Science and Public Administration (SNSPA)
The European Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations
The ALUMNUS Club for UNESCO
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## International Symposium Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector

SNSPA, Room 111 6 Povernei Street, Bucharest, Romania September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 10 AM

#### **AGENDA**

09:30 - 10:00 Participants Registration

10:00 - 10:15 Opening Remarks

Remus Pricopie, Minister, Ministry of National Education

Daniela Popescu, President of the European Federation for UNESCO Clubs,
Centers and Associations (EFUCA)

Liliana Popescu, Vice rector, SNSPA

George Christophides, President of the World Federation for UNESCO

Clubs, Centers and Associations (WFUCA)

## 10:15 – 12:00 <u>Session I</u>: Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector

Moderator - George Christophides (President, WFUCA)

Lavinia Spandonide (Volvo & Spandugino Foundation)
Marialuisa Stringa (EFUCA - Italy)
Daniel Zlate ("Corciu si Asociatii" Law firm)
Maria Paola Azzario (EFUCA - Italy)
Pablo Reverte (EFUCA - Spain)
Nicole Toma (Greaca Domain)
Iannis Maronitis (WFUCA-Greece)

Q & A

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee break

12:15 – 13:45 <u>Session II</u>: Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector

Moderator - Florina Panzaru (Dean, SNSPA)

Marina Christophidi (EFUCA - Cyprus)
Adeline Popescu (Alumnus Club for UNESCO/EFUCA)
Mihai Sebe (ADO Romania)
Yulia Averina (EFUCA - Russian Federation)
Milica Dromnjakovic (EFUCA - Serbia)
Jorge Oliveira (EFUCA - Portugal)
Dzmitry Substelny (EFUCA - Belarus)
Marius Dinca (PhD Candidate)

Q & A

#### 13:45 - 14:00 Conclusions. Follow-up

George Christophides (President, WFUCA)
Florina Panzaru (Dean, SNSPA)
Ana Maria Negoita (Alumnus Club for UNESCO) – Peace Letter

14:00 - 15:00 Lunch

#### 15:30 - 16:30 Follow Up Activity - Visit to Volvo Showroom from Bucharest

Welcome by the Board of Directors FORUM-AUTO – Volvo Importer in Romania Visiting facilities - Primus Auto- dealer Volvo in Bucharest Presentation of New Volvo Products – Press Conference to the 65th International Motor Show Frankfurt/Main, September 12-22, 2013

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#### **ANNEX VI**

#### Open letter to Civil Society: Peace as an Act

To the People of the World

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one." — John Lennon

In a world ravaged by war and discontent, a world of disparate needs and allegiances, in a world divided by creed and faith, peace seems to be something of a white elephant, a stranger whom we used to welcome but an unlikely guest in our day and age. Wars in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Mali, Sudan to name a few, discourage us. We are no nearer to peace today than we were at the end of WW II. The generations that followed the World Wars dared to hope for something more but their own experience demanded that they moderate their hopes with the harsh realities of life and death that they had known.

Sometimes we too are tempted to lose sight of peace and even the pursuit of peace and in turn become despondent and overwhelmed and it is at this crisis point that we are left with some deep questions: Is peace possible? Is peace worth striving for in a world of faction? Is peace merely wishful thinking?

It has taken great human beings to remind us that peace is not only possible but a worthy vision for the future of humanity and to remind us that despite despondency we must never lose sight of this truth. This year we remembered the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "I have a Dream" speech of Martin Luther King, Jr who famously looked towards a future of oneness and dared to look beyond his present. In his "dream" speech he looks beyond the present towards a future of peace, towards a world without segregation and hatred, towards a world where all are treated with dignity and respect, towards a world where peace and freedom reign. The terrible cost of his courage was his own life. He stands with other noble human beings who stood for peace and counted the cost. Nelson Mandela, Mohandas Gandhi, the Dalai Lama, Mother Theresa, ordinary people with an extraordinary vision, ordinary people with a vision of peace, ordinary people with the courage to stand for peace.

Ambrose Redmoon a beatnik poet once cogently suggested that, "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear." I remind you that our UNESCO constitution states: "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed" We are convinced that the pursuit of peace is still crucial and something that can never be achieved by organizations or structures but only by people working hard towards this end. UNESCO exists because we dare to dream, we dare to declare the unity of humanity despite our differences, because we too dare to dream of peace

We call upon the delegates from this conference to remain rooted to a vision of the future which does not overlook the suffering and war-torn world but looks to make a difference and count the cost. A vision of peace! Not a cheap peace that pretends that all is at rest but a peace that sees the need of our world and is willing to work to achieve it.

Martin Luther King, Jr remarked on the future of his dream but also said emphatically: "I have a dream today." Peace is an act and not a condition to be passively received. We have a great deal of work to do!

#### **ANNEX VII**

Good morning and thank you for your attention,

My name is Daniel Zlate and I am here to represent Elena Corciu and "Corciu&Asociatii" Law Firm in this very important UNESCO event.

Our Law Firm is very proud and honored to be able to support and attend to this event, as well as to present our point of view, as lawyers, about ethics and the private sector.

"Corciu & Asociatii" Law Firm is actively involved in youth professional training projects, starting with the orphans and the abandoned children living in foster homes up to the elite youth.

Moreover, "Corciu & Asociatii" Law Firm supports the promotion of the Romanian monuments part of the UNESCO patrimony, through joint projects in collaboration with organizations in the Balkans.

One of the projects supported by Corciu and Asociatii is called "Be the chief of your own destiny", project developed by the association ADO Romania, where Elena Corciu is a charter member and one of the most important sustainers.

After 20 years of practice, we are one of the strongest legal consultancy teams on the local market with a collective of more than 20 lawyers.

We believe in simple, rapid and equitable solutions for all our cases.

We always place practice before theory and ethics before profit.

Our philosophy is that the practical enforcement of law serves our clients' objectives much more efficiently. Due to this, our motto is "a practical vision of law".

Ethics is related to Law, but it is more than the Law. Ethics represents the very foundation of Law as well as the foundation of a strong and healthy society and economy.

During our Law Firm existence, we have encountered various cases and we have refused some of them exactly based on our ethics and moral principles. We chose not to breach them.

Very often it is told that business is not bound by any ethics other than abiding by the law. From our practice, we consider that this view is not or should not be applicable in the actual business society.

We consider that some simple, but mandatory "not written rules" between companies or business partners are sometimes stronger than the laws and allow them to carry on their business in a natural and profitable way.

Yes, we do have the Civil Code, but we also have these "not written rules" and the laws need to be applied and observed by taking into consideration these rules, namely the principle of ethics in business.

Sometimes, a company may win a case against another one, because of the laws and due to a good lawyer, despite of the fact that the same company should not have won from the ethical point of view. BUT such victory will be only a partial one, because on the other hand, the wining company will destroy its good reputation, it will lose the trust and credibility of its partners and, in the end the actual loss will be bigger than the victory itself.

Ethics is everywhere and that is the way it should be. There are several ethical principles which are mandatory in the business field.

To be a trustful person, to meet your obligations, to respect your business partners are some key principles based on which a healthy company can have a long and successful life on the market.

Nevertheless, the global market is very complex and we, as lawyers, sometimes need to protect our clients in order to avoid possible cases when the other party might try to turn our client's ethics into their own advantage.

Finally, I would like to emphasize that, in my opinion the ethical principles and conduct are learned at home and in the family.

It starts with a recognition that there are right and wrong behaviors. And the very core of ethics must be based on love and respect for others. Parents need to provide solid ethical principles and a healthy education to their children.

And the same is valid for the society we live in: it needs good ethics and proper education in order to be able to improve its standards of living.

Thank you for your kind attention

#### **ANNEX VIII**



Bucharest, September 19th 2013

## International Symposium Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the Private Sector

Distinguish minister, Esteemed representatives of the diplomatic corps, Distinguish participants,

Good Day,

I am here today in front of you as first of all as a HUMAN BEING. HUMAN BEING written with caps lock.

My name is Mihai Sebe. A HUMAN BEING that represents the NGO ADO Romania.

What is ADO Romania? It is an NGO that aims to create an harmonious environment of tolerance and equal chances for the personal development of present and future generations, irrespective of gender, race, age or social status.

I am very determined to inform you that it doesn't only promote but also acts! How?

Up to this moment we have initiated the projects "Be the CHEF of your own destiny!" The project, unique in the local CSR landscape, is taking place under the patronage of the "Corciu & Asociatii" Law Firm with the support of the CHEF Cezar Munteanu, one of the appreciated Romanian chefs on the international level. Through this project we have brought light in the life of those less fortunate than us, and this thing is not said by me but by the persons directly involved (as you can see from the images that are on the screen

Now that you have found out about the already implemented project and the realizations that the involved children are doing, I want to talk now about the second project of ADO Romania more precisely about "Violence is NOT domestic!"

We are hearing on a daily basis in the mass-media that the used term is domestic violence. Well we have decided to say NO to this trauma and to claim that violence is NOT domestic.

HOW do we do that?

now).

Through the project "Violence is NOT domestic!", which is based upon the creation of the PILOT PROJECT "SHIELD" (the solution for the fight against the consequences of traumas). This intervention and common action task force in the domain of Domestic Violence is based on the partnership between the private and public bodies. Moreover we envisage to modify the current legislation by creating the "Violent Offenders Register" a public data base, available online, accessible by any citizen, with information about the aggressors in the community guilty of domestic violence with a description of the cases in which they were involved;.

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Thus, we want not only to create concepts but also to act directly at the source of the problem in order to help in reducing it. Nobody deserves the faith of the domestic violence victims, and we are here not only to offer support but also to alleviate this heavy burden. If not us, then who? We, who have the power to do this together!

I let you meditate on this topic, the topic of the power we have in order to change the destinies of some people. Their destinies, such a powerful word!

As I have told you so far, ADO Romania has initiated a series of projects in order to generate a high and lasting social impact. Time is our best friends, it learns us and help us progress, because we want to grow. To grow in order to sustain as many people as possible, people with a potential for development, both personally and professionally or to guide them in the new life they decide to make for themselves.

Our last partnership was within the festival "*Classics for pleasure, Everybody's music*", organized in one of my favorite cities from Romania– SIBIU.

During the festival we could noticed the extraordinary involvement of the classical music fans through the presence of a high number of spectators, over 4 000 in the Grand Square of Sibiu. During the 3 days of musical celebration real national and international values took the stage.

As we have mentioned the national values, during the festival we had the pleasure to listen to a young talent, which we have decided to help in order to achieve his dream of becoming a tenor. So we have decided to sponsor his master classes at the Music University.

We are extremely proud for the simple fact that we have been a small part of this festival, which brought joy to over 4 000 souls. 4 000 persons went home and perhaps slept smiling also due to us.

Sublime feeling!

In the conclusion I would like to point out the fact that I was extremely happy that I could share with you both the suffering and the smile of those that have received the ADO Romania support.

We believe and the would certainly succeed, with the help of all those who wish to involve in our projects, that we can be more than an agent of change in the sector of the Romanian NGO's, we can be a formidable partner in bringing back hope to a normal life, to a wide smile or to a silent sleep during the night.

Thank you very much!

Mihai Sebe

International Relations Manager

#### **ANNEX IX**



CYPRUS FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS FEDERATION CHYPRIOTE DES CLUBS CENTRES ET ASSOCIATIONS UNESCO ΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΗ ΟΜΟΠΣΟΝΔΙΑ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΩΝ ΟΜΙΛΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΚΕΝΤΡΩΝ UNESCO

## UNESCO AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR THE CYPRUS CASE

Marina Christophides
CYFUCA Vice-President

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Bucharest, Romania, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

#### **UNESCO IN CYPRUS**

UNESCO's ideals and principles, in the Republic of Cyprus, are being promoted within a broad and diverse framework, covering three sectors: the governmental, the non-governmental and the private sector.

Within the governmental sector, the Cyprus National Commission for UNESCO, the UNESCO Chair in "Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment", of the University of Cyprus and the UNESCO Associated Schools under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus, organize activities which aim in the promotion of the ideals of UNESCO. A variety of events are being held annually with the active participation of governmental officials, academicians, school educators and youth.

Moving on to the non-governmental sector, activities are being organized and coordinated by the Cyprus Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (CYFUCA) taking place in five districts; in Limassol, in Pafos, in Larnaca, in Famagusta and in the capital city, Nicosia. CYFUCA volunteers come from different ages representing all citizens in Cyprus irrespective of cultural, religious or social background. Activists' efforts are based on long-term programs towards raising the awareness regarding UNESCO's values and principles such as a culture of peace including respect for human rights, equality and tolerance.

Finally, within the private sector values such as respect for diversity and intercultural dialogue are being promoted through the UNESCO Chair in Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace of the Private University of Nicosia. This gives the opportunity to students to cooperate with the UNESCO Clubs movement in Cyprus and to become aware on the UNESCO ideals and relevant activities in Cyprus.

All mentioned are working together as agents in the promotion of UNESCO's principles and values, as well as its major priorities such as culture of peace, respect for human rights, rule of law and diversity, equality, intercultural dialogue, cultural heritage and sustainable development.

#### **UNESCO CLUBS MOVEMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

CYFUCA 's action plan is reflected through the implementation of UNESCO based programs aiming to promote and develop as well as establish a culture of peace through dialogue, within a diverse multicultural and multi-religious framework. For this purpose CYFUCA cooperates with various private agents such as telecommunication and media enterprises as well as others, in an effort to disseminate information regarding its activities and to raise awareness on local and global issues such as immigration. In 2010, CYFUCA in collaboration with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations and with the support of UNESCO and partners from the private sector, successfully organized in Limassol, the International Conference on Global Immigration and Recent Trends. During the international conference issues on immigrants' human rights were raised aiming in the development of intercultural dialogue and their social inclusion. In addition, CYFUCA's relations with the private sector create opportunities to further implement UNESCO's ideals within these enterprises in order to create healthy working environments for the benefit of both employers and employees as well as for consumers.

#### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE**

In the light of the existing economic crisis and crisis of values, CYFUCA also aims to promote intercultural dialogue, respect for diversity and human rights, through education on global ethics, within the framework of the World Federation's Action Plan. The international conference on global immigration, as mentioned before, was organized within this framework with the active participation in all discussions, of representatives from CYFUCA's partners from the private sector who brought back to their enterprises feedback from the international conference.

At present, CYFUCA continues its efforts for further cooperation and implementation of UNESCO's ideals within the private sector. According to CYFUCA's research there is a necessity to promote a code of conducts in the respective sectors of activities such as unions, estate agencies, recruiters and others. In the light of this CYFUCA aims to cooperate with such business entities in order to draft a code of conducts aiming in the promotion and regulation of business ethics. It is vital to strengthen the relations between the UNESCO Clubs movement and the private sector though the organization of specific training programs on ethics including more conferences and workshops in collaboration with telecommunication companies, media and others, in order to implement a new code of conducts based on global ethics and in specific business ethics.

#### **ANNEX X**

Dear friends, dear colleagues, Mrs. President.

I am glad to see you and greet the participants and guests of the international symposium Passport for Global Ethics – UNESCO and the private Sector.

I am also pleased to express my gratitude to the Executive Board of the European Federation of Clubs, Centres and UNESCO, and in particular to the President Mrs. Daniela Popescu, for their constructive work. This is not just a tribute to the welcoming rhetoric and compliments. This is the essence of our relationship. Our joint work is very important for me.

What am I appreciating in UNESCO movement? It has become a vital destiny of thousands of like-minded people on all continents, it unites us as an important force in promoting UNESCO ideals.

The topic of the symposium is extremely interesting. We talk about the cooperation – the important thing for all of us. How is it relevant today, in the age of individuals, in the era of personalities – the moment of cooperation. And even more so with, to put it mildly, a fairly closed environment of business community. On the one hand – business and UNESCO have different goals, even different tasks. On the other they have a common goal. The goal is to bring the good to others, to improve the lives of people around.

Over the years, the Ural- Siberian Federation of UNESCO have worked closely with the local authorities and the private sector. I can definitely state that this cooperation was not only at the level of sponsorship, it was based on the equal partnership. Cooperation must be mutually beneficial to become productive and long-lasting.

The very first program Russian UNESCO club movement was Demidov program named after the prominent Russian entrepreneur who pioneered industrialization of Ural in the 18-th century. Demidov also was one of the first and most famous patrons of arts in Russia and abroad. In Italy, you can see a monument devoted to Demidov.

We organized the International Demidov route between historical sites associated with Demidov. Eventually Demidov became the face of Russia. And we approached the most creative part of the Russian business. The first thing in Business is an idea. And we provided some ideas for the growing stratum of entrepreneurs during the very first years of post-Soviet era and afterwards. Business in turn was financing our association. And we were able to act, to travel around the world, to equip an office, to prepare the team. Therefore on the bases of Demidov Route we have created the touristic expeditions named "The World cultural heritage by UNESCO", in which we have visited more than 100 sites of World UNESCO heritage in dozens of countries. Some of interested businessmen went with us.

After successful beginning the Demidov program has become permanent. We have established a commercial organization, which shared its profits with the Ural-Siberian federation, helping us to cover the travel expenses to the Congresses and Executive Boards. It sums up to 5-7 trips per year. Furthermore, businesspersons connected with us, feel the benefit of being in a culture field, feel global processes in

humanitarian sphere. These processes are the sources of business ideas, business strength. It is not incidental that now UNESCO clubs, parliamentarians, municipalities and private sector are the main partners of UNESCO, as well as ours.

Let me remind you also that in the upcoming World Youth exhibition of UNESCO, initialised by our federation presumes the partnership with business.

Here is another example of successful experience of collaboration with municipal authorities. We are signing memoranda of cooperation with cities and regions. Within this framework we are assisting the administrations in the organization of UNESCO clubs, training, and most importantly, in the identification and registration of cultural, historical and natural heritage objects on their territory. Ural- Siberian region has more than 5,000 of such objects, which makes it potentially very appealing for tourism. The municipalities in exchange provide some financial support to the regional UNESCO clubs association,

I think that all federations have successful experience of cooperation with a private sector and this conference gives a nice opportunity to share them.

I wish all of us a good work and thank you for your attention.

Yulia Averina Vice-President Ural-Siberian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (Russia)

#### ANNEX XI

#### PARTENARIAT SOCIETE CIVILE ET SECTEURS PRIVE EN SERBIE. PERSPECTIVES

Passeport pour éthique global-Unesco et secteur privé Bucarest, le 19. Septembre 2013.

Le partenariat société civile/ secteur privé est très important pour un développement économique durable et humain .C'est une nouvelle piste de développement qui n'a pas encore été suffisamment pratiqué sur le terrain. Elle est très importante pour l'existence des ONG. Sans financement il n'y aura pas de productivité des organisations. L'intégration des ONG au fonctionnement de la société, implique leurs capacités à capter une part de son revenu. Il est nécessaire que l'économie tourne vers un plus grand impact social pour permettre le développement durable des ONG parmi lesquels se trouvent les Associations, Centres et Clubs Unesco.

Il est évident que dans notre pays le financement du secteur privé dépend de l'économie et de sa force, comme d'ailleurs dans d'autres pays. Comment réussir alors à financer des actions dont les bénéficiaires sont peu valorisants pour l'entreprise, comme ce sont les Centre, Associations et Clubs Unesco. Bien que les activités des Associations, Centres et Clubs Unesco soient relevant de l'intérêt général et répondent aux problèmes de société, de nombreux projets restent sans partenaire pour les financer. Il y a aussi un problème de manque de connaissance sur les actions réalisables des Associations, Centres et Clubs Unesco, étant donné qu'ils ne sont pas suffisamment présentés dans les médias.

Les objectifs communs doivent être bien élaborés pour que l'entreprise n'ait pas de risques. La transmission des savoirs est nécessaire. Les entreprises ne souhaitent communiquer sur les projets avant d'obtenir des garanties des résultats concrets. Ils dédient leurs engagements à des actions bien ciblées et concrétisées. La diversification des activités est un atout et surtout leurs présentations par les projets concrets. Ils permettent de promouvoir des missions différents et, donc, de capter différentes attentions des financiers. En alignant les préférences des donateurs, managers et agents, les ONG améliorent leur productivité. D'autre part, elles ont la possibilité de garder une certaine indépendance quant au choix de la mission, et peuvent aussi l'adopter aux choix collectifs tout en assurant son financement.

Les actions de l'Unesco restent globalement bénéfiques pour les populations auxquelles elles s'adressent. Elles concernent les Droits de l'Homme, la lutte contre la faim, la protection des enfants, la Protection de l'eau potable, la Scolarité durable, l'Ecologie, la Lute pour la paix, la Tolérance etc. L'Unesco a des ambitions idéologiques en ce qui concerne du développement des sociétés et de la protection de notre planète par des programmes éducatifs, long terme qui ont besoin de financement.

Conclusion : 1. Pour assurer le financement des Associations, Centres et Club Unesco il est nécessaire de les présenter beaucoup plus dans les médias, pour que le secteurs privé ait déjà une idée sur l'importance des projets proposés.

- 2. les projets devraient être bien ciblés et présentés aux détails avec certaines garanties de réalisation.
- 3. Choix de projets devraient être lié aux intérêts du financier et à ses aspirations tout en gardant une certaine indépendance vis-à-vis du demandeur du soutien financier.

Milica Dromnjakovic, mr. prof.

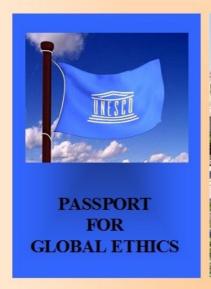
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### Round Table



# PASSPORT FOR GLOBAL ETHICS UNESCO and the Private Sector





Participate: Belarus, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain and United States of America

19 September 2013, at 18:00 University of South-East Europe LUMINA



The Romanian National Commission for UNESCO
The National School of Political Science and Public Administration (SNSPA)
The European Federation of Associations, Centers and Clubs for UNESCO
The ALUMNUS Club for UNESCO
"Corciu & Asociatii" Law Firm

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#### **ANNEX XIII**

## The experience of the inter-sectoral cooperation Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs

The Republican public association «Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs» is the youth organization uniting by the activity of 50 clubs of UNESCO in the territory of the whole areas of Republic of Belarus. The organization activity already totals nearly 25 years. The main aim – to give maximum of opportunities for development of everyone who is connected to its activity.

The majority of clubs works at base of the educational institutions – are schools, gymnasium and universities. Annually, more than 40 000 people of different ages become participants of the projects and programs.

Feature of UNESCO clubs is that they work by the principle of children's and youth self-government and have the structure of management approved by the charter of the organization. Thus, every participant of club accurately know his role, rights and duties.

RPA «BelAU» is closely cooperates in its activity with the Ministry of Education of Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Health of Republic of Belarus, the National commission of Republic of Belarus for UNESCO, the Belarusian committee of the youth organizations, the National center of art creativity of children and youth.

The main international partners of RPA «BelAU»: UNESCO bureau in Moscow, Representations in Republic of Belarus of agencies of UN: UNDP, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, Representation of the International Children's fund in Republic of Belarus, the World and European Federations of associations, the centers and UNESCO clubs, the German youth press club, the French volunteer organization «Rempart», the German volunteer organization «Open Houses», the educational institutions of Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Germany, and etc.

Very important role in work of our NGO is played by cooperation with the private sector. The organization has had many partners during the whole working time. Generally, this is the individual entrepreneurs or the large companies. Cooperation is carried out in different formats.

For example, individuals endow with money to the organization or give material support to particular actions. With the large companies, such as Coca-Cola, Banks, mobile operators, we conduct join activities: thematic automarathons, children's camps, different events. Companies finance the activities, and receive advertising in exchange.

One more example is the involvement of the Dutch privet companies to the educational project on development of social entrepreneurship in Belarus.

The important element of this process is that the Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs enter into the Global contract of UN, which combine business and NGO for the purpose of partnership and social development.

Cooperation with the privet sector gives many opportunities, which cannot to be missed today. Nevertheless, ahead there is still a lot of work on motivation of business to put resources in youth, NGO, UNESCO clubs.

President
of Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs,
Member of The National Commission for UNESCO of Belarus
Dzmitry Subtselny

#### **ANNEX XIV**



### 3<sup>rd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS (EFUCA) 29 NOVEMBER TO 1 DECEMBER, 2012, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

#### **REPORT**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Romanian Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FRACCU) in collaboration with the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO organized and hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the European Federation for UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) in Bucharest, Romania from the 29<sup>th</sup> of November to the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2012.

The General Assembly opened on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 with the ceremony "A life dedicated to UNESCO", which took place at the Romanian Parliament, an event that honored important representatives of the UNESCO Clubs movement who consecrated their life to the UNESCO ideals. During this ceremony at the Parliament, the floor was taken by representatives of the Romanian Parliament and Government of Romania, as well as UNESCO officials. Before this international event a round table took place on the theme "The Cultural Diversity - Wealth of Europe" where representatives of UNESCO Clubs and other international NGOs participated.

The General Assembly had the participation of representatives from twenty-five countries from the UNESCO Clubs movement (EFUCA and WFUCA), of the Government of Romania, of the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, of UNESCO and of other organizations and entities such as universities.

Representing the Director General of UNESCO, Mrs. Irina Bokova, Mr. Andrei Chevelev participated in the General Assembly.

The General Assembly focused on EFUCA's future action plan based on proposals made by the delegates and taking into consideration WFUCA's project on "Global Ethics" as well as UNESCO's ideals and values.

#### **PLENARY SESSION I (30 NOVEMBER 2012)**

#### **OPENING CEREMONY**

The opening session started with opening speeches and addresses by representatives of UNESCO, Romanian Government, Romanian National Commission, WFUCA, EFUCA and other representatives of the Civil Society, including the following:

Mr. Andrei Chevelev, Representative of the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Irina Bokova: Mr. Chevelev referred to the founding of EFUCA which was initiated by FRACCU in 2001 and that the movement represents the voice of the people. He mentioned that regular reports are requested in order to prevent the incorrect and illegal use of UNESCO's name and logo. He explained that ignorance is the main cause of conflicts and following Kyoto, youth and their education should be the focus of activities within the UNESCO Clubs movement.

Mrs. Daniela Popescu, President of the Romanian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FRACCU): Mrs. Popescu welcomed all the participants and expressed her hopes that UNESCO will maintain its strong position.

Mrs. Christiane Gertrud Cosmatu, Department for Inter-Ethnic Relations, Government of Romania: Mrs. Cosmatu referred to diversity and the presence of the minorities living in Romania and said that many minority languages were recognized as official languages of Romania.

Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario, EFUCA President ad interim for the period 2011-2012: Mrs. Azzario expressed her wish that National Commissions should be more accessible and supportive towards the UNESCO Clubs movement. She referred to the questionnaire which was circulated to the members of EFUCA in 2011 and mentioned that results differ between countries, expressing the richness of the existing diversity. In addition, she stated that fear, laziness and poverty must be defeated.

Mr. George On. Christophides, President of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA): Mr. George Christophides expressed his wish that the UNESCO Clubs movement should become stronger in order to reach citizens all over the world. He referred to the meeting he had with the Director General (D.G.) of UNESCO, Mrs. Irina Bokova and stated that WFUCA has excellent and productive relations with the UNESCO D.G.

**Mr. Eiji Hattori, Honorary President of WFUCA:** Mr. Hattori referred to the "Global Ethics" project and quoting Paul Valery said that there is a real need for global ethics.

#### PROCEDURES: ELECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

After the opening speeches, the nomination of candidates for the designation of the officials of the General Assembly took place.

Upon consensus of the delegations, the designation of the officials of the General Assembly had the following results:

- President of the General Assembly: Mrs. Daniela Popescu (Romania)
- Vice Presidents of the General Assembly: Mrs. Mihaela Varga (Romania) and Mr. Lionel Vinour (France)
- Reporters of the General Assembly: Ms. Olga Khabibulina (Belarus), Mr. Robert Pobitschka (Austria) and Mrs. Corrine Ziegler (Switzerland)

#### ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA was distributed to all the delegates and was adopted by consensus.

#### **ELECTION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The General Assembly designated Armenia (Ms. Astghik Sayadyan), Italy (Mr. Antonio Vernier) and France (Mr. Claude Vielix) as members of the Credentials Committee.

The General Assembly designated as president of the Credentials Committee Ms. Adeline Popescu, Romania in her quality of treasurer of EFUCA.

### <u>PLENARY SESSION II – "FUTURE AND MISSION OF EFUCA: ACTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES IN THE LIGHT OF EUROPEAN</u> AND WORLD SITUATIONS AND OF GLOBAL ETHICS UNESCO PROGRAMME"

Reference was made to the outgoing Executive Board meeting of EFUCA, held on the 28 November 2012 and to the decisions regarding the addition of new members of EFUCA; the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres and the National Commission for UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations.

Ms. Adeline Popescu mentioned that only members who have paid their contributions could take part in the elections for the new Executive Board of EFUCA. The status of Armenia was discussed due to pending fees. The delegate from Armenia, Ms. Astghik Sayadyan read a letter written by the President of the Armenian Federation who referred to the reasons of the pending fees.

A decision was taken to allow new members and members who have not paid their fees to pay during the General Assembly. The deadline was set at 17.00 in the afternoon of the same day.

#### **CANDIDATURES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lionel Vinour, one of the Vice Presidents of the General Assembly, raised an issue regarding the Candidatures Committee which is not mentioned in the statutes of EFUCA. Mrs. Mihaela Varga also Vice President of the General Assembly and the President of WFUCA, Mr. George Christophides mentioned that there is a real need for addition of the internal rules and regulations in the statutes of EFUCA.

The designation of the Candidatures Committee was made by consensus.

**Results of the designation of the Candidatures Committee:** Monaco (Mrs. Milène Escaras), Switzerland (Mrs. Doris Neuenschwander), Greece (Mr. Yiannis Maronitis).

#### **NEW MEMBERS OF EFUCA**

Following the examination of the applications received by the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres as well as the USA National Commission for UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, the General Assembly elected by absolute majority the above mentioned entities as new members of EFUCA.

Regarding the election of the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres, Mr. Lionel Vinour explained, upon election through the General Assembly of any new national federation follows an automatic replacement of any club that until then was representing the same country.

Mrs. Mihaela Varga referred to Austria's membership in EFUCA and to the absence of a national federation in Austria.

#### PLENARY SESSION III - EFUCA REPORTS BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### **ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF EFUCA**

Due to the absence of the Executive Secretary of EFUCA, Mr. Silvio Matos, Mr. Lionel Vinour briefly referred to the following achievements of EFUCA during the period 2008-2012.

New logo of EFUCA

- New website of EFUCA
- Dissemination of information through a circular letter regarding projects
- Promotion of UNESCO values
- Introduction to new regulations for UNESCO clubs
- Consolidation of financial situation
- Opening of a new bank account
- Strengthening of the relationship between EFUCA members
- EFUCA support of projects in Republic of Moldova, Romania, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy
- Increase of the regularity of the meetings with UNESCO officials
- Good relations with WFUCA: attendance in the Executive Board meetings of WFUCA in Alexandria, Beijing and Hanoi
- Attendance of celebrations related to UNESCO Clubs
- Participation in a youth competition in Republic of Moldova
- First meeting of the Spanish Confederation in Ceuta

Mr. Vinour also presented the results from the Intermediate Congress of EFUCA with theme "Human Rights and Cultural Diversity" held in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2011. All the participants received a relevant booklet containing all information regarding the said congress as well as an informative CD.

Mrs. Azzario, president ad interim, presented her report about the period of her presidency, from September 2011 until the next election. In October 2011 she organized a meeting of the Executive Board, as provided by the Statute, because of the resignation of President Vinour during the WFUCA meeting in Hanoi. The Board, gathered in Turin, validated the resignation and unanimously elected the Vice President, Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario, as President ad interim. The meeting was organized in occasion of an International Congress on UNESCO World Heritage and each country presented its own activities in the fields of the protection, preservation, training and education. Mrs. Azzario provides each delegate with the collection, realized by the UNESCO Centre of Turin, of the acts of the mid-mandate meeting held in Geneva in June 2011. The publication includes the reports of the experts as well as a CD of video footages recorded during the three days of works. Then she introduced the report of the Executive Board for the period of 2011-2012 with reference to the Turin meeting in October 2011 and to the protection of the Cultural Heritage, to the report of the EFUCA Executive Board meeting in Minsk in December 2011 at the UNESCO - WFUCA offices in Paris at Miollis building.

Mrs. Azzario proposed the creation of a newsletter on EFUCA's website with information about each member of EFUCA in order to discover common projects to be launched. Following the presentation of the activity report the General Assembly approved it by consensus and participants took the opportunity to comment on the reported information as well as on the all mentioned achievements during the period 2008-2012.

The representative of the UNESCO Director General, Mr. Chevelev proposed to strengthen the relationship between members of EFUCA and National Commission as well as with UNESCO in order to overcome financial difficulties.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TREASURER OF EFUCA

The treasurer of EFUCA, Ms. Adeline Popescu presented the financial report to the General Assembly which was approved by the absolute majority of the General Assembly (one country was absent).

#### PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE PROGRAMME AND THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT YEARS

Delegates were invited to express their views and proposals for the next four years regarding EFUCA's action plan.

The Belarusian delegation proposed to further develop communication between UNESCO Clubs and the civil society through the media promotion, relevant websites and social networks. A proposal was made to promote youth training through non-formal education. In addition, reference was made to the need to improve fund raising procedures.

Mrs. Marialuisa Stringa, Honorary President of EFUCA, spoke about the development of the efforts for funding since the establishment of EFUCA.

The Cyprus delegation proposed to improve the dissemination of information about the activities of EFUCA and its members through the creation of a social network page such as Facebook in order to provide the opportunity to members to post news regarding their activities.

Mr. George Christophides spoke about WFUCA's "Global Ethics" project and invited all interested delegates to participate as observers in the meeting of WFUCA's Executive Board, which was held after the end of first day of the General Assembly.

#### **1 DECEMBER 2012**

#### **OPENING - CELEBRATION OF ROMANIA'S NATIONAL DAY**

All participants met in the morning in the conference room in order to celebrate the national day of Romania. A music celebration took place and delegates waved Romanian flags while listening to the national anthem of Romania.

#### WORKSHOPS

Two workshops one in English and one in French were held on "Cultural diversity, cultural resource for Europe. Proposals for the future Programme of EFUCA".

#### **PLENARY SESSION IV**

#### **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

In the light of the report of the Credentials Committee, twenty-two members were still active members of EFUCA with sixteen of them being present and with a right to vote.

The absolute majority of the General Assembly approved the report.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES TO THE NEW EFUCA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Candidatures Committee announced the candidates for the EFUCA Executive Board for the period 2012-2016.

POST	CANDIDATE'S NAME
President	Daniela Popescu (Romania)
Treasurer	Julia Averina ( Russia)
Executive Secretary	Marina Christophides (Cyprus)
	Silvia Martinez Canton (Spain)
Vice-Presidents and Members	Dzmitry Subtselny (Belarus)
	Jorge Oliveira (Portugal)
	Maria Paola Azzario (Italy)
	Milica Dromnjakovic (Serbia)
	Renata Verejanu ( Republic of Moldova)
	Silvia Martinez Canton (Spain)

The President of WFUCA, Mr. George Christophides, raised an issue regarding the interpretation of the article 5 s. 4(h) of the EFUCA Statutes and the right to present candidatures to two different positions of the Executive Board of EFUCA. Following discussions it was decided that the elections would take place in two rounds; in the first round all members with a right to vote would vote for the EFUCA president, treasurer and executive secretary and in the second round all members with a right to vote would vote for the EFUCA vice-presidents and members.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE FILE TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF EFUCA

The two candidates for the position of the Executive Secretary presented themselves and each of them had a few minutes to inform the General Assembly about the reasons of their decision to become candidates for the position of the Executive Secretary of EFUCA. Following the presentation of the two candidates, delegates from the General Assembly had some time to submit their questions to the two candidates.

#### **ELECTION OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE**

The General Assembly elected the following members of the Conciliation Committee:

- Mrs. Corinne Dominique Ziegler (Switzerland)
- Mr. Guy Djoken (USA)
- Mr. Juan Antonio Vera Casares (Spain)

#### **REPORTS OF WORKSHOPS**

Following the two workshops that were held in the morning the following results were presented to the General Assembly:

#### **English Group:**

- Cultural variety: it is not easy to define "culture" and its roots
- People are connected to the historical background of their country of origin but can also be influenced by other cultures in different territories
- It is important to find a minimum level of consensus accepted by everybody
- Dramatic changes during the last 30 years, societies are experiencing multiculturalism
- In the light of the existence of illegal immigration there is a need of protection of human rights
- A large number of people come from a variety of different national backgrounds
- Protection of national heritage: protection of diversity
- Education is a way to initiate resolutions on how to avoid crisis
- Presentation by Austria: Vienna Charta as well as a project from Great Britain about education of character. Agreement by consensus to become a subject in schools.
- Presentation by Kazakhstan: "Teaching the youth moral values, issues and challenges"
- Presentation by Spain: short film about a school in Great Britain that can be seen as a model for integration and diversity
- Proposal for joint future actions. "Global Ethics"
- Need to establish a working committee

#### French Group:

- Discussion about what is a European project
- Discussion about projects based on the promotion of multiculturalism
- Discussion on how national projects can become regional European projects
- Discussion on how to choose projects that can become European projects

- Focus on environmental projects
- Each country should propose projects

After the presentation of the results of the two workshops, the delegate from Serbia Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic spoke about ethics, including access to clean water.

Mrs. Patrizia Favati, the representative of the City of Lucca, made a presentation regarding the City of Lucca and made reference to the planned activities for the next meeting of the Executive Board of WFUCA, in Lucca - Florence, 8-13 March 2013 and all events related to "Global Ethics".

#### RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS AND PRESENTATION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### **FIRST ROUND**

POST	NAME	VOTES
President of EFUCA	Daniela Popescu	Fifteen votes
Executive Secretary of EFUCA	Marina Christophides	Ten votes
Treasurer of EFUCA	Julia Averina	Fifteen votes

#### **SECOND ROUND**

POST	NAME	VOTES
Vice-President of EFUCA	Dimitry Subtselny	Eight votes
Vice-President of EFUCA	Maria Paola Azzario	Eight votes
Vice-President of EFUCA	Silvia Martinez Canton	Ten votes
Member of EFUCA	Jorge Oliveira	Seven votes
Member of EFUCA	Milica Dromnjakovic	Six votes

#### **CLOSING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The new President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu expressed her sincere thanks to all the participants of the General Assembly and her hopes for a more prosperous future for the European UNESCO Clubs movement, looking forward for further cooperation with all the members of EFUCA as well as with WFUCA and UNESCO, including the organization of new projects.

#### **ANNEX XV**



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

REPORT
OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF EFUCA (IN TWO SESSIONS)
1, 2 December 2012
BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

The EFUCA Executive Board (E.B) meeting took place in Hotel Ibis Gara de Nord, in Bucharest in two sessions.

Present in the sessions (I and II) of the EFUCA E.B. meeting.

EFUCA EXECUTIVE BOARD		
Maria Luisa Stringa (Italy)	Honorary President	both Sessions
Daniela Popescu (Romania)	President	both Sessions
Ioannis Maronitis (Greece)	WFUCA Vice- President for Europe and North American Region	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Marina Christophides (Cyprus)	Executive Secretary	both Sessions
Yulia Averina (Russia)	Treasurer	both Sessions
Dzmitry Subtselny (Belarus)	Vice-President	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Silvia Martinez Canton (Spain)	Vice-President	both Sessions
Jorge Oliveira (Portugal)	Member	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Milica Dromnjakovic (Serbia)	Member	both Sessions

OBSERVERS		
Adeline Popescu	EFUCA Auditor	both Sessions
Antonio Vernier	Member of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres	both Sessions
Diana Arhir	Assistant to the President of EFUCA	both Sessions

George Christophides	WFUCA President	both Sessions
Guy Djoken	Chairman at U.S. National Commission for UNESCO Clubs, Centers & Associations	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
Olga Khabibulina	Member of the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Patrizia Favati	Representative of the Community of Lucca	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Robert Pobitschka	President of the UNESCO Club Vienna	1 <sup>st</sup> Session
Yuri Borisikhin	WFUCA Treasurer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session

Vice-President Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario was absent due to unexpected health problems.

#### 1. INTRODUCTORY SPEACHES/CONGRATULATIONS

The President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu at the opening of the session congratulated the newly elected E.B and wished to all a fruitful cooperation in the promotion of the ideals of UNESCO. She further expressed her willingness to work and cooperate with all for strengthening the movement and increase the number of countries which can be members of EFUCA. She welcomed all observers and informed that the meetings of EFUCA E.B are and will be open for all observers in the light of the principle of Transparency.

Mrs. Popescu welcomed the president of WFUCA Mr. George Christophides and the Vice President of WFUCA for Europe and North America Mr. Ioannis Maronitis and confirmed her willingness to work together within the action plan of WFUCA and the ideals and principles of UNESCO.

The President of WFUCA Mr. George Christophides congratulated also President Popescu and all elected members of the new E.B of EFUCA. He also confirmed his willingness to continue working closely with Mrs. Popescu in the light of the fruitful cooperation that he had during the last year within the framework of successful organizations like the International Conference on Youth and Museums and the Magellan Project as well as the Global Ethics ideals. He recalled the decisions taken by the Executive Board of WFUCA in Mexico regarding the amendments of the constitution of WFUCA so to match with existing structural form of the E.B of EFUCA.

WFUCA's Vice-President for Europe and North American Region, Mr. Ioannis Maronitis congratulated all newly elected in the EFUCA E.B. and welcomed the young people, new comers, as members of the EFUCA E.B. He also confirmed his willingness to work with all for the promotion of the ideals of UNESCO in the European region.

#### 2. COOPERATION WITH WFUCA

President Popescu expressed EFUCA's plan to work closely with WFUCA by organizing four actions each year in cooperation with other branches, confederations or federations of WFUCA. In particular she proposed the first action to be in cooperation with Latin America. Additionally, she mentioned that during the next three years, EFUCA will organize activities in other regions of the world.

The President of WFUCA, referred to the World Federation's cooperation with its branches, stressing the common responsibility to promote the ideals of UNESCO within national federations of WFUCA. He also welcomed Mrs. Popescu's proposal to cooperate closely with WFUCA and the Latin American Region, and mentioned that WFUCA started cooperation with Dr. Enrique Renteria Vice-President of WFUCA for Latin America and Caribbean Region and that soon more countries from Latin America will become members of WFUCA.

Mrs. Patrizia Favati, official representative of the Community of Lucca, referred to the next E.B meeting of WFUCA, to be held in Lucca and Firenze, Italy from the 8<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and with the participation of EFUCA.

The Honorary President of EFUCA Ms. Maria Luisa Stringa made a brief reference to future programmes of EFUCA and to the way in which they need to be organized.

#### 3. FUTURE ACTIVITIES/ACTION PLAN

The President of EFUCA expressed her will to discuss individually with each member of the E.B. about the future plan of EFUCA. Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny agreed to be in charge of the management of the EFUCA website along with the Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs, of which he is the president. It was discussed about the functioning of the Secretariat of EFUCA in Cyprus.

The Executive Secretary of EFUCA, Ms. Marina Christophides confirmed the establishment of Secretariat of EFUCA in Cyprus and also referred to the creation of the new Facebook page of EFUCA for extending the social network of EFUCA. In addition, she stressed the need to increase the visibility of EFUCA by inviting sponsors to support future activities of EFUCA.

#### 4. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF EFUCA'S E.B.

During the E.B. meeting there was a discussion regarding the duties of the elected officials of the EFUCA E.B., according to the relevant provision from the EFUCA Constitution and was decided to show respect to the said provision and to the decision of the General Assembly to apply the EFUCA Constitutional provisions for each elected official of the E.B of EFUCA.

#### 5. **EFUCA AUDITOR FOR THE YEAR - TERM 2012-2016**

In the light of the vacant position of the Auditor and taking in appreciation of the experience that Ms. Adeline Popescu gain from her post in the previous E.B of EFUCA as the Treasurer of EFUCA, the E.B decided by consensus to propose to Adeline Popescu the position of the auditor of EFUCA for the year- term 2012-2016. ( according to the provisions of the EFUCA Statute Article V, section 4,I) Ms. Adeline Popescu accepted this proposal and thanked everybody for their support and promised to render her services in good will and good spirit.

#### 6. TRANSLATOR OF THE EFUCA E.B

During the two sessions of the E.B of EFUCA, Ms. Adeline Popescu rendered successfully her services as a translator in the two sessions. In appreciation of her capacities and knowledge of five different languages and to avoid additional expenses the E.B of EFUCA proposed to her to render her services as Translator of the E.B of EFUCA for the next meetings of E.B. Ms. Popescu accepted to do her best as much as it would be possible for her.

#### 7. ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF EFUCA.

The E.B of EFUCA accepted the proposal of the President Popescu to appoint Ms. Diana Arhir as the assistant to the President of EFUCA.

#### 8. **NEXT EFUCA E.B. MEETING**

After discussion and proposal by the President of the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centers and Associations Mr. Jorge Oliveira, it was decided by the E.B of EFUCA to examine all possibilities to organize the next E.B. meeting of EFUCA in Porto. For this purpose the President of EFUCA will have contacts with Mr Oliveira and all members of the EFUCA E.B. and take this opportunity to meet and discuss on various issues concerning EFUCA, including the drafting of internal regulations. Vice President Silvia Martinez Canton and others have expressed their willingness to work with the Secretariat to draft the text of the internal rules.

#### 9. FINANCIAL ISSUES

After discussion it was decided to examine whether it is possible to transfer the EFUCA's bank account from Romania to Russia the country of the Treasurer, Mrs. Yulia Averina. For this purpose consultations will take place between the involved parties.

#### 10. SOCIAL NETWORK / EFUCA E.B. INTERNET MEETINGS

In order to maintain close and better cooperation and communication between the sessions of the E.B of EFUCA, it was decided to examine the possibility of having monthly internet meetings with the participation of all E.B. members through the use of skype facilities. The first meeting has been scheduled to be held on the last Friday of January 2013 (25/01/2013), at 17.00 Romanian local time provided that all EFUCA E.B. officials will facilitate the Secretariat of EFUCA with their contact details. After the first meeting will be held the E.B. members will decide when to schedule the next meeting.

Furthermore, in order to develop EFUCA's social network, the Honorary President of EFUCA, Mrs. Stringa proposed to have a directory of all the federations and UNESCO Clubs of EFUCA. President Daniela Popescu mentioned that UNESCO has assisted her in order to keep a record of all the active countries.

#### 11. REGIONAL- NATIONAL ISSUES

Vice-President Sylvia Canton, mentioned that the Spanish confederation faces problems because of a significant number of UNESCO clubs which do not want to be included in the confederation and that these issues is necessary to be addressed to the national commission in order to include these clubs in the confederation.

The chairman of the UNESCO Clubs in USA, and member of the Conciliation Commission of EFUCA, Mr. Guy Djoken referred to the dynamics of USA movement and about people coming together through the UNESCO Clubs spirit. He also referred to people who are trying to take advantage of the benefits of the system. In addition, he stressed the importance of establishing a structure in the system and unity between the people in a movement. He also referred to the procedure of approving a UNESCO Club on the basis of good structure. Finally, Mr. Djoken assured the EFUCA E.B. that the Conciliation Commission will take its role very seriously and will be next to the EFUCA E.B. in case of any raised issue.

#### **ANNEX XVI**



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

#### EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS (EFUCA)

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, 18<sup>TH</sup> -22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF EFUCA MARINA CHRISTOPHIDES

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#### A. Introduction

The present report is based on the information and database received by the Office of the President of EFUCA and the Secretariat of EFUCA from the following member- countries: Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Moldova, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain and United States of America (USA) within the framework of a questionnaire sent to all members of EFUCA - National Federations, Clubs, Centres and Associations. It also refers to the work of the new Executive Board of EFUCA elected during the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA, in Bucharest, Romania, 29 November – 1 December 2012.

#### B. UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations within the European and North American Region

According to the information received, there are approximately seven hundred UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations in the fifteen member-countries of EFUCA, which answered the questionnaire, including UNESCO Associated Schools (ASPnet) and five newly established UNESCO Clubs in Moldova.

Members' activities focus on the promotion of the UNESCO ideals, such as intercultural dialogue, culture of peace, respect for diversity, human rights and equality, education for all, preservation of the cultural heritage, sustainable development and ecology. A large number of activities are based on the organization of youth projects such as youth camps, youth exchanges and youth training on present global issues such as social inclusion.

The following table contains the information received regarding members' activities in categories.

Category		Member	Event	Date
Youth		Armenia	Training Courses "Youth and Modern Means of Communication"	
			New beginning, youth employment competition project	
			"Mountain Heritage" international youth camping project	
		Belarus	Gymnasium Model United Nations 2013	18- 20/4/2013
			English language camps, The International Model United Nations     Summer Camp	14-27/7/2013
		Cyprus	Youth program on Global Ethics and Social Inclusion in cooperation with the ASPnet in Cyprus	
		France	Forum of young students of Britain in Saint-Malo	5- 6/4/2013
		Moldova	Publishing and launch of poems and books of young writers, members of the Moldavian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations	
		Romania	5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on "Youth and Museums"	13-15/6/2013
			5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference Metamorphoses	
		Russia	UNESCO youth leaders tournaments and conferences: "The individual and the world"	27/1/2013
			UNESCO youth leaders tournaments and conferences: ""The Nevyansk Tower" Cup	14/4/2013
			UNESCO youth leaders tournaments and conferences: Itall Cup	19/5/2013
			Trip of youth leaders to UNESCO Head Quarters in Paris	25/3-1/4/2013
			Summer camp for youth leaders at Lake Baikal	7/2013
			UNESCO youth leaders tournaments and conferences: Semi-final of the National Speakers Tournament	15/9/2013
			UNESCO youth leaders tournaments and conferences: Final of the National Speakers Tournament	10/11/2013
			<ul> <li>Preparation of the UNESCO World Youth Exhibition Yekaterinburg ,2016</li> </ul>	
			Consultations on the UNESCO Clubs movement for UNESCO youth leaders from different towns and cities in Russia	
			Participation in the International Visual Arts Competition organized by the UNESCO Centre Louis Francois	
		USA	The International Model United Nations Summer Camp	14-27/7/2013
Culture Peace	of	Belarus	International peace festival "Water of Friendship" – Winter University of UNESCO Clubs	
		Cyprus	36th Congress of the UNESCO Associated Schools on the	15/3/2013

		establishment of a culture of peace and non-violence	
	France	Celebration of the international day of peace at UNESCO	20/9
	Portugal	Centro UNESCO Imagem, Som e Criatividade: Inter-religious dialogue	20/0
	21.29	photos	
		Documentary regarding inter-religious dialogue	
		Centro UNESCO Ciência, Arte e Engenho: Intercultural Video  Education (Attack) dideceduration and Education a	
		Education (http://videoeducation.eu/) European project	June 2013
		Clube UNESCO Espaço t: "Corpo Evento-Cicle of Theatre and Dance", with disable people	04110 2010
		"CERCAR-te Project" with vulnerable children	2/2013-2016
		"X e Y Project", regarding gender equality, gender violence and human	
		beings trafficking	
D. 1.	0	Training on different areas for unemployed people	
Human Rights, Equality &	Cyprus	Education in Schools on Human Rights – Cooperation with Cyprus National Commission for UNESCO	
Fundamental		Updating of the data regarding human rights and immigration	
Freedoms	France	Celebration of Human Rights Day at UNESCO	7 or 14/12
		Celebration of the day to fight against discrimination at UNESCO	21/3
		Celebration of the day of freedom of press at UNESCO	15/5
	Moldova	Ball of the Little Prince: open lesson "I have the right"	12/2013
	Portugal	Centro UNESCO Imagem, Som e Criatividade: Short films produced by the attribute with the area "A second the attribute and its differences."	
		the students with theme "Accept the other and its differences"  Documentary titled "12-15 Project", regarding a school and its	
		Documentary titled "12-15 Project", regarding a school and its vulnerable students from Reboleira	
Education &	Armenia	UNESCO School on modern information technologies	
Arts		Wide range drug prevention (educational) program	
	Austria	International Summer Academy Drosendorf	14-28/7/2013
		Celebration of the international Jazz day	
	Belarus	Training course "School coaching mastery for leaders and supervisors     Training course "School coaching mastery for leaders and supervisors	
		of UNESCO Clubs"  "Academy of UNESCO Clubs for leaders and supervisors" Lang term	
		"Academy of UNESCO Clubs for leaders and supervisors" Long-term training course	
		International Belarusian- Chinese linguistic training camp on spoken	
		Chinese "Chinese Bridge"	
		International linguistic training camp on spoken English "English Bridge"	
		International conference "Belarusian model of the UN"      International conference "Belarusia	
	Italy	International volunteer camp "Castles of Belarus"     Approval of the new activity plan for alphabetization for all	3/5/2013
	Moldova	Participation at International Book Fair	9/2013
	Wioldova	Active participation at the 65th anniversary of Mr. Constantin Rusnac,	2/2013
		Secretary General of National Commission for UNESCO from Moldova	
	Monaco	Implementation of the "Agenda 21" in all schools	
	Portugal	Centro UNESCO Ciência, Arte e Engenho: Teachers Training Course	11/2012-2/13
		on world literature in collaboration with Clube UNESCO Literatura-	
		<ul> <li>Mundo</li> <li>Clube UNESCO of Maia: Celebration of "The international day of mills"</li> </ul>	5/4
		Celebration of "The international day of dance"	3/5
	Russia	Participation in INNOPROM 2013 exhibition in Yekaterinburg, Russia	7/2013
		"Diamond Faces 2013", International Children's Art Competition-	
		"Children of Russia" Foundation, in Yekaterinburg	
Cultural	USA	International Conference on the Education of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	
Cultural Heritage	Armenia	<ul> <li>Heritage Net- dissemination of information on folk arts, crafts, museums</li> <li>Preparations for the establishment of a new UNESCO Club on the</li> </ul>	
nentage	Cyprus	Preparations for the establishment of a new UNESCO Club on the cultural heritage	
	Greece	Conference on UNESCO's Word Heritage sites in Mesolongi	12-14/4/2013
	Portugal	Club UNESCO of Maia : Celebration of "The international day of mother"	21/2
		language"	
	Serbia	Excursion regarding the monuments of UNESCO in Europe	5/2013
Environment	Austria	Celebration of the international years of water cooperation	
Awarda	Greece	Seminars/workshops for environmental awareness     Turin award garamany to LINESCO Club of Curaca	5/2012
Awards	Italy Moldova	Turin award ceremony to UNESCO Club of Cuneo     20th edition of International Festival Contest of the World Talents Micul	5/2013 3 /1- 3/7/2013
	iviolutiva	Print in cooperation with the World Organization of Talented Children	3/1 3/1/2013

Science &	Belarus	•	3 <sup>rd</sup> International Conference on alternative rehabilitation	
Communication	Moldova	•	Scientific Conference on media for children	
	Portugal	•	Club UNESCO of Maia: Celebration of "The international day of health"	18/5
Africa	France	•	Celebration of the day of African child at UNESCO	16/6
	Spain	•	African Descent: program related to the preservation of the African culture in Spain	
Meetings	France	•	French Federation of UNESCO Clubs General Assembly, in Rennes	25-26/5/2013
	Italy	•	General Assembly of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres	6/4/2013
		•	WFUCA Executive Board meeting-International Conference "The Universal Language of Music and Art for a Global Ethics" Workshops: "Ethics and Territory", "Ethics, Art and Culture", "Ethics and Environment", "Ethics and Economy", "Ethics and Music", "Global Ethics Education", "Ethical values in the minor arts: crafts", "Ethics in the management of cultural heritage", "read sacred art for a global ethic"	7-12/3/2013
	USA	•	Annual meeting of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations	26-27/7/2013
	Portugal	•	Clube UNESCO Mar Uno: 4 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting –"In my land fits whole world", with the writer Mário Cláudio	29-30/6/2013
Publications	Armenia	•	Peace through the culture- online magazine	
	Moldova	•	Trimestrial publishing of Micul Print Magazine in Romanian and in English Newspaper Copii Europei	
	Romania	•	EFUCA publication	

#### C. Communication –Correspondence

Communication within EFUCA is a major issue for the promotion and organization of EFUCA's activities as well as in strengthening the visibility of the UNESCO Clubs movement. The Secretariat of EFUCA located in Limassol, Cyprus in collaboration with the office of the President of EFUCA in Bucharest, Romania coordinate the dissemination of information and maintain constant contact between the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA as well as all the member-countries of EFUCA.

In January 2013, the Secretariat of EFUCA created EFUCA's official Facebook page in collaboration with the Office of the President of EFUCA in a joined effort to increase transparency and visibility regarding the organization of activities within the UNESCO Clubs movement in the European and North American Region. Within this framework of social networking through the internet, member-countries can post information and exchange ideas with each other on the organization of a variety of events.

In addition, EFUCA's updated website, as a result of cooperation between the Office of the President of EFUCA and the office of the Vice-President of EFUCA, Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny further contribute to the increasing of the visibility of EFUCA.

Within this framework, EFUCA's Executive Board members have the opportunity to discuss on issues related to EFUCA through the monthly Skype meetings, an initiative of President Mrs. Popescu. The organization of the Skype meetings is coordinated by the Secretariat of EFUCA in collaboration with the

Office of the President of EFUCA through a draft agenda with proposed issues for discussion, circulated to all the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA. In addition, the talking points of the Skype meetings are being drafted by the Secretariat of EFUCA and circulated to all the members of EFUCA for their consideration. So far there have been six Skype meetings between the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA. In addition to these meetings, a meeting of the Executive Board took place in Lucca, Italy in March 2013 during the participation of the members in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of the Word Federation of UNESCO, Clubs Centres and Associations (WFUCA).

Moreover, the Secretariat of EFUCA has an open network of communication with all the members of the Executive Board as well as the member-countries of EFUCA serving different purposes such as to maintain and update the

database. Initially, the Secretariat of EFUCA sent a contact detail form, in January 2013, to all the members of the Executive Board to be completed by them and sent back to the Secretariat. In parallel, the Secretariat was in contact with the three reporters of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA, regarding the drafting of the report which was received and unified into one document by the Secretariat of EFUCA before sending to the Executive Board members and then to all the member-countries.

In April 2013, the Secretariat sent an email to all member-countries of EFUCA inviting possible submissions of proposals regarding the organization of the next Intermediary Congress of EFUCA on which further information will be submitted during the present Executive Board meeting.

The Secretariat of EFUCA, in collaboration with the Office of the President of EFUCA, also maintains an open network of communication with WFUCA and other Regional Federations of the UNESCO Clubs movement. Within this framework Federations exchange information and ideas regarding various activities under WFUCA's Action Plan on Global Ethics.

### D. Relations with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) and with Regional Federations

EFUCA maintains excellent relations and cooperation with WFUCA and all Regional Branches through its strong support towards WFUCA's action plan on Global Ethics and other activities. EFUCA aims to raise awareness and promote humanistic and ecology values and principles within the framework of Global Ethics and UNESCO's ideals. This is evident by the organization of events related to Global Ethics such as the Maggellan Moment, held in Bucharest, Romania, in September 2012 in collaboration with WFUCA and with the participation of the President of WFUCA, Mr. George On. Christophides. Also, by EFUCA's participation at the highest level though the president of EFUCA, Mrs. Popescu and other members of EFUCA in the organization of various events on Global Ethics issues. Some of these events are the following.

On 13-15 July 2013, EFUCA co-organized with the WFUCA and the Chinese National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations (CNFUCA) and others the "Asia- Europe Forum on School Ethics Education 2013 Challenges in Ethics Education: Are Teachers Ready- Responsibilities, Approaches and Effects.

The Forum took place in Beijing, China and was co-organized by WFUCA, the International Bureau of Education (IBE), EFUCA, the Asian Pacific Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations (AFUCA), the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO and CNFUCA. During the conference, the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu presented the initiative in collaboration with the ALUMNUS Club for UNESCO regarding the "Passport for Global Ethics".

EFUCA participated also at the highest level in the International Conference "Global Ethics: Save the Planet Earth", held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 22-23 August. The said conference was organized by WFUCA in collaboration with the Kazakhstan National Federation of UNESCO Clubs (KazFUCA) and the

National Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan for UNESCO and ISESCO and with the support of UNESCO within the participation Program 2012-2013. Within the framework of the organization of the Conference other events took place in Kazakhstan, like the International Forum Devoted to the Launch of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures 2013-2022 which was held in the Palace of Independence in Astana. Present at the event was the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Irina Bokova.

Among the presentations and speeches at the international conference were also those of the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu, the Honorary President of EFUCA Ms. Marialuisa Stringa, the Executive Secretary of EFUCA,

Ms. Marina Christophides, the Treasurer of EFUCA Ms. Yulia Averina through the Russian youth delegation and the Secretary General of FICLU Mrs. Annateresa Rondinela.

As a result of the Conference in Astana the Declaration on Global Ethics was adopted and presented to the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Bokova by the President of WFUCA, Mr. Christophides and the President of KazFUCA and Vice-Minister of Oil and Gas of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Bolat Akchulakov. The President of EFUCA and the Executive Secretary of EFUCA also participated and contributed in the drafting committee of the said declaration. The Passport for Global Ethics was presented to the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Bokova by the President of EFUCA, Mrs. Popescu.

In parallel to the Executive Board meeting of EFUCA, (18-22 September 2013) in Bucharest-Romania, EFUCA organized the International Symposium "Passport for Global Ethics- UNESCO and the Private Sector" in collaboration with the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, the National School of Political Science and Public Administration (SNSPA), the ALUMNUS Club for UNESCO and the "Corciu & Asociatii" Law Firm, held on 19 September 2013.

Further to the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA, there have been also invited to participate in all events taking place in Bucharest, Romania, representatives from country-members of EFUCA, WFUCA and AFUCA including the President of WFUCA, Mr. Christophides, the Secretary General of WFUCA, Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thang and Treasurer of WFUCA, Mr. Yuri Borisikhin, the President of CNFUCA and Vice-President of WFUCA for Asia and Pacific Region, Mr. Tao Xipping and the President of the US National Commission of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, Mr. Guy Djoken.

#### **PROPOSALS**

According to the information received by the Office of the President of EFUCA and the Secretariat of EFUCA, the proposals of the member-countries focus on the following further elaboration:

- Organization of training programs on leadership, on compacting unemployment for all and on environmental/ ecological issues
- Organization of youth exchange programs
- Dissemination of information through brochures, newsletters, magazines and social networks
- Organization of activities based on UNESCO's ideals and programs
- Promotion of UNESCO's priority field on a culture of peace
- Admission of new members
- Organization of cultural events on Arts and Cultural Heritage
- Rules and Regulations
- Research and funding for various programs
- Cooperation between members of EFUCA
- Promotion of joint programs between members of EFUCA
- Promotion of intercultural dialogue
- Identification and support EFUCA members' initiatives
- Online information regarding EFUCA members' activities
- Cooperation with National Commissions and other international organizations

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Taking into consideration the proposals and the information regarding the activities of the member-countries of EFUCA achievements have been noted in the following fields:

• Organization of training programs on leadership,

- Compacting unemployment,
- Youth exchange programs,
- Activities based on the promotion of UNESCO's ideals and fields of action including culture of peace, intercultural dialogue and cultural heritage.

Moreover, EFUCA has developed transparency by disseminating information through the updating of its website and through the creation of a Facebook page under the name of "European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations".

EFUCA through publications, issued by the Office of the President of EFUCA in collaboration with the ALUMNUS Club for UNESCO, has achieved to disseminate information regarding its history, its major activities and objectives by presenting such publications at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA, in Lucca-Firenze, Italy in March 2013

In relation to new membership, EFUCA during the works of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, in Romania, in 2012 approved two new active members; the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (FPACU) and the US National Commission of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations.

In addition, EFUCA has strengthened the communication within its Executive Board through the monthly Skype meetings of the members of the Executive Board, moderated by the Office of the President of EFUCA in collaboration with the Secretariat of EFUCA.

#### **CONCLUSION**

EFUCA as a dynamic non governmental entity continues with more strength and enthusiasm to develop and broaden further its relations and cooperation with UNESCO, WFUCA, National Commissions, other UNESCO Clubs Regional Federations and other Organizations, in promoting and implementing projects and programs based on the UNESCO ideals.

With reference to the Internal Rules and Regulations, the existing draft document, prepared by the previous Executive Board of EFUCA, will be further revised during the present Executive Board meeting in order to strengthen its functionality.

In addition, the new initiative, by the Office of the President of EFUCA for the creation of the EFUCA Distinctions, will provide acknowledgement and support by identifying those who contribute significantly to EFUCA's objectives in raising awareness and in promoting UNESCO's ideals within the framework of the culture of peace, intercultural dialogue, respect to human rights, equality and rule of law, respect to diversity and sustainable development. This will also provide the opportunity to develop best practices templates and encourage the organization of joint programs between the members of EFUCA .

#### **EFUCA LINKS**

#### Website:

**Facebook:** <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/European-Federation-of-UNESCO-Clubs-Centres-and-Associations/240542796077964?ref=hl">https://www.facebook.com/pages/European-Federation-of-UNESCO-Clubs-Centres-and-Associations/240542796077964?ref=hl</a>

Passport for Global Ethics: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q50mcRz3ytM">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q50mcRz3ytM</a>

EFUCA Constitutive Assembly 2001: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWv9DZYf8VE">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWv9DZYf8VE</a>

#### **ANNEX XVII**



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

# European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Skype 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (conference) of the EFUCA Executive Board Friday, 25th January 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time Talking Points

**Participants:** 

President: Daniela Popescu

**Executive Secretary:** Marina Christophides

Treasurer: Yulia Averina

Vice- Presidents: Dzmitry Substselny, Silvia Martinez Canton

Members: Jorge Oliveira, Milica Dromnjakovic

WFUCA Vice-President for Europe: Ioannis Maronitis

**Auditor:** Adeline Popescu

Assistant to the President of EFUCA: Diana Arhir

#### **Agenda**

#### 1. Adoption of the draft agenda

Adopted.

#### 2. Draft report of the Executive Board (E.B.) meeting in Bucharest

All acknowledged receipt and agreement of the last version prepared and sent by the Executive Secretary.

#### 3. EFUCA website and new Facebook page

Romania will host the new website of EFUCA. A new domain will be purchased.

The website preparation will be offered complimentary by a Romanian IT company.

Vice- President, Dzmitry Substselny in collaboration with the office of the President of EFUCA will administrate the EFUCA website.

Executive Secretary, Marina Christophides in collaboration with the office of the President of EFUCA will administrate EFUCA's Facebook page and will also include information from EFUCA's website.

#### 4. The next meeting of EFUCA Executive Board – proposals

**Next EFUCA Executive Board:** Member of the E.B of EFUCA, Jorge Oliveira's proposal:

**Porto: 20th – 24th September 2013:** accommodation, meals, transfers, excursions will be provided to the E.B members by the organisers. The participants will be responsible to pay the airplane ticket.

Vice President of EFUCA, Dzmitry Sybstselny also proposed a meeting for EFUCA executive board in Minsk: accommodation, meals, transfers, excursions will be provided to the E.B members by the organisers. The participants will be responsible to pay the airplane ticket.

Vice president of WFUCA loannis Maronitis proposed a meeting of EFUCA E.B in Athens Greece.

#### 5. EFUCA action plan for 2013

Executive Secretary, Marina Christophides is considering some proposals for EFUCA action plan for 2013. The action plan will contain the activities which each member of the European federation plan to organize this year.

The office of the President will elaborate the action plan in cooperation with the Secretariat of EFUCA. Silvia Canton will prepare a proposal of partnership between UNESCO Clubs from Europe and Latin-America.

6. Establishment of an ad hoc committee for drafting the EFUCA Internal Rules and

#### Regulations

Proposed Ad hoc committee for the drafting of EFUCA's Internal Rules and Regulations:

Treasurer, Yulia Averina, Member, Milica Dromnjakovic and Executive Secretary, Marina Christophides. Proposal approved by consensus.

Treasurer, Yulia Averina will send the materials which she has prepared with Silvio Matos regarding EFUCA's internal regulations.

Member, Milica Dromnjakovic and Executive Secretary, Marina Christophides will prepare the EFUCA's repertory based on the online form which the office of the President has prepared in collaboration with EFUCA's Secretariat.

#### 7. EFUCA bank account

Decision to open a bank account in Romania: considering the fact that EFUCA was established in Romania, it would be easier to open a bank account in Romania than in Russia. Yulia Averina made efforts to open the bank account in Russia, but it was not possible. Yulia Averina will administrate the account, online. Approval of decision by consensus.

#### 8. Participation in the 33rd session of the Executive Board of WFUCA in Lucca, Firenze, Italy

On the occasion of the presence of almost all members of the E.B of EFUCA in Lucca- Firenze, Italy an informal meeting of the E.B of EFUCA will take place in order to discuss various on the basis of a draft agenda to be drafted by the secretariat.

Possible Participants in Lucca-Firenze: Daniela Popescu, Marina Christophides, Yulia Averina, Maria Paola Azzario, Silvia Canton, Jorge Oliveira, Ioannis Maronitis, Marialuisa Stringa.

#### 9. Participation at the Youth and Museums International Conference

All participants in the Skype Conference have been invited by the President of EFUCA, Daniela Popescu to the Youth and Museums International Conference and will confirm their possible participation the soonest.

#### 10. Miscellaneous issues

Each participant upon request by the President of EFUCA, spoke briefly about the activities in their country.

#### Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

## European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Skype 2nd meeting (conference) of the EFUCA Executive Board Thursday, 28th February 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time Talking Points

#### **Participants:**

President: Daniela Popescu

**Executive Secretary:** Marina Christophides

Treasurer: Yulia Averina

Vice- Presidents: Dzmitry Substselny, Maria Paola Azzario, Silvia Martinez Canton

Members: Jorge Oliveira, Milica Dromnjakovic

WFUCA Vice-President for Europe: Ioannis Maronitis

Auditor: Adeline Popescu

Assistant to the President of EFUCA: Diana Arhir

#### Agenda

#### 1. Adoption of the draft agenda

Adopted.

#### 2. EFUCA Executive Board meeting in Lucca, Italy

The President of EFUCA referred to the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA who are going to be present in Italy on the occasion of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA.

#### 3. EFUCA Executive Board meeting in September 2013, in Porto, Portugal

The EFUCA Member Jorge Oliveira made reference to the dates for the organization of the next Executive Board meeting of EFUCA to be held in Porto, 18th -22nd September, 2013.

#### 4. EFUCA organizational issues online form

The President of EFUCA, Daniela Popescu expressed her happiness due to the early response to the online form regarding organizational issues of EFUCA by eleven members of EFUCA.

#### 5. EFUCA Internal Rules and Regulations

The Executive Secretary of EFUCA, Marina Christophides referred to the communication between the members of the ad hoc committee for the drafting of the EFUCA Internal Rules and Regulations, Yulia Averina and Milica Dronjakovic and to the efforts made regarding proposals.

#### 6. Proposals of Executive Board meetings for 2013 or other international meetings

The President of EFUCA, Daniela Popescu invited all participants to provide information regarding activities in their countries which can be organized under the auspices of EFUCA.

Vice- President, Dzmitry Subtselny referred to the activities which are going to be organized by Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs in 2013.

Executive Secretary, Marina Christophides referred to the efforts in order to establish a new UNESCO Club in Cyprus.

#### 7. **EFUCA** website and new e- mail accounts

The assistant to the President of EFUCA, Diana Arhir referred to the preparation of the new website of EFUCA and informed all participants how to access the new website.

#### 8. EFUCA action plan for 2013

A discussion will be held in Lucca, Italy when participants of EFUCA will be present on the occasion of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA.

#### 9. Miscellaneous issues

Executive Secretary, Christophides referred to the draft reports received by the three reporters of the 3rd General Assembly of EFUCA, Olga Khabibulina, Corinne Ziegler and Robert Pobitschka and to the merging into one single document.

#### Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

### European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Skype 3rd meeting (conference) of the EFUCA Executive Board Thursday, 25th April 2013 at 16.00 Romanian local time Talking Points

**Participants:** 

President: Daniela Popescu

**Executive Secretary:** Marina Christophides

Treasurer: Yulia Averina

Vice- Presidents: Dzmitry Substselny, Maria Paola Azzario, Silvia Martinez Canton

Members: Jorge Oliveira, Milica Dromnjakovic

WFUCA Vice-President for Europe: Ioannis Maronitis

Auditor: Adeline Popescu

Assistant to the President of EFUCA: Iulia Patrascu

#### **Agenda**

#### 1. Proposed amendments and adoption of the agenda

In the light of no proposed amendments, the draft agenda was adopted by consensus.

#### 2. Report of the Executive Board meeting in Lucca, Italy, March 2013

The Executive Secretary referred to the talking points of the Executive Board meeting held in Italy, March 2013 on the occasion of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of WFUCA, which were sent to all the members of EFUCA.

#### 3. Next Executive Board meeting, Porto, Portugal, 18th – 22nd September 2013

The EFUCA Member Jorge Oliveira made reference to a local meeting, scheduled to be held in Lisbon, at which he will discuss the financial issues regarding the possible organization of the Executive Board meeting in Porto. He further informed the Executive Board members that he is making endeavors in order to overcome existing financial difficulties.

#### 4. Organizational issues online form

The Executive Secretary made reference to the online questionnaire, sent to all the members of EFUCA in order to receive response and feedback on their activities and proposals for future action plan.

The responses of the thirteen countries include the following proposals for future activities:

- the organization of training programs on leadership, on compacting unemployment for all, and on environmental/ecological issues,
- the organization of more exchange programs on youth,
- the dissemination of information through brochures, newsletters, and magazines,
- the organization of activities based on UNESCO's ideals,
- the promotion of UNESCO's priorities on the culture of peace,
- the admission of new members,

- the organization of cultural events on Arts and on the Cultural Heritage,
- the focusing on rules and regulations,
- the research for new funding opportunities for various program within UNESCO ideals,
- the closer cooperation between members,
- the promotion of joint programs between members,
- the promotion of intercultural dialogue,
- identifying and supporting members' initiatives,
- further online information and communication regarding members' activities.

#### 5. Website

The Vice- President Dzmitry Substselny, informed the participant members that he is working on the updating of EFUCA's webiste.

#### 6. Proposals for the Intermediary Congress in 2014

The Executive Secretary informed the participants for proposals received regarding the possible organization of the Intermediary Congress in 2014. She referred to the interest expressed by the UNESCO Center of Andalucia (Granada, Spain) in collaboration with the UNESCO Club of Melilia and by the UNESCO Center of Torino, Italy. The Vice- President Maria Paola Azzario informed the Executive Board members regarding the organization plan of the UNESCO Center in Torino and the proposed theme: "Women's contribution to the development with the participation of experts and work groups about: formation, work and violence".

The Vice- President Silvia Martinez Canton requested to consider the legal status of the UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations who sent proposals, before reaching any decisions.

The Executive Secretary referred to the necessary formalities of the procedure like a written proposal with details on the organization the draft program and the offer of the host organization.

#### 7. 2013 activity plan

President Daniela Popescu, informed the participant regarding her participation to the International Conference on the preparation for succession of the city of Mesolongi in UNESCO's World Heritage Sites held in Mesolongi 12-14 April 2013, and organized by the UNESCO Club of Piraeus and Islands under the auspices of EFUCA. The President also referred to the International Conference on "Youth and Museums" which is going to be held in Bucharest, Romania 13-15 June 2013.

The Vice- President Dzmitry Subtselny informed the participants about the Linguistic and volunteer camp meeting of partners of UNESCO clubs of Europe, which is going to be held in the summer 2013 in Belarus.

#### 8. Report of the 3rd General Assembly

The Executive Secretary informed the participants that the final version of the draft report of the 3rd General Assembly was sent to the three reporters of the General Assembly, Olga Khabibulina, Corinne Ziegler and Robert Pobitschka for their final consideration before sending the final version to all members of EFUCA.

#### 9. Miscellaneous issues

The next Skype conference was agreed by consensus to be held on 23rd of May 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time, upon a request from the Executive Secretary.

#### Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

## European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Skype 4th meeting (conference) of the EFUCA Executive Board Thursday, 23rd May 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time Talking Points

#### **Participants:**

Marialuisa Stringa, EFUCA Honorary President, Marina Christophides, Executive Secretary, Yulia Averina, Treasurer, Maria Paola Azzario, Vice-President, Silvia Martinez Canton, Vice-President, through skype chat, Milica Dromnjakovic, Member, Ioannis Maronitis, Ex officio member of EFUCA on behalf of WFUCA and Adeline Popescu Auditor.

#### <u>Agenda</u>

#### 1. Proposed amendments and adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda was adopted by the participants.

#### 2. Next Executive Board meeting, Porto, Portugal, 18th - 22nd September 2013

In the light of the absence of Mr. Jorge Oliveira the item was postponed.

#### 3. Website

In the light of the absence of Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny the item was postponed

#### 4. Organizational issues online form

Ms Marina Christophides confirmed that the majority of the members of EFUCA responded to the online relevant questionnaire.

#### 5. International Conference "Youth and Museums" (13-15 June 2013, Romania)

Ms Adeline Popescu referred to the invitation regarding the fifth International Conference on Youth and Museums, to be held in Golesti, Romania. Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario informed that Ms. Anna La Ferla will participate in the International Conference on behalf of the UNESCO Centre of Turin. Mr. Ioannis Maronitis expressed his intention to participate in the International Conference.

#### 6. "Asia – Europe Forum on School Ethics Education" (13- 15 July, Beijing, China)

Regarding the Asia-Europe Forum on School Ethics Education Challenges in Ethics Education: to be held in Beijing on 13-15 July, 2013 it was confirmed that the President Daniela Popescu will participate.

#### 7. Proposals for the Intermediary Congress in 2014

The participants discussed the minimum requirements regarding the organization of the Intermediary Congress in the light of the expression of interest from Spain and Italy, amongst others the costs for accommodation, meals and transportation within the host country as well as information regarding a theme of choice, a provisional agenda and a list of participants. Interested countries should submit their proposals supported by the National Federation of the country. Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario confirmed the support of the Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres (FICLU) for the organization of the next Intermediary Congress in Italy. She introduced Ms Katerina Espinso representative of the Mayor of Turin, who provided information on the possible theme for the Congress "Women's contribution to the development with the

participation of experts and work groups about: formation, work and violence". Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario referred to the honorary plaque which was given to the oldest club in Italy the UNESCO Club of Cuneo.

#### 8. Miscellaneous issues

- 8.1 Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic referred to the UNESCO youth excursion which was organized by the Serbian Federation, under the auspices of EFUCA during which the participants traveled around Europe and visited UNESCO monuments.
- 8.2 Ms. Marina Christophides confirmed that the report of the 3rd General Assembly was sent to all members of EFUCA.
- 8.3 The next Skype conference was scheduled on 27th of June 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time.

#### Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

## European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Skype 5th meeting (conference) of the members of the Executive Board of EFUCA Thursday, 27th June 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time Talking Points

**Present at the Skype meeting:** Marialuisa Stringa, Honorary President; Daniela Popescu, President; Marina Christophides, Executive Secretary; Yulia Averina, Treasurer; Jorge Oliveira, Member; Milica Dromnjakovic, Member; Ioannis Maronitis, Ex officio member on behalf of WFUCA; Adeline Popescu Auditor and as an observer Katerina Espinso on behalf of Maria Paola Azzario, Vice-president.

#### **Agenda**

1. **Proposed amendments and adoption of the agenda**The draft agenda was adopted in its present form.

#### 2. Next Executive Board meeting, Panciu, Romania, 18th – 22nd September 2013

- 2.1 Mr. Jorge Oliveira informed the participants that due to the existing economic crisis in Portugal and the administrative changes at the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO, the Portuguese National Federation is not in a position to organize the meeting in Porto. He further referred to the intention of the Portuguese National Federation to examine possibilities of organizing an event in 2014 in collaboration with the Gulbenkian Foundation, WFUCA and EFUCA. The proposed theme of the event is related to an encounter of the world heritage with estimated budget €30.000.
- 2.2 President Daniela Popescu proposed to the participants the hosting of the next Executive Board meeting of EFUCA, to be held in Panciu- Focsani, Romania from 18th to 22nd September 2013. She further referred to the invitation which will be sent the soonest via email to all invitees and that all participants will be transferred from Bucharest to Panciu- Focsani which is located in a distance of 201Km from Bucharest.

#### 3. Website

- 3.1 Mrs. Popescu referred to the email sent by Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny regarding the new website and the updated content which was prepared by the office of the President. She further invited everyone to send to the secretariat and the office of the president updated information regarding UNESCO clubs activities in their countries in order to publish them on the website.
- 3.2 Mr. Jorge Oliveira proposed to make a video about EFUCA for uploading on the website as a voluntary contribution by one of the technicians of the Portuguese National Federation.

#### 4. Contribution appeal

Ms. Yulia Averina referred to the email sent to all the members of EFUCA regarding the annual financial contribution to EFUCA.

- 5. Meeting between the President and the Vice-President Silvia Martinez Canton in Bucharest, June 2013-Spanish Confederation's projects
  - Due to the non participation of Mrs. Silvia Martinez Canton to the meeting, the item was postponed for the next Skype meeting.
- 6. International Conference "Youth and Museums" (13-15 June 2013, Romania)

Mrs. Daniela Popescu informed everyone regarding the successful organization of the 5th edition of the International Conference on Youth and Museums in Romania and the intentions of the Organizers to continue organizing the said event with hopes for more international participation in the next meeting.

#### 7. Action plan

Ms. Marina Christophides referred to the received data by the secretariat of EFUCA on the activities and initiatives of UNESCO clubs structures in Europe and the members of EFUCA. According to the received information there are approximately 700 active UNESCO clubs, centres and associations within the European region. She further expressed the hope to receive more information in cooperation with the office of the president of EFUCA, and the ongoing procedure to categorize the European UNESCO clubs on the basis of the type of their major activities.

#### 8. Miscellaneous issues

- 8.1 Mrs. Milica Dromnjakovic made a proposal to provide an opportunity to the members of the Executive Board to send via email possible proposals for discussion before the Skype meetings.
- 8.2 The next Skype meeting is scheduled for the 29th of August 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time.

#### Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

## European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) Skype 6<sup>th</sup> meeting (conference) of the EFUCA Executive Board Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 17.00 Romanian local time Draft Talking Points

**Present:** Daniela Popescu, President; Marina Christophides, Executive Secretary; Yulia Averina, Treasurer; Maria Paola Azzario, Vice-president; Silvia Martinez Canton, Vice-president; Jorge Oliveira, Member through Skype chat; Milica Dromnjakovic, Member; Ioannis Maronitis, Ex officio member on behalf of WFUCA through Skype chat; Adeline Popescu Auditor.

#### **Agenda**

#### 1. Proposed amendments and adoption of the agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without any amendments.

#### 2. Information concerning the International Conference on Global Ethics in Kazakhstan

Marina Christophides provided information regarding the International Conference "Global Ethics: Save the Planet Earth" organized by WFUCA in collaboration with KazFUCA and the Kazakhstan NatCom for UNESCO and ISESCO, held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 22-23 August 2013. She referred to the participation of the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Irina Bokova at the International Forum devoted to the Launch of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures 2013-2022. In addition, she referred to the active participation of EFUCA in the International Conference through President Daniela Popescu, Honorary President Marialuisa Stringa, Treasurer Yulia Averina, Executive Secretary, Marina Christophides and Secretary General of FICLU Annateresa Rondinela. Furthermore, she referred to the presentation of the Passport for Global Ethics an initiative of President Daniela Popescu and the Alumnus UNESCO Club in Romania, which was presented to the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Bokova. Finally, she informed the participants regarding the adoption of the Astana Declaration on Global Ethics which was presented to the UNESCO Director General, Mrs. Bokova.

#### 3. Next Executive Board meeting

Adeline Popescu informed the participants that the Mayor of Panciu has been in the hospital for three weeks and therefore the local municipality was not in a position to organize the EFUCA Executive Board meeting in Panciu-Focsani. In the light of this development, President Daniela Popescu made successful efforts to organize the meeting in Bucharest (Domeniul Greaca hotel) on the same dates i.e. 18-22 September 2013. Adeline Popescu provided the link to the Domeniul Greaca hotel where the participants will be staying and the meetings will take place. She also informed the participants regarding the new theme of the meeting which is "Passport for Global Ethics - UNESCO and the Private Sector".

President, Daniela Popescu requested from the Executive Board members to prepare a brief activity report based on the UNESCO Clubs movement in their country as well as a speech of five to seven minutes duration regarding the relation between UNESCO and the private sector in each member's country. She also informed the participants that during the meeting in Bucharest the agenda will include an item on the Internal Rules and Regulations. Reference was made to the invitees including the EFUCA Executive Board members, the President of WFUCA, the President of the CNFUCA (China) and Vice-President of WFUCA for Asia and Pacific Region, the Secretary General of WFUCA, the Treasurer of WFUCA and the President of the US Federation of UNESCO Clubs and member of the Conciliation Commission who expressed in Lucca meeting intention to organize a session of EFUCA Executive Board in Washington and New York.

#### 4. Miscellaneous

Marina Christophides informed the participants regarding proposals for the next intermediary congress. There is one valid proposal meeting the existing requirements coming from the UNESCO Center of Torino.

#### **ANNEX XVIII**



Fédération Européenne des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO (FEACU) European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

#### The office of the President of EFUCA

The Secretariat of EFUCA

European Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (EFUCA)

EFUCA Meeting 10th - 11th March 2013, Lucca, Italy

On the occasion of the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of the World Federation of

UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) 8th -12th March 2013, Lucca-Florence, Italy

Talking points

On the occasion of the  $33^{rd}$  ordinary session of the Executive Board (E.B.) of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA), held in Lucca-Florence, Italy,  $8^{th}-13^{th}$  March 2013, the members of the European Federation of UNESCO, Clubs Centres and Associations (EFUCA) who were present in Italy took the opportunity to hold a meeting in order to discuss a number of issues regarding the organization and activities of EFUCA. The meeting was open to all the members of the European Federation who participated in Lucca, Italy.

The President of EFUCA, Mrs. Daniela Popescu submitted to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the E.B. of WFUCA a written proposal for collaboration with WFUCA regarding the organization of an International Conference with theme "UNESCO Partnerships – A global and Strategic Priority" to held in Bucharest, Romania 3- 6 September 2013. This conference will be considered as the major event organized by the European branch of WFUCA. The said international conference is expected to be organized by UNESCO, the Romanian National Commission for UNESCO, EFUCA. This international conference will bring for the first time at the same table of discussions the representatives from UNESCO, National Commissions for UNESCO, UNESCO clubs movement and the private sector.

The President of EFUCA, Mrs. Popescu also presented the action plan and activities of EFUCA to the 33 rd Session of the E.B. of WFUCA and confirmed the full cooperation between EFUCA and WFUCA in the promotion of the ideals of UNESCO.

Taking into consideration the practices followed by UNESCO regarding the definitions of regions worldwide, the president of EFUCA Mrs. Popescu proposed to the  $33^{rd}$  session of the E.B. of WFUCA for a constitutional amendment of the name of EFUCA by adding after the word « European» the words «and North American». This has been proposed following the inclusion of the United States of America in the European Federation of

UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations on the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of EFUCA held last December, 2012, in Bucharest, Romania. Since North America and Canada are considered part of the European region in the United Nations system, this proposal will be included in the agenda of the next E.B of EFUCA to be held in Porto, Portugal in September 2013 for further discussion and also the agenda of the next intermediary congress to be organized in 2014 in order to be brought amendments to the EFUCA Statute.

#### Participants at the EFUCA meeting

Paula Jacob Romania Daniela Popescu Romania Marina Christophides Cyprus Yulia Averina Russia Maria Paola Azzario Italy Jorge Oliveira Portugal Adeline Popescu Romania Diana Arhir Romania Dan Milici Romania Guy Djoken USA

Juan Antonio Vera Casares UNESCO Center of Melilia

Astghik Sayadyan Armenia Robert Pobitschka Austria

#### **Items Discussed**

#### 1. The necessary documentation for the legal procedures of the EFUCA registration in Romania

All the members of the E.B. of EFUCA that were present in Lucca, Italy, signed the documentation prepared by the office of the President of EFUCA in order to be able to attest the new management of EFUCA and to help in all the legal procedures and administrative requirements regarding the Ministry of Justice and the opening of the EFUCA bank account in Romania.

#### 2. EFUCA review of all the major activities - 2000 - 2012

All the EFUCA E.B. members present in Lucca received the publication/report with all the major activities of EFUCA prepared on the occasion of the 33rd Executive Board of WFUCA, to be also sent via e-mail to all the EFUCA members who could not attend the meetings in Lucca-Florence, Italy.

#### 3. Collective attestation for the new management of the federation

All the members of EFUCA new management received the collective attestation from the EFUCA President, Mrs. Daniela Popescu. The members who could not participate in the meetings in Lucca - Florence, Italy, will receive the collective attestation and the individual attestation prepared by the Secretariat of EFUCA, in September 2013, in Porto, Portugal during the next EFUCA E.B meeting.

#### 4. Executive Board in Porto, Portugal, 18th-22th September 2013

The president of the Portuguese Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centers and Associations, Mr. Jorge Oliveira confirmed his proposal to host the next meeting of the E.B. of EFUCA in Porto. Within the framework of the organization there will be a ceremony on the occasion of the International Peace Day on 20th September. This proposal was made by the French Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations (via the online form) and was supported also by the UNESCO Club from Vienna. The EFUCA President Mrs. Popescu mentioned that proposals regarding this cerebration are welcomed. The official notification- invitation on behalf of the EFUCA President and the organizers will be sent according to the provisions of the Constitution of EFUCA. The programme will include a concert, visits to the UNESCO Centres and other tourist objectives including UNESCO

World Heritage sites. According to Mr. Oliveira the 18<sup>th</sup> of September will be the day of arrival and the 22<sup>th</sup> of September the day of departure. The U.S National Commission of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

through his representative, Mr. Guy Djoken proposed on the occasion of the 33 rd ordinary session of the executive board of WFUCA to organize the meeting of the EFUCA executive board,  $6^{th}$  -  $7^{th}$  March 2014 in the USA.

### 5. EFUCA skype meetings, next to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 17.00 Romania time

The President of EFUCA spoke about the monthly EFUCA E.B. skype conferences and welcomed any interested member to participate. Mrs. Popescu referred to the next EFUCA E.B skype conference to be held on the 25 th April 2013, 17.00 Bucharest time.

#### 6. EFUCA online application form - intermediary results for the 2013 action plan

The office of the President of EFUCA prepared a draft document on the received results from 11 countries including their proposals for future activities of EFUCA.

#### 7. EFUCA new e-mail addresses

All the members from EFUCA Executive Board started to use their new e-mail accounts which are designed to provide EFUCA a more professional representation in the Federation's external relations.

#### 8. EFUCA website

The new website of EFUCA is in its preparation process in collaboration between the office of the President of EFUCA and the Vicepresident, Dzmitry Substelny in order to be launched the soonest with the possibility to view the content at the following link: www.efuca-unesco.org and to make proposals for further admissions.

The office of the President of EFUCA in collaboration with the Secretariat of EFUCA have prepared a Facebook page under the name "European Federation of UNESCO Clubs Centres and Associations" - relevant link: http://www.facebook.com/pages/European-Federation-of-UNESCO-Clubs-Centres-and-Associations/240542796077964?fref=ts

The President of EFUCA, Mrs. Popescu invited everyone to send information concerning activities of EFUCA members in order to increase the visibility of EFUCA.

#### 9. Proposals for the Intermediary Congress in 2014

The Secretariat of EFUCA will send the soonest to all the members of EFUCA the invitation for proposals to organize the EFUCA Intermediary Congress in 2014. The President of EFUCA informed all participants that and after taking into consideration the received proposals, the final decision will be taken during the meeting of the EFUCA E.B in Porto, Portugal in September 2013.

10. Report of the 3 rd General Assembly of EFUCA

The draft repport of the 3 rd General Assembly of EFUCA as a merged outcome of the documentation prepared by the repporters of the Assembly Mr. Robert Pobitschka, Ms Olga Khabibulina and Ms Corrinne Zigler was sent by the Secretariat of EFUCA in one draft version to the President of EFUCA for consideration and comments. This version will be sent to all the members of EFUCA for proposals and comments and then to the EFUCA E.B. for approval and adoption.

#### 11. EFUCA bank account

President Mrs. Popescu referred to the difficulties of opening an account in the country of the Treasurer of EFUCA, Ms. Yulia Averina in Russia and after discussion it was approved to open the new account in Romania where EFUCA was established and where all the necessary documentation is available.



### European Federation of UNESCO CLubs, Centres and Associations



#### UNESCO Clubs

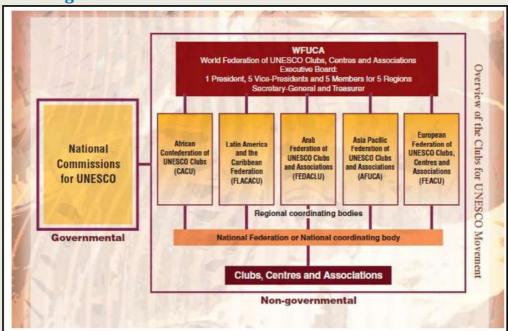
UNESCO Clubs are groups of people of all ages and social categories who tend to endorse in their social life the values expressed in the Constitutive Act of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as well as in the UN official and fundamental texts.

The first UNESCO Clubs have spontaneously been constituted in 1947, soon after the formation of UNESCO, firstly in Japan, then in the United States, now existing over 4,000 clubs in more than 120 countries.

The UNESCO Clubs are characterized by:

- international and intercultural dimension offered to their activities;
- permanent preoccupation for free expression of human rights;
- constant confrontation between reflection and action;
- action that allows the practice of democratic citizenship, freedom of speech, openness and freely consented responsibility;
- existence of a national network (FRACCU) and an international one (World and European Federation) with the purpose of cooperation.

#### \* The Organization of UNESCO Clubs



\*Organizational Scheme, Clubs for UNESCO, A Practical Guide, 2009

### \* The Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations from Europe and North America

**European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA)** is an international body committed to the principles and ideals of the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**.

**EFUCA** is one of the regional bodies which forms the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations.

#### Activities and objectives:

- ➤ To support and encourage its members in their development of initiatives by the means of which UNESCO objectives are promoted and made familiar at local, national and international levels.
- ➤ To organize events and projects with an international dimension and with the purpose of exchanging information experience and best practice.
- ➤ To collaborate with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations and with its regional bodies to implement activities aimed at promoting and increasing visibility of UNESCO's ideals.



\* The history of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs,





The Appeal for creating the European Federation was submitted by Romania in 1998 in Florece;

A working group of seven countries was created to draft the status project for the constitutive assembly;

Between 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2001 took place the movement coagulation of the UNESCO Clubs from Europe and North America, having 15 countries as founding members. The main objective was to develop the relations between the representatives of civil society, focusing on the involvement of youth, public and private sector.



# **Presidents:**

2001 - George On. Christophides, Cyprus

2008 - Lionel Vinour, France

2012 - Maria Paola Azzario, President ad interim, Italy

2013 - Daniela Popescu, Romania

# <u>Major Activities of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs,</u> <u>Centres and Associations</u>

Federation's General Assemblies, Porto, Portugal
 3-9 September 2001; 22-23 May 2011; 18-22 September 2013

"The present UNESCO Clubs, convinced by the importance of participatory management regarding heritage, aiming at creating the conditions for sustainable culture for peace with the desire of reiterating the universality of heritage, emphasized the necessity of maintaining biodiversity as well as actively taking part in preserving cultural diversity." Porto, 2001



European Conference: Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, 21-25 November 2001, Limassol, Cyprus



- Development of the movement of the UNESCO Clubs from Europe and North America Conferences:
- 9-14 March 2002, Melilla, Spain
- 5-6 June 2010, Girona, Spain



## International Fair of Visual Arts, 18 September 2002, Bucharest, Romania



ORGANIZER
The Social and Cultural Foundation SOCIETA - UNESCO Club
The National Theatre Bucharest

Under the auspices of the CNR UNESCO and
European Federation of the UNESCO Associations, Centers and Clubs

"The world seems to be running wildly towards an unknown direction and nobody knows how to steer its commands. But one section of the Planetary Village is that of the artists, blessed children of God. Overfilled in their hearts and minds with colours, sounds and all kind of fairy tales, the artists spill their blessed output towards the eyes, ears and, finally, brains of the World- thus bringing us joy." Prof. Alexandru Mironov, General Secretary UNESCO Romania

The Democratic Trainings of the Youth in Europe, Council of Europe, Assembly organized by the French Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, 26-31 July 2004, Strasbourg, France



❖ Participation at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Normandy Landings, 5-6 June 2004, Tergnier, France



Assembly of the European Youth of the movement of UNESCO Clubs,
 1-3 December 2006, Athens, Greece

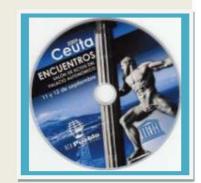
"We, the representatives of a certain number of UNESCO Clubs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain and Switzerland, take part in the European youth reunion of the movement of the UNESCO Clubs, involving actively in the exchange of experience and ideas for the promotion of movement with the purpose of contributing to a peaceful society and a better world in accordance with the UNESCO's strategic objectives of its areas of competence. We are aware of the youth's important role in our society and the necessity to increase information exchange and dialogue between the UNESCO Clubs."



The 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Association, 10-13 December 2008, Paris, France



International Assembly of the UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations from the Mediterranean Region, 11-12 September 2009, Ceuta, Spain



EFUCA Assembly, 28-29 April 2009, Valletta, Malta



❖ International Conference "YOUth and MUSEums", 2009-2012





YOUth and MUSEums, project under the auspices the World Federation of Clubs, Centres and Associations for UNESCO, is organized by the ALUMNUS CLUB. Its actions focus on the exchange of strategies and educational methods between the participative institutions which aim to ellaborate joint projects in museums from Europe, therefore Romania is included. The project envisages the sustainable development of European youth awareness and respect for the values of intra- and interregional heritage, as a means of understanding and preservation of their national, spiritual and cultural identity.

# International Project "Metamorphosis", 2009-2012



The "Metamorphoses" Project, started in April 2009 by UNESCO Alumnus Club, aims to create, by the youth, a cultural space dedicated to European identity. For several days, the youth have tackled issues of European identity during workshops and roundtables. The goals were to encourage personal views for the purposes of recognition and acceptance of common values, to promote cultural exchange, and to strengthen the idea of a European "tangible" identity as an antidote to intolerance and response to European diversity or minority integration problems.

❖ Interim Congress of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, 8-12 June 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

**Human Rights and** 





Covered topics: human rights, cultural heritage, trainings (including training of trainers), fundraising, sustainable development (especially for minorities and migrants), communication.

UNESCO Clubs Assembly regarding UNESCO world cultural heritage, 9-11 October 2011, Torino, Italy

From 9 to 11 October 2011, the UNESCO Clubs Assembly on the topic of "Protection of Material and Immaterial Heritage" took place in Torino, Italy.





Assembly of the Executive Board of the European Federation, 3-6 April 2012, Minsk, Belarus



❖ The 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, 28 November – 2 December 2012, Bucharest, Romania

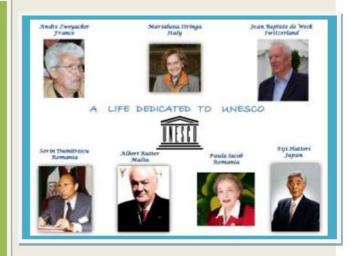
Between 28 November and 2 December 2012, **the 3rd Congress of the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations** took place in Bucharest focusing on the topic of:

#### Cultural Diversity - Europe's Wealth

# **Executive Board for 2012-2016:**

Marialuisa Stringa, Honorary President, Italy
Andre Zweyacker, Honorary President, France
Paola Iacob, Honorary Member, Romania
Daniela Popescu, President, Romania
Marina Christophides, Secretary General, Cyprus
Yulia Averina, Treasurer, Russian Federation
Silvia Martinez Canton, Vicepresident, Spain
Maria Paola Azzario, Vicepresident, Italy
Dzmitry Substelny, Vicepresident, Belarus
Jorge Manuel Marques de Oliveira, Member, Portugal
Milica Dromnjakovic, Member, Serbia
Ioannis Maronitis, Vicepresident for Europe and North

America of World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Greece





# Romania's Important Events under the auspices of the European Federation -2013-

International Conference "YUOth and MUSEums", 5th edition, 13-15 June 2013, Golesti, Romania

## **Topics:**

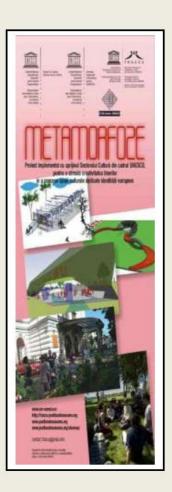
- 1. Museum programmes for youth information, training, leisure
- 2. Open-air ethnographic museums a journey into the world of ancient communities
- 3. Intercultural museum education activities for youth

Round table: Value Coordinates in Museum Ethics



❖ International Project: Metamorphoses 2013, the 5<sup>th</sup> edition

This year's edition aims to identify some of the best young specialists in architecture and IT at international level in order to participate in a competition. Its theme is to design an online cultural space dedicated to the European identity. The best of the submitted applications will be awarded by the European Federation.



# This Year's Event

International Conference: UNESCO's Partnerships - A Global and Strategic Priority, 3-6 September 2013, Bucharest, Romania

**For the first time**: international conference with the participation of the governmental sector, UNESCO-NGO and private sector

Organizers: UNESCO

Romanian National Commission for UNESCO

European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations

This conference will be considered as the major event organized by the European branch of WFUCA in collaboration with the World Federation.

#### **Concept and Process:**

The project *UNESCO's Partnerships – A Global and Strategic Priority* aims to build a permanent dialogue between the representatives of the private, public and non-governmental sectors. The debates between significant actors of the three domains will lead to identify a global strategy. It will be taken into consideration that the identity of tomorrow's society is created by the means of efficiency and professionalism. However, a better common understanding of these sectors is necessary in order to transmit the values towards to rest of the society and to turn them into reference points of public life. From this perspective, representatives from private and public sectors as well as UNESCO-NGO will be invited to take part in the debate.

#### Objectives:

- To revitalize and strengthen the collaboration between public and private sectors and UNESCO-NGO;
- To develop efficient and effective future communication between the leaders of the three sectors to understand their goals, needs and programmes, but especially to identify common interests;
- To deepen the cooperation between all UNESCO bodies as a key aspect in promoting the organization's message at national and global levels;
- To enforce the collaboration and development of new connections between committees, clubs, associations and centres for UNESCO;
- To identify viable projects together with the private sector with long-term impact as a result of the conference debates.
- To facilitate links between the above mentioned bodies and initiate partnerships that may occur in response to emerging issues society faces today;

• To establish an open and effective dialogue between UNESCO and the private sector, in order to develop initiatives and projects that can have positive impact on medium and long term upon educational, scientific, cultural social and/or economic aspects.

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#### **ANNEX XX**

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Arménie	0	0	0	0	0	50		Romania 50 euros - put at bank account in Paris
Autriche		50	50	50	50	50	50	100 euros paid on bank account 27/08/13
Belgique	50	50	0	0	0			
Belarus	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	Romania 20/09/2013
Bulgarie	0	0	0	0	0			
Chypre	50	50	50	50	50	50		Romania 20/09/2013
Croatie	0	0	0	0	0			
Espagne	50	50	50	50	50	50		Romania 20/09/2013
Estonie		0	0	0	0			
France	50	50	50	50	50	50		50 euros paid on bank account 01/07/13
Grèce	50	50	50	50	50	50		Romania 20/09/2013
Italie	50	50	50	50	50			

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Malte	50	50	50	50	50	50		2/12/12 in Romania 50 euros	
Monaco				50	50				
Moldavie	50	50	50	50	50				
Pologne	50	50	0	0	0				
Portugal	50	50	50	50	50	50		2/12/12 in Romania 50 euros	
Roumanie	50	50	50	50	50				
Russie		50	50	50	50	50			
Serbie		50	50	50	50				
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Cotisation payée

En attente d'arriver sur le compte

Cotisation non payée

#### **ANNEX XXI**



#### La Federazione Italiana Club e Centri UNESCO

(The Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres)

The landscape contributes to the formation of local cultures and represents a key component of the cultural and natural heritage. So, it contributes to the welfare and satisfaction of human beings and it consolidates the national identity;

It is a fact that the developments in the production and land-planning techniques and, more generally, that the economical world-changes continue to accelerate the transformation of the landscape;

Considering that sustainable development is based on the balanced relationship between social needs, economic activities and the environment;

in the belief that the application of UNESCO's ideals and that the spread of the territory and landscape culture - as defined by the European Landscape Convention ratified by the Italian State with Law No. 14 of 9 January 2006 - contribute to a new ethical behavior respectful of the environment of individual and social life;

In support of the agreement protocol signed by the FICLU, Club UNESCO Foligno and Clitunno Valley and the European Observatory of Arco Latino Landscape in order to enable any useful initiatives to increase the value of common goals and objectives, including awareness of the Institutions towards the activities of the mentioned associations for a new ethic of the protection and respect of cultural heritage identity,

The Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Centres

announces the 2013 Edition of the Contest

"THE FACTORY IN THE LANDSCAPE"

created and promoted by UNESCO Cids Foligno and Clitumno Valley

**Art. 1** The competition is open to entrepreneurs, administrations and institutions that have launched initiatives and projects showing a particular sensitivity to the Landscape.

Art.2 The competition is divided into the following two sections:

1st Section reserved to private entrepreneurs who have built or renovated their activity headquarters;

2<sup>nd</sup> Section reserved to administrations and institutions that have promoted and implemented initiatives of public and social utility in the field of land planning and management, that have produced good results both in the "construction" and in the landscape.

Each Club, regularly enrolled to the FICLU, interested in participating in the Award, is invited to nominate an initiative in their own area, which meets the requirements set forth in article 9, specifying the section to which the initiative belong (1st or 2nd).

Art. 3 Each Club may submit only one nomination

Art. 4 For the acceptance of the nomination, the proposing Club must provide:

- a) full details of the subject proposed (entrepreneur, administration, institution or other) specifying the name, address, telephone number, e-mail, any website, etc..);
- b) the heading, the characteristics of the activities and the address of the "Factory";
- c) the reasons for the nomination, signed by the proposing Club president (written on a maximum of  $n.\,1\,A4$  sheet);
- d) a report presenting the peculiarities of the "Factory", including the information relating to the evaluation criteria set forth in Article 9 (written on a maximum of n. 4 A4 sheets);
- e) N. 6 color photographs of the "Factory", of which n. 4 of the exterior and of its integration into the landscape and n. 2 interior photos (in jpg format 300 dpi).
- **Art. 5** The nominations proposed by the Clubs, to be enrolled in the competition, shall be presented to the Award Secretariat established at UNESCO Club Foligno and Clitunno Valley, exclusively by e-mail at: segreteria.clubunescofoligno @ gmail.com (as for deadline see Art.6).
- Art. 6 The fully documented nominations shall be submitted to the Award Secretariat within 31 July 2013.
- Art. 7 Binding and essential condition for the admission of nominations to the contest will be the compliance with the requirements above.

- Art. 8 For the purposes of the evaluation of nominations a Committee will be established appointed by the National Executive Council of the FICLU, the composition of which will be announced on the day of the Award, and whose work is to be considered, from now on, unquestionable and final.
- Art. 9 The Commission will use the evaluation criteria listed below, inspired by the European Landscape Convention, signed by the Council of Europe, in Florence, on 20 October 2000:
- Criterion 1- Quality of the intervention compared to its integration into the natural, historical and cultural landscape, (respect for territorial vocations, for the cultural and historical heritage and for traditional local knowledge)
- Criterion 2- Rewards and recognitions that show the example of good practice from which others can be inspired (quality certificates, evaluations and reports, systems management control and "customer satisfaction")
- Criterion 3- Compliance with the theme of the Announcement (evaluation of materials and technologies used, of the environmental impact and of the ecological footprint in terms of reuse, recycling and recovery)
- Criterion 4- Sustainable development of the territory (evaluation of sustainable development policy pursued, of the level of active participation of citizens in the organization of the integration of the original territory, of the environmental, social, economical, cultural and formal sustainable qualities, of the contribution to the enhancement and enrichment of the landscape).
- Art. 10 At the conclusion of the evaluation the Committee will propose two winners, one for each section of the competition; it can also simultaneously detect, at its discretion, nominations worthy of "Special Mention".
- Art. 11 The award winners will be immediately informed by the Competition Secretariat and will be required to confirm their attendance to the Award Ceremony. The two Awards must be collected by the parties concerned, under penalty of forfeiture of all their rights that will pass to those immediately following the merit list. The certificates of "Special Mention" can be delivered to persons delegated.
- Art. 12 The announcement of the two winners will take place during a special award ceremony that will be held in Foligno (PG) at the Red Room of Palazzo Trinci on October 26, 2013. The two winners will receive the beautiful sculpture "symbol" of the Award due to the artist Sergio Marini. All participants in the competition will be entitled to a certificate of merit that in the absence of the interested parties or their delegates at the Awards Ceremony, will be sent.

#### **ANNEX XXX**

### ACTIVITEES DE LA FEDERATION DES CLUBS UNESCO DE SERBIE 2012/13.

Création de FB page de la Fédération des Clubs Unesco de Serbie le 03.09.2012.

Le 31.10.2012 . Présentation du forum des jeunes qui a eu lieu en juin 2012 .

Visite du Club Unesco Petro Kuzmjak à Ruski krstur.

Visite du Château Blanc des rois de Serbie le 20.10.2012.

Le 26.10.2012. le Club Unesco du VI Lycée de Belgrade a eu l'exposition des photographies sur le thème « La fenêtre ouverte dans le monde ».

Le voyage d'étude des Clubs Unesco du 27.04. au 05.05.2013. sous l'égide de la FEACU.

Destinations : Strasbourg, Paris, Reims, Vienne. Visite des monuments sous protection de l' UNESCO et des institutions européennes ainsi que le siège de l'Unesco.

Promotion de l'Année internationale de la coopération dans le domaine de l'eau ainsi que toutes les autres journées mondiales .

Le 15.10.2013. lors de la fête du Lycée de Zemun –Unesco club, la Fédération des Clubs UNESCO de Serbie a reçu le pris a propos de la collaboration fructueuse avec l'école .

Le concert humanitaire du Club Unesco au VI ème lycée de Belgrade.

Le 01.06.2013. Rencontre des Clubs Unesco a Vrnjacka Banja . Présentation de leurs activités.

Ouvert de plusieurs Club Unesco le long du période 2012/2013.

Toutes ces activités sont présentées sur FB.

Création du réseau du de Clubs Unesco sur FB.

Prises de photo sur le thème ; « Le Danube vu par les jeunes ».

Chaque Club Unesco a eu ses activités .Il yen avait vraiment beaucoup et il n'est pas possible de les présenter tous à cette occasion.

A Bucarest le 19.09.2013.

Fédération des Clubs Unesco de Serbie.