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<b>Apologized</b>	
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<b>Rapporteur</b>	Sylvia Van Impe
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Kristine Hadermann left the inspectorate – Sylvia Van Impe is the new contact person and delivers content and practical support for the SICI secretariat.

## 1) Financial overview

### Finance and budget:

- Healthy budget
- Sufficient budget to invest in the website and the SIA-page
- Emphasis on sustainable initiatives
- Budget for workshops for 2010: 3000€ for each workshop, if needed.  
When a member organizes a workshop, they will get their membership fee of 3000€ back.
- The bookkeeping (control) for 2009 needs to be signed as approval by 2 members of SICI:
  - o the President: Graham Donaldson
  - o Member present at the GA (nota n EC-member): Erik Koch from Saxony
 → During the GA, the bookkeeping of 2009 was approved!

Members can receive detailed information by sending a demand to the SICI secretariat:  
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## 2) Statutes – changes of articles

We need to change and update some articles of the SICI Statutes.

The Secretariat examined what would be the best option:

- adding internal rules
- changing the existing articles.

Changing the articles appeared to be the best solution.

During the General Assembly in Bielefeld, all proposals concerning the changes in articles were approved by all SICI members

### Art. 8 - Working procedures and management bodies

The Association's management bodies consist of:

- the General Assembly
- the Executive Committee

The following general assumptions apply to the languages used within the Association:

- only in the general meeting will provisions be made for one or other forms of translation of English into French and vice versa;
- members of the executive committee all members should take steps amongst themselves to solve any language problems that might arise during meetings of the executive committee;
- official documents such as articles of association and correspondence relating to membership will be circulated in both French and English;
- either the English language or the French language will be used in the case of all other documents.

### Art. 9 §2 - Meeting of the General Assembly

2. A meeting of the general assembly will be held at least once per year - the annual meeting of the general assembly. This meeting will be held by six months at the latest following the closure of the Association's year. The annual meeting of the general assembly will discuss matters including:

### Art. 13 §1, §3, §4d – Management

1. The executive committee of the Association consists of a minimum of five persons. Appointment of members of the executive committee is made by the general assembly, though the general assembly may also decide that one member of the executive committee should be appointed from outside of the Association's membership.
3. Each of the members of the executive committee will step down two three years after being appointed at the latest, in accordance with a retirement schedule to be set up by the executive committee. Retiring members of the executive committee are immediately eligible for re-

appointment. Members of the executive committee appointed to fill an interim vacancy will adopt the position on the retirement schedule occupied by their predecessors.

4. The membership of the executive committee comes to an end:
  - a. on discharge by the general assembly, as referred to above in article 7 paragraph 2;
  - b. on the resignation of the member of the executive committee;
  - c. in the case of a member of the executive committee appointed from the Association's members, on termination of his membership of the Association;
  - d. **when the member of the executive committee concerned reaches the age of sixty five. at the GA the second year after the year of retirement;**
  - e. on the winding up of the legal entity constituting the executive committee.

#### **Art. 16 §3 - Annual report, computation and accounting, funds committee**

3. The executive committee will present its annual report and a report of its management of the Association during the previous financial year, accompanied by the necessary documents, at a meeting of the general assembly **to be held within six months of the closure of the association year, except where this term is extended by the general assembly.** Following the expiry of this period, any member of the Association is entitled to legally enforce the executive committee to provide these reports.

### **3) Direct consequences of the changes**

- Direct effect of the acceptance of changing Art. 13 §3 and §4
- or
- Proposal: the composition of the EC remains the same until the next General Assembly.

NAME	NOMINATED	RE-ELECTED	RE-ELIGIBLE
Yvan Verbauwhede	Oct 2005	Oct 2009	Oct 2012
Gonnie van Amelsvoort	Oct 2008		Oct 2011
Graham Donaldson	Oct 2008		Oct 2011
Petr Drábek	Oct 2006	Oct 2008	Oct 2011
Roger-François Gauthier	Oct 2007	Oct 2009	Oct 2012
Wulf Homeier	Oct 2009		Oct 2012
Marie-Hélène Ahnborg	Oct 2009		Oct 2012
Serban Iosifescu	Oct 2009		Oct 2012

Re-election at the General Assembly next year is possible as the statutes didn't change.  
A reminder will be sent to all members in June

#### 4) Possible new members

**Albania:** The Albanian Inspectorate visited the Flemish colleagues. They apologise they can't participate the GA. The request to be a member and will pay the fee for 2009.

Chief Inspector: Robert Gjedia: [robgjed@yahoo.com](mailto:robgjed@yahoo.com)

Sector Chief: Vladimir Paksu: [v\\_pasku@yahoo.com](mailto:v_pasku@yahoo.com)

**Serbia:** Petr's group. The Secretariat already contacted the Serbian Inspectorate and sent them an invitation to become member of SICI.

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**Poland** a mail with information is send by the secretariat – no response yet.

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**Turkey:** Serban's group.

**Catalonia:** The Inspectorate in Spain gives green light to inviting the regional Inspectorate in Catalunya as a contact for SICI. Roger-François will contact the Inspectorate in Catalunya.

## **Romanian inspectorates**

### **5) Proposals GA 2009**

- Proposal 1

Future General Assemblies should be built round a significant conference theme with recognised experts as keynote speakers. The GA should lead to a conference report which can be used by members to influence policy discussions in their own countries and by SICI in appropriate international forums.

- Proposal 2

The EC should be authorised to meet part of the costs associated with mounting a General Assembly.

- Proposal 3

The EC should consist of 8 members:

- one of whom will chair the EC and be President of SICI
- another who will be Secretary-General

→ *Action: change Art. 13 §1*

- Proposal 4

The EC should be authorised to use SICI resources to commission work from consultants in support of key aspects of business.

- Proposal 5

The costs of EC members attending EC meetings should be borne by SICI and not individual inspectorates.

- Proposal 6

Each EC member should maintain regular contact with a defined group of inspectorates in order to help improve communication and ensure that any emerging issues are brought quickly to the attention of the EC.

Current grouping:

- **Marie-Hélène Ahnborg:** Baltic countries + Scandinavia: Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Lithuania, Estonia.
- **Wulf Homeier:** German Speaking area: North Rhine Westphalia, Hamburg, Hessen, Rhineland Palatinate, Saxony
- **Serban Iosifescu :** Bulgaria, Romania.
- **Roger-François Gauthier:** Latin countries: France, Portugal, Spain, Malta
- **Graham H C Donaldson:** English speaking countries: UK (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland) + Ireland.

- **Gonnie van Amelsvoort:** Netherlands, Austria, Belgium (German Speaking Community), ARGEV (Switzerland).
  - **Yvan Verbauwhede:** Belgium: Dutch speaking community – French speaking community.
  - **Petr Drábek:** Czech Republic, Slovak Republic.
- Proposal 7  
If no member country can provide the SG function, the post should be filled on a contractual basis.  
→ *No actions expected*
  - Proposal 8  
The EC should be authorised to fill the SG post either through contracting with a member inspectorate or by appointing an individual as described above. Making the necessary contractual arrangements and maintaining oversight of effective delivery of the contract should be the responsibility of the EC.  
→ *No actions expected*
  - Proposal 9  
The EC should be authorised to take forward the development of services to members through SIA.  
→ *Actions and decisions:*
    - Gonnie van Amelsvoort: portfolio SIA from EC
    - Isobel Mc Gregor: assigned as Academy coordinator
  - Proposal 10  
Membership fees should remain at their current level.  
→ *Agreed*
  - Proposal 11  
The EC is authorised to incur the expenditure which flows from agreement to the proposals in this paper.  
→ *Agreed*
  - Proposal 12  
The EC will bring proposals to the 2010 GA for the future financing of SICI.  
→ *Agreed (report EC 20091202)*

## 6) Priorities request

A survey was conducted by Isobel McGregor related to educational priorities in SICI member countries/regions for the academic year 2010-2011. The results below are not final, as only one third of the SICI members has filled in the questionnaire. Therefore the form was duplicated and people on

the GA in Bielefeld were asked to fill it in. As we now might receive more responses, a more detailed report could be provided afterwards.

## **SECTION 1: GOVERNMENT EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

1. New Education Acts
2. New structures in education / development management of education
3. Evaluation of national initiatives
4. Curriculum reform
5. Assessment / Qualifications
6. Evaluation / promotion of self-evaluation
7. Students / young people / children and families
8. Teachers

## **SECTION 2: INSPECTORATE PRIORITIES OF SICI MEMBERS**

1. Inspection processes
2. Internal inspectorate issues
3. Development / improvement / follow-up to national initiatives
4. Pupils / students
5. Teachers
6. Sectors

## **7) SICI Inspectors Academy**

### **a. Professional development activities and workshops**

#### **Citizenship – Copenhagen (March 2010)**

- 61 people attended the workshop:
  - 33 from 15 SICI members
  - 28 Danish participants
- Successful features of the Workshop:
  - School visits with 'mini inspections'
  - 'Carousel' to present findings of visits
- Key Outcomes:
  - No single definition of citizenship possible
  - About providing knowledge about / experience in / practice of citizenship
  - Draft overarching indicator for inspecting citizenship elaborated
- The report has been distributed and is published on the website.

#### **School Outcomes - Amsterdam (May 2010)**

- 85 people attended the workshop:

- Participants from the Netherlands
- 23 countries/regions
- Key points:
  - Evaluating student achievement essential
  - Clear communication of findings essential
  - Must also figure strongly in self-evaluation
- Key Outcomes:
  - Social as well as academic outcomes to be considered
  - Calculating school output difficult but not impossible
  - Inspectors must have reliable and fair output indicators, practical and recognisable by schools
- The report is imminent
- A DVD is available

#### **Teaching and Learning - Cardiff (September 2010)**

- 47 people attended the workshop:
  - Participants from Estyn (Wales)
  - 16 countries/regions
- Key points:
  - Differences across members in approach
  - Approaches are changing
  - Range of ways of feeding back on quality
- Report to come

### **b. Externally funded projects**

- **Serbia:**

SICI is immediately involved in an 18 month project to develop and introduce a system of monitoring school quality in Serbia. The project began with the 'kick-off' conference in Belgrade in June 2009: an introduction to the SICI perspective on evaluation, measurement and monitoring of school quality.

A strong international team of experienced inspectors from SICI was expertly led by Gonnie Amelsvoort, but strengthened by the involvement of colleagues with different experiences in several inspectorates.

In December, the first certificates (SICI/Netherlands Inspectorate) will be issued to 30 new inspectors.

- **Romania:**

Short overview:

- Outline program



- Study visits

### c. Exchange platform

- Quick scan Teacher Quality
- SIA Newsletter
- SIA page website
- Launch of the new website

## 8) Initiatives - engagements

### a. SICI and the European Commission

Representatives of the European Commission are invited to all SICI events.

### b. SICI and OECD (Review on Evaluation and Assessment)

There has been a meeting in Paris between the President, Graham Donaldson and the Secretary-General, Yvan Verbauwhe in September 2010. They propose to create a small group of interested inspectors, steered and chaired by an EC member to follow up and keep in touch.

### c. SICI and research projects: Melanie Ehren – Ilse De Volder

- **Research project Melanie Ehren:**

SICI agreed on cooperation but would like to be consulted in a sort of reference group and to have a minimum of influence on how the results will be handled, presented and spread among our members.

The idea is to create a small project group of interested inspectors, steered and chaired by an EC member to follow up and keep in touch. Being in a reference group allows SICI to influence the results. If SICI does not agree with the results of the project, the organisation can publically distance itself from the project.

The reference group will consist of three members of the EC:

- Marie-Hélène Ahnborg
- Gonnie Amelsvoort
- Serban Iosifescu

- **Research project Ilse De Volder:**

Ilse participated in the workshop in Wales.

She also presented the first results of her research at the GA in Bielefeld.

#### **d. SICI and Bruges Conference on Quality Assurance and Transparency**

A Belgian Precedence Conference takes place the 6th of December 2010 in Bruges.

The evening of the 5th a gala diner is planned.

The theme of the conference is “Quality assurance and transparency as interface between vocational education and training, school education and higher education.”

The Flemish organisers also invited some SICI members. A choice of workshops, linked to the central theme, is offered to these participants.

The following representatives of SICI will participate:

- Sweden
- Czech Republic
- Scotland
- Portugal

#### **e. SICI and Innovation**

The postponing of the workshop in Bratislava was on the responsibility of the EC. The theme ‘innovation’ is so important that we want to approach it in a longer term plan, related to the conference part of a future GA.

We want to create a steering group (chaired by an EC member) to work out a strategy so that workshops and GA are fitting in an unambiguous vision and plan. The postponed workshop in Bratislava can be the launch activity for the theme Innovation.

#### **f. SICI and the virtual world**

It is a never-ending story to create a sustainable, useful, user friendly website.

The EC gave authority to Petr Drábek

- Transfer to a total new site
- Experience with Schoolnet (EUNet)  
→ Breaking open the contract: expensive
- New contract with TITIO ( a Czech firm)

## 9) Comparative Analysis by Johan Van Bruggen of the Profile texts

The Comparative Analysis “Inspectorates of Education in Europe; some comparative remarks about their tasks and work” is published on the website.

## 10) Workshops 2011

14–17 June	Oslo, Norway- a follow-up on Citizenship/social outcomes
7-9 September	Romania – vocational education and training
27-29 September	Amsterdam – linked to GA – Pupils and students at risk
22-25 November -	Stockholm, Sweden – Impact of inspection

## 11) General Assembly 2011

The GA 2011 will take place from 26-29 September, in cooperation with the conference and celebration of the Dutch Inspectorate’s 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The theme of this conference will be “Pupils and students at risk”.

Draft/provisional proposal of **programme**:

- 26/09: EC-meeting
- 27/09: Conference part + joint meeting with the Dutch Inspectorate
- 28/09: School visits + Gala dinner
- 29/09: Business part + EC-meeting

### **Budget:**

- Costs for the participants: 150€ maximum (for hotel and meals).
- SICI will contribute towards the cost of the GA and will pay for the EC-meetings. (approximately 4000€)

## 12) General Assembly 2012

Where?

Theme for 2012: work titles: “Evaluation of education “or “innovation”?