



Namur, 21th July 2020

GENERAL ASSEMBLY Namur (Belgium), 10th July 2020

Participants: Raquel Pérez (Spain, chairwoman). Pierre Devos (Belgium), Hermann Weber (Germany), Edith Weber-Sinner (Luxembourg), Anne Van Nuffel (Belgium), Jean-Charles van Caloen (Belgium)

Excused: Eduardo Duque (Portugal)

Raquel Pérez welcomed all the participants to the video-meeting at 10h.

1. REPORT 2019 AND ACCOUNTS

The report of the 2019 Assembly in Namur was approved by the assembly.

Jean-Charles van Caloen, treasurer, presented the expenses and incomes for 2019 with a negative shadow of 763,50 euros. At the end of 2019, the statement of assets made on current account, savings account and shares represented 48.259,29 euros, that is to say an increase of 3% in comparison with 2018.

The budget for 2020 reckons on the membership fees of 8 members and presents a small deficit of 25,00 euros. Each member is invited to verify if she or he paid the annual contribution of 200 euros.

As already accepted in 2018, we agreed on the following criteria for the expenses:

- SECIS Board meeting: all expenses are covered by SECIS (trips and housing)
- SECIS Annual Encounter & General Assembly:
 - Members: all expenses except the travel are covered by SECIS
 - Non-members:
 - Local participants with no lodgement: 30€
 - Participants with lodgement: an amount to be decided by the Board each year, depending on the programme (in any case, below 200€ - membership fee).

Since SECIS is not a savings group, but has a social purpose (cf. art. 2 & art. 6.1 Statutes) and, as already put forward before, the assembly decided to transfer some part of the assets to Triodos, which is a sustainable Bank making money work for positive social, environmental and cultural change. For technical purposes, we shall not leave the actual bank (ING) now.

2. BOARD ELECTION

As already decided in 2018 but not yet published in the Belgian official "Monitor", the board has accepted the resignation of Hermann Weber, as administrator of SECIS. It's the occasion of thanking him for his contribution to the life of SECIS whom he is one of the founders.

The International Statutes of SECIS have to be modified in accordance with the new Belgian Law concerning the non profit associations. We have until 2024 to do this adaptation.

3. NEXT SECIS ENCOUNTER & GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2021)

It will be held in **Braga (Portugal)**, from **Thursday 8th until Saturday 10th July 2021**. We express our gratitude to SECIS member Eduardo Duque (Portugal) for the organization of this meeting

Theme: "Feeling at home in Europe" was chosen for the SECIS ENCOUNTER OF 2020 that was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The lower international mobility following the increased digitalization of the teaching at the universities shall have an important impact on the way catholic universities are financed. This shall also modify the pastoral work of chaplaincies. The outcomes of these changes could form the topic of the SECIS Encounter of 2021.

4. VARIOUS

- This year 2020, Hermann Weber shall conclude his directorship of KAAD but will keep some institutional link to it. He thinks about a membership of KAAD independent of his own membership.

-The assembly thanks Marco Cattaneo for keeping alive the site www.secis.info .It is a very important way to make known our association. We hope he shall join us for the next encounter in Braga.

Next meeting of SECIS Board (2021): from Friday 05/02 evening until Saturday 06/02 afternoon in Brussels.

As all the items have been discussed the chairwoman announces the end of the General Assembly at 11h45.