

Report of the 39th Members' Meeting of the ERA on 27 September, 2008 in Blansko, the Czech Republic

Present: 101 participants in total;
For the names of delegates with the right to vote – see the Attendance list attached to this Report.

Beginning: 8.45 Hrs.
End: 13.30 Hrs.

TOP 1)

Opening and welcome:

The President J. Havelka opened the 39th Members' Meeting in the Wellness Hotel Panorama in Blansko and welcomed all the delegates present.

The participants then stood and observed one minute's silence in memory of the former ERA Auditor, Horst Grasmück, who died on 3 April, 2008, and other ERA colleagues who had passed away.

J. Havelka stated that out of the 53 member organizations and 2 affiliated members, there were according to the Constitution, 41 organizations with the right to vote represented in the hall.

TOP 2)

Approval of the Report of the Members' Meeting of 15 September, 2007 in Laulasmaa, Estonia:

The Report of the Members' Meeting of 15 September, 2007 in Laulasmaa, Estonia, was approved unanimously without any comments.

TOP 3)

Annual Report of the President:

The President J. Havelka stated that all delegates had received his Report in writing, and that this had been discussed in detail at the Presidium Meeting. He added the following comments on certain matters he considered important:

Strengthening the ERA position in the EU: The Commission for Culture, Education and Sports regularly invites presidents of European sports clubs to its conferences. J. Havelka had been invited to Brussels shortly after the ERA meeting in Laulasmaa. Although walking is not a particular issue for the EU, our presence there and an awareness of the ERA's activities and walking in general is important for our future dealings with the EU. The White Paper on Sports, prepared by the EU, is aimed at helping those who organize conferences aimed at certain sport activities, e.g. sports in the countryside – we must take advantage of this.

Seminar “Rambling and Territory in Europe. The situation for ramblers in Europa with accessing natura” (Malaga, Spain): Walking contributes a lot to tourism, but the EU has no special commission for tourism. Therefore, we need to seek topics corresponding to the EU structure. This seminar was a good example of how to present the ERA in the EU. J. Havelka thanked the Andalusian government for their help with the organization. An important part of the seminar would be a summary of the results and a final declaration but this document is not yet ready. As soon as it is finished, it will be presented to the Commission, and we can ask the EU for financial support for further ERA activities. (More information is in Item 15). At this seminar, four regions were well described, three partially and one region was not described at all. We learned that 2 years are needed for preparation of this kind of seminar and we now know that volunteers cannot organize such an event in a shorter period of time. It is necessary to specify in three languages, in advance, what the project is about, and what its goals are and its impact might be.

Preparation of the EURORANDO 2011 event in Andalusia: The President and the Secretary General were invited to Murcia and Andalusia (Almeria, Granada, Malaga) in December 2007, to discuss the event with persons in charge in the regional and communal organizations and administration. All representatives promised to cooperate and support the event financially. The Presidium appointed a working group on preparation of the EURO-RANDO 2011 event, consisting of the following Presidium Members: J. Havelka, L. Nielsen, M. Grandjean and U. Vidovič. The first meeting took place in Munich in August 2008. (More information is in Item 14).

Preparation of the ERA Members' Meeting in Blansko: The organizer was the KCT. No contract with an agency was signed. Thus, it was possible to charge a conference fee lower than 300 EUR per person. Of course the sponsors helped a lot, as did the great background and price conditions of the Panorama Hotel. The President thanked the management and staff of the hotel for their splendid cooperation. There were more than 100 participants at the conference, so the President presumed that the delegates liked this way of organizing such events. He hoped that future organizers would keep conference fees as low as possible.

Participation in selected events of the ERA member organizations: The ERA President was invited to several events, the biggest of them being the 108th Deutscher Wandertag in Fulda (D) where the Deutscher Wanderverband celebrated its 125th anniversary. This event showed what promotion walking can receive from towns, politicians and on this occasion from the Federal President himself. He was very much interested in cross-border events and intends to attend them in person; he also inquired about the E-Paths.

In Poland, the President participated in a seminar on walking paths, which was held in Zakopane. The representation of the ERA at the seminar helped the Polish PTTK communicate its conclusions to the representatives of the governmental organizations which were present.

J. Havelka also took part in a 2-day professional seminar of the Deutscher Wanderverband in Schöneck. A discussion both in the plenary session and in professional groups during this seminar revealed many of the contemporary problems of walking in Europe as well as proposals for their solutions.

To conclude, the President stated that the ERA still had financial problems that must be solved. This would be discussed in other items of the agenda. He was pleased that other walking organizations were interested in joining the ERA.

A. Turmo did not agree with a statement from the Presidential Report, saying that the seminar organizers were only interested in the situation in Spain. The objective of the seminar was to collect information from the whole of Europe. J. Havelka stated that not all countries provided their data; some results were not presented in sufficient detail, and that is why the final declaration could not describe the whole of Europe. He made his statement from the Report

clear by saying that the results, presented in particular presentations, were important especially for the organizers in Spain. However, they could of course be used on a smaller scale in the other countries as well.

TOP 4)

Reports of the Commissions' Chairmen:

The **Chairman of the Footpath Commission** U. Vidovič said that the members of his Commission discussed several important issues. First of all, they were informed about the Malaga seminar, and then about the intention of the Spanish clubs to try to extend the E-Paths along the Mediterranean. Then they learned that there are two organizations which would like to re-edit an updated map of the E-Paths: the local government of La Palma intends to publish it to the 40th anniversary of the ERA; the publishing house Freytag&Berndt, which will, according to J. Feliu, also deal with the missing parts of the European map, is interested as well. The Commission would accept the more favourable offer. U. Vidovič stated that the main topic on the Commission's agenda was the E-Paths. He sent a questionnaire on the E-Paths to all organizations, and received 9 responses back. The questionnaire revealed that waymarking the E-Paths differs in different parts of Europe; some organizations have financial difficulties; the representatives of organizations promote more advertising of the E-Paths, and more professional literature for the public. The delegates were shown the first proposal for unified waymark for the E-Paths: yellow EU stars on a blue background with a yellow sign of the number of the E-Path in the middle. This proposal will be further worked up and sent to particular member organizations for comments. The delegates would then discuss the proposals at the meeting of the Footpath Commission in La Palma. They will promote better information about the E-Paths on the ERA website. The delegates also discussed the relationship between the St.-James Paths and the E-Paths, and they agreed that both projects should cooperate. This might even cover part of the costs of the E-Paths (waymarking, maintenance...). This topic was also discussed by the Presidium Members, and the Commission would continue this discussion in La Palma. U. Vidovič received a proposal from the Den Norske Turistforening for cooperation with Sweden, where they negotiate prolongation of the E1 to the North Cape. The delegates were given details of the Georando and Geolives projects which offered possibilities for the presentation of the ERA's activities. J. Havelka had informed them about cooperation with some clubs whose the aim was to extend the E-Paths in the south and east of Europe.

The **Chairman of the Walking Commission** M. Grandjean said that four important items, which had been discussed in the Commission, would be discussed in other items of the agenda. At the previous meeting two new working groups had been established – on Free Access to the Countryside which will stem from the results of the Malaga seminar and is now waiting for final documents from the organizers; and Walking Provision for the Disabled.

J. Hirschinger said that this issue is officially supported by the EU, which makes it advisable for the ERA to address this issue as well. J. Hirschinger asked all organizations present, which have not submitted their data yet, to do so promptly. Based on the results, he would be able to prepare documents to be discussed in La Palma in October 2009. These will lead to our thoughts on the issue being presented to the EU. In addition, he intended to try to organize a seminar on this topic, as well as a declaration in the form of a chart.

J. Havelka asked the delegates to read carefully the reports of the meetings of the Commissions and the Members' Meeting. They contain tasks required from the member

organizations. Based on their responses, documents for the Presidium Meeting of May 2009 and for the 40th Members' Meeting in La Palma in October 2009 can be prepared.

TOP 5)

Finances 2007:

The Treasurer L. Nielsen reported the following: J. Špreňarová processes the accounts every year. The Treasurer L. Nielsen and President J. Havelka then prepare the financial reports. As the overheads of the ERA Secretariat (including the personnel costs of the Secretary General and office rent) are recorded in CZ koruna in the accounts of the Czech Touring Club (KCT), it is always necessary to compare the accounts of the ERA and the KCT. There is an agreement between the ERA and the KCT saying that there is a thorough check of both accounts every five years. In 2007, this check revealed some special revenues and expenditures, recorded in the table. They refer to the results of the EURORANDO 2006 event. The WalkOnWeb Project and an issue of the Wandern&Transport magazine helped increase the ERA revenues. The Treasurer thanked the organizations and individuals who contribute to the ERA not only financially but also with their volunteer activities. The following had to be explained so that the results, submitted in writing, were clear: the administration expenditure include in the item of personnel costs, 13 salaries, so that the accounting year is finished by the salary for the 12th month. In 2006, there were only 11 salaries. In 2007, an amount of 1,000 EUR was credited by mistake to the account of the ERA Foundation. However, it cannot be given back so it is another deposit of the ERA to the Foundation. The financial result of the ERA showed a deficit of 15,273 EUR as of 31 December, 2007.

TOP 6)

Auditor's Annual Report:

The Auditor H. Reinelt said that the accounting results for the period 1 January – 31 December, 2007 was in accord with the submitted items, which corresponded to the figures stated in the book of accounts. Comments on the budget were delivered to the Treasurer L. Nielsen and the Secretary General J. Špreňarová. The Auditor recommended that the Presidium should decrease its expenditure, which was disproportionate to the total budget of the ERA. He also said that the financing showed that the Paragraph 2 of the ERA Constitution, dealing with waymarking the E-Paths, as well as the Paragraph 4 of the ERA Constitution – Youth Commission, have not been observed. He suggested that the results from all Commissions should be included in the final reports. The delegates will thus be able to check whether we invest in the right projects and commissions.

J. Havelka stated that the Youth Commission, which existed within the ERA, was not working well at the end of the 1990's, and moreover, there were then no people willing to work for this Commission. Nevertheless, it was possible to renew this Commission in future. After negotiations with M. Grandjean, the KCT will prepare a draft questionnaire asking individual member organizations, how they cooperate with young walkers, families with children, etc. The questionnaire will be sent out from the ERA Secretariat. The results will clearly indicate if the Youth Commission could start working again and which topics it should deal with. "Youth" will be an important topic in 2009.

A. Turmo said that Spain already has a project which addresses families with children.

TOP 7)

Approval of the Presidium's activities:

The Auditor H. Reinelt suggested that the Presidium should be given approval for the accounting period 1 January, 2007 – 31 December, 2007.

The Members' Meeting agreed to give the Presidium the approval with 39 votes; 2 delegates abstained.

J. Havelka thanked the delegates for their approval of the Presidium's activities and the Presidium Members for their cooperation.

TOP 8)

Election of the Auditor:

At the 38th Members' Meeting in Laulasmaa, H. Reinelt said he would terminate his post as Auditor in September 2008. The ERA Secretariat received a letter from Dr. Rauchfuss, the President of the VDGWV, proposing Robert Strobel for the position of the ERA Auditor. He is the main accountant of the VDGWV so he has good knowledge of the German accounting methods and laws, which the ERA has to follow. No other candidate was proposed.

R. Strobel was elected with 40 votes, 1 delegate abstained.

J. Havelka congratulated R. Strobel on his election for the position of the ERA Auditor, and wished him lots of success.

TOP 9)

a) Budget 2008 + b) Budget 2009:

The Treasurer L. Nielsen commented on both budgets at once. She said the financial results for 2008 were already partly known. The revenues in 2009 will be higher due to higher membership fees and newly accepted organizations, provided they are approved by the delegates. We received an amount of 1,600 EUR from the Fahrbach Foundation in 2008. Special thanks belong to the Deutscher Wanderverband, which supports the work of the ERA Secretariat with an amount of 2,500 EUR, and the costs of marking of the E4 and E5 in the Alps with the amount of 1,280 EUR every year. The Treasurer asked for a contribution of 2,000 EUR for the year 2008 from the ERA Foundation. She also reminded those present that as of 2008, the item of EURORANDO 2011 would be included in the financial results. The results of both budgets show that the ERA capital is constantly decreasing. Either a strong partner or an increase of the membership fees could solve this situation. The membership fee must be increased so that they remain on the same level for at least the next 3 – 4 years. She would develop this topic in Item 18. The Treasurer also suggested that next year, after expiry of the tenure of the 1st Assessor, H. Yseboodt, no new Presidium Member should be elected. This would save part of the costs for the Presidium Meeting. In 2009, a new President of the ERA will be elected so the requirements for work of the ERA Secretariat might change. These could be achieved by using of modern means of communication. L. Nielsen estimated that in 2010 and the following three years, one employee working only part time would be needed. In contrast to this, it would be possible to accept one more full time employee for the period of the EURORANDO 2011 event. If the event is supported by the EU, we can count on a subsidy from the EU not earlier than in 2011 or 2012, after the event is finished. L. Nielsen concluded that these were her proposals for stabilisation of the financial situation of the ERA for the next 4 years so that it would not be necessary to increase the membership fees every

year. She also asked the organizers of new events to try to achieve neutral or positive financial results from them.

The budgets for 2008 and 2009 were approved unanimously.

TOP 18)

Proposals:

a) Increase of the membership fees:

L. Nielsen said that the facts mentioned above should result in an increase of the membership fees. The ERA Secretariat received a proposal from the Den Norske Turistforening for increasing the basic membership fee to 500 EUR a year. This increase will annually bring approx. 5,800 EUR to the budget and this should balance the deficit. She remarked that the Presidium was aware of the possibility of losing some organizations for financial reasons but at the same time it feels this is the only real and long-time solution.

J. Havelka reminded those present that already in 2007, there was a discussion at the Members' Meeting whether increasing the fee to 380 EUR would be sufficient. After a year, the budget showed that the last year's increase was insufficient. Also, the ERA has not got any important sponsor. The sponsors are usually willing to support a single-shot event rather than the work of the ERA in general. We could therefore raise more funds for the budget thanks to the EURORANDO events. The President believed that other projects would help raise funds needed for the work of the ERA.

A discussion of the delegates at the Members' Meeting followed: Dr. Wurst said that in his opinion, the maximum membership fee is 350 EUR. H.-U. Rauchfuss required that all items should be included in the budget, i.e. the 1,280 EUR that the VDGWV contributes to waymarking. As this item will be both in the revenues and the expenditures, this mistake will not influence the budget result.

With regards to inquiries L. Nielsen received, she said that until the elections of 2009, we will not know the composition of the Presidium, so it is hard to estimate what the priorities of the ERA in the next 4 years will be. New events should be either financially neutral, or profitable for the ERA. The ERA does not have a spokesperson but the President J. Havelka regularly represents the ERA at EU conferences. If we want money from the EU, we have to offer a worthwhile project. The EU does not support established activities, only new products or projects. We do not have money but we do have volunteers. If we use our volunteers and not companies from the "outside" for various services and projects, we can also save some money. We are experienced, so our work can be evaluated better than the work of other, inexperienced companies.

D. Gray did not agree with the way the amount, which is to be voted for, had been presented, as the proposal had been made at the last moment. J. Havelka apologised for this and at the same time, he asked those present not to discuss the way but to support the proposal's merits, i.e. the increase of the membership fees, by voting for it.

The proposal for increasing the basic membership fee to 500 EUR a year was adopted with 39 votes, 1 delegate was against and 1 delegate abstained.

J. Havelka thanked the delegates for their support.

TOP 10)

ERA Foundation:

The Chairman of the Foundation Council K. Schneider reported on the development of the ERA Foundation. As pointed out last year, the development is slight. Last year, 2007, nothing substantial changed in this respect. The foundation capital has risen, thanks to gifts amounting 2,970 EUR and the interest, to 110,000 EUR. This is still not a sufficient solution of our financial problems. It is necessary to put more energy into this.

TOP 11)

Change of the Constitution:

The Presidium had discussed this issue at its meeting again, and will continue in this discussion at the Spring Meeting next year. The Presidium Members want to discuss the ERA objectives first, and then propose the alteration of the Constitution, which will best suit the ERA's current objectives. J. Havelka stated that the Presidium only wanted to approve the change of the ERA name in English and use the word "walking" instead of "rambling". The employees of the EU Commissariat do not understand the word 'rambling'. J. Havelka had encountered difficulties in this respect, the word needs to be explained, because it is not understood in the right way. The abbreviation, logo and flag would remain unchanged.

A. Howcroft, with the agreement of the delegates of the British member-organisations, voiced strong objections to the Presidium's proposal. He said that the Oxford dictionary, the official arbiter of the English language, defines the word "rambling" as "walking for pleasure" and is well understood in Britain. Moreover, the British Ramblers' Association is so called officially and as such is recognised by the British government. "Hiking" is an American word and "walking" is a general word, unable to express the true sense of rambling. A. Mitchell said that the change of the ERA's name could mean a loss of the British clubs to the ERA.

J. Havelka concluded the item by saying that the Presidium were withdrawing this proposal from the agenda. He said that because of the reasons given above, the ERA would continue to use its current name in English.

TOP 12) + TOP 13)

Rules of procedure of the ERA + Rules of compensations and financial expenses of the ERA:

Based on the Presidium's proposals, these items were excluded from the agenda of the 39th Members' Meeting. The Presidium will re-discuss these items at the Spring Presidium Meeting, and present them to the delegates thereafter.

TOP 14)

EURORANDO 2011:

M. Grandjean said that the ERA Presidium wanted to organize the EURORANDO 2011 event across the whole of Europe. At the Spring Presidium Meeting, the members agreed on the concept of the event in Europe, except for the destination week in Andalusia. For this purpose, a group consisting of the Presidium representatives (see TOP 3)) met to discuss the

details. It was agreed both by the Presidium and the delegates of the Walking Commission to whom the idea was presented. The concept will be available on the ERA website. M. Grandjean also stated that the event should show support for walking in the countryside, the concept would offer walks on the E-Paths, and there would be space for the organizers and member organizations to arrange suitable events. The main topic, as suggested by the Spanish, is WATER in its various forms. At particular locations in Europe, the organizations would take water and pour it into a container typical of the region. They would organize a walking event on this occasion, hopefully in the presence of public representatives. From here, the water would be brought symbolically along the E-Paths to the Alhambra in Granada where it would be poured out into 12 amphoras. More information will be available on the internet. If we manage to prepare the project well, we could apply for financial support in Brussels, at the Commissariat for Environment. Individual organizations could approach water management companies as possible financial partners. The working group will continue to plan this project after the Spring Presidium Meeting in May 2009.

The representative of the Federación Andaluza de Montanismo, J. Perea, presented the importance of water as a life condition. He invited those present, as well as their organizations, to Andalusia. The President of this federation, D. Beltran Sanchez, promised they would organize the event at least on the same level as the previous EURORANDO events. The organizers had designed a calendar for the occasion. He also said that an organizing committee consisting of walking clubs, the regional government and the local administration had been set up. The committee had already met. The event's budget is 4 million EUR. The delegates would be able to learn more from the brochures on the EURORANDO 2011 event that have been distributed in Blansko by the organizers.

At this point, because of a lack of the time reserved for the 39th Members' Meeting, J. Havelka asked for a change of ranking of the items in the agenda. The proposal was approved unanimously by the delegates.

TOP 19)

Approval of new member organizations:

A. Ruiz Ortega, President of the Federación de Montañismo de la Región de Murcia, introduced his organization, associating 2,500 members in 55 clubs. The E4 and E10 lead through its region. At the same time, he invited those present to a walk on the path leading along the Mediterranean coast, created by his organization. The delegates saw a short DVD presentation.

The Federación de Montañismo de la Región de Murcia was accepted unanimously.

A. Vella introduced The Ramblers' Association of Malta to the delegates. It is a young organization which held its first General Meeting in 2005 when an 11-member committee was established. The organization has the same objectives as the ERA, because the ERA is its model. The Association has soon become a strong non-governmental walking organization with more than 500 members. It organizes many walking activities and has also argued for the right to free access to the countryside in Malta. More information is available at <http://ramblersassociation.blogspot.com/>. The Association also discusses environmental issues with the government and it also deals with walking for visitors to the island.

The Ramblers' Association of Malta was accepted unanimously.

A. Berotte presented the Le Comité Régional Aquitaine de la Randonnée Pédestre. The organization was founded in 1986 and now has over 12 thousand members. It waymarks more than 7,000 kilometres of the paths, the E3 and E9 run through its area and other footpaths were established in cooperation with the FEDME near the borders. The organization cooperates with Portugal in the field of environmental protection.

The ERA Secretariat received a letter from the FCV, which did not agree with ERA membership of French regional clubs (Comités). The FCV President, R. Herry, said that the FCV had decided to annul the letter and now agreed with membership for new French organizations.

The Le Comité Régional Aquitaine de la Randonnée Pédestre was accepted unanimously.

C. Saint-Dizier, President of the Le Comité régional de Lorraine de la FFRandonnée, said that the organization associates four local organizations, with 82 associations and 5,400 members. The Comité has borders with Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, and the countries are interconnected with the GR footpaths. In May 2009, there will be a celebration in honour of these footpaths. The organization also deals with waymarking thematic footpaths.

The Le Comité régional de Lorraine de la FFRandonnée was accepted unanimously.

The representative of the Association pour le Développement et l'Environnement aux Montagnes du Nord (Africa), J. Feliu, said that the association was applying for the status of an affiliated association. Its management had so decided, based on cooperation with the Spanish and Portuguese federations. Within its area, the E4 footpath was extended into Africa.

The Association pour le Développement et l'Environnement aux Montagnes du Nord was accepted unanimously as an affiliated association of the ERA.

TOP 20)

Exclusion of member organizations:

The Österreichischer Alpenverein; the Vienna section and the Niederösterreich section had resigned. J. Havelka remarked that this was not exclusion but a resignation of the organization at its own request for financial reasons.

R. Wurst informed those present that instead of two 'Land' organizations, the clubs will be combined in a supraregional Austrian Alpine union which should start operating from 2009. If such an organization is created and has its official representative, the Members' Meeting will discuss its acceptance in La Palma in 2009.

TOP 21)

Information about preparation of the Members' Meeting in 2009 in La Palma, the Canary Islands:

The representative of the FEDME and A. Castañeda apologized for the absent President of the FEDME, J. Garrigós, and Mr. Cabrera, the Minister for Environment from the Cabildo Consular de La Palma. All delegates got brochures on the Members' Meeting also for the Pré-tour, including the registration forms. The organizers also promised to help with the organization of flights for the delegates at their request. J. Havelka hoped that we will all meet at the 40th anniversary of the ERA, which we will celebrate at the Conference on the island of La Palma.

TOP 22)

Location and dates of the Members' Meetings in 2010, 2011 and 2012:

The FIE delegate, E. Bozzano, cordially invited the delegates to the 41st ERA Conference to Italy. However, she did not have exact information about the venue and date at the moment. She promised that the FIE would organize the Spring Presidium Meeting at the second weekend of May 2009. The President reminded E. Bozzano that the ERA Presidium requires to announce the venue and date of the Conference within three weeks after the Members' Meeting. In 2009, a definitive summary of conditions under which the Conference will be held, including the registration forms, must be available. A. van Kooten Niekerk suggested that the final plan is submitted within 3 months; the delegates agreed with this proposal.

2011 – the Members' Meeting will be held during the EURORANDO 2011 event in Andalusia

2012 – the Den Norske Turistforening is interested in organizing the Members' Meeting

TOP 17)

Information and education project for walks leaders:

M. Grandjean said the documents had been sent out in advance, and asked those present to approve the hard copy version of the documents. The concept for the training of volunteer walks leaders according to ERA principles was approved unanimously without any comments.

TOP 16)

European Walking Days in 2008 and in following years:

J. Havelka reported on this on behalf of the Presidium Members, who agreed that under the name of the “European Walking Days”, events could be held anytime during September. There are no special organizational conditions. Contributions from organizers would be welcomed and would be published on the internet.

TOP 15)

Adoption of the conclusions from the International seminar on walking and walking territory in Europe, Malaga:

J. Havelka said that we were expecting a final version of the declaration from the organizers soon. These will be distributed among the member organizations. The ERA will try to collect data from clubs that had not participated in the Malaga seminar so that the final declaration describes the situation in all member organizations. J. Havelka asked the seminar organizers to present the final version of the declaration to the EU in Brussels in the meantime.

According to the requirement of I. Hägg, here is the list of lecturers and their presentations:

	Region	Author of the presentation	Countries that have been described by the person in charge
1.	Switzerland	Christian Hadorn	Switzerland
2.	Belgium, Netherlands Germany	Robert Franssen	Netherlands, Belgium
		Frank Schlinzig	Germany
3.	Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary,	Milan Pernica (presented by Zdeňka Umlaufová)	Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Slovenia
4.	Estonia, Norway, Finland, Sweden	Ingemund Hägg	Estonia, Norway, Finland, Sweden
5.	Denmark, Great Britain, Ireland	Helen Todd	Denmark, England, Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Ireland
6.	Spain	José M ^a Nasarre Sarmiento	Spain
7.	France, Italy, Portugal	Daniel Pipart	France
		Pedro Cuiça	Portugal
		Elvira Bozzano	Italy
8.	Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia, Cyprus	-	Only a filled-in questionnaire from Cyprus

TOP 23)

Any Other Business:

None.

J. Havelka thanked all the delegates for their cooperation, for their decision to increase the membership fees, thus stabilising the financial situation of the ERA, as well as for the preparation of the EURORANDO 2011 event. He hoped to have an opportunity soon to discuss the entry of walking clubs from Serbia and Macedonia to membership of the ERA with their representatives and that we will succeed in finding a partner in Romania.

To conclude, he wished all delegates nice weather, a pleasant afternoon and evening, and a safe journey back home.

Attachments to the Report:

- Agenda
- Attendance list

J. Havelka / J. Špreňarová
November 2008