ECPP Minutes of Board Meeting, Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Vienna at SFU

Present : Adrian, Nicole, Tatyana M., Natalyia, Barbara, Svetlana, Alfred, Markus, Mikhaïl, Paul, Iztok, Vladimir, Alexander, Charles

## **FUTURE DATES TO RECALL:**

- Next Board meeting will take place at SFU on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 6 pm
- Next SFU-ECPP congress on "Suicide": from 6 to 8 September 2019
- \*The President opens the meeting that follows the AGM and welcome all Board members.
- ° The Minutes of last Board Meeting (February in Vienna) are unanimously approved.
- \* Considering the splitting situation within the National Branch in Russia, a discussion is held and opinions were exchanged. Main points are summarized here under:
- The split is a fact and already happened since months; there are actually two groups in Russia and the situation must be clarified (Tatayana M.)
  - The situation is damaging the reputation of the ECPP (Alexander)
- There are no registered association in Russia and there are no mechanism to organize the situation (Mikhaïl)
- People in Russia should have the choice to adhere to any of the two groups (Markus).
- Similar situation happened in Ukraine and a reasonable solution was found in allowing two National Branches. It functions very well (Alexander).
  - the principle of having two NB in Russia would contribute to a solution (Barbara)
- Both groups have strong and important people and it is important to retain all of them (Alfred).
  - Nobody will be forced to stay in one or the other group (Mikhaïl)
- The Board should work towards finding a solution and vote now for a resolution (Markus)

\* The President put the following sentence to vote: "The Board delegates to the Executive Committee the task of finding a solution to the division in the National Branch in Russia, by allowing two parallel organizations to operate as representatives of ECPP. The outcome will be brought back to the next meeting in February. It is recognized that any such arrangement would have to be reviewed after 2-3 years."

Adopted with 1 abstention only.

\* As there is no other item on the agenda, the President informs that next Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th February 2019 in Vienna (SFU Building) at 6 pm and closes the meeting.