

# TCFE General Meeting 2008

Hanover, Germany 10.02.08

## Present:

### Executive Committee:

Dan Docherty – President (UK)  
Nils Klug – Chairman (Germany)  
Cornelia Gruber – Treasurer (Switzerland)  
Ronnie Robinson – Secretary (UK)  
Paul Silverstrale – EC (Sweden)  
Begona Revenga – EC (Spain)

### Member Countries:

Roberto Benetti – Italy  
Maria Nedelcheva – Bulgaria  
Le-My Lac – France  
Claire Sheehy – Ireland  
Joppe Downes – Netherlands

## The General Meeting

### 1. Recording those Present:

The Secretary recorded all members in attendance.

### 2. President's Address:

The Present gave an overview of the history of the TCFE, detailing its inception and events staged since then.

### 3. Events:

Nils Klug, as organiser of the current TCFE Congress/Forum, talked about the event, detailing how many participants were expected, how many teachers in attendance and the success of the event.

Paul Silverstrale gave details of the forthcoming European Competition, which he will stage over the weekend of 6 – 10 November, in Sweden, on behalf of the TCFE. Application forms, rules etc. would be posted on the TCFE website by the end of March 2008.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Cornelia Gruber provided details of our accounts to the period December 31 2007. The balance at this date was Euros 5,002.

### 5. Secretary's Report

Ronnie Robinson reported that we had 24 member organisations up to the period of 31 December 2007.

Ronnie Reported on the recent upgrade of the TCFE website, detailing increased content by way of articles, images and general information and encourage those present to submit material for inclusion. He also stated that he had sent a number of email to members inviting contributions for the site. Ronnie is working on creating a database of instructors, actively teaching at major European events, for inclusion on the site.

### 6. Statutes

Dan Docherty outlined reasons for the need to make amendments to the TCFE Statutes and informed the members that the proposed amendments would be posted on the TCFE website, and communicated to our members, inviting comments and votes for the acceptance by April 10 2008.

### 7. TCFE Elections

Nominations for the various Executive Positions were received:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
President	Nils Klug	Germany	UK
Vice President	Hans Finne	Norway	UK
Chairman	Dan Docherty	UK	Germany
Vice Chairman	Joppe Downes	Netherlands	Sweden
Treasurer	Cornelia Gruber	Switzerland	Netherlands
Secretary	Ronnie Robinson	UK	Sweden
Executive Committee	Paul Silvesterale	Sweden	Switzerland
Executive Committee	Dominique Casays	France	France Taiji
Executive Committee	Roberto Benetti	Italy	Switzerland
Executive Committee	Anya Meot	France	Spain

The nominations will be posted on the TCFE website and communicated to our members to allow voting by **March 10 2008**.

#### 8. Any Other Business.

a) Le-My Lac asked about the relationship between the FF Waemc (The French Federation) and the TCFE. She felt that they had boycotted this TCFE event and, as a member of the FF Waemc had received no communication from them regarding the TCFE Congress/Forum. She was unsure about the relationship between the two organisations, since the TCFE were not involved, in the planned European Competition, to be staged in France, by the FF Waemc on behalf of the TCFE.

Dan Docherty replied that he was unaware of any boycott of this TCFE Congress/Forum, by the FF Waemc, and confirmed that they were still members of the TCFE.

b) Luce Condamine asked if any action would be taken against the FF Waemc as a result of the problems encountered with the cancelled competition.

Dan Docherty replied that the Executive Committee had discussed the matter and agreed that no action would be taken.

c) Almut Schmitt asked for information regarding the voting rights of the various members in the different countries.

Dan Docherty clarified that votes could be placed on the basis of one vote, one country. Where there were multiple member organisations in a country, agreement should be sought by these members on how to place their vote. Where agreement cannot be achieved the TCFE Executive Committee would consider how best the vote be placed. He also mentioned that to date this action had never been necessary.

d) Mattias Nyrell asked for information on how one could become a member.

Ronnie Robinson referred him to the TCFE website where full details and an application form could be found.

e) Almut Scmitt expressed the view of some participants that this event was not clearly a TCFE event and that she felt the TCFE's role in the event should have been more emphasised.

Nils Klug replied that all information concerning the event clearly indicated the TCFE together with all signage and publicity material.

Ronnie Robinson agreed that, for some, the role of the TCFE could have been made clearer to the participants at the opening meeting and that we would take note of her comments for the future.

There were no other questions.

Nils Klug closed the meeting by expressing the positive direction we were now taking and ensured that the future would be good for the TCFE.