



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GGI IDR PRACTICE
GROUP ON APRIL 19, 2013 IN LISBON, PORTUGAL,**

Attendees:

Johan F. **Langelaar** (Global Chairperson)
Karl Friedrich **Dumoulin** (Vice Global Chairperson)
AgnèBilotaité
Lars Berg **Dueholm**
Patrizia **Giannini**
Cornelia **vanHeerden**
Bruno **Schelbert**
Mariagiulia **Signori**
James J. **Smart**
JordiPallarès **Vinyoles**
Christian **Seidl**

1. After a short introduction and a word of welcome of the Global Chairperson, Johan F. Langelaar, he asked the attendees to give a short presentation on their firms and individual professional practice as well as their relation to the objectives of the PG IDR.
2. Johan then informed the attendees that internal matters should be dealt with first.
3. Since Johan as Global Chairperson and Karl Friedrich as Vice Global Chairperson were elected for their respective position during the meeting in Munich in April 2011, Johan informed the attendees that after two years elections for these positions were necessary.
4. Both Johan and Karl Friedrich put up for re-election and they were both re-elected for a period of two years by unanimous vote of the attendees (Johan abstaining in voting regarding the position of the Global Chairperson and Karl Friedrich abstaining in voting regarding the position of the Vice Global Chairperson). Johan and Karl Friedrich both accepted the vote and thanked the attendees for their confidence. Johan was proclaimed Global Chairperson for another term of two



- years. Karl Friedrich was proclaimed Vice Global Chairperson for another term of two years.
5. Patrizia volunteered for the position of the Regional Vice Chairperson for Europe and Cornelia von Heerden volunteered for the position of the Regional Vice Chairperson for Asia/Africa. This was greatly appreciated by all attendees. Both were elected unanimously by the attendees (Patrizia abstaining in voting regarding the position of the Regional Vice Chairperson for Europe and Cornelia abstaining in voting regarding the position of the Regional Vice Chairperson for Asia/Africa). Patrizia and Cornelia both accepted the vote and thanked the attendees for their confidence. Patrizia was proclaimed Regional Vice Chairperson for Europe for a term of two years. Cornelia was proclaimed Regional Vice Chairperson for Asia/Africa for a term of two years.
 6. Johan asked for volunteers for the position of the second Regional Vice Chairperson for Europe. For the time being none of the other attendees were prepared to put themselves up for this position. Johan invited the participants to review their decision and change their mind until the next practice group meeting. He emphasized the importance of dividing up the workload between more chairpersons in order to further develop the practice group.
 7. Johan reminded the attendees that being involved in a practice group is a strong marketing tool, both internally and externally for attendees' firms and underlines the international position of each attendee's firm.
 8. Next on the agenda was the PG IDR newsletter. Karl Friedrich had volunteered in organizing the newsletter. He gave an update of the present situation. It was decided by the attendees that for the time being only an electronic version should be published, since a hard copy would cost too much. However, the members of the practice group can all print out the electronic version for clients, acquisition activities etc.
 9. Next on the agenda was the question whether the PG IDR needs a client information brochure. After ample consideration it was decided not to publish such a brochure, because of the costs involved. Moreover, it was generally felt that first the IDR newsletter should get started. The project of a client information brochure should be left for the future, if there is a need amongst the practice group members.
 10. It was then decided that Johan should set fix dates for the practice group WebEx meetings every three months, as in the past a coordination of the dates had turned



out to be too lengthy and complicated. Should a practice group member be unable to participate, it should ask one of the colleagues from its firm to participate as a substitute.

11. Johan proposed that also a separate physical meeting of the PG IDR should be held once a year. Since some participants raised concerns as to the necessary input of time and money, this point was postponed and will be reconsidered in one of the next meetings.
12. For the development of the PG IDR an annual business plan is required. Johan requested all members to participate in realizing such a business plan. He asked all members to send their ideas per e-mail to him. Again Johan empathised that there is a need to distribute the workload amongst the members. Patrizia volunteered to assist in producing the business plan. This was noted with thanks by all participants.
13. Having dealt with all internal matters, Johan then reminded the attendees that during the WebEx-meeting of January 24, 2013, it was decided that as a topic 'Electronic Discovery' should be dealt with on the practice group meeting in Lisbon. Patrizia had prepared a contribution on 'Electronic discovery - (EU versus US)'. Johan therefore gave the floor to Patrizia. In the following 30 minutes Patrizia gave an extremely interesting account of the controversies between US discovery rules on the one hand and European Data Protection law on the other hand. Her contribution led to a vivid discussion and an exchange of information about the situation in the countries of the attendees. Unfortunately, due to a lack of time not every detail could be discussed.
14. Johan thanked everybody for their contribution to this very interesting meeting and adjourned the meeting at 15:50 hours.