

## EUROPEAN UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ)** held at the Holiday Inn – Kensington Forum Hotel, 97 Cromwell Road, London, SW7 4DN, **United Kingdom** on **Sunday 17 April 2016** at 9 am.

**Present:** Chairman of EUPJ Miriam Kramer and the other Honorary Officers and representatives of various Constituent Members of EUPJ as follows: Mr Isak Aasvestad (Abraham Geiger College) Germany, Ms Sandra Abramson (Women of Reform Judaism) USA, Mr Stephen Abramson (Women of Reform Judaism) USA, Mr Paul Yuval Adam (Arzenu) Germany, Ms Ester Yael Adamova (The Jewish Community Liberec) Czech Republic, Mrs Christele Amar (MJLF) France, Mr Jai Anguita (Comunitat Jueva Bet Shalom) Spain, Mr Antonio Filipe Escobar R.F. de Araujo (Beth Jacob) Portugal, Mr Juan Antonio Baile (Comunitat Jueva Bet Shalom) Spain, Rabbi Ruven Bar Ephraim (Or Chadash Zurich/EUPJ) Switzerland, Mr Stéphane Beder (AJL) France, Rabbi Bernhard (Haim) Beliak (Friends of Jewish Renewal in Poland/Beit Polska) USA, Mr Leslie Bergman (EUPJ) UK, Mrs Julie Bergmannová (Jewish Community Prague) Czech Republic, Professor Claude Bismut (Kehilat Kedem) France, Ms Sophie Bismut (Kehilat Kedem) France, Dr Annette Boeckler (Leo Baeck College) UK, Rabbi Yann Boissiere (MJLF) France, Mr Hartmut Bomhoff (School of Jewish Theology) Germany, Mr Jean-Paul Borgerhoff (Beth Hillel Brussels) Belgium, Mr Steven Brummel (IJC Brussels) Belgium, Mr Arthur Buchman (EUPJ) Denmark, Mr Graham Carpenter (Liberal Judaism) UK, Mr Mac Michael Chao (Beth Hillel Roma) Italy, Ms Karolina Chmielewska (Beit Krakow) Poland, Ms Yael Cobano (Reform Jewish Community of Madrid) Spain, Mr John Cohen (EUPJ) UK, Mrs Noeleen Cohen (Leo Baeck College) UK, Mr Ron Cohen (North American Advisory Board) USA, Mrs Joan Cohen (North American Advisory Board) USA, Mrs Ruth Cohen (WUPJ) Israel, Mr Harvey Cohen (Kehillat Raanan) Israel, Mrs Danielle Cohen (MJLF) France, Ms Phyllis Dorey (WUPJ) Australia, Rabbi Alexander Dukhovny (Kyiv and Ukraine Jewish Congregations) Ukraine, Mr Fabio Fantini (Beth Hillel Roma) Italy, Mr David Feder (Or Chadash) Switzerland, Mr Maximilian Feldhake, (Abraham Geiger Kolleg) Germany, Mr Thomas Francies (Liberal Judaism/LJY-Netzer) UK, Rabbi François Garai (Communauté Juive Libérale de Genève) Switzerland, Ms Amanda Gipson (Congregation Bet Januka) Spain, Mrs Sharon Goldstein (Northwood & Pinner Liberal) UK, Mrs Deborah Grabiner (EUPJ) UK, Dr Tamàs Gróf (Bet Orim Budapest) Hungary, Mrs Sonja Guentner (UpJ Germany) Germany, Ms Cornelia Haberlandt-Krüger (Egalitarian Jewish Chawurah Gescher) Germany, Rabbi Jordan Helfman (Holy Blossom Temple) Canada, Mrs Eva-Britt Henmark Lapidus (Progressive Judaism in Stockholm) Sweden, Ms Deborah Hofer (PLJS) Switzerland, Ms Anat Hoffman (IRAC) Israel, Rabbi Walter Homolka (Abraham Geiger College) Germany, Dame Helen Hyde (Radlett) UK, Ms Monica Jankel (West London Synagogue) UK, Mr Peter Jossi (Migwan) Switzerland, Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris (Leo Baeck College) UK, Mr Andrew Keene (WUPJ) USA, Dr Ivan Kohout (Bejt Simcha) Czech Republic, Mr Marc Konczaty (MJLF) France, Mr Stephen Kramer (Wimbledon Synagogue) UK, Mr David Kraus (Czech Union of Jewish Students) Czech Republic, Ms Tamar Krieger (JLG Or Chadash Zurich) Switzerland, Ms Dee Lehane (West London Synagogue) UK, Mr Jean-François Levy (MJLF) France, Mr Jonathan Lewis (Reform Judaism/EUPJ) UK, Rabbi Alona Lisitsa (HUC-JIR) Israel, Mr Jose Martin (Bet Shalom Barcelona) Spain, Mr Geoffrey Marx (Reform Judaism) UK, Mr David Maxa (Abraham Geiger College) Germany, Mrs Judita Maxa Bergmannová (Bejt Simcha) Czech Republic, Mrs Jaroslava Maxová (Jewish Liberal Union Prague Jewish Community of Liberec) Czech Republic, Mrs Olga Melzochova (Bejt Simcha) Czech Republic, Mrs Irith Michelsohn (UpJ Germany/Jewish Community Bielefeld) Germany, Rabbi David Mitchell (West London Synagogue) UK, Mr Robin Moss (Liberal Judaism) UK, Dr Theodor Much (Or Chadash Vienna) Austria, Dr Verena Muehlstein (Beth Shalom Munich) Germany, Dr Jan Muehlstein (Beth Shalom Munich) Germany, Rabbi Lea Muehlstein (NPLS) UK, Mrs Celia Naval (Keren Or) France, Rabbi Marc Neiger (Beth-Hillel, Brussels) Belgium, Dr Felipe Ojeda Pérez (Comunitat Jueva Bet Shalom) Spain, Mr Arthur Oledzki (Beit Polska) Poland, Rabbi Joel Oseran (WUPJ) Israel, Mr Shai Pinto (WUPJ) Israel, Mr David Pollak (EUPJ) UK, Mrs Karen Pollak (Mosaic Reform) UK, Mr Ariel Pollak

(Abraham Geiger College) Germany, Dr Halina Postek (Beit Polska) Poland, Mrs Maria Prieto (Comunitat Jueva Bet Shalom) Spain, Mrs Francine Püttmann (Levisson Institute) Netherlands, Mr Michael Reik (EUPJ) UK, Mrs Gillian Reik (Mosaic Reform) UK, Mrs Suzette Reiter-Slama (Keren Or) France, Mr Alexander Reschetnikow (UpJ/Netzer Germany) Germany, Rabbi Danny Rich (Liberal Judaism) UK, Ms Deborah Rios Rey (Congregation Bet Januka) Spain, Mr David Robinson (WUPJ) New Zealand, Mr Joram Rookmaaker (LJG Amsterdam) Netherlands, Mrs Rosita Rosenberg (Liberal Judaism) UK, Rabbi Walter Rothschild (Or Chadasch Wien), Austria, Ms Tina Roubitschek (Czech Union of Jewish Students) Czech Republic, Mrs Colette Samama (MJLF Paris) France, Mr Konstantin Seidler (UpJ Germany) Germany, Ms Erika Siegfried-Tompson (Bet Orim Budapest & Arzenu) Hungary, Mr Gordon Smith (EUPJ) UK, Mrs Judy Smith (EUPJ) UK, Mr Joe Smoczynski (Beit Polska/Beit Warszawa) Poland, Mrs Adriana Souza (Beth Jacob) Portugal, Dr Piotr Stasiak (Beit Polska) Poland, Ms Carole Sterling (WUPJ) Canada, Mrs Estera Stopińska (Beit Krakow) Poland, Mrs Norma Suvarna (Jewish Religious Union Mumbai) India, Mrs Deborah Tal-Ruettger (UpJ Germany) Germany, Mrs Linda Thorn (SAUPJ/Temple Israel Cape Town), South Africa, Mr David Tilles (Beit Krakow) UK, Mrs Daniela Touati (Leo Baeck College) France, Mr Herve Touati (Keren Or) France, Rabbi Edward van Voolen (Abraham Geiger Kolleg) Germany, Ms Lawrence Vogel (WUPJ) USA, Mrs Linda Vogel (WUPJ) USA, Ms Katerina Weberova (Bejt Simcha) Czech Republic, Dr Jesse Weil (Sim Shalom Congregation) Hungary, Mr Robert Weiner (Reform Judaism) UK, Mr David Weis (Liberal Jewish Community of Luxembourg) Belgium, Mr Jonathan Wootliff (Bejt Simcha/ZLU) Czech Republic, Mrs Dominika Zakrzewska-Oledzka (Beit Polska) Poland, Mr Paul Zatz (Mosaic Liberal) UK, Mrs Pat Zatz (Mosaic Liberal) UK.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman reported apologies received from Libby Burkeman (Reform Judaism) UK, Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner (Reform Judaism) UK, Jeffery Rose (EUPJ) UK, Gilly Shulman (Reform Judaism) UK, Rabbi Menno ten Brink (Liberaal Joodse Gemeente Amsterdam & Levisson Institute) Netherlands.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 2015 European Assembly Meeting**

The Chairman advised that the minutes of the European Assembly Meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland on 22 March 2015 were included in the EUPJ Annual Report booklet for 2015 ("the Booklet") which had been circulated and which was also made available on the EUPJ website before the meeting. In response to her request, the Chairman received no comments or suggestions for change to the Minutes, which were duly accepted as a correct record of the meeting and were then signed by the Chairman.

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman referred the meeting to the Chairman's Report included in the Booklet which had been circulated, which was read and noted.

4. **Annual Accounts for 2015**

The Chairman introduced the Honorary Treasurer David Pollak who referred to the Accounts, Independent Examiner's Report and his own Treasurer's report included in the Booklet, which he summarised for the meeting. The Treasurer added the following to his report – (a) he thanked EUPJ members for their generosity and support of the 2016 Biennial Conference in their attendance in record numbers and for sponsoring conference events and the conference brochure. This would result in the conference achieving a break even position. (b) he referred to the query from Alex Dembitz at the 2015 European Assembly on why EUPJ does not raise funds from donations in addition to normal subscription income, and advised that EUPJ had always received some donations in the past and, in view of the donations received for the 2016 Conference, would consider this method of fundraising in the future.

The Treasurer thanked the outside accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP and its partner Jeremy Harrod for providing the statutory examination of the 2015 Accounts without charge and also thanked his fellow officers and the EUPJ Administrator Deborah Grabiner for their support during the year.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his work and invited the meeting to approve the Accounts. The proposal to do so was made by David Tilles and seconded by Paul Zatz and, on a show of hands, the Accounts were approved without objection.

#### 5. **Appointment of Examiner**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that as EUPJ is a UK registered charity, the UK Charity Commission requires its annual accounts to be examined by an independent qualified accountant who issues a report. Accounting firm Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP had provided a clear report, included in the Booklet. Michael Reik seconded by Joe Smoczynski proposed the resolution to ratify the appointment of Grant Harrod Lerman Davis LLP as Independent Examiners of the annual accounts for 2015 and to re-appoint them as Independent Examiners for EUPJ's accounts for 2016. On a show of hands the resolution was approved without objection.

#### 6. **New Membership Proposals**

##### **6(a) Proposal to admit Assemblée du Judaïsme Libéral Français to Membership.**

The Chairman referred to the proposed resolution in the Booklet and advised the meeting that the EUPJ had received an application from Assemblée du Judaïsme Libéral Français (the newly established French Assembly known as AJL) requesting to be admitted as a Constituent Member of the EUPJ. The EUPJ Management Committee had consulted with representatives of the French Progressive Jewish communities as well as with rabbinic advisers and was provided with all the documentation and information which EUPJ normally requires from prospective members. The Chairman advised that, after its investigation, the EUPJ Management Committee and Executive Board considered that AJL met all the requirements to become a Constituent Member and recommended that it be so admitted. The Chairman notified the meeting that the resolution to admit AJL as a Constituent Member is subject to the condition that if (i) an EUPJ Constituent Member (Joining Community) joins AJL and resigns its membership of EUPJ and (ii) AJL subsequently ceases to be a member of EUPJ; then in such case the Joining Community shall be entitled to be re-instated as a Constituent Member of EUPJ provided that at such date the Joining Community meets EUPJ membership criteria.

The Chairman invited the meeting to approve the resolution and the proposal to do so was made by Stéphane Beder and seconded by Rabbi Lea Muehlstein. On a show of hands the resolution to admit AJL as a Constituent Member of the EUPJ with effect from the close of the meeting was approved without objection. Stéphane Beder, representing AJL, stated that all in France had been going through difficult times recently and the fact that our communities in France are now able to speak with one unified voice should inspire France.

##### **6(b) Proposal to admit Comunidad Judía Reformista De Madrid to Membership.**

The Chairman referred to the proposed resolution in the Booklet and advised the meeting that the EUPJ had received an application from Comunidad Judía Reformista De Madrid (known as the Reform Jewish Community of Madrid or CJRM) requesting to be admitted as a Constituent Member of the EUPJ. The EUPJ Management Committee had consulted with representatives of the Spanish Progressive Jewish communities as well as with rabbinic advisers and was provided with all the documentation and information which EUPJ normally requires from

prospective members. The Chairman then advised that the EUPJ Management Committee and Executive Board considered that CJRM met all the requirements to become a Constituent Member and recommended that it be so admitted. The Chairman notified the meeting that the resolution to admit CJRM as a Constituent Member is subject to the condition that when a federation or union of Spanish Progressive Jewish Communities is formed and is admitted to membership of the EUPJ, then CJRM shall resign as a member of the EUPJ (together with all the other Spanish Progressive Jewish Communities) and shall become a member of that union or federation, and the Chairman stated further that this condition is now EUPJ policy when admitting new members in countries which do not already have a national association.

The Chairman invited the meeting to approve the resolution and the proposal to do so was made by Rabbi David Mitchell and seconded by Fabio Fantini. On a show of hands the resolution to admit CJRM as a Constituent Member of the EUPJ with effect from the close of the meeting was approved without objection. The Chairman introduced Yael Cabano, representing CJRM, and welcomed her and CJRM into the EUPJ family.

#### **6(c) Proposal to admit Associação Hehaver (Sinagoga Ohel Jacob) to Membership**

The Chairman referred to the proposed resolution in the Booklet and advised the meeting that the EUPJ had received an application from Associação Hehaver (called Ohel Jacob) of Lisbon, Portugal requesting to be admitted as a Member of the EUPJ. The Chairman advised the meeting that as there are no existing EUPJ members in Portugal, the EUPJ Management Committee sent representatives to Ohel Jacob, consulted with representatives of this community and WUPJ representatives who had visited Ohel Jacob, as well as with rabbinic advisers and was provided with all the documentation and information which EUPJ normally requires from prospective members. The Chairman reported that the EUPJ Management Committee and Executive Board consider that, at this point in time, it would be more appropriate for Ohel Jacob Lisbon to become an Associate Member and recommended that it be welcomed into the EUPJ family on this basis, explaining that this was due to the current stage of development and number of members of this community.

The Chairman invited the meeting to approve the resolution and the proposal to do so was made by Rabbi Ruven Bar Ephraim and seconded by Jai Anguita. On a show of hands the resolution to admit Ohel Jacob as an Associate Member of the EUPJ with effect from the close of the meeting was approved without objection. The Chairman introduced Adriana Souza and Filipe Escobar, representing Ohel Jacob, and welcomed them and Ohel Jacob into the EUPJ family.

#### **7. Proposals relating to Beit Krakow**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that (a) at its annual meeting in Dresden on 27 April 2014 the EUPJ European Assembly admitted Beit Krakow as a Constituent Member, subject to the condition that it join Beit Polska within a certain specific time period; (b) that this condition was discussed at the European Assembly Meeting held in Geneva on 22 March 2015; and (c) that the EUPJ Management Committee, in terms of its powers, agreed to extend the date for fulfilment of that condition until 17 April 2016. The Chairman informed Members that this condition has still not been fulfilled and advised that the EUPJ Management Committee has agreed to extend the date for fulfilment of this condition until the date of the 2017 European Assembly Meeting. The Chairman expressed her hope that by this date Beit Krakow would have joined Beit Polska.

## 8. **EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly.**

The Chairman introduced Rabbi Ruven Bar Ephraim (RBE) who reported that at the Kallah, held on 13 and 14 April 2016 and attended by over 80 rabbis, the EUPJ Rabbinic Assembly (called ERA) had been formally established after four years of discussions. RBE thanked Leslie Bergman, Gordon Smith and Andrew Hart for all their help with ensuring that the correct paperwork and documentation were in place.

RBE then explained the three main functions of ERA, and these were –

- (a) That ERA would be the Progressive Rabbinic voice in Europe. RBE pointed out that in the past, whenever situations arose which demanded a reaction from a European Progressive Rabbinic perspective (such as circumcision, kosher slaughter and Antisemitism) there was none. Now, ERA will be the channel through which issues in Europe that concern our rabbis and our communities, will be commented on through press releases and through direct contact with the institutions of the EU.
- (b) To improve rabbinic skills. ERA will develop on-going learning opportunities for its members through Kallah and on-line meetings, with in-depth study sessions and discussions on various halachic subjects. ERA members will be asked for their ideas for themes to be taught and/or discussed and ERA will facilitate easy contact between its members through Facebook. ERA will also be advising the EUPJ on halachic issues and will support the European Bet Din when required.
- (c) For rabbis to support each other. RBE said that the work of a rabbi can be lonely, particularly as many rabbis do not like to talk about problems that arise. ERA can be a partner in dealing with work related issues, as well as personal issues, and can provide coaching, if required.

Ruth Cohen congratulated all involved in the formation of ERA and wished it well. She pointed out that CCAR and WUPJ regularly issue statements on important issues and asked that ERA coordinate with WUPJ in this regard. Rabbi Danny Frelander said that WUPJ had rabbinic partner associations around the world for the purposes of agreeing public statements and the fact that there was now one association to cover Europe for this purpose was excellent news.

## 9. **Elections and Appointments**

The Chairman reported that there were a number of appointments for the meeting to approve and that she had a number of retirements to announce and so would deal with them in the order set out below.

### 9.1. **President and Honorary Life President**

The Chairman advised that **Leslie Bergman** (LB) had served two consecutive terms as EUPJ President and, accordingly, was not eligible for a further term. She then reported that the EUPJ Executive Board and Management Committee had considered this matter and the contribution that LB has made to the EUPJ and, hopefully, will continue to make and unanimously recommended that LB be elected as an **Honorary Life President** along with Ruth Cohen and Jeffery Rose. The Chairman pointed out that the Constitution allows the EUPJ European Assembly to elect one or more persons as Honorary Life Presidents as a token of particular esteem and appreciation.

The Chairman proposed that, rather than asking for a formal vote on this, LB be appointed Honorary Life President by acclamation and asked all those in favour to say Aye. In view of the positive response the Chairman declared LB duly elected an Honorary Life President by acclamation.

The Chairman then thanked LB for all his wisdom and support during her tenure as chairman and a gift and certificate were presented to LB on behalf of EUPJ. LB thanked all for the honour accorded him, thanked the EUPJ Board for their commitment and dedication and thanked the Chairman and Management Committee for all their hard work and said how much he had enjoyed working with them. LB said that he was particularly pleased to end his term as President at the same meeting as the formation of ERA was announced.

The Chairman then pointed out that EUPJ now needed to elect a new President and that **Gordon Smith** (GS) had served two consecutive terms as Vice-President and was, accordingly, not eligible for a further term as Vice-President. She reported that the EUPJ Executive Board and Management Committee had considered this matter and the contribution that GS has made to the EUPJ and the WUPJ and unanimously recommended that GS be elected as **President**.

The Chairman proposed that, rather than asking for a formal vote on this, GS be appointed President by acclamation and asked all those in favour to say Aye. In view of the positive response the Chairman declared GS duly elected as President by acclamation.

#### 9.2. **Vice-Presidents**

The Chairman advised that the second 3 year term of office of **Felix Mosbacher** as Vice-President had come to an end and that he was not eligible for a further term. The Chairman thanked Felix Mosbacher for his years of service to EUPJ.

The Chairman also advised that two further Vice-Presidents would stand down at the meeting – GS as he was elected President and also **Sonja Guentner** (SG), as she was standing for the position of Vice-Chairman. The Chairman then pointed out there were now a number of vacancies for the post of Vice-President and EUPJ was on the lookout for people to fill this position.

#### 9.3. **Vice-Chairman**

The Chairman advised the meeting that EUPJ is entitled to appoint up to three Vice-Chairmen but currently only has two in office, Michael Reik and Stéphane Beder. She pointed out that SG was re-elected for a second term as Vice-President at the 2015 European Assembly but has recently joined the EUPJ Management Committee and has indicated her willingness to take on the responsibilities of a Vice-Chairman. She reported that the EUPJ Executive Board and Management Committee unanimously recommended that SG be elected as a Vice-Chairman and that SG would stand down as a Vice-President if so elected.

The Chairman proposed that, rather than asking for a formal vote on this, SG be appointed Vice-Chairman by acclamation and asked all those in favour to say Aye. In view of the positive response the Chairman declared SG duly elected as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

#### 9.4. **Executive Board**

The Chairman advised that **Deborah Hofer** had served two consecutive terms as a co-opted member of the Executive Board and was, accordingly, not eligible for a further term in that role. However, the Chairman announced that Deborah Hofer had been nominated to the Executive Board by The Platform for Liberal Judaism in Switzerland as its representative in terms of the EUPJ Constitution.

The Chairman advised that this appointment required to be ratified by the European Assembly and again proposed that this ratification be made by acclamation and asked all those in favour to say Aye. In view of the positive response the Chairman declared the appointment of Deborah Hofer to the Executive Board duly ratified by acclamation.

The Chairman then said that it saddened her to advise that **Rabbi Joel Oseran** and **Rabbi Lea Muehlstein** had each served two consecutive terms as a co-opted member of the Executive Board and were, accordingly, not eligible for a further term in that role and would be standing down as members of the Executive Board at this Meeting. The Chairman thanked both Joel and Lea for all their effort and contributions to the EUPJ and its communities around Europe and was hopeful that both of them would remain involved with EUPJ for years to come.

#### 9.5. **Honorary Officers**

The Chairman advised that this year the initial 3 year term of John Cohen as Honorary Secretary came to an end and the EUPJ Executive Board and Management Committee unanimously recommended that he be re-elected for a second term. Rabbi Ruven Bar Ephraim proposed the resolution which was seconded by Rabbi Danny Rich.

The Chairman proposed that John be elected by acclamation rather than by her calling for a formal vote and asked all those in favour to say Aye. In view of the positive response the Chairman declared John Cohen duly elected Honorary Secretary by acclamation.

#### 10. **Any Other Business**

The Chairman advised that the Honorary Secretary had not been notified by any Member within the relevant time period of any matter or issue to put before the European Assembly but invited comments, questions or statements from the meeting.

##### 10.1. **Resolution relating to the Kotel.** Tamás Gróf raised the issue of access to the Kotel and the implementation of the decision taken by the Israeli Government and proposed the following resolution to the meeting -

“We, the Members of the European Union for Progressive Judaism, are committed to the state of Israel and its declaration of independence. We believe in the integrity of Israel and its leaders. It is with these sentiments that we urge the Government of Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu to abide by their decision of 31 January 2016 and begin immediate implementation of the recommendations of the task force on issues related to the practice at the Western Wall.”

The resolution was proposed by Tamás Gróf and seconded by John Cohen and supported by Anat Hoffman. It was put to a vote by a show of hand and was passed unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

- 10.2. **Resolution in relation to the Refugee Crisis.** Rabbi Danny Rich raised the issue of the refugee crisis in Europe and proposed the following resolution to the meeting –

“The 2016 Meeting of the European Assembly of the European Union for Progressive Judaism – (i) notes the refugee crisis that has engulfed Europe; (ii) deplores the lack of a cohesive coordinated Europe-wide response; and (iii) encourages its participants to approach the relevant authorities in their own countries and apply pressure on them to increase their efforts for a comprehensive humanitarian response.”

The resolution was proposed by Rabbi Danny Rich and seconded by Rabbi Charley Baginsky. It was put to a vote by a show of hand and was passed unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

- 10.3. **Tribute to Leo Hepner.** Leslie Bergman give the following tribute to Dr Leo Hepner –

“The European Assembly of the EUPJ records with deep gratitude the contribution of Dr Leo Hepner and the work he has done over more than 3 decades. We miss his presence and his wise counsel. We extend our sympathies to Regina and say that she will always be welcome at all EUPJ meetings and events in the future.”

The Chairman then thanked David Pollak (the Honorary Treasurer), John Cohen (the Honorary Secretary) and Deborah Grabiner (the Administrator) for all their work.

The Chairman thanked all present for attending the 2016 European Assembly meeting and declared the meeting closed at 10:08 am.

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Chairman of meeting