



ANNUAL MEETING
November 25, 2016, Scheveningen

Summary of the Minutes

The ZerOrigIndia Foundation's Annual Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 25, 2016, in Scheveningen.

2. Present and accounted for were Dr R. Samson (Chairman), Mr M. Dixit (Treasurer), Dr V.A. van Bijlert (Trustee), Mr P. Keesom (Trustee) and Mr P. Gobets (Secretary). Mr R. Sachdev (Trustee), who resides in India, was absent.
3. The Board reviewed with satisfaction the accomplishment to date:
 - The formal launch of the Foundation at Codarts, Rotterdam, in May, attended by the Ambassador of India H.E. Mr J.S. Mukul;
 - The fundraising effort enabling organizing of the Camp Zero session planned for December, 2016;
 - Building our network of academics worldwide, who showed an active interest in the Zero Project;
 - Constituting Team-0, a qualified group of senior researchers, comprising Indologist Dr Annette van der Hoek (research coordinator), Dr Bhaswati Bhattacharya (senior fellow, U. of Goettingen), and Indologist Dr Narinder Mohkamsing (U. of Suriname).
 - Building a network of volunteers, including fundraiser Ms Youetta de Jager;
 - Media coverage by BNR News Radio (interview with Dr Annette van der Hoek); 2-page feature in Trouw; among others;
 - Meeting with Prof. Sudhanshu Rai of the Copenhagen Business School from November 14-16, in The Hague, to discuss possible collaboration on his pan-European research project on Consciousness & Innovation;
4. Following the above review, the two main topics of discussion at the Annual Meeting were:
 - The then upcoming Camp Zero session in New Delhi from December 14-16, 2016;
 - The collaboration proposal by Prof. Sudhanshu Rai;
5. The Board was unanimously agreed that the main outcome of the Camp Zero meeting in New Delhi should be a Position Paper providing background on the Zero Project and outlining the academic research program to be conducted through 2020; it was stressed that the allotted budget must not be exceeded and that strict accounting be observed, in order to permit a second Camp Zero meeting to be scheduled in the Spring of 2017 .

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6. The second topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting was the collaboration proposal by Prof Sudhanshu Rai of Copenhagen Business School (CBS):
 - The issue of prime concern was that in the event of collaboration, independence of the Zero Project's academic research into the origin of the zero digit in India must be safeguarded, including full copyright right to research results to be shared on priority basis with CBS).
 - If independence could be safeguarded, collaboration with Prof. Rai offered a unique opportunity in terms of the advantage of association with a prominent international academic research network, including partial funding of the Zero Project's project budget of up to 40-50%.

7. It was unanimously decided by the Board to inform Prof Rai of the decision to proceed by examining all academic and legal commitments entailed, and to that end to request to receive all relevant documents, including the 'work packages' of the 5-6 other parties participating that include renowned universities in Europe and America.

8. The Annual Meeting was closed by the Chairman on review of the aforementioned points for inclusion in the Minutes.

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