



**ANNUAL MEETING  
May 12, 2017, The Hague**

Summary of the Minutes

The ZerOrigIndia Foundation's Annual Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in The Hague.

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. In addition, Dr Annette van der Hoek, Camp Zero-2 Research Coordinator, attended the meeting on request.

3. The Board reviewed the following issues:

- Main topic of discussion was the Camp Zero-2 workshop held in India from April 4-6, 2017;
- *Executive Summary* produced jointly by Dr René Samson and Dr Annette van der Hoek and the breakdown into sub-questions of the research question of how best to go about finding fresh evidence of the mathematical zero;
- Building our network of academics worldwide, who showed an active interest in the Zero Project and in contributing an article to the *Monograph on Zero* book project;
- Media coverage by Dutch radio NPO; newspaper articles in national dailies in the Netherlands; but also in USA including the Washington Post and National Geographics; in India, Pakistan and the Gulf region; as well as online platforms;

4. Following the above review, the two main topics of discussion at the Annual Meeting was:

- The main critical issue determining the pace of progress of the Zero Project, namely fundraising and various strategies to tackle the issue effectively;
- Shifting the focus from workshops to compiling the *Monograph on Zero* to achieve greater visibility of the Zero Project; preferably in combination with an associated *International Conference on Zero* to be co-organized by partners, including a university and to be funded by the private sector;
- Identifying in that connection of a reputed publishing house (Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, the Netherlands);

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5. The Board was unanimously agreed that previous plans to organize a 3<sup>rd</sup> Camp Zero workshop in India would be postponed until such time as the fundraising campaign generated sufficient donations to cover the costs.

It was stressed that the remaining budget must not be exceeded, and that strict accounting be observed. To that end, the focus would be shifted to the *Monograph on Zero* and the associated *International Conference on Zero*, which would in principle be funded from outside.

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

7. It may be noted that as no further major expenditures were envisioned no additional plenary Board Meeting was considered necessary. It was opted to maintain regular contact by telephone and email in order to address any issues of concern.

8. The remainder of 2017 was devoted to networking among academics to make a success of the proposed *Monograph on Zero*. And indeed, the list of academics committed to contribute an article to the book project grew steadily over the months. While Brill Academic Publishers showed a keen interest in taking on the book project, pending peer review.

9. Unfortunately, no further donations were forthcoming in 2017, efforts to that end notwithstanding. It was decided as the end of the year approached to convene a brainstorming session on the fundraising issue among a select group of supporters of the Zero Project. The event was eventually scheduled for early 2018, which will figure in the Annual Report 2018.