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Robert Landheer – IFLRY Treasurer

Dear liberal friends,

In Amman, half a year ago in December, it was quite an eventful General Assembly. Suddenly there had to be elections and you trusted me with the position of Treasurer.

Because I had been Auditor for two years before that time, and Treasurer at the JD and multiple other organisations before, I thought I knew what to expect. But it turned out that the world of IFLRY's finances is complex! To be honest it took me a lot of time to figure out how exactly this worked.

After many start up skype calls, the big financial event of the past time was the yearly Audit of FY 2016. In April a big delegation met at London to prepare and audit everything that happened in 2016. Ofcourse Auditors Marit and Christian; Andrea, Philomena and Mona on behalf of the current Office, and because it concerned 2016 in which the former Executive Director had taken the lead for most of the year, Mane was also present.

Ofcourse having been without Treasurer for some time in 2016 meant there were gaps. Furthermore the recent switch at the Office of Executive Director complicated things, as all of the paper bookkeeping and administration is done in London by the people at the Office. So the Audit weekend was eventful and stressful, but we managed to discuss and correct many things. Not all, as we had to discuss last things over the email and Skype.

The bookkeeping of 2016 took a lot of effort to correct, so most important now is to learn from this for the current year. That is why I plan to have a training and workshop session with all the concerned people about bookkeeping, our own processes, and the software tool Xero.

When you elected me I wanted to make finances more transparent and real-time. Until now I did not succeed in this, because of the above mentioned issues. I know this training is the necessary step to reach this. I also promised to increase the financial buffer. So far this has worked out as IFLRY has good reserves. And of course I promised to provide a discussion about MO fees, for which the working group has researched options that will be discussed at the GA in Thessaloniki.

Events attended:

IFLRY GA in Amman (8-11 December 2016)

JD Winter Congress in Venlo, NL (3-5 February 2017)

JOVD General Meeting in Den Bosch, NL (1 April 2017)



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IFLRY Audit Preparation and weekend in London (13-16 April 2017)
IFLRY GA and Council Meeting in Thessaloniki (1-5 June 2017)