

Bureau Report Treasurer (IFLRY GA Istanbul 2016)

Dear delegates,

I am pleased to deliver my last activity report to the IFLRY GA in Istanbul. The financial documents will be sent to the delegates separately.

Wrap-up finances 2015

The financial clearing for 2015 took a bit longer than expected as many issues concerning the implementation of a proper accrual book-keeping had to be resolved. Nevertheless we can now present reliable accrual reports for 2015. Thanks to our great office staff we were furthermore able to get the entire 2015-related grant reporting done in-line with the deadlines. I contributed to the reports as much as I could by overtaking parts of the writing and checking the final results.

Preparations for 2016

With extensive input from several bureau-members and the office we were able to secure all important grants for 2016, including the European Youth Foundation and European Commission Administrative Grants as well as the Work-Plan Grant from the European Youth Foundation. Furthermore the bureau secured several grants from our partners at the International Democratic Initiative (IDI), including support for the conference in Istanbul and the IFLRY Programmes. Thus the financial situation is more than adequate to give the new bureau a good start but also leaves enough room for additional projects and the acquisition of new grants initiated by our successors based on the coming plan of action.

Financial administration and book-keeping

In the last weeks I invested quite some time to bring our bookkeeping-system up to accrual standards and prepare everything for the pass-on to my successor. For example the 1st quarter of 2016 was booked and the write-offs resulting in the disaffiliations at the Santo Domingo GA were primed in the system.

Unfortunately I couldn't finish the internal budget-control system as planned before the upcoming General Assembly. I am planning to finish this task in agreement with my successor within the coming two months.

Membership administration and consolidation

In the past months we managed to collect old debts from several organizations. In the course of this for example the Young Liberals of Montenegro and the Institute Politico para la Libertad (Peru) returned to Good Standing. We are still negotiating debts with several other MO's at the moment and although successes are coming slow we are on the right track concerning the membership consolidation.

Through the disaffiliation of several organizations that are either not existing anymore or obviously lost interest in the federation we are able to reduce Bad Debts to less than 50.000 Euros whereas they still amounted to more than 120.000 Euros two years ago. With a consequent enforcement of the suspension- and disaffiliation-policy it will be possible to reduce the amount of bad-debts to a negligible amount by the end of the term of the next bureau. The same goes for the quota of paying organizations. Here an amount of more than 80% should be achievable within the next two years. To achieve this goal it is needed that ALL bureau members invest more time to keep in touch with the MOs in the region assigned by them and assist the future Treasurer in keeping membership data up-to-date and negotiating payment-plans and other solutions in case of debts.

Last but not least it is important to review the membership-tiers and membership-fees to find solutions for those organizations, which are not able to pay their assigned fee under the actual model. A motion presenting a general framework for a possible reform will be presented by the auditors and me during the GA in Istanbul.

Other business

I was responsible for organizing the Regional Meeting in Vilnius from December 17-19, 2015 and for the Workplan Seminar on Conflict Management in Tbilisi from November 5-8, 2015. By relieving the office from organizational duties for these events our staff could focus on other important tasks, such as the upcoming grant-reports and the Statutory Events in Istanbul and Santo Domingo. Furthermore I was involved in the organization of the General Assembly in Istanbul on an almost daily base, especially in financial and organizational planning, but also in the ongoing discussion about security and a possible relocation of the Istanbul events.

Farewell

At this point I want to thank all Bureau Members for the good cooperation in the last two years. Moreover I want to specifically congratulate the IFLRY Secretariat with Mane, James and Dali as well as former assistants Jockum and Rhiannon for their huge contribution to the daily work during this term. Although it was at some times a very demanding job I am proud to have served as Treasurer of IFLRY and (hopefully) contributed to the future growth and well-being of this organization. I am planning to stay involved with the BY / UA programme for at least the next months as this has always been the most important reason to work for and with this organization. Furthermore I am involved in the project of the establishment of a Liberal Youth Foundation, making this no final farewell. I wish the new bureau a lot of success and good results for the next term.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'G'.

Daniel George (IFLRY Treasurer)

Events attended (since Santo Domingo GA)

Regional Meeting, Vilnius	17-19 December 2015
Seminar of Vesna and IDI, St. Petersburg	04-06 March 2016
Auditors Meeting, St. Petersburg	10-13 March 2016
Ukraine Programme Seminar, Kryvyi-Rih	25-27 March 2016
IFLRY GA, Istanbul	14-17 March 2016