Appointement of new Europeana Network Association Management Board; Ending terms of Founding Members and Representatives of Content Holder Associations

Action proposed: For the approval of the resolution to appoint the new members and the Vice Chair and Treasurer, and for information.
Management Board Members

The Management Board of Europeana Network Association composed of Max Kaiser (Chair of Network Association), Merete Sanderhoff (Vice Chair), Paul Keller (Treasurer), Rolf Kallman, Joke van der Leeuw Roord and Johan Oomen sat on the Europeana Governing Board and represented the Network in the Europeana Foundation's decision-making from 1 January 2015 for two years. Joke van der Leeuw Roord was elected as the Vice Chair of the Governing Board by the Board on 1 April 2015. The two-year term of the six Network Association Management Board came to an end in December 2016. Eight Councillors from the Members Council came forward as Management Board candidates last December. The Management Board elections took place in January and the new Management Board was announced on 20 January. The new Management Board was elected for two years until 19 January 2019: Max Kaiser, Paul Keller, Joke van der Leeuw - Roord, Johan Oomen, Merete Sanderhoff, Uldis Zarins. The Management Board elected the Chair: Merete Sanderhoff, the Vice-Chair: Max Kaiser and the Treasurer: Paul Keller amongst themselves.

Through a resolution in the minutes of the 27 February 2017 meeting in The Hague, the Governing Board will formally re-appoint Max Kaiser, Paul Keller, Joke van der Leeuw - Roord, Johan Oomen, Merete Sanderhoff and appoint Uldis Zarins as Europeana Foundation Governing Board bestuurders (directors) for a period of two years from the Board meeting in which they are appointed, until the Board meeting that is closest to the end of their two year term i.e. 27 February 2017 to 26 February 2019.

Founding Members

The ending dates for the period of service of current Europeana Governing Board Founding Members are approximate. Terms come to an end on 31 March 2017 for Laurence Engel and 30 June 2017 for Hans Jansen.

Under Article 5 clause ii of the statutes, “two members of the Governing Board shall be appointed by the founders, to represent the founders”. The founding members of Europeana are:

- Spanish Ministry of Culture, Education and Sport
- National Library of Spain
- National Library of France
- Institut national de l'audiovisuel de France
- National Library of The Netherlands

Under article 4, “members of the Governing Board shall be appointed for the period of two years”. In accordance with the procedures set out in the statutes, the founding members decide and vote to appoint two founding members to sit on Europeana Governing Board. Their terms shall commence on the dates the vacancies occur i.e. 1 April 2017 and 1 July 2017. The founding members shall announce the result of their decision and the names of elected members at the Board meeting of 27 February in The Hague.
Representatives of European Associations of Content Holders

Similarly the ending date for the period of service of current representatives of European Associations of Content Holders is approaching, i.e. Richard Ranft – IASA – representing Sound Archives; Monika Hagedorn-Saupe – ICOM-Europe, NEMO and Michael Culture Association; representing Museums; Jeannette Frey – LIBER – representing Research Libraries; and Jan Muller – FIAT / IFTA – representing Television Archives. At the meeting of 30 June 2015, the Board endorsed the appointment of the four to the Governing Board of Europeana Foundation to represent European Associations of Content Holders for two years, thus bringing their term to an end on 30 June 2017. The date of 30 June 2015, when the new governance structure of Europeana was adopted by the Board, was understood by the then Chair and the Board to be the starting point of Europeana Board cycles. Appointment of Jan Muller as Chair with effect from 1 April 2016 extends his term on the Board to a next term until 30 June 2019. Under article 5 clause 2-iii-d of the statutes, and article 5 clause 4 of the by-laws, the Governing Board shall nominate three European Associations of Content Holders with the aim to ensure the representation in full breadth and expertise of the members of Europeana Network Association and based on requirements to deliver Europeana Strategy 2020 taking into account the recent refinement of the strategy. Under article 4, “members of the Governing Board shall be appointed for the period of two years”. Hence,

1) all Board Members are invited to deliberate and make suggestions / nominate European Associations of Content Holders and associated persons that they think fit the composition of the Board to ensure fulfillment of strategic plan 2017-2018. A dedicated thread will be posted on basecamp soon after the meeting of 27 February 2017 to capture the suggestions and nominations of the Board. Deadline for nominations is by 10 May 2017;
2) a report on all nominations and suggestions will be circulated to the Board by 1 June 2017;
3) the Board will vote and elect the four European Associations of Content Holders to sit on Europeana Governing Board at the teleconference Board meeting of 15 June 2017.
4) The new Associations and respective representatives will take office from 30 June 2017 for a period of two years.

Entrepreneurism Expert

Stef Lewandowski was appointed as expert in entrepreneurship on 23 June 2016. Due to his other commitments, SL cannot guarantee active engagement and collaboration with the Board and he has therefore offered his resignation. This opens a position from 27 February 2017 by the resolution of the Board. Previously we had thought to add in an Entrepreneurism Expert, but given Strategy 2020 the Board may wish to rethink. The Board is asked to discuss and present ideas of the type of person to approach.

Election and Appointment of Vice Chair and Treasure

The position of Vice Chair held by Joke van der Leeuw Roord since 1 April 2015 will become vacant on 1 April 2017. Likewise, the position of Treasurer currently held by Hans Jansen will
expire on 1 April 2017. The Board Members are invited to nominate themselves or come forward as candidate for the positions on basecamp by 15 March 2017. The Board will vote on the election of the new Vice Chair and Treasurer at the teleconference Board meeting of 6 April 2017.

According to Article 5 Clauses 4 and 5 of the statutes the Governing Board shall appoint the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasure from amongst its members for a period of two years. The Chair and the Vice Chair can be reappointed for the third consecutive period of two years. The positions of Vice Chair and Treasurer may be held by the same person. In accordance with Article 5.5 of the by-laws, The Chair or Vice Chair of the Governing Board of the Foundation cannot be the same person as the Chair or Vice Chair of the Managing Board of the Europeana Network Association.

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