

EMiL Committee Meeting Minutes – 10th May 2010

(To be approved by Committee)

Attendees – Petros Fassoulas, Mark Paterson, Richard Wassell, Hilary Naqvi.

1. **Apologies:** Soon Yeng Chiam, Arjan Geveke, Chris Maddox, Aine McGuire, Alwyn Williams, John Preston, Anna Arki, Nick Lowe, Del Hosain, Catja Gaebel, Eva Eberhardt, Bryony Hoskins.

2. Last Meeting's Minutes

Approved

3. Future Events

- Report on negotiations with the Premier League

PF has been discussing a joint EMiL – Premier League event with the Premier League's Head of European Affairs. The event will discuss the benefits for British sport emanating from EU rules on the free movement of labour. The proposed date is **June 18th** and the format will feature speeches from a Senior Premier League executive, an academic and a Commission official from the DG or Cabinet.

The discussion would be followed by a reception and a screening of a football match featuring England, as they have a World Cup match that night.

The exact venue is still being negotiated.

- Event on the Eurozone crisis

PF is looking into the possibility of organising an event on the current crisis in the eurozone. More details to follow.

- EMiL Lunches-Dinners with London MEPs

JP has attended a lunch with an MEP organised by the Surrey Branch and suggested we do the same. PF will contact all London MEPs and suggest possible dates.

- EMiL Social Calendar

The first evens on our new Social calendar took place on 22nd April 2010 (Pre-election leaders' debate on Foreign Affairs) and on 9 May 2010 (Europe day picnic at Regents Park) and they were both well attended. There are social activities scheduled for every month until the end of the year

Next Social:

20 May 2010, 19.00 – Lowlander, Belgian Bar, 36 Drury Lane, Covent Garden, WC2B 5RR

- June AGM

Date: 14th June, 6.00-8.00 pm

To be held in the premises of the EU Commission Representation in. PF in discussions with Charles Kennedy's office regarding his attendance. Commission will

allow us to bring our own drink and food or, alternatively, we can visit a pub afterwards.

4.0 Recruitment and Fundraising

PF to produce and circulate fund-raising letter following formation of a U.K. Government following the General Election.

5.0 Education Initiative

EMiL Research Group

A group of undergraduates is to be formed to carry out research on behalf of EMiL. It will be coordinated by PF, with BH being responsible for the management of the research projects. The first research project will look into how London benefits from the UK's EU membership, with a view to producing a small pamphlet on such. Further research topics to be discussed. The first meeting of the Research Team will be on 18th May.

6.0 Communications and Members' Services - Update

- Website

Work on new website was undertaken all last week and it is expected to be finalised this week. Once new site is in the place all visitors accessing www.em-il.org.uk (as well as the old domain www.cleg.org.uk) will be pointed to the new site.

- Facebook

Facebook group membership continues to grow and is now 130 members. Information on our events and activities as well as our newsletter is posted there, reaching out to users that are not necessarily members of EMiL or EM. Also event announcements have given us access to tens, even hundreds, of facebook users. Committee members are encouraged to post articles, views and commentary.

- Twitter

About 65 organisations, political parties, on-line news publications as well as private users are following EMiL on Twitter.

- **EMiL Newsletter** – May Newsletter issued on 6th May.

7.0 International Activities

Next Eurocapitales Event - RW to contact for further details.

8.0 AOB

RW to contact Sir Simon Milton to discuss a possible event at City Hall.
MP agreed to act as signatory for EMiL Bank Account.

Next Committee Meeting

Possibly Monday 5th July 2010. To be discussed.