



**MINUTES OF The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE 24th ASSEMBLY OF EUROTARY 87
HELD AT OXFORD ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20th 2015**

1. **Welcome:** Peter Jones, Eurotary 87 President and President of the host club, Haddenham & District, welcomed those present. He relayed a message from Area 1090's District Governor, Fred King, sending his regards and noting that Eurotary 87 is one of Rotary's best-kept secrets.
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Einar Thrap-Olsen and the Golfe de Fos Rotary Club.
3. **The Roll Call of Clubs** attending along with exchanges of banners and gifts followed: Korsør Nor, Kolbäck, Wreake Valley, Etwall & Hilton, Langenhagen-Wedemark, Westerlo, Haddenham & District, Bayreuth-Eremitage, Albrighton.
4. **Minutes of the 23rd Assembly AGM** at Golfe de Fos were approved with the following matters arising noted in section 6 below.
5. **Matters Arising Not on the Agenda** Peter Dalton (Wreake Valley) said he was saddened at the lack of interest shown by the majority of 1987- chartered clubs. He reported pressing Barcelona Diagonal which would be an attractive venue for a future Assembly. Peter Jones reported that Haddenham had written to many clubs in the run up to this Assembly.
6. **Report on the BAO-PAO, a new musical instrument** (using laser beams to generate musical sounds), a humanitarian project sponsored by the Golfe de Fos Rotary Club. A message was given from President Sylvie Pernot to thank E87 for the financial support given by Rotary Clubs in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and the United Kingdom which was pledged at the Fos Assembly in 2014. This Bao-pao is a new kind of musical instrument that works in conjunction with a computer and was developed in Marseille. It has already achieved spectacular results with disabled children and adults. Golfe de Fos have donated one of these expensive instruments and the 2014 E87 donations helped considerably, together with a grant from their District 1760.

7. **Host Club for 2016 Assembly** Bayreuth-Eremitage's offer to host in 2016 was welcomed and formally accepted.
8. **Host Club for 2017 Assembly** Korsør Nor 's offer to host in 2017 was welcomed and formally accepted but will be brought forward to earlier in September (the 8th to the 10th) than usual.
9. **Presentation of the Rotary Club of Haddenham & District's International Humanitarian Project** The club's International Chairman Ken Elphick introduced and talked about the project which aims to fund project that provides funds for two schools in Moshi in Tanzania with whom the club works. The project will provide and set up a chicken business providing eggs which can be sold commercially in local markets. This will provide a sustainable source of income the schools. £4500 (€5600) has been raised so far. A smaller project at these schools is to create gardens to grow vegetables to vary their diet and provide books on nutrition. The projects also seek to create a blueprint for a larger Global Grant project in the future.

Following the presentation the project was approved for Eurotary 87 support and the clubs present pledged €500 (Langenhagen and Westerlo), £350 (Wreake Valley, Kolbäck, Korsør and Etwall & Hilton) and £500 (Bayreuth).

10. **Any Other Business** Peter Dalton proposed Wreake Valley as hosts in 2018, perhaps in partnership with Barcelona Diagonal Rotary Club and a venue in Barcelona. A Proposition to Investigate was supported for Peter Dalton and Peter Jones to investigate. However, Frank Readman (Haddenham) pointed out that it should be held Great Britain's turn to host. It was further agreed that it should be an item on next year's Assembly AGM agenda.
11. **Handover of Eurotary 87 Presidency** The baton was formally handed over to Andreas Haupenthal, of Bayreuth-Eremitage Rotary Club who was inducted as next year's Eurotary President.
12. **Presentation of Eurotary 87 Programme of 2016, Hosted by Bayreuth-Eremitage.** The Bayreuth club outlined an excellent programme for 22nd to 25th September 2016. Highlights include a reception at the Town Hall where the mayor is a member of the club, followed by an Oktoberfest event (beer, music and celebration) in the evening. On Saturday there will be tours of the Baroque city of Bayreuth, including the rather later Wagner's Opera House, and in the evening a Gala Dinner at the Heremitage Old Palace.
13. **Closing Remarks** Peter Jones, the 2015 E87 President drew the proceedings to a close and thanked everyone for coming to Oxford and along with Andreas Haupenthal, the new E87 President hoped to see everyone and more in Bayreuth in 2016.