VIRTUAL EJTA AGM Friday 16 October, 10.00-12.00 CET



NEWS AGM 2020

Dear EJTA-colleagues and friends,

First of all I would like to express my sincere hope that all of you and your family, friends and colleagues are in good health.

On June 25th I wrote you a mail, saying:

"At the beginning of September the Board will meet to see if it is possible to organise an AGM as a real live event in November. If not, it will be a virtual General Meeting or something in between. We will inform you about this as soon as possible."

At that time there was some optimism about the chances that Covid19 would get less active. Now we know that in most countries the number of infected persons is unpredictable as they keep going up and down, not seldom with an upward trend.

The Board has therefore decided to skip the idea of having a live event and to organize a Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM). It will be held on:

Friday 16 October, 10.00-12.00 CET.

You will find the Agenda and Documents here.

The agenda also mentions the link to the video platform that we will be using for this virtual AGM and how to run a quick tech check beforehand.

There are two issues on the agenda that I would like to highlight:

1. Election New Board Members.

As was communicated, there are three vacancies and we are very happy that there are

three candidates: Anne Leppäjärvi, Carien Touwen and Tiko Tsomaia. This means that they can be appointed by acclamation. If you want to object to this procedure or you want to vote against one of the candidates, please let me know before October 1st.

2. EJTA Strategy 2020-2025.

We had to postpone our Strategy discussion to our next live AGM, which will be in May 2021 in Vienna. The main question is simple: what do you expect from EJTA in the next 5 years? We would like you to send your ideas and suggestions to Nadia Vissers (director@ejta.eu) before December 1st 2020.

Nobody knows how long the COVID-situation will last. The Board finds it important that we all stay in touch and keep discussing the themes that are important for journalism education, for instance: how to deal with blended or distance learning during a pandemic? Nadia Vissers will set up a series of online discussions. The first one will be on:

Friday 13 November, 12.00 - 13.00 CET.

More information will follow, but please put this date and time in your agenda right away.

Dear EJTA-members, I really hope that all of you will be able to join our virtual AGM on Friday October 16th. It will be my last AGM as your president. After the AGM, our great colleague Eric Nahon (IPJ Dauphine, Paris) will take over.

My very best wishes,

On behalf of the EJTA Board,

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Dr. Nico Drok

President EJTA











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