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TERENA General Assembly meets in Rhodes, Greece

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The TERENA General Assembly held its 21st meeting on 10-11 June 2004 in Rhodes, Greece, following the TERENA Networking Conference 2004. The meeting was hosted by GRNET, the Greek national member organisation of TERENA.

The meeting welcomed 3Com Corporation as a new associate member of TERENA. It also admitted RED.ES as the new national member for Spain, replacing CSIC. The meeting decided to terminate the TERENA membership of the national members from Iran and FYRoMacedonia as well as the associate membership of KPNQwest, unless payment of part of the outstanding membership fees would have been received before a specified date.

The General Assembly received the Annual Report of the TERENA Executive Committee on the year 2003 and adopted the financial accounts of that year.

Lajos Bálint (HUNGARNET, Hungary) was appointed TERENA Treasurer for a two-year term of office. He succeeds Agathoclis Stylianou (CYNET, Cyprus), who had served as TERENA's Treasurer for the maximum period of four years.

The General Assembly heard updates on the TERENA Technical Programme and on the preparation of the next TERENA conference. TERENA Executive Committee member Marko Bonač presented a brief update on EURid.

The meeting discussed possible changes to the TERENA Statutes and the TERENA Rules & Regulations. These ideas aim to increase continuity in the composition of the TERENA Executive Committee by lengthening the terms of office and introducing a schedule such that terms would end in different years. Another idea was to amend the size of the TERENA membership fees for national research network organisations from countries that have a small domestic product both in absolute terms and per capita. Proposals for these amendments of the official TERENA rules will be prepared for the next General Assembly meeting.

Finally, the General Assembly discussed the future evolution of TERENA and its collaboration with DANTE and the NREN PC.

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