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TERENA General Assembly meets in Limassol, Cyprus



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The TERENA General Assembly held its 22nd meeting on 21 October 2004 in Lemesos (Limassol), Cyprus. The meeting, which was combined with a meeting on the following day about the current procurement for the new GÉANT2 network, was hosted by CYPNET, the Cypriote national member organisation of TERENA.

The General Assembly admitted the University of Belgrade – AMREJ as a new national member of TERENA, representing Serbia and Montenegro.

The meeting adopted a number of changes to the statutes of the TERENA association. According to the amended statutes, the terms of office of members of the TERENA Executive Committee will be three years instead of two years as previously, and there will be a fixed schedule of resignations. The changes in the statutes also open up the possibility for a wider set of international organisations to become an international member of TERENA.

The meeting heard progress reports about the TERENA Technical Programme and about TERENA's activities in the organisation of conferences and workshops. TERENA President Dorte Olesen presented the TERENA Executive Committee's Activity Plan for the year 2005, which contains its strategic vision on the organisation.

The General Assembly adopted a change in the fee and voting system for national members of the organisation. The new system introduces a new category of national membership for members from countries with a very small gross national income. It also introduces reductions in the membership fees for countries that have a small gross national income and that are not classified by the World Bank as a high-income economy.

Finally, the General Assembly adopted TERENA's budget for the year 2005. In order to partially compensate for the continuing inflation, it was decided to raise the unit membership fee from 4,700 euro to 4,800 euro.

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