



Monthly European Committee Report

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October was a month when the 6th European annual event was held.

Due to current situation in the world it took place virtually on Saturday 3rd October between 10am and 9pm. The event programme included seven meetings of talks and workshops on the topics like service, sponsorship and traditions. It is important to point out that this was first virtual European event ever held and we did not necessarily know how many participants it might attract.

The European Committee members gathered in Malmö to make sure the event is run smoothly on a day and for the opportunity to attend the working session in person on Sunday 4th October. We have discussed the strategic goals of the committee and how to obtain them as well as got to know each other better which no doubt would be greatly beneficial for the productive work of the committee. We are pleased for the opportunity to meet in person because it made much easier to facilitate the event by being together and we believe we avoided many potential mistakes.

We actively encouraged people from around Europe to take part in the event whether it's by attending, speaking, leading a workshop or doing a service. Participants from more than 10 countries were involved in making this event happen and we estimate that fellows from at least another 15 countries have attended it.

Some of the countries that participated in the event were:

Poland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Lithuania, the UK, Greece, Estonia, Romania, France and a few more. And, of course, the United States and Canada. The European fellowship is not alone, we are part of the ACA world community.

According to the Zoom stats, there were over 500 unique listeners who joined the event at some point during the day. We think that there were more than the stats suggest because some fellows had gathered to listen to the speakers and workshops. Although there are still room for improvement, we're very delighted with the result and we believe that it brought the European fellowship even closer.

All meetings have been recorded and we're now in the process of listening and editing them so they are good to be published on our website. They will be available to download for free.

One of the program topics was a panel discussion about the European region and it got lots of interest. In November we are planning on sending an email to all European IGs about the possibility of creating a region. Then we will hold our first meeting about the process of how to make this happen. Everyone who is interested will be able to attend it and we'll share the information and try to answer all queries about becoming a region.



The new thing this year is that the non-English speaking countries can now receive the proposals for ABC if they wish to translate them into their own languages. When WSO analysis is ready they can translate them too. This process allows all countries 2 months to translate before sending them to the groups at the same time as WSO sends out the proposals.

Please contact the European Committee if you would like to receive these in advance for translation.

Unfortunately, our treasurer has stepped down as she currently due to personal reasons is unable to commit to doing service in the European Committee. Also the position of the secretary is vacant.

We are urgently looking for people who are willing to do service.

The guidelines and description of the service positions are available on request. Please feel free to contact the European Committee Chair Fredrik for more information.

Contacting us does not mean that you have to say Yes to service.

Email: ec-chair@acawso.org

You will find our contact information on the website:

<https://acawsoec.org/contact/>

Feel free to contact us if you're interested.

The Committee now has the following members.

Fredrik (SWE)	Chair
Hasse (DEN)	Literature Chair
Marjo (FIN)	Web/ITI
Irma (UK)	Service Sponsor Coordinator.
Markus (SWE)	MPS/Vice Web

Vacant service positions are:

Treasurer and Secretary

Vice chairs for all except IT/web

Gratefully submitted

Fredrik H, Chair of the EC