

Result of evaluation (based on forms received)

General information

Meeting type: Executive Committee

Dates: 25-28 September 2007

Venue: Etchmiadzin, Armenia

Total number of members: 26

Number of participants: 22

Number of evaluation forms received: 13

Statistics for the quantitative indicators

I.	Do you agree with the following ?	Fully		Partially		Neutral		Not really		Not at all		Other	
			%		%		%		%		%		%
1	The time and quality of the sharing among the members strengthened our community life together.	11	85%	2	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	The context and place of this meeting has contributed to a greater ecumenical understanding and for our work together.	12	92%	1	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	I feel that I have contributed to the discussions	6	46%	5	38%	2	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	The officers have contributed to the collegial way and have helped us in our decision making.	8	62%	5	38%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	The process for reaching decisions was done in a spirit of consensus and sharing in a common vision.	8	62%	4	31%	1	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Discussion on WCC programmes was efficient and led to fruitful results.	4	31%	6	46%	2	15%	-	-	-	-	1	8%
7	I feel ready to accompany the work and to interpret the work of the WCC to the churches, after this meeting.	7	54%	4	31%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	15%
8	Sufficient and timely information was received from the secretariat in preparation for decisions to be taken.	8	62%	5	38%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	There is an effective link between the executive committee and the central committee.	5	38%	5	38%	1	8%	-	-	-	-	2	15%
Overall average		7.7	59%	4.1	32%	0.7	5%	0.0	0%	0.0	0%	0.6	4%

Responses to the narrative assessment

No.	Question	Response
A.	What have you learnt from this meeting that would be useful for further meetings?	<p>I have learnt that meeting outside Geneva could be very helpful particularly in learning about the expenses of our churches and strengthening fellowship.</p> <p>The interaction with local church leaders is my goal. I appreciated the experience of the local Armenian experience.</p> <p>Venue, atmosphere, open discussion, visiting different chapels.</p> <p>My first meeting so all is new</p> <p>Executive Committee meeting and visiting churches.</p> <p>History, church history and society of member church Armenia.</p> <p>Programme committee work needs to be planned better in order to receive good results. Reporting must be started earlier. Documents need to have a clear list of questions in which the staff are seeking for advice.</p> <p>The unity of the Executive Members, staff of the WCC.</p> <p>Good level of exploration of the life of the local church. An important sharing of news and events in the beginning.</p>
B.	Are there issues that need to be addressed in the way this meeting has functioned? (If yes, please list them).	<p>I appreciated the experience and hospitality.</p> <p>Equal sharing of moderatorship.</p> <p>More time for committee deliberations and equal information level and staff assistance provided to all committees.</p> <p>See note on functioning of the programme committee (see comment on question 6 below).</p>
C.	How has the practical/logistical organization provided by the WCC staff contribute to the success of this meeting?	<p>The practical logistics particularly helped us in the area of preparation for travel and psychological adjustment.</p> <p>The staff did great work for us and I appreciated the logistical arrangements.</p> <p>The staff make things perfectly and are at hand.</p> <p>First class.</p> <p>Travel was rather difficult but unavoidable.</p> <p>Yes, staff's contribution was helpful for discussion.</p> <p>Wonderfully! You did an excellent job considering we were not in Geneva.</p> <p>Positive.</p> <p>The logistical arrangements were excellent, given the difficulties arising from the local economic situation.</p>
D.	How is the evaluation process clear and useful for a better functioning of the Executive Committee?	<p>It is useful in monitoring the quality of meetings and adjust where necessary.</p> <p>It is helpful in enabling us to improve in area of weakness and concern.</p> <p>It really pushes us to contribute.</p> <p>The form can be improved. The evaluation process to start earlier than this time.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>I like this form.</p> <p>That, from my point of view will only be seen in the future.</p>
E.	Do you have any additional comments you would like to make ?	<p>Good efforts by all staff and ExCom.</p> <p>Armenia has good food.</p> <p>The WCC staff contributed much to the Executive Committee.</p>

Other comments given

Comment
<p><i>Comment on question 9:</i></p> <p>Am not clear.</p>
<p><i>Comment on question 8:</i></p> <p>Fully agree that information was sufficient but partially that it was provided timely.</p> <p><i>Comment sent by mail:</i></p> <p>Given all the very positive evaluation marks above, I do need to add one critical comment:</p> <p>The work and the conditions for the work of the Programme Sub-Committee were unsatisfactory. Apparently there was no agenda prepared by the staff and no clear guidelines for the issues to be dealt with. There was no recollection of comments from the plenary discussion on the Programme report, Doc. 8 to be handed over to the Sub-Committee. There was not sufficient support from staff during the committee-work. It was not acceptable to leave to one of the youngest persons to write the minutes (a sensible and very difficult task) without any extensive support from staff. Without having been part of this sub-committee it is my impression that the senior staff connected to this work kept an unreasonably low profile during the committee-work, because they might have different interests and priorities. But that is not an acceptable situation. There ought to be agreed synergy among staff on the entire programme profile before the Executive meets – and therefore can expect the staff to be active in its involvement with committees in order to assist the Church representatives to reach at the best possible decisions.</p>
<p><i>Comment on questions 4 and 5:</i></p> <p>They could strengthen consensus model working style. We are quasi voting rather than following spirit of consensus.</p> <p><i>Comment on questions 6:</i></p> <p>According to the rules of the constitution, programme committee Rule X.3(a), they are required to ensure programmes reflect financial resources. I don't feel they have been doing this.</p>