

**Protocol of the First General Assembly (GA) of ANSOLE members held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 at the University of Yaounde 1 in Cameroon between 6 pm and 8 pm.**

The GA was attended by 37 persons from Algeria (Bouزيد Abderrazak, Louiza Boudiba, Rouabah Zahir), Austria (Daniel A. M. Egbe), Belgium (Jossen Quentin, Marthe Djuikom), Cameroon (Cesar Kapseu, Jean-Marie Ndjaka, Steve Landry Afane Ela, Armel Duvalier Pene, Bello Pierre Ngoussandou, Etienne Tchhoffou Houdji, Herve Destin Ngawa, Ferdinand Ajamah, Emmanuel Sopbue Fondjo, André Talla, Kamta Martin, Rolant Eba Medjo, George Elambo Nkeng, Oumarou Amadou Amadou), Chad (Yacoub Idriss), Congo-Brazzaville (Bernard M'Passi Mabilia), Cote d'Ivoire (Konan Kouakou, Michel Kouacou Abaka, Siaka Touré), Ethiopia (Getachew Adam Workneh), France (Bertrand Tchanche), Germany (Harald Hoppe, Elizabeth von Hauff), India (Rajkumar R.), Malawi (Chifundo Tenthani), Niger (Zeinabou Nouhou Bako), Nigeria (Adewale Sunday Mofolasayo), Sudan (Bushra Mohamed Omer), Togo (Mohou Messanh Agbeko) and Tunisia (Samir Romdhane).

The meeting was chaired by the ANSOLE international coordinator, Daniel A.M. Egbe, assisted by the co-founder of ANSOLE and regional representative in North Africa, Prof. Samir Romdhane, and by the regional representative of ANSOLE in Central Africa, Prof. César Kapseu. Practical assistance was provided by the vice-rector for international relations of the university of Tebessa Algeria Dr. Louiza Boudiba. The following minutes (main points) were written by Prof. Elizabeth von Hauff from the University of Freiburg in Germany.

#### **Report from the last year**

- ANSOLE started on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 in Sousse, Tunisia and was then officially launched in Linz, Austria in Feb 2011
- On 4.11. 2011 ANSOLE became an ITCP network with the goal of establishing an exchange program
- ANSOLE Germany e.V. was founded, it legally represents ANSOLE worldwide, with membership fees of 10 Euro for students and 30 Euro for non students.
- 280 ANSOLE members currently.
- ANSOLE is now internationally recognized.

#### **Structure and finances**

- Clear structure and finances are necessary to maintain the current momentum of ANSOLE
- Currently an advisory board (until 2013), national and regional representatives are in place
- Is a steering committee with members having specific functions now necessary in order to achieve goals?
- Vote for membership fees for all members of min. \$20/year (For - 24, Against - 1, Neutral - 1)
- Sponsorship is a necessity for the network - local and regional representatives are responsible for finding sponsors

## **Tasks and goals**

- The tasks of the advisory board, regional and national representatives are clearly defined on the ANSOLE website. They should become active in collecting information about regional companies, institutes, representatives relevant for ANSOLE and also spreading the information about the network to these contacts
- Regular reports should be submitted by national representatives. These reports should be shared and made available throughout the ANSOLE structure
- A matrix which is visible to members should be established .
- The suggestion came to translate the ANSOLE website into French in order to reach a broader audience. Maybe it makes sense to translate it into all national languages spoken in Africa.

## **Exchanges**

- Additional sponsors to finance exchanges are necessary
- Intra-Africa exchange (INEX) program is expected to start in March

The next meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly) was planned to take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2012 immediately after the closing ceremony of ANSOLE DAYS 2012.