MINUTES OF ANSOLE’S MEETING (2nd General Assembly) HELD ON THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 2011 IN YAOUNDE -CAMEROON

The second ANSOLE General Assembly was attended by 35 persons from Algeria (Bouzid Abderrazak, Louiza Boudiba, Rouabah Zahir), Austria (Daniel A. M. Egbe), Belgium (Jossen Quentin, Marthe Djuikom), Cameroon (César Kapseu, Jean-Marie Ndjaka, Dé Loucas, Armel Duvalier Pene, Bello Pierre Ngoussandou, Etienne Tchoffou Houdji, Herve Destin Ngawa, Ferdinand Ajamah, André Talla, Rolant Eba Medjo, George Elambo Nkeng, Kinji Palcaline), Chad (Yacouby Idriss), Congo-Brazzaville (Bernard M’Passi Mabiala), Cote d’Ivoire (Siaka Touré), Ethiopia (Getachew Adam Workneh), France (Armel Oumbe, Bertrand Tchanche, Mark Vervaart), Germany (Harald Hoppe, Elizabeth von Hauff), India (Rajkumar R.), Italy (Nadia Camaioni), Malawi (Chifundo Tenthani), Niger (Zeinabou Nouhou Bako), Nigeria (Adewale Sunday Mofolasyo), Sudan (Bushra Mohamed Omer), Togo (Mohou Messanh Agbeko) and Tunisia (Samir Romdhane).

The meeting held at the campus refectory (University of Yaoundé I) between 4 pm and 6 pm was chaired by the ANSOLE coordinator Daniel. A. M. Egbe. The minutes were written by Pascaline Kinji of the Cocoa Board in Cameroon. Its main aim was to put down objectives so that members could work on their various topics.

A number of propositions were made on how to present information on the website and the kind of information to be posted on the site.

To this effect three people opted to help. They are:

- HARALD HOPPE (Germany)
- ARMEL OUMBE (France)
- YACOUB I. HALAWLAW (Chad)

In order to facilitate the flow of information in both French and English on the site, MARTHE NDUJKOM expressed her readiness to translate the web content from English into French.

As far as membership is concerned, it was agreed on having active and normal members.

Normal members are those that do not pay any registration fee while active members are those who pay the minimum sum of 20 $ and this sum is to be paid in to ANSOLE’s account (go to www.ansole.org)

The attendees reflected on how to organise next General Assemblies using modern telecommunication tools. No final decision was taken on this point.
It was later proposed that all national representatives should have ANSOLE email addresses so as to ease communication and continuity.

The coordinator further asked members to send in their suggestions on how they think ANSOLE should function to him (Daniel.egbe@ansole.org) in three weeks time so that he can put them together before disseminating among the members.

Professor MOUHOU from Togo suggested topic for members to take home and think over. He suggested that;

- While at home members should think of how to inform their National authorities about the importance of the solar system.
- How it should be done
- Representatives should think of getting in contact with solar system dealers (especially those who deal with solar panels) and see if they can be sold at cheaper prices.
- Members (researchers) should think of collaborating with other researchers of their respective national territories.

Furthermore, an ANSOLE journal was proposed and was promised to be made possible by the coordinator within the next five years.

Concerning scholarships, the coordinator asked members to find out how scholarships are awarded in different African countries so as to know how to organise and offer scholarships within ANSOLE.

The meeting ended at about a quarter after six o’clock (Cameroon time) with members looking forward for the next ANSOLE days which were earlier announced to take place in SOUTH AFRICA.