

# International Grand Lodge of Druidism



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*Dear Brothers and Sisters throughout the world,*

we have now reached the end of 2nd quarter of 2009 and therefore we now send a quarterly report of how the recent progress has been - and what we expect will happen in the short or slightly longer runway.

## **Website**

We have received many requests to secure our website and get back to use it as expected.

We can say that the previous site - [igld.org](http://igld.org) is put up for sale for 750 EURO - we are now trying to simply get in and re-purchase. For safety's sake we have bought the rights to "www.igld.info" and we will see which of the 2 websites which will be our official face internally and externally.

We are very pleased with the positive indications we have received - not at least from our Swedish brothers - who have indicated that they will help ensure that the website will be updated and used for the intended purpose. Lovely fraternal spirit, which we appreciate - and we will very soon begin to take advantage of.

## **Decisions in Munich / Laws and regulations**

All who attended the World Congress in Munich can remember that not all was joy.

Fraternity was the first - and we had the sound - both at meetings and under the joint events we all did participate in.

However, from the Scandinavian countries, a widespread desire to change things - not least to ensure that the costs to each country in relation to membership of IGLD used to extend the order across the world, and not so much on internal meetings.

The proposals from the Scandinavian countries were summarized in 7 points:

1. Every affiliated Order/country pays €100 a year to the IGLD. This is to cover stationary, marketing, regalia etc. Additionally €1 is paid per financial member of IGLD to a fund for extending druidism to new countries.

2. Every paying Order/country has one vote and one additional vote for every one hundred or part there-of financial members of IGLD.
3. A World Congress is held every fourth years.
4. The country in which the Congress is to be held nominates/elects the Grand President. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the period from the last Congress until the next one. The Past President functions as advisor and consultant. The Officers shall be Officers in the National Order.
5. All communication will be via telephone and e-mail. Telephone conferences, preferably via computer-aide (Skype, MSN etc) when Grand President wishes.
6. Every affiliated Order/country elects one Grand Vice President who will be officers in the Executive Council. They too communicate via e-mail and/or telephone.
7. The only task for the Officers in point 4 is to arrange the World Congress.

Therefore, the Scandinavian countries had drafted a proposal for new laws - and this proposal was considered and largely accepted.

When I write - largely - it is because unfortunately there is a transcript of the negotiations, and this fact has contributed to that we have not sent out the new laws to all IGLD-members.

We do so now - with little clarification that laws may be slightly different in the final design - but we believe it is important for us all to know the basis and purpose of IGLD.

We are aware that the new laws and regulations are not generally known around, and we therefore attach the new laws so that everyone can become familiar with them.

One of the most significant changes is the management of IGLD must come from the same country - or the same geographical area. Therefore, the president and secretary are from Denmark and the grand-treasurer from Norway.

### **Economy**

Our treasurer has now, based on the decisions in Munich, started sending bills - for 2008 in which individual countries are still paying - and for 2009.

IGLD has a wealth of approx. 40,000 EURO - and will in 4-year period 2009 - 2012 generate revenue of approx. 15,000 EURO.

There will be costs for website, postage, telephone and a few trips - and all those costs should in principle be covered by revenues from the affiliated orders - a total of approx. 4000 EURO for a 4-year period.

All the income related to the Brothers quota will be charged separately, and will be used for druidism spread throughout the world.

We are pleased to show the budget and plans in one of the next quarterly reports.

### **World Congress 2012**

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As you might remember from our lovely meeting in Munich, it was also decided that it is Denmark who conducts the World Congress in 2012.

We are obviously pleased - and we are looking forward to show you all the lovely Denmark and Copenhagen.

Based on the experience in spite of everything already gained, we have for economic reasons decided that the Congress will only have a duration of 4 to 5 days. Start will take place on Wednesday (30 May 2012) - and as usual, stop Sunday (3 June 2012).

We should have assured us that there is no World Cup or - Olympic Games - or something else that can interfere with our Congress.

We will later in the year come back with more detailed information about the program, etc.

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