According to the Agenda that was sent to all members, on April 19th, 2010, at 15:00 hr, President Peter BECKER opens the UIB Board meeting in Chania – Crete, Greece.

The following Delegates participate:

(See Annex)

The following Delegations had excused their presence in this meeting:

- Austria
- Denmark
- Italy
- Mexico
- Norway
- Russia
- Switzerland

Furthermore, due to the volcanic ash cloud from Iceland, the following Delegations had to cancel their participation in today’s meeting:

- Albania
- Belgium
- Finland
- Hungary
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Sweden

1. Welcome and President’s remarks

President BECKER begins his welcoming speech:

“Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen:
I welcome you to this meeting of our UIB Board in Chania (Crete).

I am really happy that you could all respond to the invitation of our friends from the Greek Federation of Bakers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Michalis MOUSIOS and all his team for the welcome we have been offered in Chania, and I know they are doing their best in order to make as efficient and pleasant as possible our encounter in this beautiful island.

This is the first time ever in our UIB history that we have to face a special situation being that most of the Delegates who had planned to attend this meeting have had to cancel their trips, due to the air traffic restrictions.

You will notice that we are having simultaneous translation in English, Spanish, German and Greek, in each and every one of our meetings. I take this opportunity to salute the interpreters, and to wish they carry out an outstanding job.”

At the President’s request, a round of applause is offered to the interpreters.

“First of all, let me offer to our Polish friends, on behalf of all UIB members, our deepest condolences for the tragic accident that has cost the lives of the President of the Republic of Poland and the members of the official Polish Delegation to Katyn. We have already sent our warmest sympathy, together with our prayers to President BUTKA and Honorary President SZYDŁOWSKI.

Delegates from Brazil, CIPAN, France, Germany, Greece, Spain and Turkey are attending this FORUM.

You have received on time from the Secretariat-General all the necessary records for this meeting. Apart from that, the Presidium has met this morning and has made some proposals, which will be submitted to this Board meeting.

Are there any remarks, applications or propositions regarding the Agenda of this Board meeting?

If there are not, before I proceed, I’d like to welcome the following persons:

- Mr. Mousios, President of the Greek Federation of Bakers
- Dr. Dorina Sialvera, who will talk about "Mediterranean Diet"
- Dr. PSILAKIS, who will report us on some historical issues concerning bread.”

At the President’s request, a round of applause is offered to them.

“And now, I want to ask the Greek President, Mr. MOUSIOS, to address us all:”

Mr. MOUSIOS insists in the problems caused by the volcanic ash cloud from Iceland, that has prevented most of the Presidents from coming.
Nevertheless, UIB has been developing its work and we will be informed at this meeting.

President BECKER continues his opening words:

“The following Associations have apologized for not being able to attend this meeting: Austria, Denmark, Mexico, Norway, Russia and Switzerland.

Vice-president SUTTER has not been able to come due to a serious illness of his son’s, though we have been informed that he is fortunately recovering.

And I regret to inform you that we have no news from our Irish friend Patrick GARVEY, even though the Secretary General has tried to contact him quite many times. Anyway, we know that he is reading the mails we are sending to him, so we wish that he will be able to attend our next meeting in Poznan.

If you agree, I want to ask our Secretary General to convey our best wishes, together with our prayers, for a swift and full recovery both to Patrick and to Kaspar’s son.

Since you have been receiving our UIB Newsletter, you have been updated on our activities, as well as those of our member Federations.

And, having reached this point, I have to tell most of you off for not sending any piece of information about the activities that are being carried out by your Federations. I think that our Newsletter is an excellent information tool for all of us, so I must insist that you send your news.

I would like to stress that, since our last Congress/Board meeting in Düsseldorf, I was active in:

- Visiting the following countries: France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Thailand, Turkey, USA and Vietnam. And, from May on, I will start my round of visits to promote the next iba Exhibition.
- Meeting in Berlin with the Secretary-General and a Notary-Public able to speak Spanish, in January. Everything is now ready for the proper inscription of the UIB in the National Register of Associations belonging to the competent Ministry of the Spanish Government, only subject to the signing of the necessary documents by the President and the Secretary-General in Berlin, in the presence of the said Notary-Public.
- Taking part in the Commission “Organisation” meeting in Budapest, last February. We also had the opportunity to participate in the International Conference organized by Vice-president ILONKA, where we could meet the President of the Slovakian Federation, as well as visit UKBA - HUNGEXPO.
- Meeting with the Secretary-General in March in EUROPAIN – Paris. We were guests of the French Confederation and had the opportunity to meet the President of the Algerian Federation of Bakers. I want to compliment Vice-
president VABRET for the Competition of Master Bakers that took place during the Exhibition.

Thanks for your attention and I officially open the UIB Board meeting in Chania (Crete).”

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Board meeting of October 07th, 2009, in Düsseldorf, Germany

The draft minutes were drawn up in English, Spanish and German, and then sent to all the UIB members.

No amendments or remarks have been made until now. Are there now any remarks?

Who wants to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 07th, 2009 in Düsseldorf (Germany), shall testify it by hand sign.

Resolution: The minutes of the Board meeting of October 07th, 2009 in Düsseldorf (Germany) are unanimously approved, with thanks to the author

3. Report on the Greek Bakery Sector

President BECKER says that, as agreed in Luzern, there will be special reports in every meeting. Today, attendants were to be offered two short reports and a lecture on the specific issue to which this Forum is dedicated: Mediterranean Diet

- The first report will be made in this Point by the President of the Greek Federation of Bakers, on the current situation of the Bakery Sector in Greece.
- The second one was to be made in Point 11 of the Agenda, by UIB past-President Bert KOLKMAN, dealing on the current situation of the Vocational Training System of the Bakery Sector in Holland; but, as he has not been able to attend this meeting, due to the air traffic cancellations, it will be postponed until our Congress in Poznan.

- Finally, in Point 14 of the Agenda, Dr. Dorina SIALVERA will talk about "Mediterranean Diet" and Dr. PSILAKIS will report on some historical issues concerning bread.

President BECKER asks President MOUSIOS to begin his report, which he does as follows:

“The Greek Bakery Sector comprises 15.000 bakeries, employing 150.000 people.

During the Decade 1990-2000, the per capita consumption per year was 65 kilos, today is in the 70 kilos. This 5%+ increase is owed to three basic reasons:
1) The financial immigrants. From the middle of the '90 decade, a large amount of immigrants entered Greece and, based on the fact that bread was the cheapest good, immigrants contributed to the increase of consumption.

2) The continuous efforts of the Greek Federation of Bakers during the last 15 years, accomplished to a great degree by the fact that we have brought down the fable that bread puts on weight.

3) The spectacular improvement of the quality of bread and also the increase of the range of products. Each bakery produces daily today even 30-40 types. Ten are the basic types, three are what distinguishes and have the bigger preference among the consumers.

The main competitors of craft-based bread making in Greece, are the supermarkets and the frozen, pre-baked bread. They only possess 5% of the market share, the rest 95% is still kept in the hands of small or medium bakers. They have however an important advantage and control the 95% of production of bread of toasty slices and 'rusks'. They have accomplished that for the last 20 years.

We make great efforts to enter in this market as well, to produce bread of toasty and to gain share from this market.

In the past few years we achieved certain important steps in the legislative regulation of certain subjects. The Greek Government voted a law that separates evidently the fresh bread from the frozen. The frozen bread-bake off is not allowed by the law to be called fresh or to be used generally the term fresh or freshly baked. It is now officially named preserved bread from frozen or pre-baked dough.

That was a great achievement for the Greek bakers and put some barriers to the uncontrolled extension of supermarkets.

Bread is relatively cheap concerning other foods, there does not exist the intense competition (in the subject of price) between the small producers and the supermarkets. Many times over the supermarkets the bread is sold more expensively than the small producers sell it.

We cannot comment on the fact that there is an immediate danger for the craft-based bread making. The economic crisis has not influenced considerably the branch, nor in the consumption of products neither the income of our shops.

We have a lot of work to do in order to empower the know-how of our colleagues and their education. We face a great lack of working hands. The two Government-owned Faculties that function in Greece, do not provide great important knowledge, and despite the fact that in Greece there exist enough private schools of bakery that do not fulfil what we require. What we aim at directly is the creation of a Faculty of bread making or an Institute of Bread making according to the models of the French Federation's well organised Institute. We would need help and support of all members of UIB and mainly Switzerland and France, as they have tradition and experience on this subject.
As far as the production of bread is concerned, all the Greek bakers follow the traditional method in Greece. 10-15 years ago, the small bakers had tried with instruments to improve their work and to produce more varieties. This had as result the bread of artisans of bakers of reaching near to industrialized and of losing share of market.

Today exist a return to the traditional method of bread production a “return in the roots”, most bakeries have made turn in the slow fermentation, in the slow maturation, in the slow traditional process of production of products. Most are hand made products. The raw materials that we use are of better quality, we have much better quality flour but also the other auxiliary materials that we use (margarines and butters) in Greece and the big companies of Europe that collaborate irreproachably with the craft-based bread making, the companies that participate in the FEDIMA, the base however are the hand made traditional products.

We have not only made one campaign. We celebrate the World Day of Bread, not only in the city centre of Athens, but in the provinces through the local Associations. With visits of schools in the bakeries, using regularly regional locally SME, with advertising campaign.”

President BECKER thanks Mr. MOUSIOS for his interesting report on the Greek Bakery Sector and asks him further questions about how bread is made in Greece. Then he demands if there are any questions.

Vice-president ALONSO says that they have been also developing bread promotion campaigns in Spain for the last ten years, in order to make consumers aware of the fact that bread is not a fattening food. Then he asks Mr. MOUSIOS how they are financing this specific campaign, to which the President of the Greek Federation replies as follows:

“We have enough times the collaboration of our suppliers (constructors of instruments, raw materials, etc) but also a big sum is been disposed by the fund of the Greek Federation of Bakers. The Federation has under its aegis two exhibitions: the [ARTOZA], that is organised in Athens and the [ARTOZYMA], that is organised every two years in Salonica. Both of them have a pecuniary profit for the Greek Bakers. Through this amount of money, are funded all the actions organised by our Federation.”

Finally, Vice-president PEREIRA asks Mr. MOUSIOS which is the average price of bread in Greece, to which he replies it is 2.20 Euro per kilo.

4.Commissions

Yesterday, two of the four UIB Working Commissions (“Economy and Social Policy” and “Marketing and Publicity”) could finally meet. But, due to the volcanic dust cloud, the scheduled meetings of the Commissions “Vocational Training” and
“Organisation” had to be cancelled. The latter had met in Budapest last February. The Presidium has met this morning and has gone thoroughly through their proposals, taking some agreements that will be submitted to this Board meeting. Next, the Board is informed about the respective works of the Commissions:

4.1. Vocational Training

Since Vice-President Kaspar SUTTER was not coming to Chania, Director KLÄY had sent the preparations for the meeting to the Secretary-General. Unfortunately, the scheduled meeting had to be cancelled because there were not enough members present.

President BECKER will ask the Commission members to establish clear rules for the Competitions, as well as to encourage the International Exchange Programme.

4.2. Organisation

Vice-President Boldizsár ILONKA was scheduled to be in Chania, but all flights from Central and Northern Europe have been cancelled. In parallel, most members of the Commission have not been able to arrive as their flights have also been cancelled. Therefore, the programmed meeting has been called off.

President BECKER informs about the Commission “Organisation” meeting held in Budapest last February, where agreements were adopted to propose a new fee system and to cut costs by holding just one annual meeting in future (instead of the two currently established in our by-laws). This annual meeting should be full of content and, simultaneously, the work of the Commissions should be intensified throughout the year. Thus, the proposal of the Commission “Organisation”, adopted by the Presidium, is to propose an amendment of our by-laws to suppress the Board. This will be dealt with in Point 7 of the agenda.

4.3. Marketing and Publicity

President BECKER gives the floor to Vice-President ALONSO, who chairs this Commission and reports about the meeting held the previous day:

- WDB 2010 Poster. All the proposals are shown on the screen, including the one selected by the Commission, consisting of a world map where the continents are shaped pieces of bread. It was agreed that the author should be requested to include all the continents, since two are now missing. Furthermore, the year should not be shown, allowing this poster to be valid every year. Last, the poster
should be registered by UIB and distributed to bakeries worldwide. This proposal was adopted by the Presidium and is now submitted to the Board.

Resolution: The Board unanimously agrees upon the proposal made by the Presidium to select the WDB Poster, as shown above

- **Solidarity Activity.**
  It will be carried out through the Secretariat-General. A list of required machinery for bakery/confectionery has been distributed and is shown on the screen. All the equipment should be delivered through the Secretariat.

- **Questionnaire.**
  It is aimed at gathering information about bread promotion activities meant to reverse the decreasing trend in bread consumption. The questionnaire is shown on the screen.

- Finally, a report on bread promotion activities in Spain was offered to the Commission members. The main problem in Spain is that bread consumption is decreasing at an alarming rate. To fight against it, scientific communications, backed by the Bread Scientific Committee, are being broadcast to the population. Recently, in the city of Madrid, 300,000 leaflets have been distributed in the pharmacies, including a Decalogue on bread consumption and the Food Guide Pyramid.

President BECKER says that the Commission “Marketing and Publicity” is carrying out a good job. He thinks the questionnaire is very important, since it will allow to “copy” good ideas and information is a priority, even in order to save money.

### 4.4. Economy and Social Policy

President BECKER gives the floor to Vice-President VABRET, who summarizes the main topics dealt with in the Commission meeting held yesterday, and especially, the approval of the creation of an identity card for each country, which will allow to compare economic aspects of the industry and to share the various studies and scientific committees that exist on a national level in relation to the nutritional value of bread. This will offer a consolidation of the scientific information on the importance of bread in the diet through our International Union.

President BECKER congratulates Vice-president VABRET for the good work done and asks if there are any questions or remarks, which there are not.

### 5. Professional Competitions
As agreed in our previous meetings, it is essential to have a list of all the Professional Competitions being held in the different countries, so that it can be decided which of them deserve to be under the patronage of UIB. The Commission “Vocational Training” was supposed to be working to make a clear proposal in this sense, but, unfortunately, it has not been able to meet, for which reason, the Presidium has agreed to postpone this discussion until our Congress in Poznan, to which the Board agrees.

On the other hand, further to the request made by the Swiss Federation in Luzern, concerning the organization of the International Competition for Young Bakers in Switzerland, and the resolutions adopted in Düsseldorf, we have got a letter from the French Confederation, that has been discussed at this morning’s Presidium meeting. The letter is read and, according to the proposal made by the Presidium, it is agreed to answer it pointing out that the problems put forward do no longer exist, since it was only approved by UIB that the 2011 Competition would take place in Bern.

Resolution: The decision about our future involvement in International Professional Competitions is postponed until a clear proposal is made by the Commission “Vocational Training”

6. Awarding of the Prize “Baker of the Year 2010” to Mr. Andrzej Piotr Szydłowski

Unfortunately, our UIB past-President Andrzej Szydłowski has not been able to come to Chania, as scheduled, due to the cancellation of all flights from Central and Northern Europe. Thus, he will be presented with the corresponding plaque and golden badge during the Congress meeting in Poznan.

In the meeting of the Commission “Organisation”, last February in Budapest, the Awards to be granted by UIB were extensively discussed about. As shown on the screen, the Secretary General explains that, in future, there will be two different awards:

- The UIB “Baker of the Year” Award, aimed at rewarding an outstanding professional baker every year.

- The UIB “Honorary Award”, aimed at rewarding, either a person or an Institution that has shown merit in his or its work for the benefit of bakers worldwide.

President BECKER says that the Secretariat has done a good job and, referring to the “Baker of the Year” Award, stresses that, as everybody knows, the proposals for this Award must come from UIB member Associations. Every member can only submit one proposal every year, of its own choice. They must be sent, together with a full description of the merits of the person proposed, to the Secretariat-General in Madrid. There is no precast model for it, just a description is needed, as detailed as possible, of the merits of the Association’s candidate. But, despite its
importance, only one proposal has been put forward so far for the 2011 Award, for which reason it is the President’s duty to encourage all members to send more proposals. Then, the proposals received in due time (the dateline has been established on September 08th) will be discussed at the Presidium meeting in Poznan, where a final decision will be taken.

Resolution: At the President’s request, it is agreed that the names of the candidates proposed by the different Associations will not be made public

7. Motion for amending the By-laws

In the meeting of the Commission “Organisation”, last February in Budapest, it was thoroughly discussed about the best way to organize our meetings, in order to make them more interesting and ensure the largest possible attendance.

It was unanimously agreed that our current schedule of two meetings per year is quite expensive and, currently, quite a lot of members are refraining from coming at least to one of them.

On the other hand, we are realizing that Commissions might carry out a very efficient work, although it must be made sure that they meet regularly and achieve their goals.

Furthermore, since we are trying to get as many members as possible, even from far-away countries (most meetings are held in Europe), it does not seem realistic to make them travel twice a year to our encounters, even more when many of these potential new members do not have large budgets at their disposal.

Thus, the Commission thought it wiser to have only one regular meeting – Congress - per year, though it must be made sure that it is interesting enough, so that it will probably have to last longer. But it was also realized that our current Board and Congress don’t really complement each other, but they actually superimpose one with another.

So, we came to the conclusion that the By-laws should be amended, suppressing the Board and transferring its faculties either to the Congress or to the Presidium.

This item was discussed at this morning’s Presidium meeting, in order to bring a proposal to this Board and reach an agreement that allows our Secretary-General to send the proposed amendments to all our members, two months before our Congress in Poznan, in agreement to Article 35 of our By-laws. The proposal is shown on the screen and explained by the Secretary General.

President BECKER opens a discussion on this subject and, as there are no questions, asks whoever wants to approve this proposal, to testify it by hand sign.
8. Admission of new members

Currently, the National Federations of Algeria, Australia, Israel, Morocco, Serbia, Slovakia, Malaysia, Korea, the Philippines and Taiwan are interested in joining UIB.

Actually, we have received the application forms, as well as the SG Questionnaire, from Algeria, Australia and Slovakia.

Further to its meeting of this morning, the Presidium wants to propose the Board to admit the Bakery National Federations of Algeria (UNB – UNION NATIONALE DES BOULANGERS), Australia (BAA – BAKING ASSOCIATIONS AUSTRALIA) and Slovakia (CECH PEKÁROV A CUKRÁROV REGIÓNU ZÁPADNÉ SLOVENSKO) as UIB members, as from today, subject to the confirmation by the Congress, in agreement to Article 5 of our By-laws.

According to the information that has been provided, the Presidium has agreed to propose Algeria to be asked a membership fee of 2,000 EURO and Slovakia to be asked a membership fee of 300 EURO. Australia will be asked to provide further information, in order to establish its membership fee. This decision is up to the Presidium, as agreed in Düsseldorf while approving the Proportional Dues System.

President BECKER opens a discussion on this subject and, as there are no questions, asks whoever wants to approve this proposal, to testify it by hand sign.

Resolution: The Board unanimously proposes the admission of the Bakery National Federations of Algeria (UNB – UNION NATIONALE DES BOULANGERS), Australia (BAA – BAKING ASSOCIATIONS AUSTRALIA) and Slovakia (CECH PEKÁROV A CUKRÁROV REGIÓNU ZÁPADNÉ SLOVENSKO). This agreement is subject to the confirmation by the Congress.

Resolution: The Board unanimously confirms the following annual fees approved by the Presidium:

* Algeria - UNB – UNION NATIONALE DES BOULANGERS: 2,000 EURO
* Slovakia - CECH PEKÁROV A CUKRÁROV REGIÓNU ZÁPADNÉ SLOVENSKO: 300 EURO

President BECKER also wants to bring to attention that he and the Secretary-General had agreed, during their preparatory meeting in Paris, last March, to propose that one of the objectives of UIB should be to bring together UIB and UIPCG, in order to get a merger of the Bakery-Confectionery Federations (UIB-UIPCG).
The Presidium has unanimously agreed to this proposal, that he now proposes to the Board and, if adopted, the Secretary-General will contact UIPCG to set an appointment.

As there are no comments, he asks whoever wants to approve this proposal, to testify it by hand sign.

Resolution: The Board unanimously agrees to start the negotiations between UIB and UIPCG, in order to bring them together.

Vice-president PEREIRA confirms that it is already working this way in Brazil: Bakers and confectioners have joined together. President BECKER informs that he is going to meet tomorrow in Germany with the President of the German Confectioners, but he thinks that there will still be two separate Federations.

9. Information

Apart from the information provided by our members and by the Secretariat, UIB has special relations with the European Confederation of Bakers and Confectioners (CEBP), as well as with the Inter-American Confederation of Bakers (CIPAN). The Presidents of CEBP and CIPAN usually attend UIB meetings and it is customary to ask them for the information they might provide.

9.1. General discussion about activities

They have been discussed in the other Points of the Agenda.

9.2. CEBP

President Henri WAGENER has not been able to come, due to the cancellation of all flights from Central and Northern Europe, so his report has to be postponed until our next meeting.

9.3. CIPAN

President BECKER asks CIPAN President Marcos SALOMÃO to report about the news from this Confederation.

President SALOMÃO informs about the software program PROPAN, aimed at qualified business management, developed 10 years ago, with an outstanding performance in aspects such as retail shop improvement or the recycling of bakery managing skills. It takes seven months to install, one module every month. One of these modules, for instance, consists of a software kit specifically designed for waste, and has been launched in Colombia and Mexico.
He then informs that the next CIPAN Congress will be held in Buenos Aires, from July 12th to 15th. Furthermore, FIPAN, the largest Bakery Exhibition in Latin America will take place from July 20th to 23rd in São Paulo (Brazil).

President BECKER thanks President Salomão for this information.

10. Topics for the Congress in Poznan

Concerning our next Congress in Poznan, there are three main topics President BECKER wants to talk about:

First, regarding meeting organization for the future, further to the positive experience in Düsseldorf, the President and the Secretary-General had also agreed, during their preparatory meeting in Paris, that, in all Congress meetings, attending countries be requested to make a short report (strictly for no longer than five minutes) on the current situation of their respective bakery/confectionery sectors.

The Presidium has unanimously agreed on this idea. Does everybody in the Board also agree?

Resolution: The Board unanimously agrees that, in all Congress meetings, attending countries be requested to make a short report (strictly for no longer than five minutes) on the current situation of their respective bakery/confectionery sectors.

Second, it has to be decided which specific topic will be dealt with in Poznan, as well as which country will be asked to inform about its Vocational Training System in the Bakery Sector, since it is taken for granted that the Polish Delegates will report on the current situation of the Bakery sector in Poland.

The Presidium has unanimously agreed on the following proposal, which is shown on the screen: On the one hand, the topic selected for the meeting in Poznan should be “Ensuring Fair Competition for all bakeries”, since this is one of the main problems with which handcraft bakeries are being confronted worldwide. A top expert on this matter should be brought to Poznan. On the other hand, as past-President KOLKMAN has not been able to come to Chania, to present his report on the Vocational Training System in the Netherlands, he will be asked to present it in Poznan.

President BECKER asks whoever wants to approve this proposal to testify it by hand sign.

Resolutions: The Board unanimously agrees that the specific topic at the Congress in Poznan be “Ensuring Fair Competition for all bakeries”, to be reported by an expert on the issue.
The National Federation from the Netherlands will be asked to inform about its Vocational Training System in the Bakery Sector.

Third, as everybody knows, the two-year period for which Mr. BECKER was elected as UIB President ends next September. The Presidium has recommended his re-election and has unanimously agreed this morning to support it. If he also has the support of the Board, it is his intention to propose to the Congress to be re-elected in Poznan, according to Article 19 of the By-laws, for a new –and last- period of two years.

Who wants to approve this proposal, shall testify it by hand sign.

Resolution: The Board unanimously agrees to support the re-election of Peter BECKER as UIB President, at the Congress in Poznan, according to Article 19 of the By-laws, for a new period of two years.

President BECKER says he is very proud of the support of the Board and thanks all its members.

11. Report about the Vocational Training system of the bakery sector in Holland

This second report would have had to be made at this Point of the Agenda, by UIB past-President Bert KOLKMAN, dealing on the current situation of the Vocational Training System of the Bakery Sector in Holland. Unfortunately, as has been reported before, he has not been able to come to Chania, due to the cancellation of all flights from Central and Northern Europe, for which reason, as previously agreed, he will be asked to make this report during the next Congress meeting in Poznan.

12. Dates

President BECKER now refers to our next meetings. He must insist that the hosting countries are required to guarantee simultaneous translation in English, German and Spanish for all the meetings (Presidium, Commissions and Congress / Board).

On the other hand, taking into account our proposal to amend the By-laws, we must take a decision about when and where to hold our 2011 Congress. We must take into consideration that, prior to the agreements we might take concerning our meetings schedule, the Spanish Confederation had invited all members to Madrid in March 2011, coinciding with the Trade Fair INTERSICOP.
12.1. Congress, September 2010, Poznan, Poland

The event will be held from September 12th to 15th, 2010, in Poznan (Poland), coinciding with an official Trade Fair. Unfortunately, the Polish Delegates have not been able to arrive in Chania, due to the cancellation of all flights from Central and Northern Europe. But, as we have already been given the preliminary programme, it is shown on the screen.

12.2. Meeting, March 2011, Madrid, Spain

President BECKER asks the President of the Spanish Confederation, Mr. ALONSO, to provide us more information, which he does, informing that Spain will adapt to the new situation, offering to host the meetings of the Presidium and the four working Commissions, as well as the possibility to visit Madrid and its Trade Fair.

12.3. Congress, 2011, date and place?

President BECKER says that it should take place in Autumn 2011 and asks if there is anybody willing to organise this Congress, but there are no proposals.

13. Discussion

President BECKER asks if anybody wants to take the floor, or has any questions or remarks, which nobody does.

14. Monographic report on “Mediterranean Diet”

President BECKER informs that, finally, in this Point 14 of the Agenda, Dr. Dorina SIALVERA will talk about “Mediterranean Diet” and Dr. PSILAKIS will report attendants on some historical issues concerning bread.

Due to flight schedules, the order will have to be changed. So, first, Dr. PSILAKIS will begin his report, which he does through a PowerPoint presentation, being offered a round of applause at the end.

Vice-president PEREIRA asks for a copy of this presentation, to which President MOUSIOS says that all the documents will be at the disposal of the attendants.

President BECKER says that, certainly, bread is a part of human culture and is a unique food, since it can be eaten at all times, while you can’t help getting fed up with every other food if you eat it continuously. He was surprised at knowing that, during the Byzantine Empire, the basileus called the invaders barbarians, since they only ate meat, as they did not know bread. This story is received with a round of applause.
Then President BECKER asks Dr. Dorina SIALVERA to begin her report on “Mediterranean Diet”, which she also does through a PowerPoint presentation, being offered a round of applause at the end.

President BECKER thanks Dr. SIALVERA, for her very interesting report, stressing her statements about the problems/disadvantages of frozen dough and the fact that “Mediterranean Diet is an antioxidant bomb” and opens a discussion.

Dr. SIALVERA, as a nutritionist, thinks that sodium intake related to bread is very moderate, but it would be useful, both for the sector and for the consumers, to have some low-salt products for those who might demand or need these kind of products.

President BECKER says that, while nutritionists recommend eating more bread, if its salt content is reduced, maybe consumers will notice less taste and solve it by adding salt butter or salami. German bakers add 2.1 – 2.2 salt content. In his opinion, it must be the consumer who decides and he is against European-level decisions or impositions.

President ALONSO reports about the Spanish experience, where a voluntary agreement was reached with the Ministry of Health, and the decrease in salt content has had no impact in consumers.

President MOUSIOS says that salt is a big problem, both in Europe and in the USA. Most people think that bread is the main food salt provider. He does not agree. The scientific community is now considering a percentage and next they will be looking at a lower one and asking bakers to keep lowering it. It has no sense to fail into the trap of saying that one kind of bread is healthy and another one is not. No study is showing that.

Dr. SIALVERA says that she agrees with President BECKER, since the good results of the study she has shown referring to cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and obesity, have been obtained from 3 daily portions of a wholemeal bread with a normal salt content.

President BECKER thinks that salt, sugar and fat content should be excluded from the regulations on Health Claims. We should all work together to achieve this goal. Our consumers are adult enough to know what they want and we must be ready to give it to them.

Dr, SIALVERA says she does not agree to not having recommendations being given by Health Authorities. She thinks they are necessary. She then says goodbye and President BECKER thanks her and asks the delegates to offer her a round of applause.

Closing Words

“Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen
We have come to the end of our Board meeting in Chania (Crete). I am very pleased with the results, considering that we have been able to agree on some important proposals for the future of our UIB. Now, it is up to the Congress to take some of the final decisions.

I am especially happy for having welcomed three new members and hope that they will get benefits from joining UIB in the future.

And, personally, I am also very satisfied to have got the full support of the Presidium and the Board in order to be re-elected as President of UIB for two more years in agreement with our By-laws. I am very thankful to all of you, and I want to remark your attention and your active participation.

Very big thanks again to President MOUSIOS and all the staff of the Greek Federation of Bakers, for their effort in organizing this meeting. I ask you to offer them a round of applause.

I am sure that most of us will come back to Crete to see our colleagues and to visit their beautiful island.

I want to thank the Secretary General and to offer him a round of applause.

And, of course, I also want to thank the interpreters with a round of applause.”

Vice-president PEREIRA wishes to give special thanks and some special presents to the Greek Federation for their welcome.

President MOUSIOS, on behalf of all the Greek Bakers, thanks UIB for having let their Federation organize this Forum here, in the beautiful city of Chania. Even though many delegates were not able to come, due to the flight cancellation problems, the presence of world bakers has been notorious and strongly felt.

President BECKER brought the UIB Board meeting in Chania to a close at 18:30 hr.