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2002 is the first full year when the AEMH is working out of the Brussels office. There is no doubt that the organisation is much more visible than before being placed in the European capital, and can take part in a more active way being situated in the CPME-building.

The closing of accounts for 2002 left the AEMH with a deficit.

This figure was not unexpected, as the Netherlands withdrew from the association in 2001, and the Belgian delegation was allowed to defer payment of the membership fee until 2003. Thanks to support from other sources as well as financial support for the Newsletter, the deficit was reduced to EUR 6371, 56, which is far less than anticipated by the revised budget for 2002.

On the expenditure side, it is again clear that translation costs, including both the human and the technical resources, still weighs heavily upon the AEMH, using 18 % of the budget.

In spite of the increased visibility by the officers on the European scene, travel costs have been kept inside the budget. This is due to the closeness of the president to Brussels, as well as the stringency shown by the officers and the secretariat in choosing ways of travelling.

The cost of running the Brussels office is well inside the budget, which the secretary must be commended for. It should be mentioned that apart from legal documents etc, virtually no translation costs are incurred any more in the daily running of the secretariat. The secretary has received an average regulation in her wages.

The balance of the AEMH is still reassuringly positive, but the association should increase the income by increasing the number of members and regulating the membership fees, as well as looking for other sources of income. This is especially important as the contribution from the VLK is now history. We thank them for their support.

The economy of the AEMH is improved by the generous invitations by the single national organisations hosting the Annual General Meetings. The Treasurer is as always grateful to the national delegations that have paid their membership dues promptly.

Although interpretation costs have been somewhat constant, considerable assets are used for this purpose at every AGM. Again, the treasurer should like to focus on this issue.

The treasurer would like to thank the secretary Mrs. Jencik for constantly updating the accounts and keeping the office in order.

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