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SV Euphorion Year Plan 2024-2025



Introduction

Board XVI aims to continue the vision outlined by Board XV. Our goal is to create a balance between daytime, nighttime and seasonal activities so all members can attend events that suit their interests and schedules.

The year plan is structured as follows: administrative matters are discussed under 'Administration', which is followed by our business plans in the section 'Business'. Matters related to membership are covered under 'Members'. Details on committees and activities can be found under 'Committees' and 'Activities' respectively.

The board is looking forward to creating a memorable year for all Euphorion members!

Administration

Member Administration:

The current membership administration systems will be largely maintained. Board XVI will investigate however how to automate the process of new member sign-ups, which is currently mostly a manual process. The board will research the possibility to automate it through databases within Wordpress and e-accounting platforms.

The membership card system will remain the same.

Formation:

The Board is composed of four (4) people. We have the following positions: Chair, the face of Euphorion; Treasurer, in charge of fiscal matters; Secretary, responsible for communication and interactions outside of Euphorion; and Commissioner of Internal Affairs, who handles internal communication and our social media.

Regarding Banks:

The previous Board XV planned and attempted to switch banks from Rabobank to SNS bank, however this was not completed due to various circumstances (mainly the banks' fault). We suggest that the next board should look into it.

New Bylaws (Statuten):

We are changing the bylaws this year. We must confirm the changes to our bylaws in the November GA. The bylaws will be made with the help of the Advisory Board. They need to be signed by a notary as well.

Bijleveld:

We shall continue our cooperation with Boekhandel Bijleveld. They will receive booklists for the upcoming blocks and they offer a member discount upon showing membership identification through our membership cards.

Domkop:

Currently Euphorion has no official contract with Café Domkop. We shall continue to uphold the current status quo, pending a revision by the Party Committee as to whether or not Café Domkop is still a suitable local for Euphorion events.

Merch:

We have a general outline on providing merch for our members. We have a provider for clothing merchandise, as well as other ideas including: reusable coffee cups, stickers, stationary items and so on, which need to have a provider be found first. Merch will carry the Euphorion Logo and will sometimes have variations in terms of colour or additional symbolism, such as pride flags or colours. A design competition will be held in block 2, as well as a survey of members to gauge the interest and desires of what merch they want. The price and costs are to be discussed and announced at a later date following the survey. Members will be expected to pay (either in full or a discounted price) for their own merch. The Board also already has their own unique merch and new tote-bags are available for members to take in the Closet.

Members

The Room:

Euphorion has a Board Room, located in room 1.14 at Drift 13, and was named “The Closet”. This room is a safe space for all members to visit during Office and Confidant hours, and acts as a sanctuary from the fast and busy life of Utrecht. We shall continue to decorate and make the room a second home for all of Euphorion and welcome additions and contributions from the association at large.

PR:*Social Media:*

Our primary social media platform has been and shall remain Instagram, where we shall announce upcoming events, share week plans and recap previous events. An alteration will be reminders of events a few hours beforehand, as to avoid members who signed up forgetting that an event is happening.

Direct Communication:

WhatsApp updates such as: the weekly agenda, important notices and events will remain the same. A possible remodelling of our WhatsApp setup (Community, sub-Groups, etc...) will be looked into.

Our Monthly Newsletter:

The newsletter shall receive a facelift and include various new features, including book and film reviews, recommendations, creative works such as poems and short stories, important news and updates as well as recaps.

Non-Members and Activities:

We welcome non-members to participate in Euphorion events and activities, with the caveat that they shall be subject to a non-member fee of €2,50 for otherwise free to enter activities. The methods of enforcing this measure are being looked into.

Office Hours:

We aim to provide office hours at least twice a week, depending on each block's scheduling. Along with that we shall continue to host confidant hours, where members can unwind and share their concerns with our Confidential Contact-Persons. Said CC-Persons must be confirmed by anonymous vote in the November GA.

Committees

The Travel Committee:

This committee's raison d'être is to plan and organise the yearly city trip and also recommend that at least one or more of the destinations for the trip is reachable without flying, as eco-friendliness is a priority for SV Euphorion.

The Party Committee:

The Party Committee has organised both borrels and party events last year, and will continue to fulfil this role. We hope that they will host monthly Borrels to bring Euphorion together in spirit (with the use of spirits).

The Literature & Film Committee:

This committee has organised many film screenings, introducing members to lesser known gems. We are excited for this to continue, but encourage that the committee also picks up on the first half of their name and includes more literary focused events in their schedule.

The Theater & Culture Committee:

The Theater and Culture committee has organised a few really amazing events, and will hopefully continue to do so. We suggest they make use of the many interesting museums Utrecht has to offer, which may help them in increasing the frequency of their events.

The Orientation Committee:

This committee is concerned with organising the introduction days for the new Literary Studies Students at the start of the academic year. It will be working in cooperation with both the new and old boards as well as the BA coordinators, with the goal of welcoming new students with a warm smile and lure them into the maul of our lovely association. It was new this calendar year and it had benefits and downsides. We will form this committee in the second semester. We will implement changes to how it was done last time to improve the committee's function. .

The Magazine Committee:

This committee is responsible for the Erato's Magazine and has produced a number of interesting editions this past year. We will continue the magazine and move it to a quarterly model. To aid in this, we will extend the time period for submissions and provide regular reminders for authors as to grow the submission pool for each edition.

Baseline: Each committee should aim to do one activity per month, and keep in mind timing and business of the members. There will be a timepoint in the second semester for old committee members to leave and for new committee members to join.

Activities

For the next year, board XVI aims to provide:

Activities Per Block:

Each Block we will offer four (4) board activities, these include: one (1) guest lecture, one (1) study session, one (1) Caracal fill-in event (Cake & Caracal) and one (1) creative evening, all designed to learn, revise, respond and relax.

Monthly Board Activities:

Also we want to offer Activities specific to the season:

Summer Walks (May, June)

During the warm summer, we hope to undertake walks through the beautiful city and surrounding country, including scenic picnics, short readings and other appropriate activities.

Transition Events (November, March, April)

In those months too wet and cold for walks and to warm for festive joy we shall offer events that don't fit in anywhere else, including swap events to get rid of old stuff and get new free things and a games night, featuring games such as Dungeons and Dragons or simple board games depending on the mood.

Winter Events (December, January, February)

In the cold dark winter, what could be better than warm cups of coffee and cocoa with fresh waffles, tosti's or cake? We aim to provide a warm space to sit and chat while the winter storms outside.

Miscellaneous Activities:

As with last year, at Christmas time we will host the traditional Sinterklaas book exchange. We will also aid the SVO/University in hosting career orientation and internship events to help students navigate their future.

Board XVI,

Emmy Swart, Chair

Amber Bader, Secretary

Aniek van Rijzingen, Treasurer

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