

Narrative Report Arab-West Foundation 2014

Board members in 2014:

Koen Vliegthart (chair)

Dick van der Steen (secretary)

Martin Schippers (treasury)

Advisors to the board in 2014

Cornelis Hulsman

Marc van Oudheusden

The Stichting AWF supports the work of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT), and Center for Arab-West Understanding (CAWU) in Egypt. Payments of Missio and Kerk in Actie in addition to other donations were received for work in Egypt. Board members provided advice concerning work and management of CIDT in Egypt. The work of CIDT and CAWU has been described in a narrative report that can be found [here](#).

Work board advisor Marc van Oudheusden

April 27, 2014 – Marc van Oudheusden meets the board of the Center for Arab-West Understanding

September 11, 2014 – Marc van Oudheusden meets the staff of CIDT to discuss the need for a Project Initiation Document (PID) for the upgrade of all websites with CIDT staff. Marc made a mind-map following the brainstorming session with staff.

CIDT has not been able to make a start with newscippings until the course Marc van Oudheusden provided on October 30 – November 4, 2014.

AWF shares in CIDT

The board agreed in 2013 to obtain 40% of the shares of CIDT Limited Liability Company but was informed in 2014 that Egyptian regulations made this impossible.

Digital Investigation

Digital Investigation, a Dutch company with great experience in dealing with internet crime, completed their report on April 1, 2014, documenting their findings. The report pointed to Egyptian IT developer Hosam Abdel Kader as the perpetrator of the crime of sabotaging all websites and database on June 27, 2013. A case was filed at the Dutch police.

Board decision to request financial support to upgrade all our websites

On April 9, 2014, the board asked Marc van Oudheusden to assist CIDT in upgrading all websites. Misereor was contacted and agreed to financially assist in this project.

Activities of Cornelis Hulsman in 2014:

Attending 1 day of seminar Justitia et Pax	8/2	Den Haag	Feb. 8 – Justitia et Pax, Den Haag
Lecture contemporary political developments in Egypt	13/3	Nijmegen	Lecture by Egyptian Ambassador in the Netherlands
Statement against Wilder's statement on the desire to have less Moroccans in the Netherlands	23/3	Den Haag	Participating with the Cairo Committee members in the Kloosterkerk
Agriculture Without Borders meeting	24/3	Nijmegen	Attending meeting to promote Agricultural development in Egypt but strongly focused around Dr. Abdelwahab Abdallah, an Egyptian with strong Islamist leanings
Cairo Overleg	25/3	Den Haag	Meeting US MB leader Dr. Abdelmawgud Dardery – tried to make us support his cause. We asked for dialogue and thus also readiness to make compromises
Thorbecke Tafel with Hans van Baalen, Liberal member of the EP	26/3	Den Haag	Importance of Egypt for the EP very limited. Focus of EU is now on the Ukraine
Report Digital Investigation points to Hosam Abdelkader as perpetrator of destruction of our database. Report filed about this with Dutch police	11/4	Den Haag	Ongoing procedure against Hosam
Talks with Arie de Boer, iFunds, KiA, Fondsenwervings Instituut about fundraising programs for CAWU	22/4	Amersfoort/Utrecht	Researching electronic fundraising opportunities

Salon d'Experts/Ernesto Braam/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs – on Christian minorities in the Middle East	June 11	Amsterdam	Exploring current position Christians in Middle East with a select group of experts selected by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Henriete Lynden lecture on Christian minorities in Middle East/ Moderator Ernesto Braam	June 12	Amsterdam	Two Egyptian and one Syrian speaker who also attended the Salon d'Experts
Meeting Eildert Mulder	June 13	Den Haag	Journalist, meeting on current developments Egypt
Hans Bemelmans	August 6	Amsterdam	Bemelmans is doing fundraising for the Dutch Red Cross. Fundraising for a large well-known organization is much easier than for a small one as CAWU
Usama Farid	August 7	Amsterdam	He called on August 6 in the early evening for a meeting the next day. He then inquired about organizing an information day about Egypt. Farid is of the MB and I asked for willingness to reconcile with government of Egypt. There are no contacts he said. Reconciliation needs in his view release of all MB prisoners. Reconciliation in his view should be initiated by the Egyptian government.
Municipal Council of the City of The Hague	August 14	The Hague	Attending municipal debate on public demonstrations in favor of and against Isis in Den Haag. The council ruled on forbidding Isis demonstrations.

Visiting Dr. Ibtimal Younis with Eildert Mulder	August 20	Oegstgeest	Talk about her own NGO
Johan Vrints from Belgian dialogue organization in Brussels visiting Cornelis Hulsman	August 21	The Hague	Talk about Muslim-Christian dialogue in Egypt
Harm Mulder on fundraising	August 22	The Hague	Meeting on crowd funding. It is possible but it needs good staff to carry this out which we do not have.
Dutch journalist Eildert Mulder	Sept 27	The Hague	Providing an update about Egypt
Celebration ten years monument of the unknown child Roses for Children	Sept 28	Arnhem	Participation
Meeting Marc van Oudheusden	Oct 6	The Hague	Discussing steps for upgrade websites
Meeting Deputy Minister of Justice Dr. Hassan Badrawy and Dr. Ayman Salama	Nov 3	The Hague	Informing Dr. Badrawi about work of AWF

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