

Narrative Report Arab-West Foundation 2018

Board members in 2018:

Koen Vliegthart (chair)

Dick van der Steen (secretary)

Celeste Voogel (treasury)

Advisors to the board in 2018

Cornelis Hulsman

Eildert Mulder (appointed in board meeting March 26, 2015)

The Stichting AWF supports the work of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT), and Center for Arab-West Understanding (CAWU) in Egypt. Board members and advisors provided advice concerning work and management of CIDT in Egypt. The work of CIDT and CAWU has been described in separate narrative reports. The Stichting is concerned about the meagre pension savings for Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil and Cornelis Hulsman as well as their debts to Egyptian tax authorities and makes efforts to address these and build up some reservations.

1. Board advisors

1.1. Work board advisor Eildert Mulder

Feedback on text Janneke Stegeman on Muslim-Christian relations. These texts were finally placed in Arab-West Report on October 29-30, 2018. Eildert Mulder also met with Kees during several visits in 2018 to the Netherlands.

2. Al-Sawt al-Hur (ASAH)

ASAH was founded by Jan Keulen and Petrus Schothorst as media monitor organization in Egypt. It was agreed that ASAH and CIDT in Egypt would cooperate together since there were lots of similarities between both organizations. As part of this agreement it was agreed in February 2015 that ASAH would be able to store 80.537 Euros on the AWF account for ASAH activities in Egypt. During 2016 € 34.592 was used for this goal. In 2017 € 30.839 was used so € 15.105 was the balance at the end of 2018.

3. Misereor

Current Misereor funding for CIDT is until 1.7.2019. CIDT selected auditor Abdallah Hiekal to audit the work carried out for Misereor. CIDT is planning to request new financial support once auditor Hiekal has completed auditing over 2018.

4. Fundraising in Christian Reformed Church

AWF received in 2018 979 Eur from the Christian Reformed Church in Den Haag. AWF presented Deputaten Diaconaat on May 29 with a request to support the work of Cornelis Hulsman in Egypt. This request was supported by the Christian Reformed Church in Den Haag that has committed itself to support the work in 2018-2019-2020 with around 9.000 Euros through collections in church. On October 30 Deputaten Diaconaat informed us that they support the work with 20.000 Euro. On December 10, 2018, Deputaten Diaconaat agreed to the operational budget of CIDT for 2019 and thus to allocate 10.000 Euro of these funds for 2019 and 19.000 Euro for 2020.

5. Accounting Adel Rizkallah

In order to make income match expenses in our budget for 2019 it was needed to reduce the time and thus corresponding costs of Adel Rizkallah to 50%. Adel's position was therefore changed from Office Manager to Financial Manager. The agreement is that additional projects should include a budget line for accounting by Adel.

6. Project with the Data Archiving and Publishing

Prof. Dr. Willem Kuiper, a friend of Arab-West Report, introduced Cornelis Hulsman to DANS to safeguard data for the future. This resulted in the CIDT-DANS database project in 2016. Completion took place on February 1, 2017.

The work with DANS formed the basis for a follow-up project with the Archdiocese of Koeln which included correcting meta data and making our database meet the criteria of University library standards so that they can subscribe to us. This work was concluded on December 31, 2018. There are definitely more improvements needed in our database, one of the most important of these is a revision of the text-types which will help to improve search.

The revisions opened the road for talks with Brill Academic Publishers. They presented AWF with a draft contract in December 2018.

7. Expanding the work of Arab-West Report

Cornelis Hulsman visited Tunisia between February 3 and 11, 2018 and lectured at the Manouba University in Tunis. An effort was made to encourage Tunisians to participate in creating data for Arab-West Report from a Tunisian perspective. The visit to Tunisia was organized by humanitarian activist Mrs Rekaya al-Hafi. She visited The Netherlands in September. AWF organized a presentation for her in the Christian Reformed Nebo Church on September 18 with the subject “working towards peace in Tunisia, Libya and Egypt.”

8. Seeking a successor in Dr. Matthew Anderson

Cornelis Hulsman visited the US and Canada between March 27 and May 16 with the purpose to attend the promotion of Matthew Anderson and encourage him to become his successor in Egypt. The promotion of Matthew Anderson was delayed and for this reason Cornelis Hulsman delayed his return flight to Cairo and in this period visited Canada for talks with his brother-in-law Raga'i Gabra Ayoub Khalil about Siwa (see below).

9. Summer school

Cornelis Hulsman and Dr. Matthew Anderson organized between June 26 and July 6 2018 a summer school for Christian-Muslim dialogue with the support of SGP Shiraka funding of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This summer school was organized at the Heliopolis University for Sustainable Development in Egypt and turned out to be high successful. The students were very diverse, excellent reporting can be found on the website of Arab-West Report.

10. Visiting Beni Suef

AWF chairman Koen Vliegthart, AWR friend Arie de Boer and Cornelis Hulsman visited the Upper Egyptian town of Beni Suef on November 9, 2018, in order to see the progress made by the local Coptic Orthodox Church in completing work that had been started by the Dutch organization World Servants. Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil was country coordinator in Egypt before returning to the Netherlands. Little progress had been made in comparison to the previous visit.

11. Open Doors

Cornelis Hulsman was asked in December 2015 to audit the work of Open Doors about their Egypt reporting. That resulted in critique on the Open Doors method of work. Cornelis Hulsman corresponded in 2016 and 2017 with Open Doors asking for a response but no responses except that they were busy and have had no time have come. This was not followed up in 2018 and needs to be done in 2019.

12. Pension Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil and Cornelis Hulsman

The 2017 annual report of AWF described the reasons of the AOW and pension gap of Sawsan and Cornelis Hulsman which brings the income of both below the Dutch subsistence minimum once they would retire. The AWF board is deeply concerned about the status of their pension and is dedicated to help them to find solutions.

12.1. Siwa Farms

In order to address the AOW-pension gap Sawsan and Cornelis Hulsman bought in 2006/2007 with financial support of Sawsan's brother Raga'i Gabra Ayoub Khalil 220 feddans of desert land in Siwa, Egypt. Efforts to develop the land were cumbersome (see annual report AWF for 2016 and 2017). Sawsan's brother Raga'i Gabra Ayoub Khalil, living in Canada, took over the management of the farm through the appointment of lawyer Moustafa Awad. Cornelis Hulsman made no site visits in 2018. A new well was drilled and 15 more feddans of land were planted with the objective to obtain in a later stage final ownership documents of the government (only given after land has been made green) and thus to be in a better position to sell the land.

12.2. Pension savings through AWF

AWF is making savings for the pensions of Sawsan and Cornelis Hulsman.

13. Taxes old CIDT (updated by Adel Rizkallah until April 16, 2019)

CIDT was set up in 2005 as a tawsiya basita company owned by Sawsan Gabra and thus tax authorities held her personally liable for tax liabilities. This created substantial problems because the accountant at that time delayed payments of taxes and with this created problems in the accountancy system that later accountants were not able to address. Sawsan Gabra and her husband Cornelis Hulsman had both no experience with Egyptian accountancy and were initially not aware of the difficulties that had been created. Kerk in Actie realized the problems and advised to close the old company and start a new company, that is the current CIDT limited liability company. This happened in 2012. Only once the old company was closed it became possible for tax auditor Aly Abdel Wanees to engage in file building and discussions with tax authorities to close the tax file of Old CIDT. This has been explained in previous narrative reports. CIDT Limited Liability Company has no tax liabilities.

The total claim of Egyptian tax authorities on old CIDT was 486,774.84 EgP. This is equal to **€ 32,362** Euro.

Cornelis Hulsman, as a consequence, has been making great fundraising efforts in 2014-2016 in order to be able to pay the taxes outside the account of CIDT limited liability.

The amounts received are:

Fund received on September 2015 from donor businessman Hulsman met and transferred through AWF to Egypt for the payment of taxes	5.000 €
• Funds received between May and July 2016 (kept as buffer at AWF):	12.235 €
Everdina Foundation	2200,-
Stichting Steun ZWO	1000,-
Jurrewitz Fund	7200,-
Friends Fam. Hulsman	1835,-
• KIA agreement (paid to AWF bank's account, and kept as buffer)	15.000 €
I. Total funds received for Tax Old CIDT	<u>32.235 €</u>

A. Amount paid to tax authorities and tax accountant:

- till end of 2017:
 - Salary Tax (60.,0000 EgP) converted to 6,305.70 €
 - A. Wanees (accountant) (47.600 EgP) converted to 4,696.34€
 - Tax people fees for Corporate Tax years (2005-2008 (30.475 EgP) converted to 3,420.31€
 - Preparation of documentation by tax accountant (2009-2012) (10.000 EgP) converted to 1,122.33€
 - Corporate Tax 2005-2008 (29.541,60 EgP) converted to 2,095.02€

Total amount paid till the end of 2017 (A) **17,639.70 €**

B. The amount paid to tax authorities and tax accountant till April 16, 2019)

- Main Contract (accountant) (7,500,00 EgP) converted to 357,14 €
- Cost court case for years (2009-2012) (5.000,00 EgP) converted to 238,10 €
- Agreement for Corporate tax 2009-2012(149.200,00 EgP) converted to 7.104,76 €

Total amount fully paid till date (April 16, 2019 (B) **7,700.02 €**

The tax authorities had made a precautionary seizure on Mrs Sawsan Gabra's personal bank account in Egypt because of the tax liabilities. This meant she was no longer allowed to take any money from her own personal account. With the payments in 2018 that seizure has come to an end.

- C. Amount remaining for payment: (known but uncertain date for payment)
 - o Additional tax for unpaid salary tax 2005-2012 (29.099,35 EgP)
converted to 1.385,68 €
 - o Additional tax for unpaid corporate tax 2006-2008 (27.103 EgP)
converted to 1.290,62 €

Total amount remaining (known but uncertain date for payment) (C) **2.676,30 €**

- D. Unsettled amount remaining for payment: (unknown and uncertain for payment, the figures given here are the maximum that might need to be paid)
 - o Additional tax for unpaid tax 2009-2012 (91.255,89 EgP)
converted to 4.345,52 €

Total amount remaining (unknown and uncertain for payment) (D) **4.345,52 €**

Total amount of liabilities [paid (A) & (B)] **25,339.72 €**

Total amount of liabilities [uncertain for payment (C) & (D)] **7,021.82 €**

II. **Total cost evaluated for Tax Old CIDT file** **32,362.00 €**

Balance I - II **32.235 - 32.362 = (-) 127**

Law No. 147 of August 14, 2018 and Regulation No. 27 of September 5, 2018 regulates that no additional tax is called for payment if the initial tax has been paid before the date of issuing that law (august 14, 2018). That is indeed our case. Tax accountant Mr. Aly Abdel Wanees filed a request to eliminate those so-called additional taxes.

April 16, 2019