



Annual Report 2013

1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013

Our Vision

To be the international association which promotes the awareness of deafblindness as a unique disability and to influence for appropriate services for people who are deafblind around the world.

Our Purpose

To support professionals (such as educators, administrators, researchers, medical specialists etc.), families and people who are deafblind to raise awareness of deafblindness. Central to our work is to support the development of services to enable a good quality of life for children and adults of all ages who are deafblind.

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The Board

In accordance with the Constitution, the Board is composed of a president, two vice-presidents, the immediate past president, and no more than thirty-five (35) other members, no more than fifteen (15) members of which being large corporate members. In addition, the Board has a secretary, a treasurer and an information officer.

The Board is responsible for advising and managing the organisation and considers and discusses all matters related to the strategic direction and operation of Deafblind International (DbI) in pursuing its objectives. The Board meet once a year with email correspondence on various issues occurring frequently throughout the year. In 2013 the Board met in Lille, France in August. The Board included:

Able Australia
Acquired Deafblindness Network
CDBA National
CBM
CHARGE Network
DeafBlind Ontario Services
EDbN
Employment Network
FESOC - Federación Española de Sordoceguera (Spanish Federation of Deafblind)
French Deafblind Consortium (ANPSA)
German Deafblind Consortium
Interfond
Lega del Filo d'Oro
Lighthouse School
Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues
ONCE - Spanish National Organisation of the Blind
Österreichs Hilfswerk für Taubblinde
Overbrook School for the Blind
Perkins International - Latin America Office
Perkins School for the Blind
Resurscenter Mo Gard
Royal Dutch Kentalis
Sense
Sense Scotland
Senses Australia
Siblings Network
Signo Døvblindesenter
The National Centre of Knowledge on Disability and Social Psychiatry (ViHS)
The New York Institute for Special Education
Usher Study Group (USG)

The Management Committee

The Management Committee (also known as ManCom) of the association comprises the president, the two vice-presidents, the secretary, the treasurer, the information officer, the immediate past-president, and no more than four other Board members. In 2013, a Development Officer position was established to ensure that the Dbl nominations process for the election of office bearers and Board members is carried out in accordance with the Dbl Constitution. The Development Officer is also responsible for succession planning and mentoring new Board members.

The Management Committee is, at the Board's request, charged with the day-to-day performance of the duties of the Board.

The Management Committee met twice in 2013. In March they met in Ahmedabad, India and then Lille, France in August, where they also met with the Board. ManCom carries out most of its functions all year around using electronic forms of communication such as email, Skype and phone calls.

The members of the Management Committee in 2013 were:

President	Gill Morbey
Vice-Presidents	Bernadette Kappen and Carolyn Monaco
Immediate Past President	William Green
Treasurer	Frank Kat
Secretary	Elvira Edwards / Matthew Wittorff
Information Officer	Stan Munroe
Development Officer	Knut Johansen

President's Report

Over the last year or so many of our individual members and organisations have been facing difficult economic times. There have been financial challenges and political unrest in some of our partner countries. It's at these times it's even more important that Dbl can continue to represent and support our deafblind children, adults, their families and practitioners who do so much to support often the most vulnerable people in our communities.

The importance of coming together, sharing knowledge and supporting each other can't be underestimated. The Management Committee and Dbl Board joined over 300 delegates at the conference in Lille in August 2013. The conference theme was Identities and Changes, Commonalities Across Deafblindness. Dbl are indebted to Dominique Spriet Chair of the Local Organising committee and Jacques Souriau, Valerie Taggiasco, ANPSA and RFPSC for the work of the scientific and planning committees.

As well as holding our usual business meetings, including our Annual General Meeting, colleagues came together at the various network events. The Dbl Networks continue to be a major influence in sharing and driving forward practice.

Given that Dbl is limited in financial resources we continue to work as economically as possible. By sharing a number of tasks at the one event we can achieve a great deal. The officers and the day to day business is largely conducted by Skype and email and it's a testament to the truly international nature of Dbl's work that key functions of the Management Committee are spread across Australia, Netherlands, Canada, USA, Austria, UK and Norway.

We also participated in a joint conference with Blind Peoples Association (BPA), International Council for Education of Visually Impaired (ICEVI) in April in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The first joint Dbl conference in Asia was in Bangladesh in 2006 so it was an immense privilege to participate in the second joint conference in India with ICEVI.

We were also delighted to participate in The World Federation of Deafblind (WFDB) conference held in the Philippines in November. This was the 10th Helen Keller World Conference and the 4th WFDB General Assembly. The conference theme was "Accessibility and inclusion for people with deafblindness in everyday life - CRPD for everyone everywhere." Our Past President William Green represented Dbl and joined over 200 delegates.

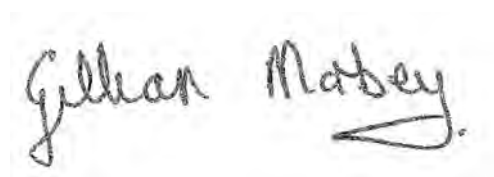
Over the course of the year we were also planning for the next world conference to be held in Bucharest, Romania in 2015. The scientific and local planning committees were established and introductory meetings held.

We continue to improve our Governance expertly led by Senses Australia undertaking our secretariat responsibilities. Our financial and audit compliance continues to be undertaken by Kentalis. We are grateful for the support of the organisations and the continued commitment from colleagues.

Our flagship publication, the Dbl Review continues to grow and our website has been developed with more to do on social media. Thanks are extended to the Canadian Deafblind Association for their continued work in this important information function.

Finally huge thanks to all our members, colleagues and friends who continue to make the work of Dbl possible.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gill Morbey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Gill" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Morbey" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. There is a small, stylized flourish or mark at the end of the signature.

Gill Morbey
President
Deafblind International

Vice President Report

It is exciting to see how DbI continues to grow. The strategic plan has helped shape our activities and allowed us to focus on the priorities identified by the Board. The professional growth in DbI and the participation of the Board has helped increase the awareness of the needs of individuals who are deafblind. During the past year I have been involved in the following activities:

Sponsorship Committee

The Committee worked with the secretariat to review the requests for assistance to attend the European Conference in Lille. The budget was divided among 5 individuals to attend the conference. After the conference an evaluation form was sent to each person to inquire about what they did with the knowledge after attending the conference. In all cases they indicated that they shared the information with their colleagues and organizations in their local communities. The follow-up evaluation is an important part of the sponsorship activities.

Awards Committee

The Committee prepared an announcement for nominations for awards to be given at the European Conference in Lille, August 2013. Marlene Daelman and Dominique Spriet received the Distinguished Service Award and David Brown received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Partnerships

I attended the ICEVI Executive Committee meeting in London in February 2013 as the representative of DbI. Our involvement helps promote the needs of individuals who are deafblind. I encouraged the members to include children who are deafblind in the Education for All Visually Impaired Children campaign.

Organizational Activity

After the Board Meeting in Lille, I started to work with Roxanna Spruyt-Rocks on a revision of the conference guidelines. This was an effort to make areas of the report clearer for the conference host and to include new items when appropriate. At this time the document is ready for review by ManCom at the Belfast meeting in November 2014.

Updated financial information and copies of recent publications were submitted to the Economic and Social Council of the UN for our application. The Council has been sending information on events at the UN and I received a document on educational issues around the world. This document was circulated to the members of the Board.

Bernadette M. Kappen
Vice President Report

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In 2013 two very successful Dbl Conferences were held. In April we collaborated with ICEVI to hold the ICEVI-Dbl 2nd Joint Asian Conference in Ahmedabad India and in August the 8th Dbl European Conference was held in Lille France. ManCom meetings were strategically held just prior to these conferences so that attendance, support and an increased Dbl presence would be possible.

A focus on Dbl Networks with regards to a system of coordination, increased awareness of the technology requirements and the development of new networks were realized during 2013. I had the pleasure of sitting in on a couple of Network meetings this year with a view to increased understanding of Network activities and their needs.

With one and a half years remaining we are making progress on achieving our Strategic Plan goals and continue to formally monitor our progress at least twice a year. A format for the board to provide feedback to ManCom on the present and future Strategic Plans will be developed prior to our final meeting of this four-year term in May 2015.

I continue to provide support to Stan with regards to the Dbl Review publication and want to thank everyone for their submissions. Much of the work being done around the world in this field continues to be written about right here in our own magazine.

A transition of personnel within our secretariat took place this year and from my perspective it was very much seamless. Thank you Matthew, Elvira, Bronte and the management of Senses Australia for everything you do for Dbl.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the awareness of Dbl and the needs of persons with deafblindness during the past year. We can and are making a difference!

Carolyn Monaco
Vice President

Secretary's Report

MEETINGS

Ahmedabad, India

In April the Management Committee (ManCom) met for the first meeting for 2013 in Ahmedabad, India. Along with establishing the new officers of the ManCom into their roles and setting forth the actions required for the year we were also fortunate to meet with the organisers of the 2nd Joint Asian Conference of International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) & Deafblind International (DbI). This was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the relationship between DbI and ICEVI through the process of collaboration.

Lille, France

In August 2013, the DbI Board and ManCom met in Lille for the annual meetings including the 2012 Annual General Meeting. There was representation from 16 countries and as a group we collaborated on the work of the Strategic Plan and set goals for the next few years. We were extremely fortunate to have the support of the corporate organisations and networks on the Board who made it possible for these leaders in their field to guide the future direction of DbI.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Significant progress was made in relation to the key actions identified in the 2012 – 2015 Strategic Plan. Over the 2013 year, the budget was more closely aligned to the Strategic Plan and this has helped DbI to achieve greater outcomes. The accomplishments have been many and some of the key achievements that involved the Secretariat included:

- Developed guidelines for dismissing members
- Followed process for selecting next World Conference host
- Called for Expressions of Interest to host European Conference 2017
- Amended MOU's with partners
- Initiated process for existing Board members to recommend new corporate members for DbI to invite, to increase membership and fundraising initiatives
- Identified tools for tracking the effectiveness of email marketing campaigns
- Updated Policy & Procedure Handbook with amended guidelines and roles
- Identified suitable sponsorship recipients for DbI events in 2013 and worked with Sponsorship Committee and Treasury office to facilitate sponsorship arrangements

CONFERENCES

2nd Joint Asian Conference of ICEVI & DbI

Following the April meeting in India, ManCom attended the 2nd Joint Asian Conference of ICEVI & DbI. The conference was a wonderful event and we take this opportunity to thank Akhil Paul and Biju Matthew from Sense International India as

well as Dr Bhushan Punani of the Blind People's Association for their invaluable support in the lead up to the meeting and conference.

Congratulations to ICEVI, Blind People's Association (India) and Sense International India for hosting an outstanding conference in Ahmedabad, Gujarat in April 2013. The theme of the conference was "Towards an Inclusive Tomorrow". Delegates from all over the world attended the event which added to the diversity of discussions. Dbl was very proud to be aligned with ICEVI on this conference and looks forward to collaborating on future initiatives.

Dbl European Conference 2013

The 8th Dbl European Conference in Lille was a wonderful conference with an innovative program generating much discussion amongst old and new friends. We congratulate the organisers for running the event so professionally and thank the beautiful city of Lille for hosting all the delegates.

The Secretariat played an integral role in the sponsoring of select people from Croatia, Ethiopia, Belgium, and Slovenia. Extensive communication between the recipients, the sponsorship committee and the Treasurer occurred to enable this process and we are pleased that the funding was far reaching. The newly developed guidelines to manage the sponsorship process were followed and this improved the efficient management of the sponsorships. Feedback was requested from applicants after they attended the event and by all accounts by attending the event the recipients have been able to share information back in their country and initiate sustainable projects in their field.

MEMBERSHIP

A diverse membership is vital to the success of Dbl. Significant work is undertaken by the Secretariat, working closely with the Treasurer to maintain current members and encourage new members.

During the Board meeting in Lille, it was decided that a promotional offer to invite new individual members to join Dbl for 5 Euros for a 1 year period would be trialed. Those members would receive an electronic copy of the Dbl Review and member news via email. We were overwhelmed by the response and welcomed over 50 new members from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Greece, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, Russia, The Netherlands, UK and USA.

Outlined in Table 1 is the status of the membership database for 2013.

Member Category	No. of current members at 1 January 2013	No. of new members in 2013	No. of members cancelled their membership in 2013	No. of current members at 31 Dec 2013
Large Corporates	13	0	0	13
Small Corporates	47	4	3	48
Mini Corporates	2	3	2	3
Individual members	90	20	18	92
Individual 1 year	0	49	0	49
Libraries	4	2	0	6
Grand total	156	78	23	211

Table 1 – Dbl 2013 membership

WEBSITE & Dbl REVIEW

Continued improvements were made to the Dbl website in collaboration with the Network Administrator and Information Officer. New functions including secure pages for member access were introduced.

Issue #51 and #52 of the Dbl Review were published and we were pleased to contribute articles and member information for inclusion.

CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IN THE Dbl SECRETARIAT

Due to growth and changes at Senses Australia, Elvira Edwards' role as General Manager Services expanded with her needing to concentrate more on the growing services and the many changes that will occur over the next few years in Australia. Therefore Elvira relinquished her role as Secretary of Dbl. Matthew Wittorff was appointed as the new Secretary of Dbl in November 2013.

MOU's

Dbl is proud to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ICEVI and WFDB. The MOU's were updated and circulated in 2013.

Matthew Wittorff and Bronte Pyett
Dbl Secretariat
Proudly managed by Senses Australia

Information Officer's Report

During this calendar year, the Canadian Deafblind Association (CDBA) was well into its fourth year managing the information function for Dbl. Under the contract signed between Dbl and CDBA, Dbl provides €24,000 each year to CDBA contract the services of the Information Officer to produce two editions of Dbl Review, manage the Dbl website and provide other information functions as requested.

Stan Munroe, employed on contract by CDBA, serves as the Dbl Information Officer and is a member of the Dbl Management Committee.

Dbl Review

During the 2013 Dbl calendar year, the Information Officer coordinated the production and distribution of two editions of Dbl Review (Number 50 - January 2013 and Number 51 - July 2013). The total costs for graphic design, printing and distributing these two editions were: €6,045 and €6,400, respectively. Printing numbers for both editions were 717 and 700, respectively. Note that the Dbl Information budget covers the graphic design costs for the English and Spanish versions of each edition; only the English version is printed. The Spanish translation of each edition is undertaken compliments of ONCE. Edition #50 was translated into French with graphic design covered by the Information budget. A Dbl special allocation covered the cost of the French translation.

This work of Dbl Review editor involves:

- seeking relevant articles about deafblindness from Dbl individual and corporate membership organizations, various international professionals, family organizations, conference participants, etc.;
- editing articles;
- organizing the placement of the material and photos for the graphic designer;
- working with the graphic designer to get the print ready document;
- working with several members of ManCom for a final edit before the document goes off to the printer;
- collaborating with the printer to ensure the magazine is published and distributed to the membership. This work also involves coordination with the Dbl Secretariat to obtain accurate lists of membership numbers and addresses (included in the magazine) necessary for the printing numbers and final distribution by the printer.

The production of this magazine is truly a huge international effort, involving a large number of individuals from many countries. Furthermore, the Information Officer assembles the material in Canada, works with the Secretariat in Australia, obtains editorial assistance from individuals in Canada and Australia, interacts closely with the graphic designer and printer located in the UK.

Dbl Website

The Dbl website (www.deafblindinternational.org) witnessed 19,215 visitors throughout 2013; 14,389 or 75% of which were unique or new visitors. This represents a 33 % increase over the total visitors in 2012. The top ten visitors in 2013 again were from the following same counties: United States (25%), UK (16%), Canada (7.5%), Italy (6.5%), Australia (6%), Spain (3.5%), Netherlands (3%), France

(3%), Germany (2.5%), and India (2.5%). The order for the top five countries was identical for the past two years.

The Information Officer and Secretariat work closely together to ensure that the website is regularly maintained and the content is as timely as possible.

In an attempt to ensure that the website satisfies the requirements of the Dbl Networks, work was initiated late in 2013 to develop website subdomains to allow the networks to have their own semi-independent sites. This will be further developed throughout 2014.

Facebook and Twitter

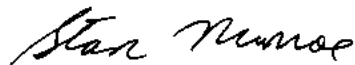
Dbl has become active in social media during 2013. Our social media addresses are: www.facebook.com/dbiint and @DeafblindInt.

From the time Dbl had a Facebook presence (April 2012 until the end of December 2013) the Facebook had **501 likes**.

- **Top Country distribution of likes:**
USA, UK, Canada, Denmark, Australia, Netherlands, India, Sweden, Brazil and Italy
- **Gender distribution of likes:** 2/3 Women, 1/3Men
- **Age distribution of likes:** 18-24 (28%); 25-34 (22%); 35-44 (28%); 45-54 (22%); 55-64 (15%); 65+ (5%)

E-Bulletin

Dbl Information launched the first edition of the Dbl eBulletin in May 2013 followed up with the second edition in October 2013. These were established in an effort to stay connected with our members and provide additional information in the spring and fall in between our regular Dbl Review magazines.



Stan Munroe
Dbl Information Officer

Financial Reports



DEAFBLIND INTERNATIONAL

Accountantskantoor Van Uden B.V.
Att. Mr. J.J.C. van Uden RA
Vughtweg 47m
5211 CK 's-Hertogenbosch

Sint-Michiëlsgeestel, 27 February 2014

Dear Sirs,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Deaf Blind International (Dbi), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2013, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether these financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Deaf Blind International as at 31 December 2013 and of the result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and for the preparation of the management board report, both in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. We understand that items are considered material if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that could individually or collectively influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the size and nature of the item or misstatement judged in the surrounding circumstances of its omission or misstatement. The size or nature of the item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor.

We have made appropriate inquiries of management and officers of the entity with the relevant knowledge and experience. Accordingly, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations:

1. The financial statements referred to above are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code and the management board report is prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.
2. We have made available to you all books of account and supporting documentation and all minutes of meetings of General Assembly, Council and Management Committee, respectively, and when applicable, summaries of actions of meetings held after period end for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

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3. This company has complied with laws and regulations, of which non-compliance could have a material effect on the financial statements.
4. We confirm that:
- a. The term fraud refers to an intentional act by one or more individuals among management, those charged with governance, employees, or third parties, involving the use of deception to obtain an unjust or illegal advantage. Fraud also includes misstatements resulting from misappropriation of assets, including pledging of assets without proper authorization. Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements or omissions of amounts or disclosures in the financial statements to deceive financial statement users.
 - b. We acknowledge responsibility for the design and implementation of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- We have disclosed to you our knowledge of suspected fraud, allegation of fraud or fraud affecting the entity involving:
- a. management;
 - b. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- d. We have disclosed to you our knowledge of any suspected fraud, allegations of fraud, or fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- e. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risks that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
5. We confirm the completeness of the information provided to you regarding the identification of related parties and regarding transactions with such parties that are material to the financial statements. The identity of, and balances and transactions with, related parties have been properly recorded and when appropriate, adequately disclosed in the financial statements. All members of Dbi, corporates and individuals, who have to pay a membership fee, are processed in the annual accounts 2013.
6. Presentation and disclosure of fair value measurements are in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code. The amounts disclosed represent our best estimate of fair value of assets and liabilities required to be disclosed by these standards. The measurement methods and significant assumptions used in determining fair value have been applied on a consistent basis, are reasonable and such assumptions appropriately reflect our intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of the entity where relevant to the fair value measurements or disclosures.
7. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

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8. We have recorded and/or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities, both actual and contingent, and have disclosed to the financial statements all guarantees that we have given to third parties.
9. The estimated financial effect of pending or threatening litigation and claims against the entity has been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements. Except as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, we are not aware of any additional claims that have been or are expected to be received.
10. Except as disclosed in the financial statements or notes to the financial statements there are no other gain or loss contingencies or other liabilities that are required to be recognized or disclosed in the financial statements, including liabilities or contingencies arising from environmental matters resulting from illegal or possibly illegal acts, or possible violations of human rights legislation, or other environmental matters that may have a material impact on the financial statements.
11. There have been no events subsequent to the balance sheet date, which require adjustment of, or disclosure in the financial statements.
12. We do agree with the draft annual accounts 2013 of Dbl dated 27 February 2014.

Yours truly,

Deafblind International

Gillian Morbey
President

Matthew Witorff
Secretary

Frank Kat
Treasury

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General

Name

The name of the organisation is "Deafblind International" (hereinafter called Dbi).
It is the world association promoting services for deafblind people through international collaboration.

Office

The office of Dbi is based in the country where the secretary is located.

This is: Senses Foundation Inc.
PO Box 143
Burswood WA 6100
AUSTRALIA

Website: www.deafblindinternational.org

Constitution

On 8 February 2010, Dbi is registered in The Netherlands as an association.
The place of statutory settlement is Sint-Michielsgestel, the Netherlands.
The registration number of the Chamber of Commerce is 17284451.

Object

The association's object is: to promote adequate provision of services to deafblind people by international cooperation as well as to do anything directly or indirectly related to conducive to the foregoing, all in the broadest sense.

It tries to achieve this object, inter alia, by:

- * promoting and improving the recognition and the awareness that deafblindness is a unique congenital or acquired handicap that can affects children, both adults and elderly people;
- * supporting the rights of deafblind people and promoting equal opportunities for deafblind people with respect to all aspects of their lives;
- * stimulating the development of networks and the possibilities for cooperation and development for professionals to the benefit of deafblind people and their families;
- * promoting the educational possibilities for deafblind people and in general developing opportunities for them;
- * promoting contacts between deafblind people, experts and organisations worldwide;
- * promoting the provision of services to deafblind people that enable them to give shape to their lives independently, and to improve the quality of their lives;
- * improving the quality of the provision of services to deafblind people by promoting research, development and training, as well as policy leading to good practice;
- * distributing information on the subject of deafblindness.

General Meeting, board, management committee

The supreme decision making body of Dbl is the *General Meeting*. This will be held at least each year.

The *board* will be charged with the management of the association. It comprises representatives from the members (maximum of 15 large corporates). It considers and discusses all matters related to the strategic direction and operation of Dbl in pursuing its objectives.

A *management committee* is appointed by the Council to undertake executive action. It comprises the President, two vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Information Officer, the immediate Past President and up to 4 other.

President	Gillian Morbey, United Kingdom
Vice-Presidents	Bernadette Kappen, USA; Carolyn Monaco, Canada
Immediate Past President	William Green, Italy
Secretary	Elvira Edwards, Australia (from 18/11/2013: Matthew Wittorff)
Treasurer	Frank Kat, the Netherlands
Information officer	Stan Munroe, Canada

Conference

A world conference will be held at least every three year.

The main event in 2013 was the General meeting in Lille on 23th August.

ANBI

Dbl is registered as a Public Benefit Organization (Algemene Nut Beogende Instelling) in the Netherlands. The tax number is 8223 92 422.

Under some circumstances, gifts to ANBIs, are tax deductible. Also the ANBI itself is exempted from inheritance tax and gift tax on inheritances and gifts it receives, except on those made under a condition such that it is not for public benefit.

Financial position

The financial position is as follows:

	2013		2012	
	x € 1.000	%	x € 1.000	%
<i>Solvency</i>				
Accounts receivable	1	0,75%	2	1,46%
Cash	133	99,25%	135	98,54%
Current assets	134	100,00%	137	100,00%
Short term debts	27	20,15%	29	21,17%
Net current assets	107	79,85%	108	78,83%
<i>Financed as follows:</i>				
Equity	107	79,85%	108	78,83%
Total equity	134	100,00%	137	100,00%
<i>Liquidity</i>				
Current assets	134		137	
Short term debts	27		29	
Liquidity	107		108	
Liquidity a.p.	108			
Move liquidity	-1			

Sint-Michielsgestel, 27 February 2014

The Board of Deafblind International

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2013
IN EURO'S**

	<u>31-12-2013</u>	<u>31-12-2012</u>
	€	€
ASSETS		
Current assets		
<i>Accounts receivable</i>		
Debtors	0	0
Other receivables	1.301	1.914
	<u>1.301</u>	<u>1.914</u>
<i>Cash</i>	132.798	135.368
Total assets	<u>134.099</u>	<u>137.282</u>
LIABILITIES		
Short term debts		
Creditors	231	2.560
Communication Network	13.983	14.679
Other payables and accruals	12.535	12.206
Total liabilities	<u>26.749</u>	<u>29.445</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>107.350</u>	<u>107.837</u>
Equity		
General fund	107.837	116.111
Movement this year	-487	-8.274
	<u>107.350</u>	<u>107.837</u>

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2013
IN EURO's**

	BUDGET		
	2013	2013	2012
	€	€	€
REVENUES			
Membership fees corporate members	65.777	56.000	54.748
Membership fees individual members	1.925	2.340	2.025
Membership fees libraries	310	200	210
Interest	1.122	3.000	1.914
Several incomes	1.240	0	0
Grants and donations	355	1.000	100
Sales of goods	0	500	0
Total revenues	70.729	63.040	58.997
EXPENSES			
<i><u>Enhanced organisational capacity:</u></i>			
Support Board meetings	3.741	3.000	968
Travelling / meeting costs ManCom	0	2.000	4.553
Offices secretariat	20.000	20.000	20.000
Secr. Support Meetings	3.000	3.000	
Offices treasury	1.118	750	1.528
Costs audit	4.067	4.000	4.195
Bank charges and registration	1.689	1.400	1.281
Information officer	14.000	14.000	14.000
Publications: distribution	1.000	1.000	1.000
Publications: Dbl review	8.000	8.000	8.000
Offices president	4.730	3.000	4.255
Fund raising plan	0	5.000	0
<i><u>Influence the development of services:</u></i>			
Publications: other e.g. leaflet, cd-rom	0	500	0
Costs related to sales	0	200	283
Branding campaign	0	400	1.500
Welcome package	0	500	0
Granting awards	0	500	0
Miscellaneous	175	0	0
<i><u>Encourage improvements and creation new knowledge:</u></i>			
Renewal of networks	0	2.000	0
Publications internet, maintaining website	1.000	1.000	1.381
Costs related to conferences	2.446	4.000	1.327
Sponsorships of attendance conferences	6.250	5.000	1.500
Strategic group	0	1.000	0
Sponsorships	0	0	1.500
Total expenses	71.216	80.250	67.271
Surplus / deficit (-) for the year	-487	-17.210	-8.274

PRINCIPLES OF VALUATION AND DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

General

The exchange rates per 31 December are used for the translation of foreign currencies. Differences on exchange rates are included in the income and expenditure account.

On 8 February 2010, Dbl is registered in The Netherlands as an association.

Valuation

Accounts receivable, cash and short term debts

Accounts receivable and cash are valued at face value.

Determination of results

The assigning of cost is, if possible, based upon the causal relation between revenues and expenses.

Revenues has been taken at the moment the services are rendered.

Costs are based on historical costs.

Costs are taken at the moment they are foreseeable.

**EXPLANATORY BALANCE SHEET
IN EURO's**

	<u>31-12-2013</u>	<u>31-12-2012</u>
	€	€
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts receivable		
<i>Debtors</i>		
Balance as at December 31	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Other receivables</i>		
Interest	<u>1.301</u>	<u>1.914</u>
Cash		
Bank	13.903	18.387
Bank (saving account)	<u>118.895</u>	<u>116.981</u>
	<u>132.798</u>	<u>135.368</u>

A bank savings account has been opened for the money that is not needed for the daily cash flow.

	<u>31-12-2013</u>	<u>31-12-2012</u>
Short term debts		
<i>Creditors</i>	<u>231</u>	<u>2.560</u>
<i>Communication Network</i>	<u>13.983</u>	<u>14.679</u>
<i>Other payables and accruals</i>		
Pre-received membership fees	8.325	3.350
Audit fee	4.000	4.350
Translation costs	150	150
Bank charges	60	59
Travel meeting costs	0	2.937
Promotion costs	0	1.000
Postage and sundry items	0	360
	<u>12.535</u>	<u>12.206</u>
Equity		
<i>General Fund</i>		
Balance as at January 1	116.111	124.029
Result for the year 2012, resp. 2011	<u>-8.274</u>	<u>-7.918</u>
Balance as at December 31	<u>107.837</u>	<u>116.111</u>
<i>Movement this year</i>		
Result for the year 2013, resp. 2012	<u>-487</u>	<u>-8.274</u>

Off-Balance sheet commitments

Obligation to CDBA related cost I/O Officer. The yearly amount due is € 24.000.
The term of notice is 1 year.

OTHER ITEMS

Statutory regulation concerning the destination of the results

- Art. 19.1 The association's financial year will coincide with the calendar year. The first financial year will end on the thirty-first day of December two thousand and ten.
Annually, at least one general meeting will be held, to wit within ten months of expiry of the financial year, save extension of such period by the general meeting. In this general meeting the board will present its annual report on the course of affairs within the association and on the management conducted. It will submit the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure together with the explanatory notes to the meeting for approval.
These documents will be signed by at least two members of the management committee.
- Art. 19.2 With respect to the fairness of the documents referred to in the foregoing paragraph an auditor as referred to in Articles 2:393 (1) of the Dutch Civil Code (Burgerlijk Wetboek), to be appointed by the general meeting, will draw up an opinion to be submitted to the general meeting.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2013 of Deafblind International, Sint-Michielsgestel, The Netherlands, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2013, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes, comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility

The board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements and for the preparation of the annual report, both in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore management is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. This requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Deafblind International as at December 31, 2013, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

's-Hertogenbosch, 27 February 2014

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Our partners are many but over the year it was a pleasure to continue our very positive relationship with two of our formal and very valued partners.

- International Board for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI)
- World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB)

We were pleased to review and update the Memorandum of Understandings between Dbl and both ICEVI and WFDB in 2013. These formal agreements have further strengthened our partnership with these organisations.

All our partners are very important to us in helping us achieve our mutual goals. The collaboration and the relationship between us and how we work together are underpinned by the values we all share of mutual respect, trust, honesty and support.

A big thank you to our formal and informal partners for working with us in 2013 and we look forward to the future.





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