

Annual Report 2014

1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014

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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 vicepresidents, 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 2014 the Board met in Belfast, Northern Ireland in November. The Board included:

Organisation
Able Australia
Acquired Deafblindness Network (ADbN)
Canadian Deafblind Association
Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario Chapter
СВМ
Center For Deafblindness and Hearing Loss
CHARGE Network
DeafBlind Ontario Services
Employment Network
European Deafblind Network (EDbN)
FESOCE - Federación Española de Sordoceguera (Spanish Federation of Deafblind)
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
Österreiches Hilfswerk für Taubblinde
Overbrook School for the Blind
Perkins International - Latin America Office
Perkins School for the Blind
Réseau Français pour la Surdicécité "RFPSC" (French network for Deafblind)
Resurscenter Mo gård
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 Network

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.

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 2014. In March they met in Bucharest, Romania and then Belfast, Northern Ireland in November, 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 2014 were:

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

President's Report

Over the last year we met in Romania in March 2014 and held our board, management committee and AGM in Belfast in November 2014. This follows our regular pattern of one board meeting and two management committees. As usual we linked these meetings to other events. In Romania we undertook business for the 2015 DbI world conference and in Belfast we linked with the acquired deafblind network conference (ADBN).

We increased our membership over this period, partly building from the membership 'drive' at the Lille conference. However the spread of our membership still remains a challenge and we remain under represented in significant parts of the world. Economics plays a part here as colleagues from India, Africa and Asia do find the financing of membership and participation a challenge.

Feeling part of something and having relationships and networks in place leads to other opportunities. Through the connections that people make in Dbl and the common interest and 'language' of deafblindness partnership projects and activities are made so much easier. There has been joint work across Europe with a Grundvig funded activity and of course the Dbl networks continue to make their contributions.

We have also been involved in discussions beyond 2015 and re-defining The Millennium Development Goals. Lord Low (President of ICEVI) attended our meetings in Belfast and helped us to remember the wider world of global development. While our specialism is obviously important for DbI the international context we work in is also critical.

The board are grateful to Senses Australia and our secretariat for keeping our procedures and administration up to date. In particular this period covers the final full year of our strategy and our secretariat led an online survey to evaluate our strategic plan.

The officers, management committee and indeed our board continue to work in a voluntary capacity and are exceptionally conscious of our limited finances. We continue to combine events and use technology to make us as efficient as possible.

In addition to the meetings in Romania and Northern Ireland I represented DbI in India and the Immediate Past President participated in a number of events, including the European Deafblind Union (EDBU) anniversary held in Visegrad, Hungary. We also attended conferences and meetings by our partnership organisations of ICEVI and WFDB.

The DbI Review was of course published over this period. Thanks are extended to the Canadian Deafblind Association for their continued work in this important function and indeed to our Spanish colleagues in ONCE for translating the magazine into Spanish.

We are grateful to Kentalis in continuing to provide finance and audit functions and to all our members, colleagues and friends who contribute their time and knowledge to the work of Dbl.

Kind Regards

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Gill Morbey President Deafblind International

Vice President Report

The year has been busy preparing for the world conference in Romania. I worked with the Awards Committee (Jackie Brennan and Graciela Ferioli) to review the criteria for the awards. At the board meeting in Belfast in November, the members voted to give a new award called "The Young Professional Leadership Award". I shared the criteria for the award with the group. The information on all the Dbl Awards was circulated through the website and the Dbl Review to solicit nominations.

Information on sponsorships to DbI events is an ongoing process. We had several requests for the ADBN conference in Belfast. DbI gave one individual financial sponsorship for this event. At the DbI ManCom meeting in Belfast the budget was approved for sponsorships for the world conference. The website is the vehicle for information on how to apply for sponsorship.

During the year I continued to have contact with ICEVI to share DbI issues. Lord Colin Low, the President of ICEVI attended the Board Meeting in Belfast and gave an overview of the Education for All Visually Impaired Children Project EFA-VI.

In December, I had the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador of South Korea and discuss issues related to individuals who are deafblind. He is the current president of the Convention on the Rights of Disabled Persons. I plan to follow up with him and continue our work with UN Recognition.

Bernadette M. Kappen Vice President Report

Vice President Report

In 2014 I participated in both ManCom meetings and our board meeting. The ManCom meeting was held in March in Romania where a portion of our time was devoted to touring the conference sight, meeting with the local arrangements committee, conference event planners and scientific committee. The hosting of our international conferences is something that very few are likely to have a second opportunity to do and so it is of significant value when those of us who have had the opportunity can share our experiences first hand.

The second ManCom meeting and the board meeting took place in Belfast in November. With this being the last meeting prior to the end of this board's term of office we developed a survey to assess the continued progress with regards to our strategic plan. This survey was distributed electronically to all board members in advance of the meeting. In Belfast Matthew and I presented the collective feedback from the surveys and through large and small group activities acquired input and ideas on future directions. I have put that information into a chart and this information will be presented to the new Board for their consideration when developing the 2015 - 2019 strategic plan.

Review magazines # 52 & 53 were published this year. We developed a "Guidelines for Sponsorship" document and were fortunate enough to have Kentalis sponsor edition 53 (July). The financial contribution of sponsorship ensures a significant savings to DbI and we appreciate so much the generosity of Kentalis. If an individual or organization is interested in full or partial sponsorship of a future magazine please feel free to contact the Information Officer for information and the guideline details.

I believe that more and more people in the field of deafblindness and beyond are becoming involved in our activities and accessing information through our magazine and website as we strive to ensure that 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."

... is at the forefront of what we do.

Carolyn Monaco Vice President

Secretary's Report

Senses Australia has been proudly managing the DbI secretariat for over six years now. Under the contract signed between DbI and Senses Australia, DbI provides €23,000 each year to enable Senses Australia to coordinate the day-to-day operations of DbI. The largest component of the secretariat is dealing with memberships, but other activities include coordinating board and management committee (ManCom) meetings, supporting conference committees, and maintaining regular communication with individual and corporate members to keep them informed of DbI news and events. To ensure the secretariat is run efficiently and smoothly, Senses Australia employs Bronte Pyett as DbI Secretariat Manager, who has undertaken this role since Senses Australia was first awarded the secretariat.

MEETINGS

Bucharest, Romania

In May ManCom met for the first meeting for 2014 in Bucharest, Romania. This occasion provided a good opportunity to meet with the conference agency, the local planning committee and the scientific committee for the 2015 Dbl world conference. This meeting also marked the official handover in personnel from Elvira Edwards to Matthew Wittorff as secretary of Dbl. Due to growth and changes at Senses Australia, Elvira Edwards' role as General Manager Services expanded with her needing to concentrate more on the organisations services and the many changes that will occur over the next few years in Australia. Therefore Elvira relinquished her role as secretary of Dbl and Matthew was appointed as the new secretary of Dbl in November 2013.

Belfast, Northern Ireland

In November 2014, the DbI board and ManCom met in Belfast for the annual Board meeting including the 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM). There was representation at the board from 17 members. The secretariat, in conjunction with Vice President Carolyn Monaco, coordinated a detailed review of the strategic plan. We were extremely fortunate to have Lord Colin Low, President of International Council for Education of Vision Impairment (ICEVI) attend and present at the AGM and board meeting. Lord Low provided an update on ICEVI and the direction for the future.

STRATEGIC PLAN

With Vice President Carolyn Monaco, the secretary in facilitated a review of the 2012 – 2015 Strategic Plan with the board in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Prior to the meeting all board members were asked to participate in an online survey, with 27 of 36 board members providing feedback. The summary of the responses was presented to the board. The board then broke into four groups and discussed the progress towards each of the objectives and provided further feedback and comment. A short explanation of those discussions was presented by each group.

This information was collated by the secretary and will inform the new board when developing the next strategic plan.

MEMBERSHIP

In collaboration with the treasury, the membership data has been moved into a new format in Excel. The file is shared via Dropbox so there is only one document to update. Bronte attended three training sessions in Belfast with Hans Rijvers from the Dbl treasury (Kentalis) to become more accomplished using Excel for the purpose of managing the Dbl memberships. Hans' expertise in using Excel is exceptional and we thank Hans for his patience and detailed instructions. We look forward to using the new system to its full potential. The new system provides a real asset for Dbl with accurate data and excellent reporting capabilities.

Membership renewals have been strong in 2014. Outlined in Table 1 below is the status of the membership database for 2014.

Category	1 January	New in 2014	Out in 2014	31 December
	2014			current
				members
Individual	49	31	53	27
1 year				
Individual	92	10	8	94
members				
Large Corporates	13	0	0	13
Libraries	6	2	1	7
Mini Corporates	3	0	1	2
Small Corporates	48	4	7	45
Grand total	211	47	70	188

Table 1 – Dbl 2014 membership

CONFERENCES

9th Australian Deafblind Conference

At the 9th Australian Deafblind Conference in Sydney, June 2014 Dbl was represented with a display booth and we repeated the discounted individual member promotion for delegates of the conference. As a result we welcomed 27 new individual members from Australia and New Zealand.

Acquired Deafblind Network

In November 2014 the secretariat manned a table at the ADBN conference in Belfast to promote DbI and welcome new members.

2015 World Conference Romania

The secretariat has been supporting the local planning committee with historical data to assist in planning their timeline in the lead up to the conference. We were also

pleased to circulate announcements regarding the conference to members and affiliates far and wide.

2019 World Conference

In February 2014 we called for Expressions of Interest to host the 2019 world conference. Bids were received and circulated to ManCom for review. It was agreed all applicants would be asked to progress to the next round and submit a full bid. Full bids were due in December 2014. The host will be announced at the 2015 world conference in Romania.

WEBSITE & DbI REVIEW

Continued improvements were made to the Dbl website in collaboration with the network administrator and information officer, Stan Munroe. An exciting development has been the development of individual Dbl network pages. These network pages are supported by the network administrator but also can be independently operated by the networks themselves. The network pages include a chat room and the ability for networks to upload documents such as minutes or reports.

We were pleased to provide an article and membership listings for the Dbl Review #52 & #53 and provide some feedback to Stan on the draft. Congratulations to Stan for providing such an excellent publication. Issue #53 is available on the website via the secure login facility. Login credentials were emailed to members who have requested to receive the Dbl Review in a digital format. Past copies of the Dbl Review are available on the website for all to read.

MOU's

Dbl continues to maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ICEVI and WFDB. As mentioned Lord Low from ICEVI participated in the November 2014 Board meeting and AGM and we are anticipating an opportunity to collaborate with the WFDB in the near future.

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

Information Officer's Report

The Canadian Deafblind Association (CDBA) was well into its fifth 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 DbI information officer and is a member of the DbI ManCom.

Dbl Review

During the 2014 Dbl calendar year, the information officer coordinated the production and distribution of two editions of Dbl Review (Edition 52 - January 2014 and Edition 53 - July 2014).The total costs for graphic design, printing and distributing these two editions were: €5,100 and €6,430, respectively. Printing numbers for both editions were 650 and 615, respectively. The large corporate member Kentalis sponsored the entire production of edition number 53.

Note that the DbI 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 the large corporate member ONCE.

This work of DbI Review editor involves:

- seeking relevant articles about deafblindness from DbI individual and corporate membership, various international professionals, family organizations, conference participants, etc.;
- editing articles; organizing the placement of the material and photos for the graphic designer, and 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;
- collaboration with the printer to ensure the magazine is published and distributed to the membership in an appropriate timeframe. This work also involves coordination with the DbI 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, and interacts closely with the graphic designer and printer which are both located in the UK.

Dbl Website

The DbI website (www.deafblindinternational.org) witnessed 22,623 visitors throughout 2014; 16,672 or 73.4% of which were unique or new visitors. This represents a 26.4 % increase over the total visitors in 2013. The top ten visitors in 2014 together represent 75% of the total visitors. They represented the following counties: United States (26.9%), UK (13.7%), Canada (7.9%), Italy (6.3%), Australia (4.9%), Germany (4.2%), France (4.0%), Netherlands (3%), Spain (2.3%), and India (1.9%). The order for the top five countries was identical for the past three 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 completed late in 2014 to develop the following 14 website subdomains to allow the networks to have their own semi-independent sites.

- Acquired Deafblind Network <u>http://adbn.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- CHARGE Network <u>http://chargenetwork.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Communication Network <u>http://communication.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Employment Network http://employment.deafblindinternational.org
- European Deafblind Network http://edbn.deafblindinternational.org
- Latin American Network <u>http://latinamerican.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Outdoor Network <u>http://outdoornetwork.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Research Network <u>http://research.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Rubella Network <u>http://rubella.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Siblings Network <u>http://sibling.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Social Haptic Network <u>http://socialhaptic.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Tactile Communications Working Group <u>http://tcn.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Usher Network <u>http://usher.deafblindinternational.org</u>
- Youth Network (DbIYN) <u>http://dbiyn.deafblindinternational.org</u>

Facebook and Twitter

Dbl has become very active in social media during 2014. Our social media addresses are: <u>www.facebook.com/dbiint</u> and @DeafblindInt. At the end of December 2014, the facebook page recorded 833 'likes' up from 501 'likes' recorded at the end of 2013. This represents a 40% increase in this very popular social media.

- Top Country distribution of likes (in order): USA, UK, Canada, Denmark, Australia, Netherlands, India, Brazil, Romania and Nepal
- Gender distribution of likes: 2/3 Women, 1/3Men
- Age distribution of likes: 18-24 (9%); 25-34 (22%); 35-44 (29%); 45-54 (22%); 55-64 (13%); 65+ (5%)

Our DbI Twitter account had over 300 followers by the end of 2014.

E-Bulletin

Dbl Information produced two editions of the Dbl eBulletin in 2014: Edition 3 in May 2014 and Edition 4 in October 2014. This initiative was 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.

Prepared by:

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Stan Munroe Dbl Information Officer

Financial Reports

Inventive Control Accountants & Belastingadviseurs Attn. drs. L.S. Goeman RA Postbus 114 5260 AC VUGHT

Sint-Michielsgestel, 8 juni 2015

Subject : Representation in connection with the financial statements 2014

Dear Mr. Goeman,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements 2014 of Deafblind International for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Deafblind International as at December 31, 2014 and of the result for the year then ended in accordance with RJ 650 "Fondsenwervende instellingen". We have made appropriate inquiries of management and officers of the entity with the relevant knowledge and experience, as we considered necessary and relevant for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves. Accordingly, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations:

Financial Statements

- On behalf of the Management Board 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 RJ 650 "Fondsenwervende instellingen". We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement dated March 9, 2015, for the preparation of the financial statements including its fair presentation.
- 2. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 3. We believe that significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value are reasonable.
- 4. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

Information provided

- 5. We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, supporting documentation and other matters including all minutes of the Board and Management Committee meetings and when applicable, summaries of actions of meetings held after period end for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence as part of the audit of the financial statements.

Fraud and compliance with law and regulation

- 6. 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.
- 7. We acknowledge responsibility for the design and implementation of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 8. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 9. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the entity and involves:
 management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 10. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- 11. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Related parties

- 12. We have disclosed to you the identity of the entity's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 13. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

Claims and litigations

14. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and have appropriately accounted for and/or disclosed these in the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

Additional representation

- 15. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- 16. We do agree with the draft annual accounts 2014 of Deafblind International dated March 31, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Deafblind International

Gillian Morbey President

Matthew Wittorff Secretary

Frank Kat Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Sint-Michielsgestel, 31 Maart 2015

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General

Name

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

Office

The office of Dbl 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 & February 2010, Dbl is registrated in The Netherlands as an association. The place of statutory settlement is Sint-Michielsgestel, the Netherlands. The registrationnumber 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 alla, hy:

it tries t	o achieve this object, inter alia, by:
*	promoting and improving the recognition and the awareness that deafbilindness is a unique congenitat or acquired handicap that can affects children, both adults and elderly people;
*	supporting the rights of deatblind people and promoting equal opportunities for deatblind 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 deafbilnd people and their families;
*	promoting the educational possibilities for deafblind people and in general developing opportunities for them;
*	promoting contacts between deatblind people, experts and organisations worldwide;
*	promoting the provision of services to deathlind 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.

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General Meeting, board, management committee

The supreme decision making body of Db1 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 DbI 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.

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Conference

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

The main event in 2014 was the General meeting in Belfast on 2nd November.

ANBI

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Dbi 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.

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Financial position

The financial position is as follows:

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Solvency				
Accounts receivable Cash	1 141	0,70% 99,30%	1 133	0,75% 99,25%
Current assets	142	100,00%	134	100,00%
Short term debts	30	21,13%	27	20,15%
Net current assets	112	78,87%	107	79,85%
Financed as follows;				
Equity		78,87%	107	79,85%
Total equity		100,00%	134	100,00%
Liquidity				
Current assets Short term debts Liquidity	142 30 112	_	134 27 107	
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Sint-Michielsgestel, 31 Maart 2015

The Board of Deatblind International

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014 IN EURO'S

	<u>31-12-2014</u> €	31-12-2013
ASSETS	e	€
Current assets		
Accounts receivable		
Debtors	300	0
Other receivables	910	1.301
	1.210	1.301
Cash	140.806	132.798
Total assets	142.016	134.099
LIABILITIES		
Short torm debts		
Creditors	1.865	231
Communication Network	10.831	13.983
Other payables and accruals	17.156	12.535
Total liabilities	29.852	26.749
NET CURRENT ASSETS	112.164	107.350

Equity		
General fund	107.350	107.837
Movement this year	4.814	-487
	112.164	107.350

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	2014	2014	2013
REVENUES	6 6	€	
Membership fees corporate members	63.190	60.000	65.77
Membership fees individual members	2,133	2.350	1.92
Membership fees libraries	310	250	31
Interest	910	1.500	1.12
Several incomes	0	-	1.24
Grants and donations	6.426	4,000	35
Task, new members	0	4.000	(
Sales of goods	0	-	
Total revenues	72.969	72.100	70.729
EXPENSES			
Enhanced organisational capacity:			
Support Boardmeetings	0		3,74
Travelling / meeting costs ManCom	6.311	4.000	(
Offices secretariat	20.000	20.000	20.000
Secr. Support Meetings	3.000	3.000	3.000
Offices treasury	1.817	1.350	1.118
Costs audit	4.235	3.500	4.067
Bank charges and registration	1.490	1.400	1.689
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	1.552	4.000	4.730
Fund raising plan	0	2,000	C
Influence the development of services:			C
Publications: other e.g. leaflet, cd-rom	419	550	0
Costs related to sales	0	200	Č
Branding campaign	630	14 C	C
Welcome package	0	200	č
Granting awards	0	400	õ
Miscellaneous	-25		175
Encourage improvements and creation new knowledge:			0
Renewal of networks	0	1.000	õ
Publications Internet, maintaining website	2,468	1.000	1.000
Costs related to conferences	345	2.000	2.446
Sponsorships of attendance conferences	2,913	4,500	6.250
Strategic group	2.515	4.000	0.200
Sponsorships	0	~	0
Total expenses -	68.155	72.100	71.216
Surplus / deficit (-) for the year	4.814	0	-487

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2014

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PRINCIPLES OF VALUATION AND DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

General

The financial statements are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of Dutch Accounting Standards 650 "Fondsenwervende instellingen", as published by the Dutch Accounting Standards Board ('Raad voor de Jaarverslaggeving'),

Assets and liabilities are generally valued at historical cost, production cost or at fair value at the time of acquisition.

If no specific valuation principle has been stated, valuation is at historical cost.

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 registrated 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 forseeable.

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EXPLANATORY BALANCE SHEET IN EURO's

	<u>31-12-2014</u> €	31-12-2013 €
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts receivable		
Debtors	300	0
Other receivables Interest	910	1.301
Balance as at December 31	1.210	1.301
Cash		
Bank Bank (saving account)	20.789 120.017 140.806	13.903 118.895 132.798

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	31-12-2014	31-12-2013
Short term debts		
Creditors	1.865	231
Communication Network	10.831	13.983
Other payables and accruals Pre-received membership fees	12.750	8,325
Audit fee	4.000	4.000
Translation costs	155	150
Bank charges	47	60
Credit Card bank charges	54	0
Promotion costs	0	0
Postage and sundry items	0	0
Cross post	150 17.156	12.535
Equity		
General Fund		
Balance as at January 1	107.350	107.837
Result for the year 2014, resp. 2013 Balance as at December 31	4.814 112.164	-187 107.350
<i>Movement this year</i> Result for the year 2014, resp. 2013	4.814	-487

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.

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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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Deafblind International Attn: The Board Theerestraat 42 5271 GD SINT-MICHIELSGESTEL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2014 of Deafblind International, Sint-Michielsgestel, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2014, 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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements and for the preparation of the management board report both in accordance with Dutch Accounting Standard 650 "Fondsenwervende instellingen". 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.

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

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Deafblind International as at December 31, 2014 and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Dutch Accounting Standard 650 "Fondsenwervende instellingen"

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements Pursuant to the legal requirement under Section 2:393 sub 5 at e and f of the Dutch Civil Code, we have no deficiencies to report as a result of our examination whether the management board report, to the extent we can assess, has been prepared in accordance with Dutch Accounting Standard 650 "Fondsenwervende instellingen".

's-Hertogenbosch, April 13, 2015

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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)

The collaboration and the relationship between our partners and how we work together are underpinned by the values we all share of mutual respect, trust, honesty and support. Dbl is always keen to develop formal partnerships with other similar organsations to promote the quality of life for people who are deafblind. As mentioned previously in this report, the Dbl board had the pleasure of Lord Low (ICEVI President) present at the board meeting and AGM in Belfast, Northern Ireland. This strengthened the relationship for both organisations and enabled strategy and goals to be shared.

In 2015, there will be an opportunity to collaborate with WFDB in Romania prior to the Dbl world conference.







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