



Annual Report 2015

1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015

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 2015 the Outgoing Board members met in Bucharest, Romania on the morning of 25th May 2015 and are thanked for their contribution. They included:

Organisation
Able Australia
Acquired Deafblindness Network (ADbN)
Canadian Deafblind Association
Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario Chapter
CBM
Center For Deafblindness and Hearing Loss
CHARGE Network
DeafBlind Ontario Services
Employment Network
European Deafblind Network (EDbN)
FESOC - 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
Österreichs 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 Incoming board Members were welcomed at their inaugural meeting in Bucharest, Romania on the afternoon of 25th May 2015. The new members of the board include:

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Able Australia
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Forsight Australia
German Deafblind Consortium
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
Outdoor Network
Overbrook School for the Blind
Perkins International - Latin America Office
Perkins School for the Blind
Resurscenter Mo gård
Royal Dutch Kentalis
Royal Dutch Visio
Sense
Sense Scotland
Senses Australia
Signo Døvblindesenter

Tanne Schweizerische Foundation fur Taubblinde
National Board of Social Services
The New York Institute for Special Education
University of Groningen
Usher Network
Youth 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. ManCom carries out most of its functions all year around using electronic forms of communication such as email, Skype and phone calls.

The Outgoing Management Committee met in Bucharest, Romania on 24 May 2015 and 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

At the Bucharest Incoming Board meeting, another ManCom position of Strategic Planning Officer was approved. The members of the Incoming Management Committee met in Bucharest Romania on 27 May 2015 and were:

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

ManCom met in London, United Kingdom on 21 & 22 October 2015. At this meeting it was recommended to the Board the positions of Network Coordinator and Diversity Officer were required on ManCom as both these positions are key aspects to the

new strategic plan. In December 2015, with the Board's approval two new members were added to ManCom to.

Network Coordinator
Diversity Officer

Henriette Hermann-Olesen
Dennis Lolli

President's Report

2015 was of course our Dbl World Conference year. Sense International Romania hosted a hugely successful event and Dbl was extremely grateful to our friends and colleagues for their hard work. We were delighted that the World Federation of Deafblind (WFDB) joined us in Bucharest. Our partners WFDB and International Council for the Education of Visually Impaired (ICEVI) strengthen us in the global effort to support and raise awareness of people with deafblindness and multi-sensory impairments.

The Management Committee met in London in October where we were able to reflect on the conference and follow up on a number of actions from our meetings there. We continue to press for increasing the Dbl Membership amongst our contacts as we travel to individual programmes around the world and represent Deafblind International. We have worked on defining the roles of the new positions on Management Committee: Development Officer, Strategic Planning Officer and Diversity Officer and Network Coordinator. We understand that these roles reflect the interests of our members with the recent addition of diversity.

I know many organisations have begun to work collaboratively; it is really great to see. I know within Europe, our networks and organisations have worked together to create memorable experiences such as organising the visit to Euro Disney this summer and other activities going forward. Funding continues to be of concern to all of our organisations and often by joining our resources we can attract different funding opportunities. It reminds me once again of the quote from Helen Keller 'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much', particularly poignant in respect of the political turmoil and events we have seen in 2015.

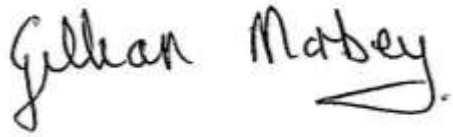
It is difficult not to mention in this report the events that have taken place in recent months, particularly in reference to the outbreak of the Zika virus and concerns over the increase of microcephaly in new-borns. As an umbrella organisation we stand together in encouraging the World Health Organisation to ask governments to consider the long term measures and resources which will also need to be put in place to ensure the children and their families are well supported.

I know our colleagues in Denmark are continuing to work hard for the next European Conference in September 2017, we look forward to hearing more of their plans at the Board meeting and of course from Able Australia and their work on the next World conference in 2019.

The Board are grateful to Kentalis in continuing to provide finance and audit functions and to the Canadian Deafblind Association for publishing the Dbl Review. Of course we are very grateful to all our members, colleagues and friends who contribute their time and knowledge to the work of Dbl on a voluntary basis.

Particular thanks are mentioned to Senses and our Secretariat for keeping our procedures and administration up to date.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gill Morbey". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Gill" and the last name "Morbey" clearly legible. There is a small flourish or underline at the end of the last name.

Gill Morbey
President
Deafblind International

Vice President Report

The majority of my activities were focused on preparation for the World Conference in Bucharest. I worked with the Awards Committee (Jackie Brennan and Graciela Ferioli) to prepare an announcement for the Dbl website and in the Dbl Review. The usual awards were announced (Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement). For the first time Dbl planned to present the Young Professional Leadership Award to individuals age 40 or younger to further motivate them as future leaders in their countries and within Dbl. The criteria for this award was developed and advertised on the website and in the Dbl Review.

I worked with the vendors to prepare the awards and Dbl was pleased to present the Distinguished Service award to Richard Lopez and the Lifetime Achievement Award to Joseph Morrissey and Cristiana Salomie. The Young Professional Leadership Award was given to Kitty Bloeming, Sonja van de Molengraft and Andrea Wanka.

Working with the secretariat, I reviewed requests for Sponsorship to attend the World Conference. Dbl budgeted €7000 to support individuals to attend the conference. Sponsorships were given to individuals from Zambia, Nepal, Argentina, Israel and Ethiopia. Two of the individuals were unable to attend the conference. We sent a follow up to those who attended to get feedback on their participation in the conference. In London, ManCom reviewed how the funds are distributed and developed a procedure to pay for the registration and the accommodation for the person awarded sponsorship. At the conference the person would be given a per diem allowance for meals. This will be the procedure going forward for sponsorship requests.

I worked with Roxanna Spruyt Rocks on updating the Conference guidelines. The guidelines were approved at the Board Meeting in Romania.

As part of ManCom, I reviewed the bids submitted for the 2019 World Conference. I also attended the ManCom meeting in October 2015 in London.

It was a busy and productive year and quite fulfilling with the success of the Bucharest Conference. At the Conference we were able to partner with WFDB in the ManCom and Board Meeting. This coordination was helpful in strengthening the relationship between the two organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette M. Kappen
Vice President

Vice President Report

Following the Bucharest Conference, there were several changes in the composition of the Board. This presents the perfect moment to ponder our strategic decisions and direction for the coming years, matters that we already touched upon during our meeting of the new Board in Bucharest. These were also some main points discussed at the recent meeting of ManCom in London this past October.

I believe that Dbl is a unique organization; one with great potential. In addition to organizing conferences and meetings and facilitating Dbl networks, Dbl is primarily a group of people who have a great deal to share with each other. Through our meetings and conferences we transcend institutions' and organizations' interests to achieve common goals. I should therefore like to use this opportunity to encourage all members (board members, network members, etc.) to use Dbl as the opportunity to share. You and your organizations are great sources of expertise, experience and passion. Our networks and conferences are places where you can find each other to talk about challenges, issues and solutions, but we should also be finding each other throughout the year.

Let us resolve to use this enormous network more often, to query each other and exchange knowledge and ideas, perhaps about recent studies, technical and medical matters and practical matters of education. Let's make a deal that any opportunity to support one another is used openly.

I could name a few countries where changes in the financial climate have made it necessary to make challenging decisions that have a large impact on deafblind people's support. But I also know that all supporters, experts and organizations are looking for solutions. Wouldn't it be fabulous if we shared more of this together? And this could be so easily achieved! On the back of each Dbl Review there is a list of names and email addresses. Send a message, arrange a Skype meeting, let's keep meeting with each other.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams (Eleanor Roosevelt)

Frank Kat
Vice President

Secretary's Report

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 Dbl news and events.

MEETINGS

Bucharest, Romania

In May 2015 the Dbl Outgoing Board and ManCom, and Incoming Board and ManCom met in Bucharest, Romania. The meetings coincided with the Dbl 16th World Conference, hosted by Sense Romania. The Board and ManCom were fortunate to meet with the World Federation of the Deafblind Executive Council who were also meeting prior to the conference.

London, United Kingdom

In October 2015, ManCom met in London for the second meeting. Thanks to Sense for supporting the meeting with a venue.

MEMBERSHIP

The secretariat and the treasury office have worked together over email and Skype to produce the 2015 membership report for the CPA. The secretariat and the treasury office continue to work on the invoice, receipt and reporting templates within the membership spread sheet to improve the efficiency of producing reports and documents.

Outlined in Table 1 below is the status of the membership database for 2015. The main reason for the decline in Individual members was that

Table 1 – Dbl 2015 membership

Category	1 January 2015	New in 2015	Out in 2015	31 December current members
Individual - 1 year	28	0	28	0
Individual members	93	13	11	95
Large Corporates	14	0	0	14
Libraries	7	2	0	9
Mini Corporates	2	1	0	3
Small Corporates	44	4	2	46
Grand total	188	20	41	167

GUIDELINES

The secretariat reviewed and updated a number of Dbl guidelines including Conference Guidelines, Network Guidelines and Sponsorship Guidelines. A new guideline was also created for Conference Exhibitors. These were endorsed by ManCom.

MOU's

Dbl continues to maintain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ICEVI and WFDB. As mentioned, the Executive Council met with the Board and ManCom in Romania in May 2015. A key issue identified by WFDB was that they did not have a paid secretariat which made the coordination of the organisation challenging. Both organisations also discussed the potential for joint conferences after 2018 and Dbl becoming a signatory to the WASLI-WFDB joint statement for deafblind interpreting.

We are anticipating opportunities to collaborate with both ICEVI and WFDB in the near future.

Matthew Wittorff and Bronte Pyett
Dbl Secretariat
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Information Officer's Report

The Canadian Deafblind Association (CDBA) was well into its sixth year managing the information function for Dbl starting in April 2010. Under the contract signed between Dbl and CDBA, Dbl provides funding 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. For 2015, €29,000 Euros or around \$42,000 were provided to CDBA for these purposes.

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 2015 Dbl calendar year, the Information Officer coordinated the production and distribution of two editions of Dbl Review (Edition 54 - January 2015 and Edition 55 - July 2015). The total costs for graphic design, printing and distributing these two editions were: €9,500 and €8,880, respectively. Printing numbers for both editions were 615 and 581, respectively. The large corporate member Sense sponsored the entire production of edition number 54.

A Romanian version of Dbl Review Edition 54 was produced for distribution at the Dbl Conference in Romania in May 2015. The total cost for graphic design, printing and translation of the Romanian version was €1972. These costs were supported by a special allocation from Dbl.

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 the large corporate member ONCE.

One issue of Dbl E News was produced in July 2015.

This work of Dbl Review editor involves:

- seeking relevant articles about deafblindness from Dbl 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 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, and interacts closely with the graphic designer and printer which are both located in the UK.

Dbl Website

The Dbl website (www.deafblindinternational.org) witnessed 21,726 visitors throughout 2015, down slightly from the 22,623 visitors in 2014. Unique visitors were 17,276, up slightly from the 16,672 unique visitors recorded in 2014. These new visitors represent 79.5% of which were unique or new visitors. The top ten visitors in 2015 together represent 71.3% of the total visitors. They represented the following countries: United States (26.2%), UK (11.1%), Canada (7.3%), France (6.9%), Italy (5.3%), Australia (4.2%), Netherlands (3%), Spain (2.9%), Germany (2.4%) and India (2.0%). The first three countries assumed the same position for the past four years. The largest change was France which increased its representation from 4.0% to 6.9%.

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

Facebook and Twitter

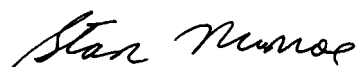
Dbl continues to be very active in social media throughout 2015. Our social media addresses are: www.facebook.com/dbiint and @DeafblindInt.

At the end of December 2015, the facebook page recorded over 1300 likes, up from 833 'likes' recorded at the end of 2014. This represents over a 60% increase in this very popular social media.

E-Bulletin

Dbl Information produced one edition of the Dbl eBulletin in 2015. 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:



Stan Munroe
Dbl Information Officer

Financial Reports



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Sint-Michielsgestel, 24 februari 2016

Subject : Representation in connection with the financial statements 2015

Dear Mr. Goeman,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements 2015 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, 2015 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

1. 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 November 18, 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.

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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.

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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 2015 of Deafblind International dated March 31, 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Deafblind International



Gillian Morbey
President



Matthew Wittorff
Secretary



Frank Kat
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Sint-Michielsgestel, 24 februari 2016

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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 affect 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 Dbi 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.

President	Gillian Morbey, United Kingdom
Vice-Presidents	Bernadette Kappen, USA, Carolyn Monaco, Canada
Immediate Past President	William Green, Italy
Secretary	Matthew Wiltott, Australia
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 2015 was the General meeting in Bucharest, Romania on 25th May.

ANBI

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.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015
IN EURO'S

	31-12-2015	31-12-2014
	€	€
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Accounts receivable		
Debtors	655	300
Other receivables	2.265	810
	<u>2.920</u>	<u>1.210</u>
Cash	136.503	140.806
Total assets	<u>139.423</u>	<u>142.016</u>
LIABILITIES		
Short term debts		
Creditors	0	1.885
Communication Network	8.735	10.831
Other payables and accruals	9.816	17.156
Total liabilities	<u>18.551</u>	<u>29.872</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>120.872</u>	<u>112.144</u>
Equity		
Other reserves	112.164	107.350
Movement this year	8.708	4.814
	<u>120.872</u>	<u>112.164</u>

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, OBI is registered in The Netherlands as an association.

The annual report is prepared in accordance with the directive fundraising institutions.

Valuation

Accounts receivable, cash and short term debts
Accounts receivable and cash are valued at face value.

Determination of results

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

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

Expenses are based on historical costs.

Expenses are taken at the moment they are foreseeable.

**EXPLANATORY BALANCE SHEET
IN EURO's**

	<u>31-12-2015</u>	<u>31-12-2014</u>
	€	€
CURRENT ASSETS		
Accounts receivable		
Debtors	<u>855</u>	<u>300</u>
Other receivables		
Interest	865	910
receivables	<u>1.700</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>2.265</u>	<u>910</u>
Balance as at December 31	<u>2.920</u>	<u>1.210</u>
Cash		
Bank	15.576	20.789
Bank (saving account)	<u>120.927</u>	<u>120.017</u>
	<u>136.503</u>	<u>140.806</u>

	<u>31-12-2015</u>	<u>31-12-2014</u>
Short term debts		
Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>1.855</u>
Communication Network	<u>8.736</u>	<u>10.831</u>
Other payables and accruals		
Pre-received membership fees	5.250	12.750
Audit fee	3.500	4.000
Translation costs	155	155
Bank charges	47	47
Credit Card bank charges	51	54
Communication network	331	0
Postage and sundry items	0	0
Cross post	<u>482</u>	<u>150</u>
	<u>9.815</u>	<u>17.156</u>
Equity		
Other reserves		
Balance as at January 1	112.164	107.360
Result for the year 2015, resp. 2014	<u>6.708</u>	<u>4.814</u>
Balance as at December 31	<u>120.872</u>	<u>112.164</u>
Movement this year		
Result for the year 2015, resp. 2014	<u>6.708</u>	<u>4.814</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 INFORMATION

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.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Deafblind International as at December 31, 2015 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 6 at e of the Dutch Civil Code, we have no deficiencies to report as a result of our examination whether the information as required under Section 2:392 sub 1a – h has been annexed.

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