



# Annual Report 2011

1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011

## **Our Vision**

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

## **Our Purpose**

To support professionals (such as educators, administrators, researchers, medical specialists etc) families and deafblind people to raise awareness of deafblindness.

Central to our work is to support the development of services to enable a good quality of life for deafblind children and adults of all ages.

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## Nominations Process

September 2011 saw the culmination of the Nominations Process with a new Board and office bearers elected.

A very competent and dedicated Nominations Committee carried out the two year process very transparently and professionally. The Committee consisted of:

Knut Johansen, Norway (chair)  
Jackie Brennan, USA  
Graciela Ferioli, Argentina  
Celestine Hare, Australia  
William Green (advisor, Man Com-member and outgoing President)

The Committee developed all the necessary information including the nomination forms, guidelines for nominations and a description of the roles of the President, the Vice Presidents and Board members and undertook a very comprehensive process.

Information was published in the Dbl Review and put on the Dbl website and was also sent out by the Secretariat to ensure everyone eligible had the opportunity to be involved in the voting.

There was a good response to the electronic voting system and the results were ratified at the General Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Great thanks go to Knut Johansen and the Nominations Committee for their wonderful work and congratulations to the new President, Gill Morbey and Vice Presidents, Bernadette Kappen and Carolyn Monaco and to the new elected Board.

Also, a big thank you goes to the outgoing Board for their contribution for most of 2011 until the incoming Board took over.

# 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 are responsible for advising and managing the organisation and considers and discusses all matters related to the strategic direction and operation of Dbl in pursuing its objectives. The Board meet once a year with email correspondence on various issues occurring frequently throughout the year. In 2011 the Outgoing Board held its meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The Outgoing Board members are thanked for their contribution and included:

Able Australia  
Andebu Dovblindesenter  
Canadian Deafblind & Rubella Association  
CBM  
Congenital Deafblindness in Adults Network  
Danske Døvblindfødtes Forening (Danish Parents Association)  
EDbN  
Employment Network  
FESOC - Federación Española de Sordoceguera (Spanish Federation of Deafblind)  
French Deafblind Consortium (ANPSA)  
German Deafblind Consortium  
Graf zu Bentheim Schule-Blindeninstitut  
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 (formerly Viataal)  
Sense  
Sense International  
Sense Scotland  
Senses Foundation Inc.  
Siblings Network  
The New York Institute for Special Education  
Usher Study Group (USG)

The Incoming board Members were welcomed at their inaugural meeting In Sao Paulo, Brazil on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011. The new members of the board include:

Able Australia  
Acquired Deafblindness Network  
Canadian Deafblind Association  
CBM  
CHARGE Network  
Cooperative Association "Look with the Heart" (COOPA)  
DeafBlind Ontario Services  
EDbN  
Employment Network  
FESOC - Federación Española de Sordoceguera (Spanish Federation of Deafblind)  
French Deafblind Consortium (ANPSA)  
German Deafblind Consortium  
Graf zu Bentheim Schule-Blindeninstitut  
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 Foundation (Inc)  
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.

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 2011, in Singapore on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Sao Paulo, Brazil on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September (Outgoing) and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October (Incoming) and 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 Outgoing Management Committee in 2011 were:

President	William Green
Vice-President	Bernadette Kappen
Treasurer	Ton Visser / Ton Groot Zwaafink
Secretary	Elvira Edwards
Information Officer	Eileen Boothroyd / Stan Munroe
Strategy Group Leader	Gill Morbey

The members of the Incoming Management Committee in 2011 were:

President	Gill Morbey
Vice-Presidents	Bernadette Kappen and Carolyn Monaco
Immediate Past President	William Green
Treasurer	Ton Groot Zwaafink
Secretary	Elvira Edwards
Information Officer	Stan Munroe

# President's Report

The 2011 year has been a busy and exciting one. The Dbl Management Committee has met twice over this period, Singapore in April 2011 and Sao Paulo in September 2011. The Dbl Board met in September in Brazil to coincide with the Dbl World conference.

It's always a special year when we have a Dbl World conference and the event in Brazil was no exception. Over 300 delegates attended the conference from all round the world. Friends were made, knowledge was shared and partnerships developed, including the establishment of the new parents and carers world organisation, the World Confederation of Parents of Deafblind and Multi-Sensory Disabled Persons (WCPDP).

The World Federation of the Deafblind also held their meeting in Brazil. The new Dbl officers attended part of the meeting and Lex Grandia introduced the participants. Dbl looks forward to this continued partnership. One of our other key partners is the International Council for the Education of Visually Impaired (ICEVI) and we have maintained links and communication throughout the year.

A key activity for Dbl is partnership working, information and knowledge exchange and our information and secretariat functions certainly do that. We are delighted that the Canadian Deafblind Association (CDBA) continues the information role. The Dbl review has gone from strength to strength both in content and circulation. Indeed our information functions have reached new heights with our relaunched web site and the implementation of Facebook and Twitter. Dbl has truly entered the world of social media.

The Senses Foundation (Australia) provides the secretariat function ensuring our members are kept up to date, co-ordinating reports, meetings, providing information often across a range of languages and cultures and always smiling and ready to help. One of our continuing targets is to increase our membership and while we had some success it's clear we need to do more.

Financial scrutiny is provided through Kentalis and budgets and accounts reporting form part of our established agenda. Finance is always a challenge, we rely on our membership to support our activities. However so much more could be done with additional funds and fundraising remains a strategic aim.

We have steadily been building our recognition and support functions to our Networks. They remain at the heart of much of our innovation and professional practice. Dbl would formally like to thank all those involved who give so freely of their time and knowledge.



Perhaps unusual in a formal annual report I wish to record my own and Dbl's recognition of a lifetime of work from our Past President William Green. William's dedication to deafblindness and worldwide knowledge of our sector is without doubt. As the incoming President I have relied on his guidance and wish to note my thanks and appreciation.

Finally as we reflect on the past year much has been achieved, all of it is only possible because of our dedicated and enthusiastic membership. It is a privilege, as President, to be part of this very special 'Deafblind World'.

Gill Morbey  
President

## Vice President Report

Dbl has continued to work on the Strategic Plan and make improvements during the year. It is exciting to see how the organization has grown and developed.

In my role as Vice-President, I worked with William Green, President and the other members of the Management Committee to reach the goals set. We worked on getting everything in place for the World Conference in Brazil. With the short time line to complete everything for the conference this cooperation was essential.

I worked on the following projects:

- **Promoting Dbl** – I worked with the Information Office, Stan Munroe in discussing ways to improve the visibility of Dbl. When asked I gave suggestions related to the website and the Dbl Review. During this time period I reviewed the individual memberships and corporate memberships with Carolyn Monaco. It is our goal to increase membership in the US and Canada.
- **Conference Planning** – I worked with the Stan Munroe and the Hosts of the Brazilian conference to give guidance and suggestions for the conference.
- **Strategic Plan** - Continued to work on identified projects to move the strategic plan along.
- **Awards Committee** - Dbl takes great pride in honoring individuals who have contributed so much to the lives of Deafblind individuals. To elevate the significance of the awards, a committee was established and guidelines for nominating were developed. Dbl currently gives out two awards: Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement. From time to time we give a Certificate of Appreciation to individuals. This acknowledgement does not have to go through the formal nomination process. Awards have been presented at the World, European and Asian Conferences. The Awards Committee reviewed nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented at the World Conference in Sao Paulo. Three Distinguished Service Awards and one Lifetime Achievement Award were presented.
- **Sponsorship Committee** – Dbl strives to include members from all parts of the world. Participation on an international level is so important to realizing the objectives of the Strategic Plan. With an improved financial picture, Dbl is committed to sponsoring members to attend Dbl events. To make the process transparent and open to all, a formal process for applying for

sponsorship was developed. Each individual seeking sponsorship must fill out an application and indicate what they plan to do to further the Strategic Plan as a result of their participation in the event. The application must also include what other resources they have available if they are successful in getting some funding from Dbl. For the World Conference in Brazil, Dbl sponsored 6 individuals.

- **ICEVI Partnership** - Dbl and ICEVI have a memorandum of understanding. A member of ICEVI attends the Dbl Board Meetings and I have been attending the ICEVI meeting as the Dbl representative. I have attended meetings in Germany and London. My aim to be sure the issues related to individuals who are deafblind are considered in the Education for All initiative and other ICEVI projects. I attended meetings in UK and Germany on behalf of Dbl. I worked with the secretariat of Dbl to have the regional representative for Latin America attend the Dbl World Conference in Brazil.

Bernadette M. Kappen

# Secretary's Report

Fundamental to the successful management of the Dbl Secretariat is communication. Communication with the President, Board, members and the general public is an ongoing role and one which the Secretariat places great importance. Amongst the daily communication there were areas where much of our time was focused in 2011 and these are outlined below.

## MEETINGS

### Singapore

We were very pleased to attend the ManCom meetings in Singapore in April. Corporate member, Koh Poh Kwang from the Lighthouse School was a most gracious host and his assistance in the lead up to and during the meetings was enormously appreciated. ManCom made some good headway at the meetings and acknowledged the progress that has been achieved in line with the Dbl Strategic Plan.

### Brazil

Grupo Brasil and AHIMSA hosted the very successful XV Dbl World Conference in Sao Paulo. Dbl thanks the hosts for taking on the role of hosting the conference at short notice and executing it with such professionalism and friendliness.

The Dbl meetings in Brazil were significant. With the election of the new Board and Officers we wrapped up the work with the outgoing Board and welcomed the new Board. We were very pleased many of the members of the outgoing Board were elected back on the Board as the experience, knowledge and relationships built over the previous four year term will provide a strong foundation on which to launch into the new phase for Dbl. With several new Board members elected, the fresh perspectives, personalities and enthusiasm will further strengthen this wonderful organization.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

Significant progress was made with many of the agreed tasks in the Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015. Over the year the budget was more clearly aligned to the tasks so that resources were available as required to make progress.

## CONFERENCES

### *Sao Paulo*

The Secretariat was pleased to represent Dbl at the Conference by manning the Dbl display. We took the opportunity to present our new display material including two pop up banners and free branded giveaway items. It provided a wonderful opportunity to speak with delegates and promote Dbl and what we're all about. Out of that came several new and renewed memberships.

## MEMBERSHIP

Dbl is proud to have so many members maintaining their membership status year after year. First and second round membership renewals were sent to all active members. We saw a significant increase in the number of online applications and have now phased out the paper applications.

Further work with the Finance Office was accomplished and the system of reporting was streamlined which led to more accurate and efficient reporting of data to the CPA.

Outlined in Table 1 below is the status of the membership database for 2010.

**TABLE 1**

Member Category	No. of current members at 01.01.2011	No. of new members in 2011	No. of members cancelled their membership in 2011	No. of current members at 31.12.11
Large Corporate	8	3	0	11
Small Corporate	37	14	1	50
Mini Corporate	1	1	0	2
Individual	77	12	19	70
Library	4	0	0	4
Total	127	30	20	137

Outlined in Table 2 is the geographic breakdown of current members

**TABLE 2**

CORPORATE		INDIVIDUAL		LIBRARIES	
ARGENTINA	2	AUSTRALIA	2	AUSTRALIA	1
AUSTRALIA	5	BELGIUM	1	UNITED KINGDOM	1
AUSTRIA	1	CANADA	14	SOUTH AFRICA	1
BELGIUM	1	SWITZERLAND	1	USA	1
BRAZIL	1	CROATIA	1	TOTAL	4
CANADA	6	CYPRUS	1		
CYPRUS	1	CZECH REPUBLIC	3		
DENMARK	6	GERMANY	2		
FINLAND	1	DENMARK	1		
FRANCE	1	FINLAND	2		
GERMANY	2	FRANCE	3		
GREECE	1	HUNGARY	1		
HONG KONG	1	INDIA	1		
ICELAND	1	IRELAND	1		
INDIA	1	ITALY	2		
ISRAEL	1	JAPAN	3		
ITALY	1	MALTA	1		
MALAWI	1	THE NETHERLANDS	2		
NEPAL	1	NORWAY	2		
NORWAY	5	RUSSIA	1		
RUSSIA	1	SWEDEN	1		

SINGAPORE	1
SPAIN	3
SWEDEN	4
SWITZERLAND	2
THE NETHERLANDS	5
UNITED KINGDOM	3
USA	3
VENEZUELA	1
TOTAL	63

UNITED KINGDOM	12
USA	12
TOTAL	70

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

In the lead up to the elections of the new Board and Officer positions in Sao Paulo, we worked closely with the Chair of the Nominations Committee to facilitate the election process. We were delighted with the way the process unfolded.

Elvira Edwards and Bronte Pyett  
Secretariat

## Information Officer's Report

During this calendar year, the Canadian Deafblind Association (CDBA) was well into its second year of the two year contract to manage 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 2011, the Information Officer coordinated the production and distribution of two editions of Dbl Review (Number 47 - July 2011 and Number 48 - January 2012).

This work involves: a) seeking relevant articles about deafblindness from Dbl individual and corporate membership organizations, various international professionals, family organizations, conference participants, etc.; b) editing articles; c) organizing the placement of the material and photos for the graphic designer; d) working with the graphic designer to get the print ready document; e) working with several members of ManCom for a final edit before the document goes off to the printer, and f) coordinating 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. For edition number 48, people from the following countries prepared articles for the magazine: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Guatemala, Israel, Kenya, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, UK (Great Britain), UK (Scotland) and USA. 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.

Further to the regular production of the magazine in English, each edition of Dbl Review is translated into Spanish, compliments of Dbl Large Corporate member ONCE. The Spanish translations of the magazine are placed on the Dbl website.



## **DbI Website**

One condition of the original contract in 2010 was to undertake an overhaul of the existing website. During 2011, the DbI website ([www.deafblindinternational.org](http://www.deafblindinternational.org)) was completely revised.

## **Facebook and Twitter**

DbI is now becoming active in the social media. Our social media addresses are: [www.facebook.com/dbiint](http://www.facebook.com/dbiint) and @DeafblindInt.

Stan Munroe  
DbI Information Officer

# Financial Reports



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## Annual Report

Ga Morbey  
President, from Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

W. Green

E. Edwards  
Secretary

A. Grant Zwanstra  
Treasurer

## **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](http://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.

### *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	Gill Mörbey, United Kingdom; William Green, Italy (till 26 September 2011)
Vice-Presidents	Bernadette Kappen, USA; Carolyn Monaco, Canada
Immediate Past President	William Green, Italy
Secretary	Elvira Edwards, Australia
Treasurer	Ton Groot Zwaartink, the Netherlands
Information officer	Stan Munroe, Canada

*Conference*

A world conference will be held at least every three year.  
The main event in 2011 was the world conference in Sao Paulo. Brasil.

### Financial position

The financial position is as follows:

	2011		2010	
	x € 1.000	%	x € 1.000	%
<i>Solvency</i>				
Accounts receivable	3	2,22%	14	10,00%
Cash	132	97,78%	126	90,00%
Current assets	135	100,00%	140	100,00%
Short term debts	19	14,07%	16	11,43%
Net current assets	<b>116</b>	<b>85,93%</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>88,57%</b>
<i>Financed as follows:</i>				
Equity	116	85,93%	124	88,57%
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>100,00%</b>
<i>Liquidity</i>				
Current assets	135		140	
Short term debts	19		16	
Liquidity	116		124	
Liquidity a.p.	124			
Move liquidity	-8			

Sint-Michielsgestel, March 2012

The Council of Deafblind International

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2011  
IN EURO'S**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	€	€
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
<i>Accounts receivable</i>		
Debtors	600	5.092
Other receivables	<u>2.473</u>	<u>8.951</u>
	3.073	14.043
<i>Cash</i>	132.220	126.179
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><b>135.293</b></u>	<u><b>140.222</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Short term debts</b>		
Creditors	0	0
Other payables and accruals	<u>19.182</u>	<u>16.193</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u><b>19.182</b></u>	<u><b>16.193</b></u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u><b>116.111</b></u>	<u><b>124.029</b></u>
<b>Equity</b>		
General fund	124.029	131.452
Movement this year	<u>-7.918</u>	<u>-7.423</u>
	<u><b>116.111</b></u>	<u><b>124.029</b></u>



**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2011  
IN EURO's**

	<b>BUDGET</b>		
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	€	€	€
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Membership fees corporate members	56.044	56.000	52.943
Membership fees individual members	1.700	2.340	1.937
Membership fees libraries	205	200	255
Interest	1.974	3.000	2.041
Grants and donations	15	1.000	0
Sales of goods	0	500	0
Several income	0	0	0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>59.938</b>	<b>63.040</b>	<b>57.176</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Support councilmeetings	0	4.000	3.647
Travelling / meeting costs ManCom	1.207	2.500	1.012
Office secretariat	20.000	20.000	20.000
Treasurer	1.189	750	769
Costs audit	4.233	4.000	4.547
Bank charges and registration	1.143	1.400	1.401
Information officer	0	14.000	0
Publications: distribution	0	1.000	0
Publications: Dbl review	24.000	8.000	23.948
Travelling / meeting costs president	1.302	3.000	3.085
Fund raising plan	0	4.000	0
Publications: other eg. Leaflet, cd-rom	0	500	0
Costs related to sales	0	1.000	0
Branding campaign	2.350	2.000	0
Welcome package	0	1.000	0
Granting awards	0	500	0
Renewal of networks	0	2.000	0
Publications: internet	0	1.000	0
Costs related to conferences	7.432	1.000	6.190
Sponsorships	5.000	5.000	0
Strategic group	0	2.000	0
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>67.856</b>	<b>78.650</b>	<b>64.599</b>
<b>Surplus / deficit (-) for the year</b>	<b>-7.918</b>	<b>-15.610</b>	<b>-7.423</b>

## **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.  
Individual members can pay the membership fee for four years at the discounted rate of € 100.  
The individual membership fees are spread over the relative years.

Costs are based on historical costs.

Costs are taken at the moment they are foreseeable.

**EXPLANATORY BALANCE SHEET  
IN EURO's**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
	€	€
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Accounts receivable</b>		
<i>Debtors</i>		
Balance as at December 31	<u>600</u>	<u>5.092</u>
<i>Other receivables</i>		
Loan World Conference, September 2011		
Sao Paulo, Brasil (\$ 15.000)	0	11.200
Provision	<u>0</u>	<u>-5.600</u>
	0	5.600
Interest	1.973	2.041
Prepaid promotioncosts	500	500
Receivable travel costs	<u>0</u>	<u>810</u>
	<u>2.473</u>	<u>8.951</u>
<b>Cash</b>		
Bank	17.213	13.213
Bank (saving account)	<u>115.007</u>	<u>112.966</u>
	<u>132.220</u>	<u>126.179</u>

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

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Short term debts</b>		
<i>Creditors</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Other payables and accruals</i>		
Communication Network	8.638	0
Pre-received membership fees	4.930	2.979
Travel meeting costs	1.447	1.018
Audit fee	4.000	4.000
Translation costs	142	0
Bank charges	25	118
Loan Brasil, paid in January 2011	0	7.309
Treasurer	0	769
	<u>19.182</u>	<u>16.193</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
<i>General Fund</i>		
Balance as at January 1	131.452	121.054
Result for the year 2010, resp. 2009	-7.423	10.398
Balance as at December 31	<u>124.029</u>	<u>131.452</u>
<i>Movement this year</i>		
Result for the year 2011, resp. 2010	<u>-7.918</u>	<u>-7.423</u>

**EXPLANATORY PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT  
IN EURO's**

	2011	BUDGET 2011	2010
	€	€	€
Costs related to conferences	7.432	1.000	6.190

In 2010 and 2011 a loan is granted for an amount of \$ 15.000 to the organisation of the word-conference in Sao Paulo, september 2011.

Fifty procent of this amount (€ 5.600) is seen as a provision.

In 2011 it was made clear that the loan will not be paid.

## 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 2011 of Deafblind International, Sint-Michielsgestel, The Netherlands, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2011, 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*

Council 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.

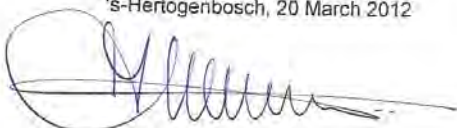
An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or 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, 2011, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

's-Hertogenbosch, 20 March 2012



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Sint-Michielsgestel, 20 March 2012

Dear Sirs,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Deaf Blind International ("Dbi") for the year ended 31 December 2011, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether these financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Dbi as of December 31, 2011 and of the result for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands and comply with the financial reporting requirements included in Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands and compliance with the financial reporting requirements included in Part 9 of Book 2 of the Netherlands Civil Code.

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 influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the size of the item or error judged in the particular circumstances of its omission or misstatement.

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

1. 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 and when applicable, summaries of actions of meetings held after period end for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
2. Dbi has complied with laws and regulation, of which non-compliance could have a material effect on the financial statements.
3. We acknowledge responsibility for the implementation and operation of accounting and internal control systems designed to prevent and detect fraud and error. 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 fraudulent financial reporting and misstatements resulting from misappropriation of assets. Misstatements resulting from fraudulent financial reporting involve intentional misstatements or omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users.

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4. 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 have disclosed to you all significant facts relating to any frauds or suspected frauds, known to us, that may have affected Dbl.
6. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions. We believe the effects of uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarised in the accompanying schedule are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. In our opinion, there are no other material uncorrected misstatements as included in accompanying schedule, prepared by you, both individually and in the aggregate.  
All members of Dbl, corporates and individual, who have to pay a membership fee, are processed in the annual accounts of 2011.
7. 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.  
We understand that, as defined in the guidelines for Annual Reporting in the Netherlands 330, Related Parties, parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Related party transactions are transfers of resources or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged.
8. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
9. Dbl has satisfactory title to all assets. There are no liens or encumbrances on Dbl's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
10. We have recorded and/or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities. We furthermore confirm to have recognised and disclosed all present obligations (legal and constructive) for which it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.
11. We have disclosed all contingent liabilities and guarantees that we have given to third parties.
12. The estimated financial effect of pending or threatening litigation and claims against Dbl has been properly recorded and/or disclosed in the financial statements. Except as disclosed, we are not aware of any additional claims that have been or are expected to be received.
13. There have been no events after the balance sheet date, which require adjustment of, and/or disclosure in the financial statements or notes thereto, except as disclosed in the financial statements.
14. We have requested the legal advisors who perform services for us to provide you with all required information and have requested them to disclose to you any matters you may request in this respect.

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15. We do agree with the draft annual accounts 2011 of Dbi dated March 2012.

Yours truly,

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