



Annual Report Stichting API 2021

This is the Annual Report of Stichting Abraham Path Initiative (API) for the year ending 31 December 2021.

1. Directors

The Board of Directors (*bestuursleden*) serving throughout the 2021 year comprised:

- Stefan Szepesi (Chairman and Treasurer, based in the Netherlands)
- Anisa Mehdi (Secretary, based in the USA)
- Lionel Sauvage (based in the USA)

The statutes of Stichting API hold five Board of Director seats. Due to two resignations the number presently is three. In 2022 the Stichting is seeking two additional Board Directors with a passion for the Abraham Path. The Stichting is looking in particular for Board Directors from Europe/the Netherlands.

2. Activities

Following a period of two years of no activities/events in the Netherlands or abroad due to the Corona pandemic, Stichting API organized a fundraising webinar on 11 November 2021. The Webinar, entitled *Negotiations Lessons from the Abraham Path*, featured Abraham Path founder William Ury and was hosted and presented by Stefan Szepesi and Chantal Suissa-Runne.

The webinar was widely promoted in September, October and November 2021, both in the Netherlands and abroad. Eventually, almost 200 participants signed up, many of whom donated a voluntary contribution to the Abraham Path project. In addition, three Dutch companies (WesselinkVanZijst, RoutsLaeven and Frits Philips & Partners) each made a company donation to the Stichting. The webinar was held successfully on 11 November 2021, Armistice Day. The webinar can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/9l0iOeuIbfl>

Apart from William Ury the webinar also featured US-chair Josh Weiss and Benjamin Barrows, speaking on the Abraham Path generally and the trail development project in northern Iraq specifically. The webinar finally raised US\$ 8,750 for the US-based 501c(3) Abraham Path Initiative and the trail development project in northern Iraq. This included amounts raised in the webinar and an additional donation from the reserves of Stichting API.

3. Program for 2022

Stichting API will search for new Board Directors and liaise with the US-based 501c(3) Abraham Path Initiative to organize events and activities that closely align with the program run by the US organization.