

EAHIL Council Meeting

Tuesday 15 June 2010

Centro de Congresso do Estoril

DRAFT minute

Present

Ghislaine Declève (for Vinciane de Bergeyck, Belgium), Dana Zdenkova (Czech Republic), Hanne Christensen (Denmark), Conni Skrubbeltrang (Denmark), Katri Larmo (Finland), Jouni Leinonen (Finland), Tuulevi Ovaska (Finland), Marie Tessier (France), Guillemette Utard-Wlerick (France), Friedhelm Rump (Germany & EVLG), Federica Napolitani (Italy & HILJ), Jurate Stukiene (Lithuania), Karen Johanne Buset (Norway), Arminda Sustelo (Portugal), Ioana Robu (Romania), Matjaz Musek (Slovenia), Ingrid Harnemo (Sweden), Gussun Gunes (Turkey), Marshall Dozier (UK & coopt Board), Michelle Wake (UK & PhInG), Carol Lefebvre (UK), Arne Jakobsson (Board), Helena Bouzkova (Board), Pirjo Rajakili (Board), Suzanne Bakker (Board), Lotta Haglund (Board), Paivi Pekkarinen (PHISIG), Sue Thomas (PHISIG)

Apologies

Vinciane de Bergeyck, (BE) Severine Spronck (BE), Fanny Ribes Cot (ES), Artemis Chalephioglou (Greece); Muriel Hare (IE), Anne O'Byrne (IE), Gaetana Cognetti (IT), Maura Della Seta (IT), Silvia Ciubrei (MD), Ronald van Dieen (NL) Barbara Niedzwiedzka (PL), Carol Lefebvre (UK), Michelle Wake (UK), Manuala Colombi (Board) Benoit Thirion (Board)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

2. Round-table introductions

3. Minutes of the 2009 Council meeting in Dublin

The minutes were accepted.

4. President's Report

SB summarized the President's report which had been published on the EAHIL web site on [check this].

5. Membership lists by country – for updating

AJ reported on plans to transfer the hosting of the membership database to a hosting service in the Netherlands. The Board will work in the coming year to identify a replacement system for managing a membership database to allow development of improved facilities

6. Groupwork

Council members formed groups to discuss ideas on how EAHIL can support new members' participation and how members can support EAHIL in achieving these. The groups reported back:

Group 1

- 'young EAHIL' every conference there should be a way of supporting young members, for example, a student section or student fee.
- online conference, transfer of knowledge conference
- every second year have face to face conference, other years have online conference
- every country's association should promote EAHIL

Group 2

- how to make the conference more attractive to new members (as well as existing members)
- way of lowering fees – registration fee, hotel fee – noted that it was cheaper to book directly with hotel; set up sharing list to facilitate sharing of rooms.
- make an agreement with two or three hotels to fill the hotels at a competitive rate
- commend the first timers' event; suggest first timer badge so others could be alert to help/advise
- suggest using university accommodation to get less
- avoid using professional agencies to organizing events – use more volunteers

- instead of giving grants to individuals, give the funds to the organizers to make the savings for everyone.

Group 3

- shorter, more focused conferences
- it is very expensive to have conferences every year – every second year
- need more dialogue between international, EAHIL and national organizations
- look at accreditation of CPD points for attending, presenting, chairing, CEC (see MLA as reference point)

Group 4

- content management system should be used for bringing together all EAHIL information assets – e.g. journal, membership database, SIG pages, conference pages
- enables better connectivity between e.g. membership data and SIG pages
- make the workshops less like conferences, more like workshops: shorter, simpler, with possibility of single-day attendance
- allow payment for social events to be paid for separately
- shared and distributed responsibility for updating websites

7. Elections

AJ asked those councilors eligible for re-election this year to sign a form at the meeting to indicate their intentions. Councillors were asked to discuss council elections with other members from their country and ensure that there are nominations. The nomination deadline is 1 October 2010, and the ballot period will be November 2010.

8. JEAHIL contribution ideas

Federica Napolitani encouraged council members to submit more articles to JEAHIL. JEAHIL will publish in English articles that have been published in other languages.

9. SIG and other professional division group reports

- Public Health: a survey indicated that a separate consumer health SIG was not desirable, so this area will be covered within the PH SIG; a web page using social bookmarking tool has been created. There will be a session at IFLA for the health and biosciences group on 'Health information for all' with speakers from WHO to speak about Global Health Library and its technology, HINARI, public health information and the general public, and public health information in India.
- European Veterinary libraries group: little core activity in Europe, more interaction and exchange on an international level.
- MeSH : This new group started 2009 now has established online group for discussions with 30 members; ongoing project in Sweden and Norway for translating MeSH; report published in JEAHIL.

10. Individual councillors' news and reports

Friedhelm Rump (Germany) reported that increased provision of national licences for electronic journals have been beneficial in increasing access to the literature, and recommends that other regions/countries follow this consortial approach.

11. Any other business

- Matjaz Musek (Slovenia) raised a concern about the increasing use of the EAHIL list for interlibrary loan requests. General agreement that this is inappropriate. Recommended that if an article is required from a low distribution journal from an EAHIL country, that delegates from that country may be approached directly
- Items for the General Assembly
Changes to the Rules of Procedure regarding subgroups: The proposed changes were presented to Council – no objections or suggestions for amendment.
- An update on the Health Informatics SIG was requested, and SB reported that the group had had no activity since the 2010 Workshop.
- An update on work on the registry taskforce group was requested, and SB reported that it had been decided not to follow up the Certidoc system.