

## EAHIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dublin, Friday 5th June 2009

1. Quorum  
The meeting was a quorum.
2. Minutes of the General Assembly meeting held on 28th June 2008 in Helsinki  
The minutes were approved.
3. President's Report  
SB summarised the contents of the report. Accepted with no questions.
4. Treasurer's Report  
SB summarised the contents; EAHIL is financially healthy. Accepted with no questions.
5. JEAHIL Editor's Report  
SB summarised the report, financially healthy, thanks to the financial support to Ebsco, we can continue to publish in print.
6. Revised Rules of Procedure  
At Helsinki, it was approved to work with an interim version until Dublin workshop. Thanks to Eva and Brigitta for revisions. The Assembly was asked to approve the rules of Procedure.  
Q: ABooth - No mention of representatives from MLA etc. – there is no charge for their membership, but this is not clear from the RoP – to be clarified. SB suggests we put this item in the policy statements.  
Q: CLefebvre – 9.d organisers will normally be required to offer two levels of fee if they are not members – now that it is possible to join for free, this inconsistent. Agreed change to early bird registration.  
Q TAllen – is it not still appropriate since non-European residents would need to pay a fee?  
Agreed – since membership is no longer distinguished then the early bird fee versus full fee will be the only fee distinction made.  
The revised rules were agreed, pending these amendments.
7. SIGs brief reports  
Pharmaceutical information group  
CLefebvre – aim to increase membership of group – no longer just for those working in the pharmaceutical industry; developing plans for Lisbon; possibly a vendor session; Linda Lisgarten will be secretary.  
European Veterinarian Libraries Group  
Fiona Brown – met, along with AHIS UK & Ireland (Animal Health Information Specialists) members, who had conference just before EAHIL; AHIS members were glad to have opportunities to meet EAHIL members.  
  
Public Health – met with 12 members. The SIG looking to build on expertise in group; held a meeting on training the trainers; updating aims and objectives, drawing up specific actions; developing website to use Web 2.0 tools; undertaken a research project on definitions of PH in Europe to see how it is defined differently to facilitate work of researchers and policy makers

Pan European PH group – EAHIL represented alongside other European public health professionals; Looking forward to sessions at future EAHIL meetings; request to have SIG slots at various times to allow multiple membership; looking to assess interest in consumer health to see if this should be part of PH, or needs to be a new group.

MeSH group – new group, first meeting in Dublin – 14 persons. Jacque-Lynne Shulman (NLM) participated in the group to explain the MeSH development policy – lively discussion; new discussion list and forum has been established.

Health informatics – 3 attending

Planning to look at collaborations between librarians and informaticians, and arrange exchanges of experience.

There is also interest in a CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) group, Open Access; request to look at more collaboration between EAHIL and Middle-East-Gulf region group.

#### 8. Presentations:

Tuulevi Ovaska presented a summary of learning points on the experience of the Helsinki organisers of CEC – posed the question of whether there should be a taskforce to create a guide on organising CEC for future EAHIL events. The EAHIL Board will take this forward for consideration.

Katri Larmo presented the effectiveness of the use of Web 2.0 tools by the Helsinki conference organisers, to facilitate planning discussions between organisers geographically remote from one another. SB mentioned the Task force will look at expanding the use more widely in EAHIL.

Future workshops

The Board has approved the proposal for the 2011 Work shop in Istanbul, chaired by Didar Bayir

The Board has approved the proposal for the 2012 conference in Brussels/Louvain, chaired by Ghislaine Declève

#### 9. Any other business

No other business.

Presentations

EAHIL awards for best presentations for posters and papers a cut glass award and free registration for next EAHIL conference

Arne Jakobssen supervised the evaluations

Best Poster also First timer – Susan Boyle (Ireland “Exploring and extending information literacy support with Nursing and Midwifery students”)

Best Poster Runner up Sam Martin (UK: “Remote training tools - the wonder of WEB 2.0 or just chance to get in a tangle? How new technologies are being used to support training in online information resources” )

Best Oral Presentation, First-timer

Ana-Belen Escriva, Sweden (The collaboration of the library in the pursuit of Eurosurveillance impact factor)

Best Oral Presentation

Muriel Haire, Ireland (A National Document Supply Co-operative among Healthcare Libraries in Ireland)

Paula Saraiva and Margareda Meira of the 2010 Conference international scientific and local organising committees formally invited EAHIL members to Lisbon in June 2010.

Didar Bayir and Gunes Gussun of the local organising committee formally invited EAHIL members to Istanbul in July 2011 for the next EAHIL workshop.

SB recorded very warm thanks to Louise, Paul and the whole team of the local organising committee, for organising in the EAHIL 2009 Workshop an event that has reflected new developments in the profession, exemplifying successful collaboration to achieve goals. Thank you for these wonderful days.