

EAHIL Council Meeting

Helsinki, June 25th, 2008

In attendance: Séverine Spronck (Belgium), Dana Zdenkova (Czech Rep.), Hanne Christensen (Denmark), Conni Skrubbeltrang (Denmark), Katri Larmo (Finland), Jouni Leinonen (Finland), Guillemette Utard-Wlerick (France), Oliver Obst (Germany), Friedhelm Rump (Germany), Litsa Lappa (Greece), Muriel Haire (Ireland), Maurella Della Seta (Italy), Ivana Truccolo (Italy), Jurate Stukiene (Lithuania), Karen Joahanne Buset (Norway), Hilde Strømme (Norway), Ewa Czarnik (Poland, replacing Barbara Niedzwiedzka) Margarida Meira (Portugal, replacing Arminda Sustelo), Ioana Robu (Romania), Larisa Zhmykhova (Russian Federation), Matjaz Musek (Slovenia), Fanny Ribes Cot (Spain), Eva Alopaeus (Sweden), Ingrid Harnemo (Sweden), Birgitta Stevinger (Sweden), Minielle Brasey (Switzerland), Carol Lefebvre (UK), Helena Bouzkova (Board), Paivi Pakkarinen (SIG PHI), Sue Thomas (SIG, PHI).

Apologies were received from: Silvia Ciubrei (Moldovia), Rikie Deurenberg (Netherlands), Becky Lyon (MLA/NLM), Barbara Niedzwiedzka (Poland), Velta Poznaka (Latvia), Gussun Gunes (Turkey), Livia Vasas (Hungary), Juan de la Camara (Spain), Anne O Byrne (Ireland), Laura Tei (Italy), Arminda Sustelo (Portugal), Vinciane de Bergeyck (Belgium), Bernardina Pribulova (Slovak Republic), Michelle Wake (UK), Constantin Cazan (Austria), Tony McSean (Board).

1. Welcome

EAHIL President Suzanne Bakker welcomed council members.

2. Introduction

All those present introduced themselves briefly.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 2007 EAHIL Council meeting were *approved*. After the Krakow workshop Suzanne Bakker had an extensive talk with EBSCO's Europe office regarding the Cinahl issue. She was promised an update on the latest news about this issue before the 2008 General Assembly.

4.

(a) Appointments of auditors for EAHIL Accounts

Last year's auditor Oliver Obst agreed to continue as an EAHIL auditor. Gussun Gunes was not present at the meeting, but will also be asked to continue.

(b) Nomination committee and Election Committee.

The nomination committee from the last election, chaired by Eva Alopaeus, agreed to continue work for the 2010 elections.

The election committee, chaired by Françoise Pasleau, will continue work for the 2010 elections.

The committees have to be approved by the General Assembly.

(c) Membership database

Arne Jakobsson reported that some members have reapplied instead of renewing their membership. When receiving applications, council members should check if the applicant is already a member. If they are, they should be asked to renew their existing membership, and their new application should be rejected. Carol Lefebvre asked if the system could be set up to do automated checks so that an email is not sent to the council members when the applicant is already in the database. Arne promised to look into it. In any case Arne will clean up the database once a year to remove duplicate memberships.

Councillors who receive applications that are “suspicious” should email the applicant asking for more information to make sure that the applicant fills the criteria for membership. If they do not receive a response, the application should be rejected. When rejecting an application the councillor could send an email to the applicant explaining why the application was rejected.

Remember that marketing and sales people can be affiliated members. They have to pay a membership fee and are not allowed to email members through the membership database.

(d) Council elections

A list of current council members was circulated. For those countries with council members who are at the end of their term or have earned the right to more council members, there will be an election this fall. The August issue of the Journal will have nomination forms. Council members who cannot be re-elected (at the end of 2nd term) should work to recruit new members. The nomination period runs to the end of September. The election period is from November 1st to November 30th.

Sue Thomas pointed out that the number of EAHIL members doesn't reflect the size of the population of the various countries. I.e. Russia is only allowed one council member which reflects a very small amount of EAHIL members from a very large country. Is EAHIL doing anything to promote the Association in countries where membership is low?

Arne replied that in the case of Russia, the Nordic Baltic Russian cooperation will probably result in a higher number of Russian EAHIL members.

Suzanne pointed out that most decisions in EAHIL are made by consensus.

5. Issues and local projects from individual councillors or national groups

(a) The councillor from Belgium asked if EAHIL would consider doing a workshop about copyright issues. This was noted by the President.

(b) Muriel Haire from Ireland presented the plans for the workshop that will take place in Dublin on June 3rd – 6th. The theme for the workshop is “Working with Others: Explore, Engage, Extend!” The venue is Dublin castle.

6. Breakout sessions on *Sense and nonsense of the EAHIL Statutes & Rules of Procedures*

The participants split up into groups and discussed the wording of the Rules of Procedures.

7. Breakout session feedback

The wording of the Rules of Procedures was thoroughly discussed and proposed changes were noted. The meeting was not able to get through the whole document, and councillors with other proposals for changes were asked to submit these in writing to Suzanne or Arne before Friday 12 noon. The finished proposal was to be presented to the General Assembly.

During the discussions the issue of institutional membership was raised. Since the membership fee was abolished for members working within the field of medical and health libraries in Europe EAHIL has promoted personal membership. When the Statutes are up for revision one should consider dropping institutional membership. It may, however, be necessary to keep information about institutional membership in the statutes in case EAHIL decide to reinstate membership fees.

8. Any other business

None, and the meeting closed at 15.00.

To be signed in Dublin, Council meeting, date

EAHIL President

EAHIL Secretary