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Report from the European Veterinary Libraries Group (EVLG)

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The European Veterinary Libraries Group (EVLG) met in one of the University of Edinburgh Main Library meeting rooms, with a view over the Meadows. There were seventeen attendees from nine countries. Michael Eklund (Sweden), EVLG President reported that the Facebook pages and the EVLG homepage had improved the group’s communication over the last year.

Anne-Cathrine Munthe, the chair of the bylaws committee, presented the draft bylaws and this draft was discussed by the group.

It was agreed that one member of the group should be responsible for membership. The President suggested Derek Halling (USA) take on this role and this was agreed by the group.

The President would like the homepage to include a short history of EVLG and Trenton Boyd (USA) agreed to work on this.

It was agreed that EVLG would work the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section (VMLS) of the Medical Library Association (MLA) in the USA to update the international veterinary libraries directory.

The President presented Trenton Boyd with an Honorary Award “For outstanding contribution, work and activity for the EVLG and the European community of veterinary librarians”. Trenton, who is Distinguished Librarian Curator of the Medical and Veterinary Historical Collections at the University of Missouri, has been a constant member of EVLG since its foundation in 1994 and has been extremely supportive of EVLG and its work.

EVLG members are looking forward to the EAHIL Conference 2016 in Seville. The 9th ICAHIS (International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists) will be held in 2017 and will be hosted by the Veterinary Science Library, Archives and Museum, Szent Istvan University, Budapest. EVLG members are delighted to be going to Budapest again and would like to thank Eva Orban and colleagues for their hospitality.