

EAHIL General Assembly

Friday 8 July 2011

Sevgi Gönöl Auditorium, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

Peter Morgan (PM) welcomed members to the 2011 EAHIL General Assembly. He explained that the Assembly held at annual EAHIL workshops was a less formal meeting than those held at full conferences, and that the agenda therefore did not include formal business such as a financial report.

Apologies for absence were received from: Board members Suzanne Bakker, Manuela Colombi, Marshall Dozier, Lotta Haglund, and Sally Wood, Tuulevi Ovaska, Ivana Truccolo; from Councillors Gardien de Jonge, Janet Harrison, Jouni Leinonen, Matjaz Musek, Jacqueline Limpens, Charlotte van der Valk, Michelle Wake; and from Elisabeth Husem.

2. Minutes of the General Assembly on 18 June 2010 in Estoril

The Minutes of the 2010 General Assembly were agreed.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. President's Report for 2010 and update for 2011

PM presented Suzanne Bakker's report for 2010 and highlighted several points: the EAHIL Secretariat was operating smoothly; the Journal was also running well; over 1,500 members were registered in the database at the end of 2010; the EAHIL membership and database and abstracts submission system had been successfully transferred to a Netherlands host; the EAHIL discussion lists were successfully transferred to the UK Maltalk service; and EAHIL had maintained good contacts with other professional associations.

More recently, in 2011 the Board had begun to review the role of Councillors and would encourage closer contacts between them and both the Board and their national members. The use of EAHIL-L to request ILLs had been discussed, and a policy statement would be issued to discourage this practice. Collaboration with LIBER (**Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche - Association of European Research Libraries**) was under consideration and might lead to a formal agreement. The Board were keen to hear from members who would like to bid to host the 2014 conference, for which no venue had yet been chosen. The 2012 conference, to be held in Brussels, would mark EAHIL's 25th anniversary and the conference would celebrate it. The Board also proposed to mark the occasion by offering two 25th Anniversary Research Grants, each with a value of €10,000 for one year or €20,000 for two years.

5. JEAHIL Editor's Report

The Journal of EAHIL report for 2010 had been submitted by Sally Wood, the Editor, represented at the General Assembly by Federica Napolitani, the Assistant Editor. During the year Fiona Brown (Edinburgh) had joined the Editorial Board, and the change in publication dates (now March, June, September and December) had been beneficial. The Editorial Board had established a €500 scholarship for the annual EAHIL meeting,

to be awarded to the author of the best paper published in the Journal during the year. There was still concern at the lack of articles being submitted, and members were encouraged to consider writing for the Journal. PM thanked the editors and the editorial board for their hard work, and for establishing such a successful and stable business model.

6. SIG and other professional division group reports

Reports had been submitted to EAHIL Council as follows:

(a) Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM)

No report.

(b) European Veterinary Libraries

Marie Teissier reported that the group had had very little activities, since Friedhelm Rump (chair) has been off work this last year. The group is becoming less European, and more international, since the collaboration also includes colleagues from the USA. The group had intended to have elections for chair this year, but it has not come about. The group will meet soon and hope to form a more stable organization.

(c) Health Informatics

Bruce Madge had sent a report noting that there had been little response to the SIG's formation, and suggesting that it should be discontinued through lack of interest. The Board was seeking members' views on this proposal before making a decision.

(d) MeSH Information

Gun Brit Knutsøn reported that the group has published four contributions in JEAHIL. The SIG discussion list is active, but more would be appreciated. An important task for the group is to translate the yearly new MeSH terms. The group met during the workshop. Its aim is to improve collaboration among the international translators and other stakeholders.

(e) Pharmaceutical Information (PHING)

Michelle Wake reported that a survey has been conducted among the members asking what the group could do for the members, and the findings were discussed at the SIG meeting during the workshop. The group would very much encourage discussion on the PHING discussion list.

(f) Public Health Information (PHIG)

(Tomas Allen): Tomas was elected in Lisbon, it has been a transition year, both for WHO and the Global Health library. Due to budget cuts the project hasn't moved very much forward. Ivana Truccolo had reported at the SIG meeting on work with consumer health information, and the collaboration within Europe.

(g) Registry Task Force

Registry Taskforce: a report had been received from Helena Bouzkova and Suzanne Bakker. It had been observed that when embarking on the project they were more ambitious but now, after working on it, the question is if it is possible to come up with a common standard for medical librarians.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

Awards and Closing Ceremony

- EAHIL Scholarships 2011 awarded to: Isla Kuhn (UK), Jennifer Lopez (Switzerland), Paula Saraiva (Portugal), Malzorgata Sieradzka-Fleituch (Poland), Daiga Spila (Latvia), Cristina Ungur (Romania)
- JEAHIL Scholarship 2011 awarded jointly to Eleni Kalogeraki and Eirini Tsalapatani (Greece)
- Best Oral Presentation: Leena Lodenius (Finland)
- Best Oral Presentation by a First-Time Attendee: Dale Storie (Canada)
- Best Poster: Federica Napolitani (Italy)
- Best Poster by a First-Time Attendee: Kai Geschuhn (Germany)

The Workshop ended with presentations by organisers of the next two meetings (Brussels, 2012, and Stockholm, 2013) and the Closing Ceremony.