

**General Assembly, 12th EAHIL conference
Friday 18 June 2010
Estoril, Portugal**

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

Suzanne Bakker (SB) welcomed attendees and confirmed that the general assembly was a quorum. News from sister organisations – Tony McSean and Flatiel Vilnaculos gave a tribute to Vimbai Hungwe, President of Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA), who very sadly died in a car accident just before EAHIL. The best tribute to Vimbai Hungwe is to take forward the work of our profession as he would have wanted. The assembly gave a minute of silence in his memory.

2. Minutes of the General Assembly on 5 June 2009 in Dublin

The minute was agreed.

3. President's Report

SB highlighted the report, and the assembly accepted the report as a record of the activities of the association.

4. Treasurer's Report

4b Report of the auditing committee

Oliver Obst reported the auditing committee's satisfaction with the accounts. The committee recommended using some of the EAHIL funds to support members in attending conferences

4c Discharge of Treasurer's responsibility for the accounts for 2009
approved

4d Appointment of new members to financial auditing committee

Oliver Obst and Meila Kretaviciene were approved by the assembly as the auditing committee for the next two years.

5. JEAHIL Editor's Report

SB thanked Sally Wood-Lamont and the editorial board on their successful work in making the JEAHIL both scientific and association news. Next issue will appear in September, and the editorial board has proposed that from 2011, the issues will appear in March, June, September and December. This change in timing of issues was approved.

6. Results of the elections of EAHIL President and Executive Board

SB confirmed Peter Morgan as elected to the role of President with 311 votes.

For the Executive Board, the tradition is to have two co-opted members, so in addition to the two vacancies for full board members, two candidates were co-opted according to greatest number of votes. The equal number of votes between Tuulevi and Marshall was decided by a tie-break.

Jarmilla Potomkova 67 votes

Helene Donato 74 votes

Ivana Truccolo 98 votes (co-opted to Executive Board)

Tuulevi Ovaska 124 votes (co-opted to Executive Board)

Marshall Dozier 124 votes (elected to Executive Board)

Karen Buset 151 votes (elected to Executive Board)

SB welcomed the new Board members, and thanked all the candidates for their commitment to the association: the election was a good election because so many candidates stood. Peter and the new Board members will take up office in January 2011.

7. Rules of Procedure changes

The amendments to the rules for Special Interest Groups (SIGs) were approved by the assembly.

8. SIG and other professional division group reports

- a. European Veterinary Librarians Group – Fiona Brown reported on the [get words from FB]
- b. Public Health Information Group - Sue Thomas, co-chair, reported on three key areas of work: Hot Topics in collaboration with WHO to facilitate dissemination of key sources of information; Consumer health – members of the SIG will be involved in this stream at IFLA and are planning a session at Istanbul; Katri Larmo has developed a website for the group using Web2 tools. The group agreed not to have a separate group on consumer health, but to have a lead in this area internal to the SIG.
- c. MeSH - GunBrit Knutssoen (co chair) reported on the group's work to translate MeSH into European languages to facilitate medical specialists' access to relevant literature.
- d. Pharmaceutical – the SIG met to discuss the differing roles of librarians and information professionals in giving information on drugs, and plan to conduct a survey on this area.
- e. Complementary – group is for evidence based information for CAM; have created a union list of serials; planning dissertations database; planning work on refining MeSH for CAM – hope to incorporate AMED and homeopathic thesauri with MeSH. Carrying out work to involve more representatives from

9. Membership database

Arne Jakobsen reported that three emails have been sent to members asking them to renew their memberships, and records for non-renewed members will be deleted in August 2010.

SB reported that there will be elections to the Council later this year. The membership database is core to the running of the elections, and SB requested that those present remind colleagues to update their records in preparation for the election.

10. Any other business

SB proposed to the assembly an Honorary Membership of EAHIL for Elizabeth Husem, and invitations to the next workshop and conference in Istanbul and Brussels. The award was wholeheartedly approved by the Assembly.

Awards and Closing Ceremony

- Best oral presentation: Building a One Medicine/One Health library perspective. *E. Carrigan, D. Halling, C. Foster, M. Maciel*
- Best oral first timer: Development of a Digital Repository Prototype applied to the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon. *S. Lopes, PF. Lopes, F. Campos*
- Best poster: EU policies and guidelines for open access in the health field. *R. Lavendera-Fernandez, R. Onis-Romero*
- Best poster first timer: Library physical space – just a launch pad. *I. Kauce, I. Holma*

EAHIL awards

2009 – Tony McSean

2010 – Fanny Ribes