

## **EAHIL General Assembly**

**Friday 6 July 2012**

Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from: Board members Manuela Colombi, Ivana Truccolo, Sally Wood; from Councillors Güssün Güneş, Janet Harrison, Jouni Leinonen, Barbara Niedzwiedzka, Ioana Robu, Lea Škoric; and from Artemis Chalepliglou, Chiara Cipolat Mis, Barbara Sen.

Peter Morgan (PM) welcomed attendees to the General Assembly at EAHIL's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The GA was confirmed to be a quorum.

#### **2. Minutes of the General Assembly 2011 (Istanbul)**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Matter arising: PM reported that the possibility of a memorandum of understanding with LIBER is not being pursued at this time.

#### **4. President's report**

PM reported that the President's report for 2011, which summarises the activities of the Association and its representatives for the year, is now available on the EAHIL website.

#### **5. Secretariat report**

Suzanne Bakker (SB) reported that the EAHIL secretariat is in the Netherlands, where the administrative functions are run efficiently by the staff who maintain regular contact with the Treasurer, the Editor of JEAHIL, and the Board as necessary.

#### **6. Treasurer's report**

##### *(a) Budget*

SB spoke to the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Manuela Colombi (Treasurer), highlighting and explaining key incomings and outgoings. EAHIL is in a healthy financial position. The Assembly approved the budget proposed for 2013-2014.

##### *(b) Report of the auditing committee*

Oliver Obst (OO) and Meila Kretaviciene (MK), auditors to the accounts for 2010-2011, had written to indicate their acceptance of the statement of accounts.

##### *(c) Discharge of Treasurer*

Manuela Colombi was thanked for her work as Treasurer for 2011.

##### *(d) Appointment of new auditing committee*

Jarmila Potomkova and Patricia Flor were approved by the Assembly as the auditing committee for the next two years. OO and MK, the retiring auditors, were thanked for their service.

**7. JEAHIL Editor's Report**

PM indicated that the full report would be available on the website. The Journal is doing well, but the editorial board are always keen to receive more submissions; the Assembly were encouraged to submit papers and similarly to encourage their colleagues to do so.

**8. Elections**

PM expressed disappointment that there were only enough nominations to fill the four vacancies in the recent election to the positions on the Board: President and three Executive Board positions. The election committee, made up of four members representing the northern, eastern, southern and western regions of Europe, was required to work to encourage members to stand for election in order to have at least the minimum number of nominations, and he thanked them for their efforts in ensuring that all vacancies were filled. Despite the minimum number of candidates standing, there was a vote.

*(a) Results of elections for President and Board*

President (2013-14): Lotta Haglund 183 votes

Board (2013-16): Ghislaine Declève (Belgium) - 175 votes, Maurella Della Seta (Italy) - 172 votes, Tuulevi Ovaska (Finland) - 177 votes

PM observed that the Board was permitted to co-opt the two unsuccessful candidates with the next highest number of votes, but would not be able to do so on this occasion as there were no additional candidates. As a result the Board would be smaller than in previous years.

*(b) Forthcoming election for Council members*

PM reminded the Assembly that Council elections for 2013-16 would be held later in the year and again encouraged members to become more actively involved in EAHIL's affairs by standing as candidates if there was a vacancy for their country.

**9. Amendments to EAHIL Policy Statements**

PM reported that the Board had approved an amendment to Policy Statement nr.9 clarifying the use of the EAHIL-L list for inter-library loan requests, as discussed at the 2011 General Assembly. It had also approved a new Policy Statement nr.10, on "Attendance of Observers at Meetings of the EAHIL Executive Board", enabling the Journal Editor and the Secretariat Supervisor to be invited to attend Board meetings as non-voting observers. These texts had been added to the website.

**10. Summary reports from Special Interest Groups and other professional activities**

The Board had amended the timetable for SIG reports so that in future these would be submitted after the annual conference rather than before it, and could thus include the outcomes of the SIG meetings held during the annual conference. These reports would subsequently be placed on the website. SIGs that wished to make a brief oral report to the General Assembly were invited to do so.

**11. Future EAHIL meetings**

As previously announced, the 2013 Workshop would be held in Stockholm on 12-14 June.

PM announced that the Board had approved a proposal to hold the 2014 Conference in Rome, probably in June.

The organisers of the 2013 and 2014 meetings would both make presentations during the Closing Ceremony.

No decision had yet been made about the venue for the 2015 Workshop, and the Board would still welcome proposals from members interested in hosting it.

## **12. Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **13. Awards**

### *(a) Conference Scholarships*

Certificates were presented by Hans-Peter Meulekamp (EBSCO) to the recipients of the six 500-euro EAHIL-EBSCO Conference Scholarships for 2012, awarded by the EAHIL Executive Board and sponsored by EBSCO. The winners were Zane Bruvere (Latvia), Karin Byström (Sweden), Chiara Cipolat Mis (Italy), Susana Henriques (Portugal), Rebeca Isabel (Spain), and Riina Kuik (Estonia).

The winner of the 500-euro JEAHIL Conference Scholarship for 2012, awarded by the Journal editors for the best paper published in 2011, was Maurella Della Seta (Italy).

### *(b) EAHIL awards for the best posters and oral presentations at EAHIL 2012*

The awards (an engraved crystal glass trophy and free registration at one of the next two meetings) were presented respectively by Paula Saraiva (Chair of the panel judging posters) and Ghislaine Declève (Chair of the panel judging presentations)

- Best Poster by a First-Time Attendee: Sandy Campbell (Canada)

(This poster also received an award from SAGE Publications, presented by Mark Lord.)

- Best Poster: Karin Byström (Sweden).

(The poster submitted by Jarmila Potomkova [Czech Republic], who as a member of the panel of judges was not eligible to receive the award, was also commended.)

- Best Oral Presentation by a First-Time Attendee: Denise Koufogiannakis (Canada)
- Best Oral Presentation: Daisy De Sutter (Belgium)

All the award-winning contributions would be reproduced in the September issue of the Journal.

### *(c) 25th Anniversary Research Grants*

PM, on behalf of Manuela Colombi, who as Treasurer had led the 25th Anniversary Research Grants initiative, announced the results of the competitive application process. The grants, each worth 10,000 euros for one year, were intended to enable the realisation of two projects strongly related to EAHIL's aims and beneficial to the winning institution. 13 applications were received, and were evaluated by an international committee formed by Chiara Bassi, Alison Brettle, Ulrich Korwitz, Jarmila Potomkova, and Franco Toni.

The two projects selected by the committee were:

- Janet Harrison (Loughborough University, UK): "E-HLQs - European Health Library Quality Standards: a Model"; and
- Barbara Sen (University of Sheffield, UK): "Health Information Professionals, Their Roles and Contributions to Health Care".

PM congratulated the successful applicants and thanked the evaluation committee for their work.

*(d) EAHIL Awards for 2011 and 2012*

The EAHIL Award for 2011 was made, in her absence, to Päivi Pekkarinen (Finland) for her long-term contribution to EAHIL, her instrumental role in starting the Public Health SIG, and for representing EAHIL's interests at IFLA. A message of thanks from Päivi was read out, together with her translation of the poem "Impromptu" by the Finnish poet Lassi Nummi.

The EAHIL Award for 2012 was made to Pat Flor (Norway) for her long service to EAHIL, including her organisation of Continuing Education Courses and her major contribution to International Programme Committees over many years.

The General Assembly concluded with the Conference Closing Ceremony.

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