

EAHIL General Assembly

Date: Friday 16 June 2017

Time: 11:00 - 11:45

Venue: Dublin Castle Printworks, Main Hall

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

Maurella Della Seta, President of EAHIL, welcomed attendees to the General Assembly (GA) at EAHIL workshop in Dublin. The assembly was confirmed to be a quorum. The Board introduced themselves.

2. Announcements

There were no announcements.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly 2016 (Seville)

The minutes was circulated together with the agenda. There were no corrections or questions. The minutes was approved as an accurate document and will be will be published on EAHIL web site.

4. President's report

Circulated before the meeting.

The President's report is an annual report from the organization and is not to be approved. The report acknowledges the activity and contribution from the members through the year. Marshall Dozier, as president in 2016, summarized the report and informed about two new sections: *Item 13. Piloting online continuing professional development* and *Item 14. Impact stories from members*. Impact stories is a way to show the impact of EAHIL and of being a member, so far, six stories is collected. Comments from the GA that this is an important initiative, and that the information should be included to the web site. The President's report is available at <http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Presidents-report-2016.pdf>

5. Secretariat Supervisor's report

Maurella Della Seta summarized the report on behalf of Suzanne Bakker (Secretariat Supervisor). She reports on operations as usual and no specific problems.

6. Approval of auditors

Helena Bouzková and Suzana Henriques were elected as auditors for 2017 and 2018, but unfortunately, the approval of the auditors by the GA was forgotten at the meeting in Seville 2016. Maurella Della Seta informed that this has to be done at this year's meeting. The GA had no comments to this. Helena Bouzková and Suzana Henriques are both appointed as auditors.

7. JEAHIL Editor's Report

Federica Napolitani Cheyne (Editor in chief) reported on the activities, and highlighted information on editorial arrangements for each of the four issues, where issues no. 2 and no. 4 hosted two monographs, each edited by members of the editorial board. The regular columns were published as usual and two new ones were added in 2016: the "*Health Libraries Australia Report for EAHIL*" by Ann Ritchie and the "*Association for Health Information and Library Africa Report*" by Hussein Haruna. From the next issue a new column is introduced: *Council Members Corner*.

The financial situation is not so good, printing is expensive, and from 2018 the journal will be e-only.

8. Future EAHIL meetings

2018: Cardiff

2019: Bern

2020: Milano (great applause from the GA)

9. Any other business

Marshall Dozier informed about a new pricing model for affiliated members. These members are mostly commercial companies / publishers, and they are very important for funding. To secure future funding the fee for affiliated members has to be raised. The Board agreed to raise the fee from 2018 onward. (500 euros for affiliated membership; 150 euros for access to postal mailing labels twice per year; 300 euros for access to email mailing twice per year; full package is 950 euro).

For the present affiliated members have access to lists of addresses to send out printed product information to the members twice a year. Suggestion for the new pricing model includes that EAHIL offer to support a mediated e-mail distribution list for these members, and that each EAHIL member must accept being included on this list. To prevent improper use, a member of the Board will mediate the distribution list. That is, emails cannot be sent out on the list without a Board member checking the email first and letting it go out. Affiliated members cannot see the names or email addresses of individual members. This will happen from 2018, and members must tick new box in the membership database to receive these emails. Comments from the GA was that it is too easy not to tick the box, and that EAHIL needs sponsors. Suggestion is that the default option is to receive e-mails, members that not allow these emails must opt out.

Voting: No rejection for the principle of the proposal. Majority approved making the default to 'yes', one member rejected.

Maurella Della Seta declared the General Assembly closed.

Closing ceremony and awards

Marshall Dozier chaired the award session.

EAHIL-EBSCO scholarships (presented by Claire Honeybourne, EBSCO)

Winners: Sarah Kennedy (UK), Leeni Lehtiö (Finland), David Ozura (Slovenia), Juan Talens-Bou (UK), Ivika Rande (Estonia)

AHILA EAHIL Scholarship 2017 (presented by Maria Musoke, President AHILA)
Winner: Virgii Hamwela (Zambia)

Best poster and oral presentation (presented by Fiona Brown and Witold Kozakiewicz).

56 posters and 83 oral presentations were evaluated. Each poster and presentation are evaluated by three persons; using EAHIL standard scheme for evaluation.

Best oral presentation: Nicole Capdarest-Arest with co-authors Jamie M. Gray and Henry C. Lee
Incorporating Game-based Learning into Medical Student Evidence-based Practice Education

Best poster: Federica Napolitani with co-authors Elena Bravo, Alessia Calzolari, Anne Cambon-Thomsen, Laurence Mabile, Anna Maria Rossi and Paola De Castro *A New Step Forward in the Use of CoBRA Guideline*

The full text of the prize-winning paper and poster, and reports and memories from conference participants may be seen in the Journal of EAHIL 13(3) [URL]