

# Midterm Meeting of the EADH Executive Committee

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## 1. Attendance and agenda

Attending:

- David Beavan (DB)
- Aurélien Berra (AB)
- Barbara Bordalejo (BB)
- Fabio Ciotti (FC)
- Arianna Ciula (Secretary) (AC)
- Claire Clivaz (CC)
- Øyvind Eide (ØE)
- Leif Isaksen (LI)
- Elena Gonzales-Blanco (EGB)
- Jan Christoph Meister (Chair) (JCM)
- Christian-Emil Ore (CEO) – joins the meeting at 10.39
- Jan Rybicki (JR)

Apologies from:

- Karina van Dalen-Oskam (President) (KvDO)
- Maurizio Lana (ML)
- Edward Vanhoutte (DSH/LLC Editor-in-Chief) (EV)
- Paul Vetch (Treasurer) (PV) – attended via skype from 10.20 until the end of discussion of item 4

In addition to executive committee members, we have also invited the president of HDH Prof. Sagrario López but she could not attend.

Chair opens the meeting by welcoming the new members elected in 2014 and co-opted at the summer meeting. He starts with words of thanks to EGB as host of the meeting. He also passes the greetings of KvDO to the whole committee thanking for its support and to inform us that she will be soon active again.

Agenda is approved.

## **2. Minutes of Summer Meeting**

- [Minutes on Agora](#)

Chair thanks AC for the comprehensive minutes.

Chair proposes to accept the minutes as a true record of the summer meeting 2014 held in Lausanne last July, ØE seconds. Minutes are accepted with no objections.

## **3. Chair's report: mid-term update**

Chair clarifies that most of the points he reports on are already embedded in the current agenda. With respect to ADHO, work is in progress on various fronts connected to upcoming changes in governance, financial model and membership. He notes that the DH community is vibrant. There have been various requests addressed towards officers; sometimes these are initiatives taken at the individual level for which it is difficult to assess size and impact (some of these will be discussed under 12). The name change of the organisation was very timely and he thinks possibly the same will happen with LLC.

Chair thanks AC for her support and opens the floor for questions (discussion is deferred under other items).

## 4. Elections 2015: upcoming elections and nominations

Members of the executive committee whose terms of office will expire in 2015:

- Elected: DB (membership officer) and ML (currently chair of the ADHO Multilingual and Multicultural committee). They are both eligible for re-election. DB is encouraged to propose his candidature again. FC confirms that ML intends also to stand for re-election.
- Co-opted: AB, ØE (we also have potentially one more member to co-opt)

According to the constitution, the deadline for nomination should be 8 weeks prior to the AGM. The call should therefore go out late March-beginning of April.

Discussion follow on how best to make sure the election process encourages new people to join the works of the committee so that healthy rotation and change takes place. Chair proposes that we could use the list of members – as soon as functional – to announce that there will be new elections. Action on JMC to make the announcement via the list. Action on LI to contact Daniel Alves (founding member of AHDig, Associação das Humanidades Digitais and Professor Auxiliar at Departamento de História, Universidade Nova de Lisboa) informally to check whether he would want to stand for election (LI emailed him during the meeting and he is interested).

Last year nomination committee included AC, ML, and was chaired by the then president John Nerbonne. BB, FB, and LI volunteer to be in the 2015 nominations committee. Action on AC to provide details about the nomination procedures.

The constitution also allows us for three co-opted members. This is a flexible mechanism for the committee to strategically enlarge the committee as needed.

The suggestion of involving a member from Portugal as co-opted member is put forward also in connection with the South American outreach. Chair however proposes to re-address the question of co-opted members after we know what are the areas the committee decides to act and focus on this coming year.

## 5. Treasurer's Report

- [Mid term report](#)
- [2014 budget](#)

While waiting for PV to connect on skype, Chair summarises the report. Unfortunately we did not receive an itemised budget prior to the meeting.

Chair explains about the new ADHO expense connected to the development of the DH abstracts system integrated in ConfTool. Good progress is being made on this and chair will report on it under [10.5.1](#).

Action on PV to provide budget in EUR.

PV joins the meeting via skype at 10.20. Chair asks him to explain the mechanics of the report and asks about the currency. PV explains that traditionally we always used GBP since that is the currency of our account. PV does not know what is the ADHO conversion system but he confirms we do retain our proportion independently of the change of currency. Being asked about DHd income, he stresses it has not been factored in the budget. He estimates the DHd income to be in the order of a £1,000-1,500.

Chair explains the shortfall between what OUP charges for full membership and the DHd membership fee (42 EUR). PV thinks conversation should be continued to clarify this issue.

The next issue being discussed is the income from AIUCD (20 EUR fee for membership) whose subscriptions have doubled this year.

Action on PV to establish the amount of income that would come through the Associate Organisations DHd and AIUCD before the end of the calendar year.

Action on FC to liaise with PV about AIUCD transfer.

PV moves now to explain the projection of £7,044.00 and that our income in 2015 will actually slightly decrease. Based on the draft budget 2014, we are using about £5k of our reserve. This is mainly due to the infrastructure costs which will not be a running expense. With respect to this, Chair mentions a cheaper quote for the responsive design but he also alerts us that we will have to invest on the reconstruction of our website (still within the 2,000 EUR provisioned in the 2014 budget).

(CEO joins the meeting at 10.39)

PV explains that the AGM costs are still very high with respect to the proportion of our budget (£6,000). Chair reminds committee members (including officers) that we should look for other ways of supporting our expenses. ØE clarifies that a large part of our expenses is channelled through ADHO so the proportion is actually not as skewed as it might seem. Chair asks for the budget to include percentages.

Action on PV to provide percentages for 2014 budget and establish percentages for 2015 projection.

PV explains that we have been paying for insurance but now our reserve is not high so we do not need to pay insurance anymore.

LI is aware informally that one of the projects (awarded through the 2014 small grants call) has been cancelled (around EUR 3,000); in addition there are two other projects that have not requested any claim. LI says we will certainly save EUR 1,000.

PV adds that he had to pay an OUP invoice that should actually fall within ADHO expenses. PV is in discussion with ADHO treasurer for the transfer to happen.

Action on PV to follow this up.

PV specifies that there is not provision for a mid-term meeting next year at the moment but this should be discussed (see below).

Investments are briefly discussed. Provisions might be needed for officers to attend workshops and other outreach activities in 2015.

Action on PV to provide an itemised view for 2015 separating the budget from 2014 projection.

The impact of the membership only uptake on our finances is discussed next. PV does not think that this has an impact in the immediate term but he thinks it is difficult to predict the effects in the medium term. Chair says that based on Harold Short's analysis of current trend in membership change, it seems that this effect concerns mainly the new incoming members rather than standing members (e.g. 60% of DHd members chose the full membership but this might be a singular case connected to this constituency). Chair reminds us that the individual membership amounts only to 40% of our total income.

Action on DB and PV to do some modelling to understand this change.

It is also noted that being the next conference in Australia, this might very likely affect the increase of membership we normally record at the time of the conference.

ØE comments that during last summer ADHO SC meeting the budget was prepared rather quickly, but the assumption is that the same would not happen in 2015. Hence a more controlled and rational decision on the budget might reveal that the actual projection could be higher.

Chair states that one major investment will be the membership management system in the range of 5,000 EUR or more at the ADHO level. Chair's proposal would be for EADH to start a pilot for ADHO on the understanding that costs for this has to be borne by ADHO. PV agrees that the need is pressing. This discussion is postponed to item [6.2](#) and [10](#).

## 5.1 New guidance on allowable expenses

- [Guidance](#)

At the summer meeting, PV was asked to produce guidance on allowable expenses for the committee to adopt. PV runs through the guidance to explain rationale and criteria.

Chair reminds the committee that the mid-term meetings have been a bone of contention for some time due to their impact on the budget. He explains the difference between summer business meeting and the mid-term meeting for new members: the former obliges us to attend to certain formalities like approving the budget, ratifying elections etc. and do interface with the ADHO SC meetings (ADHO in fact reports to COs on various matters). The strategic focus of mid-term meetings started in Krakow 2010, but in general they were used to examine proposals for activities to fund in the year after and to agree on other important activities (e.g. major changes to the constitution in Leipzig 2007). Chair thinks it was used as a productive way to develop the organisation. He thinks these meetings have proved to be important and productive and he does not think we would be able to make up for that via a web based meeting. So he would prefer to decide on a ceiling for the mid-term meeting to be held with a very limited budget.

Chair opens the floor for discussion.

Following the discussion, the general agreement is that a one to many with skype works but many-to-many is feasible only with a professional video-conferencing system. All the same face to face communication cannot be substituted and becomes more of a problem with the DH conference taking place much less frequently in Europe. Some points are raised to revitalise mid-term meetings:

- They should be strategically prepared with a tight focus (there is not time for such focused work in the summer meeting which is mainly a business meeting). CEO supports this by comparing his involvement with CIDOC, where the mid-term meetings were essential to do all the planning;
- It is important for the mid-term to take place in decentralised locations;
- Creative ways to fund mid-term meetings could be identified;
- They could be synchronised with European events.

There was also a suggestion to move the main meeting to this time of the year but this has other implications which we had not time to tackle. The discussion leads to conclude that the mid-term meeting is essential.

BB proposes Leuven for the next mid-term meeting as an affordable option. Action on her to propose a budget by end of January.

Action on PV to add a budget line for the mid-term meeting in 2015.

The agreement is to discuss the guidance document via email and make comments within a week. Action on ØE to make sure that before the end of the year we finalise this.

Chair thanks PV for this document and his work.

\*\*\* Chair breaks meeting for 20 minutes at 11.12am \*\*\*

## 6. Membership

- [Report](#)

### 6.1 Membership development

DB summarises his report. He highlights the health of our membership cohort thanks especially to the great achievements of DHd and AIUCD in drawing membership in. He also highlights the fact that at the moment the membership only option is associated only to the ADHO joint membership option.

Chair summarises the suggestions made in the report of the ADHO task force on membership currently under discussion within ADHO SC (see also [10.5.2](#)):

1. The proposal is to eliminate the possibility to obtain a direct membership to ADHO (this was proposed for accounting reasons as well as voting issues);

2. The proposal is to make compulsory to have one affiliation to a CO with the option to include membership to other COs.

Discussion follows. Issues around the necessity of a primary affiliation are raised (BB mentions the example of the *European Society for Textual Scholarship* membership) as well as the necessity of transparency about how funds are distributed. Chair explains that the proposal includes the option of supporting ADHO via the deployment of funds for specific uses (e.g. bursaries).

Chair asks to go back to DB's report and to continue the discussion about the membership system under [10.5.2](#).

DB mentions that the OUP membership page has been updated with some clearer wording. There is a correction to make to the report about the number of members that still need to receive the journal issues for 2014 (in fact for DHd the figure was 39 and not 22).

Action on DB to correct the report before uploading it to the public website.

ØE mentions that there are specific cases where one needs a well-defined mechanism to check if specific individuals are members or not, e.g. to control eligibility for bursaries.

DB thanks FC for responding to his request for AIUCD membership numbers very promptly despite the short notice.

Chair records thanks to DB for his service.

JCM proposes the report being adopted, JR seconds. Adopted unanimously.

## **6.2 ADHO membership management system**

Chair mentions that ADHO treasurer was given the task to develop a membership system but not much has happened so far; so he proposed for EADH to start a prototype (see above) given that we are structurally the most complex organisation. This should be contracted out as the ADHO infrastructure committee does not have the time and expertise to do this.

In this framework, AOs would continue to manage their membership systems separately from OUP interface. FC reports that AIUCD is investigating options.

Chair asks AB and CC since they are working on a membership system for Humanistica whether they would be interested in working towards the development of such prototype.

FC and AB volunteer to investigate membership systems options for implementation in liaisons with DB, EGB and DHd. EGB suggest to consider the Open Conference system which also has a membership system included. Action on them to come to EADH with a proposal by April 2015. Action on AC to share PV's report presented in Lausanne.

Chair thanks FC and AB for taking this on and warns them about security issues.

## **7. Conferences**

Chair asks for a brief update on the state of preparation.

### **7.1 2015 Sydney**

ØE states that the planning of the conference is going well based on the reports he gets as ADHO Awards chair. This year there were two calls for workshops to allow people to get organised for

fundraising on time. There were 357/8 submissions in total following the Call for Papers:

- 192 long papers
- 13 panel/multiple paper sessions
- 53 posters
- 100 short papers.

The reduction in participation from DH 2014 is evident but not drastic. Two new bursary schemes were established at the local level targeted to different needs.

BB asks about the issue of the same author featuring repeatedly in the programme. Chair and ØE explain that a new policy was implemented sometimes ago for the same group of authors to feature only once in the programme.

### **7.1.1 AGM meeting**

Paul Arthur – chair of the local organising committee for DH 2015 contacted AC to propose a joint EADH/ACH lunchtime meeting. The idea would be to give conference delegates a sense of activities across the two organisations. From the local organisers' point of view this would free up one lunchtime, which could be used for SIGs.

A discussion follows whether various points are raised. ACH and EADH are two fairly different constituencies. EADH has to abide to certain formalities during its business meeting (it is noted that at DH 2013 the AGM explicitly asked to keep the business meeting). However, it's important for SIGs to hold meetings at DH conferences.

The proposal is to have a breakfast meeting for a shorter business meeting (ca. 45 minutes), and share the lunchtime with ACH. To make the business meeting more efficient we could engage membership better, share more information with members in advance of the meeting rather than waiting one year to e.g. deliver minutes. The proposal to stream (despite hours difference) or podcast the meeting is also discussed.

Actions:

- LI to look into possibilities for compensating for the lack of accessibility to DH 2015.
- ØE to investigate whether breakfast meeting is a possibility.
- AC to reply to Paul Arthur pending the previous action and investigate who is bearing lunch costs.

## **7.2 2016 Krakow**

JR summarises ongoing plans for DH 2016 including booking accommodation, sponsorship and associated events. JR records official thanks to the Utrecht colleagues who offered the dh2016.org domain to local organisers.

Chair thanks JR for his work on this.

## **8. Policy matters**

### **8.1 Associate Organisation representation on the EADH exec**

- [AOs Representation](#)

At the summer meeting, ML was asked to work on a phased proposal with a couple of models for AOs representation in EADH executive to be put forward and discussed at this meeting. Since ML is not present, FC summarises the report on his behalf and in particular the three options outlined

for AOs representation. It should be specified that option two caters for having only observers representing the council and not full voting members in the committee. There is need to change immediately our representative structure, but the conclusion is that we should move towards a new structure in the future given the likely expansion of AOs.

Chair thanks ML and FC for this proposal and opens the floor for discussion.

AC proposes the idea of an informal network or forum possibly co-ordinated by an AO representative but including other regional associations.

Chair wishes to shift the main issue from representation to collaboration. He thinks this role could be fulfilled by option two in the proposal but opened up to non-AOs too as proposed by AC. ØE refines the idea further by proposing that AOs should have the possibility to nominate voting representatives while non-AOs shouldn't. Chair proposes that one co-opted member in our committee could be reserved with the role of representative of an informal council. This could be just a mailing list of EADH officers and regional associations' presidents. CEO proposes to keep structure flat and include ex-officio non-voting members, but other criticise this as it could privilege only those that have funding to attend.

Chair reminds the committee that at the moment AOs are very independent and we should keep this policy for as much a possible. Chair explains that AOs pass their income to EADH but then EADH gives them back a proportion keeping only what's needed for the shared benefits.

Chair thinks we are not reaching sufficient consensus at this point in time which might indicate that for the time being we should create only a very light-weight structure.

Hence, the proposal is to adopt option three (i.e. keep co-opted member for non-represented AOs in the executive for now until we have a small number of AOs) with the proviso that we will revisit this model in a year time.

JCM proposes to adopt option three, BB seconds. Voted nem con.

In addition, the proposal is also to motivate existing AOs and emerging communities to create a group as a transition to move towards option two, ensuring such group that their suggestions will be taken into account by the committee.

Action on JCM to inform AOs about the outcome of this discussion (i.e. adoption of option three).  
Action on CEO to contact officers of all regional associations in Europe to motivate them to create a group that would initiate a dialogue with the EADH executive committee.

EGB raises the issue that in the case of HDH, its members would want to have a double affiliation (Europe and Latina America), so it is essential for EADH to have a clear stance of what we are offering to AOs. BB also reports on similar discussion at GO::DH.

## **8.2 Revision of the EADH Small Grants programme**

- [Report](#)

LI summarise his report on the projects supported following the 2014 call and highlights again that one project was cancelled while two claims are still pending. He thinks the scheme has been a success.

Chair proposes to accept the report. DB seconds. Voted nem con.

At the summer meeting PV was asked to check if after pending amendments of commitments for 2014, we are able to provide a figure against small grants or whether this is not feasible this year. Chair suggests to suspend the programme for the time being.

Chair moves his own proposal, LI seconds. Voted nem con.

\*\*\* Chair breaks meeting at 2.15pm. Meeting is reconvened at 3.10pm. \*\*\*

## 9. Strategic actions

### 9.1 EADH “international day”

Chair summarises the idea of a European conference. The DH conference will now rotate between North America, Europe and one other region so that means 2 out of 3 years the DH conference will take place outside Europe. Hence the proposal of a European conference (this has been discussed before within the committee). He makes the following points:

- competition across DH events taking place;
- saturation of the community without enough intellectual benefit.

One proposal put forward in the past was to hold an EADH international day associated to one of the regional conferences; a second proposal was to have a whole EADH conference (which could easily attract 400 people). The workload this implies should be considered. The first proposal would mean for EADH to ask to have one day attached to a regional association (e.g. a AO) conference; financial models would need to be worked out.

Chair opens the floor for discussion.

Some points in favour of a European conference are raised:

- it would be useful and necessary to hold such event every time the DH conference is not in Europe (according to EGB there should actually be a European conference every year);
- the growing rate of the community should be valued (FC mentions the example of TEI 2013 with over 200 participants in Rome compared to TEI 2014 in Chicago with ca. 70 participants);
- the benefit of DH discount as membership becomes non-existent when the attendance of DH conferences become impossible for certain constituencies to afford (FC mentions that it was difficult for him as AIUCD president to explain the practical benefit of being an EADH AO);
- there could be the possibility to liaise with the DARIAH/CLARIN conference (FC is member of DARIAH Steering Committee).

Some points against this are also raised:

- this would dilute the possibility of attending the ADHO conference;
- it would seem EADH boycotts the ADHO choice of the 3 year cycle for DH conferences (in reply to this, the Canadian conference one month apart from the DH conference is mentioned; the Australasian association also holds its own conference every two years. EADH is in fact the only CO which doesn't hold a conference).

In addition, LI thinks we could actually be innovative and creative in devising a format that does not mirror DH as it is. JR thinks one way of doing this would be to do more outreach towards a specific fields (e.g. literary studies). He also adds that a big 2016 conference could be something to profit from.

With respect to the idea of an international EADH day attached to regional conferences, EGB supports this and thinks there should be a European conference each year; she thinks the idea of joining up with other regional associations is a good one. She thinks the international day should however be financially independent while allowing for combined mechanisms of support (e.g. cumulative fee or discount to attend regional and international day). The format also needs some thinking in terms of thematic focus.

Chair says you would have to convince the local organiser that they would benefit from having European event.

Chair thinks that based on the discussion so far we need to reflect indeed on what would be the purpose of the conference. We need to network, to learn from each other; perhaps time has come to explore different formats like an un-conference. He mentions the DHd conference 2014 (Hamburg) as the example of an unstructured event which worked very well (e.g. adoption of a 5 minute presentation format). This would mean not to compete with DH but be highly functional.

AB states that *Humanistica* for instance is very rooted in the THATCamp format and spirit. FC argues for actually longer papers rather than quick presentations focused on project reports. BB proposes to focus on innovation in Humanities research rather than technological innovation. FC mentions that any profit could stay with EADH.

EGB offers 5-7 October 2015 Madrid 2015 as an experimental venue.

Chair asks for a volunteer to sketch out few models of how such European event would work including format (e.g. un-conference model; long papers with five keynotes; young scholars presenting projects in a slam format), cost and organisational implications. LI, EGB and BB volunteered to work on a proposal for the EADH conference and international day by the end of January 2015.

## 9.2 EASSH meetings

- [Documents 2014](#)

EGB summarises the history of EASSH for the new members (see Lausanne minutes item 11.2). She attended three meetings on our behalf (one meeting is actually happening while this meeting is ongoing) and acted as member of the transitional board.

AC will attend the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January in Paris. The French minister will be attending. Invitation to the European Commission is still pending. EADH is a founding member.

AC asks about the financial implications of our involvement; EGB clarifies that the membership fee has not been discussed in details yet.

Chair would like to support this and thanks EGB for her dedicated effort.

## 9.3 Cultural Literacy in Europe

- [cleurope.eu](http://cleurope.eu)

AC updates the committee about the progress with this project. Plans for the 2015 first international conference are well on schedule. Keynotes who represent the various topics (Cultural Memory, Translation and Migration, Biosociality and the Body, Digital textuality) as well as disciplines have been secured. The policy panel has also been set up with representation from different partners and the European Commission itself (full details are available on the conference website). Besides AC, two other members of the committee will participate to the conference in April (ML and ØE). New partners have joined in since AC last reported on this in the summer

covering a good range of countries and perspectives on the field of cultural literacy. Funding as well as contribution for partners will be sought for the future phases of the project.

Chair says we are supporting this at the ADHO level by making some infrastructural services available.

#### **9.4 Social Media Correspondents**

- [Suggestion from Social Media Correspondents](#)

JR explains that this document was drafted by the three selected social media correspondents. At the summer meeting, JR was asked to make sure that our new social media correspondents liaise with Victoria Smith ([victoria.smith@oup.com](mailto:victoria.smith@oup.com)) at OUP.

Action on AC/JCM to liaise with PV on details about lump sum so that JR can get the correspondents working.

JR proposes to accept the deployment of funds for this, LI seconds. Voted nem com.

#### **9.5 Outreach and fundraising**

- [Spanish/Portuguese liaison document](#)

ØE summarises the report and concludes by saying that this should be read as an opportunity to develop EADH fundraising function with respect to specific and targeted outreach. BB will work on this task together with ØE and EGB in collaboration with officers.

ØE proposes. JCM moves to accept the report and decision, AB seconds. Voted nem con.

### **10. ADHO Update (from ADHO committee members)**

#### **10.1 Steering Committee**

Chair summarises the discussion at ADHO level about the DH abstracts changing name to proceedings and making the recommendations made during the reviewing phase after submission mandatory. One of the benefits of this proposal was to relieve some pressure on the journal. A vivid discussion followed at ADHO level; the issue is complex problem and requires further thinking and exchanges. Therefore the proposal is back with ADHO Publications. As ADHO Publications committee representative for DSH/LLC, AB also underlines the complexity of the issue at stake.

#### **10.2 Awards Committee**

ØE reports that the first Lisa Lena prizes were awarded at the Methods in Dialectology XV conference in August 2014, whereas the next round will be at the 2015 Joint CSDH/ACH conference. The ADHO Awards committee is re-working the protocol for the bursary awards.

ØE proposes that important decisions taken at ADHO level should be circulated within EADH.

Action on AC to report regularly on decisions taken by ADHO SC.

#### **10.3 Communications Committee**

Nothing to report.

## 10.4 Conference Coordinating Committee

Nothing to report.

## 10.5 Infrastructure committee

### 10.5.1 “DH ConValidator” development

Chair states that judging from the interim report from the developer all is going according to plans.

### 10.5.2 OUP membership page re-design & CO “skins” / enrolment pages

Chair reinstates our needs are rather complex for OUP to tackle. ADHO SC is in the process of discussing a document summarising a proposal for changes of the membership page.

Action on JCM to circulate the proposal for discussion via email as soon as finalised.

### 10.5.3 Mobile version of EADH website

Chair explains that our content management system was hacked. It was a chain reaction which made necessary for the EADH website to be re-built from scratch. At the moment our website is restored as a static version. The damage was massive.

Chair proposes the following:

- ✦ move on the development of mobile version for the EADH website (already in our budget);
- ✦ deploy 850-900 EUR for responsive design on DRUPAL but on a multisite installation.

These were approved unanimously.

## 10.6 MLMC

This item was skipped since ML could not attend.

## 10.7 Publications Committee

In addition to what already discussed under item [10.1](#), AB mentions that discussion is ongoing about whether the TEI journal (JTEI) should be included in the publications list of ADHO webpage.

## 10.8 SIGs

ØE reports briefly that both GEO Humanities and GO:DH are very active. There is a proposal for a library SIG; most likely more proposals will follow.

On the other hand. LI thinks the Linked Open data SIG might expire.

# 11. Publications

## 11.1 Editor's report

- [LLC Editor's Report December 2014 - Summary](#)
- [LLC Editor's Report 2014 ytd](#)

AC points out that these were added to Agora quite late for the committee to digest on time.

Chair invites all to read the report.

## 11.2 Progress report: Name and design change for LLC / DSH

BB asks about the controversial vote on the DSH new cover. Chair specifies that EV came to the same conclusions as us.

### 11.3 Current OUP position on Open Access Policy

Nothing to report.

### 11.4 DH Conference Issues

- [Proposal DH issues](#)

This proposal was submitted recently to ADHO Steering Committee as well as to ADHO Publications committee for discussion. Compared to the version of the proposal as stored in Agora, the projection of costs is changed as following:

- Print and online: £3860 (excluding shipping)
- Online only: £3315

Committee makes note of this proposal.

## 12. Associate Organisations and other initiatives

### 12.1 AIUCD activities

FC reports that the 2014 AIUCD conference in September gathered around 100 delegates. He also reports that AIUCD is involved in a coordinated effort to have DH recognised and embedded in the Italian institutional context, so as to have the work of digital humanists recognised. There was good response from both humanities and other sciences but the action will take time to settle. In addition, AIUCD set up a working group to establish a new journal (ideally international and multilingual).

- Next conference: Turin, September 2015
- Members: 106 (2 of which are institutional members)

### 12.2 DHd activities

Chair reports that DHd is also involved into embedding DH in the German speaking institutional context. They were given the right to nominate 6 candidates for the relevant DFG expert review panels, but there is no relevant panel specific to DH research, so for now they nominated within the closest panel in the current structure (e.g. computational linguists). In the next round they will apply for establishing a new panel.

- Next conference: Gratz, 23-27 February 2015 (ca. 170 submissions received); 2016 possibly in Leipzig or Bern
- Members: 140

### 12.3 Shared calendar

Chair says that this was one of his actions from the Lausanne meeting; this is now implemented so Lena and Amanda French are in contact (Lena can now enter information directly into the system). AB mentioned that he tried repeatedly to contact with Amanda but this never worked out.

### 12.4 Other and emerging DH organisations:

#### 12.4.1 Humanistica

CC presents the Humanistica website ([www.humanistica.ca](http://www.humanistica.ca)) and briefly reports on the organisation jointly with AB. They mention interesting links with Africa (Cameroon in particular; Tunisia might be next). They are also thinking of setting up a new journal. There might also be a working group on tools which will work on avoiding duplication with similar initiatives.

- Next conference: no planned yet

- Members: 107 (comprising individual members at 30 EUR and institutional members at 200 EUR - which include the benefactor category set at 500 EUR fee)

Humanistica has the aim of gaining an international profile and has decided to join ADHO as CO based on linguistic/cultural criteria.

Chair thinks that this is a positive development despite the challenge both for EADH and ADHO. He also asks how AB and CC see their role in EADH. AB states that it is uncertain what would be the outcome of the application to join ADHO as CO nor he sees a contradiction in having a representation within EADH. CC proposes that the next mid term meeting could also take place in Paris in conjunction with Humanistica assembly.

A discussion follows on the African outreach and how best to coordinate EADH, Humanistica and GO:DH efforts.

#### 12.4.2 HDH & Portugal

EGB states that there is not much to report on the HDH front since Lausanne; this is due to the fact that HDH decisions are taken at the assembly only. The Call For Papers for the next HDH conference is going to be finalised soon. She also mentions that the Argentinian DH group had their first conference last November. She reminds the committee that HDH has strong links with South-America DH community. HDH is also working on proposing a new journal in collaboration with Mexican and Argentinian groups. There is an ongoing effort undertaken by the DH community in Spain to join DARIAH; there has been a coordinated initiative from different group in liaison with the ministry about this.

- Next conference: 5-7 October 2015, Madrid
- Members: ca. 60

EGB reports that the Portuguese speaking association will have its conference in October next year back to back with the HDH one. ØE adds that AHDig also has a global remit as it is liaising with institutions in Angola and Mozambique. In connection with this, ØE proposes that Daniel Alves is co-opted immediately provided his willingness to be involved in the founding group.

ØE proposes, JCM seconds. Voted nem con.

Action on LI to forward his exchange with him to the committee and follow up.

#### 12.4.3 Benelux

In absence of KvDO, members report on what we know. The Benelux group is very active in Humanistica and DARIAH.

- Next conference: 11-12 June 2015, Antwerp
- DH Benelux remains a loose organisation without membership

#### 12.4.4 Poland

JR reports that 14 institutions formed a consortium to form DARIAH-PL. Poland has a strong computational linguistics contingent which is now merging with DH researchers. JR thinks that this group will become a formal association in 2015 expecting to be associated with EADH in the future.

#### 12.4.5 Scandinavian group

CEO reports on this. There is lots of interest in DH research and there could be the intention to form a nordic formal group. He will report back after a meeting happening in the winter 2015. Estimate of ca. 50 members. Chair asks whether EADH should support this initiative.

Action on CEO to report back to the officers after the meeting.

#### 12.4.6 DH Siberia

Chair mentions that the DH Siberian group invited an EADH representative. Last November Inna Kizhner (Senior Lecturer, Department of IT in Creative and Cultural Industries, Faculty for the Humanities, Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk, Russia) invited an EADH representative to attend a conference on the Digital Humanities at the Siberian Federal University (planned for 21-25 September 2015). They asked for a paper and a workshop to students and young researchers.

Chair asks JR to attend on his place. Action on JR to follow up.

#### 12.4.7 UK

AC reports on an informal meeting held between ex ALLC chair Harold Short and ex ALLC president David Robey this autumn to get organised and convene UK EADH members and other DH active researchers. AC will report on future developments of this initiative and possible connections/affiliation to EADH.

Action on AC to report on further developments and involve DB and LI on this.

EGB asks about DH Israel. Action on JR to write to the Israeli group to find out about any new developments.

### **13. Any other business**

AC mentions that the ESF NeDiMAH network will be ending in May 2015 with a final conference on impact in London; she thinks EADH should have an official presence. LI agrees that this could provide a sense of legacy for NeDiMAH; he was present at the last Steering Committee meeting and explains the rationale behind this decision in connection with ESF report on research infrastructures for the digital humanities and the advocacy issues discussed under item [12.9.5](#).

Action on CEO to follow up the programme and see if it makes sense for us to be involved.

FC is organising a conference with Francesco Stella about distant reading in June 2015 in Siena. He notes that most likely they will ask for EADH endorsement. EGB mentions that HDH will also ask for endorsement for their next conference.

Action on FC and EGB to write a note to chair for official endorsement of these initiatives.

LI inform committee that CAA conference (Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology) will take place in Siena this year in March 2015. He notes that CAA and DH have not been connected as much as it would be desirable. He requests EADH publicity material. AC mentions we should have an information package separate from the journal. Chair asks if this is worth it. ØE thinks it is and thinks we should present the organisation at the CAA conference. LI will be there.

Chair proposes we mandate LI to liaise with the CAA organisers and see if EADH could be presented at their next conference. Action on LI.

Chair records thanks to our host and AC. ØE thanks Chair.

Meeting ends at 5.22pm.

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