

ALLC AGM Meeting

Digital Humanities 2010, King's College London

8th July 2010, 12.30pm

1. Attendance

Chair: Harold Short
Secretary: Melissa Terras
Treasurer: Paul Spence

A record was taken of other members attending and logged in the attendance book.

2. Minutes and Matters arising

Elisabeth Burr proposed the minutes from Maryland as a true record, Michael Sperberg-McQueen seconded, and these were accepted.

3. Chair's report

This was HS last report as Chair, as he stands down at the end of the conference. There is huge potential for the Digital Humanities in Europe, and HS wishes the new committee well in taking initiatives forward.

4. Secretary's Report

Melissa Terras reported that a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming chairs will be achieved through meetings and communication. An acting secretary will be appointed to cover MT's maternity leave.

5. Treasurer's Report

Paul Spence reported on finances and the move towards cross-association funding, including the new layout of financial categories which make the finances easier to see. Our income continues to come from LLC (we get 70% of profits, which are distributed among the societies), and revenue continues to increase. We need to spend money from our reserves and PS encouraged people to put in bids, but also highlighted the strategic funding spending initiatives that would be put in place. PS walked the members through the new layout of the financial spreadsheet.

Harold Short mentioned the strategic funding decisions taken by the committee. The independent financial examiner indicated that we should be spending a larger proportion of our reserve. There has been discussion amongst the committee as to how best to do this strategically. £25,000 of expenditure was decided on at the ALLC committee meeting. Arianna Ciula would coordinate a further round of strategic expenditure proposals which would be picked up at the next committee meeting.

6. Membership report

David Beavan reported that membership is roughly stable. There is a need to reach out to others and encourage membership. David Beavan thanked OUP for their work, and asked that members report any membership issues to him.

7. Report of Elections

1. Chair
Lisa Lena Opas Hanninen is elected as Chair (2010 – 13)
2. Committee members 2010-12
Tomoji Tabata
3. Committee members 2010-2013 (x3)

Espen Ore, Jan Rybicki, Jan Christoph Meister

4. Election system and process

Harold Short reported that OUP have an election system that is offered to their societies, and this was used for the first time in the ALLC elections. From our perspective, this ran extremely well, and it is recommended that the committee uses this system in the future. There was only one issue with this; OUP require a two week gap to get the system set up, so this needs to be incorporated future election schedules.

8. Communications of the Association

1. LLC

Marilyn Deegan is stepping down as editor of LLC. The committee invited Edward Vanhoutte to become the next Editor of LLC. The meeting expressed its thanks to Marilyn and welcomed Edward as the new Editor.

Edward Vanhoutte reported on the past year, and future initiatives for LLC. In the past year, unsolicited copy was a bit slow, and he encouraged all present to submit work to LLC. The digitisation project of the former ALLC Bulletin and early LLC journal copies are being carried out, which will be digitised by August, and published online. Edward Vanhoutte thanks Wilhelm Ott in providing scans of items missing from the archive. The production with OUP runs smoothly and production time is very short. Edward thanked OUP for their work on the journal. Simon Horobin is also stepping down as reviews editor and Associate Editor for the journal. This means that LLC will be looking for two new members for the editorial team. A call for nominations will be published in the Autumn.

EV reported on the future of LLC. Four short points

1. Maintain and raise the high standard of the journal
2. Draw on the scope of the journal so it reflects the current field of digital humanities
3. There is further potential for individual subscription numbers. There are 2200 subscriptions, 300 of these are individual subscriptions, but this conference has 420 attendees so there is scope for improvement. This is important as 70% of profits go back to the organisations.
4. New challenges for the journal will be investigated: including the current state of Digital Humanities. EV encourages those with comments on the journal and ideas about the future direction of the journal to contact him.

There was a discussion regarding how LLC can place itself in the changing landscape of DH and how LLC relates to the other journals in the field. LLC will remain a print volume, but there may be joint issues with other publications such as DHQ, and TEI-EJ. There is no clear picture, but this is one of the things that should be defined.

The issue was raised that some back issues have not been digitised by OUP, and these will be listed and discussed with OUP by Edward Vanhoutte to ensure membership has the full contents of the journal. Hugh Price from OUP reported on the backfill project to fill in the gaps. Edward Vanhoutte will get in contact with Hugh Price to inform him where the gaps lie.

Hugh Price reported on LLC from OUP's perspective. There is more scope for increasing membership. We broke 30,000 downloads for an article in the journal. There is an expectation that there may be the effects of the economic downturn to deal with this year but that remains to be played out. There have been some requests to not receive the print copy of the journal when individuals are happy to view it online. It may be that subscribers are surveyed on this matter in the future.

2. Humanist

Humanist continues to thrive. Willard McCarty will continue to edit it.

3. Web site

There has been quite a lot of activity and much of the strategic spending is going on the web presence. Jan Christoph Meister is producing an initial conversion of the website in Drupal, which will be available in the near future. The committee voted to pay for this pilot phase. A

second phase of funding was also agreed to press on with further development to add functionality to the site. By the next committee meeting there should have been quite a lot of work done on the website.

4. Allc archives

Harold Short will take on work on the ALLC archives as a post-retirement activity. Harold Short will report back next year on progress, and how best to make archival material available.

9. ADHO

1. Agreements with Associate Organisations: CentreNet

John Unsworth and Harold Short have been discussing with Kay Walter and Neil Fraistat the relationship between CentreNet and ADHO. John and Harold will continue to work with CentreNet, to develop an associate status for ADHO and to undertake the work that needs to be done for this to happen, setting out what will be offered.

2. Finances

Harold Short reported that ADHO finances were healthy.

3. Conference co-ordinating committee

This will continue looking at conference protocols

4. Publications Committee

Work has focussed on the redevelopment of the ADHO website and comments from membership are welcome.

1. LLC

EV had already reported on this.

2. DHQ

Melissa Terras reported briefly on DHQ and encouraged submissions.

3. Digital Research

This continues to flourish

4. Ashgate Series

The 9th volume in the series will be published this year, and Ashgate are pleased with how this is proceeding.

5. University of Illinois Press Series

The second volume in the series will be published soon.

10. Multi-lingualism and Multi-culturism

Elisabeth Burr reported on the work of the committee and invited interested parties to report on the protocol, which is available on the website.

11. ADHO appointments

1. Steering Committee

Harold Short stood down, Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen is appointed in his place.

2. Standing Committees (Conference, Publication, MLMC, Awards)

Conference: John Nerbonne is now on this committee.

Publication: Edward Vanhoutte will stay on this until January 2011 when another person will take up this role.

MLMC: Elisabeth Burr remains chair with Jan Rybicki also on this committee.

Awards: Øyvind Eide will be on this committee.

Harold Short mentioned the various prizes that will be awarded at this conference and the next conference.

12. Conferences

1. 2009

There will be two special issues of LLC from this conference.

2. 2010

Thanks were given to John Nerbonne for the academic program. There are 420 registrants and 70 students. 26 countries and 5 continents. There are 26 colleagues from Japan attending.

3. 2011

Will be hosted by Glen Worthy at Stanford.

4. 2012

Will be hosted in Hamburg by Jan-Christoph Meister.

5. Program Committee 2011
This still stands as Arianna Ciula, John Nerbonne, and Jan Rybicki
6. Program Committee 2012
Paul Spence will chair the 2012 programme committee.
Arianna Ciula, Tomoji Tabata will be members of the committee.

13. Memorials

1. Zampolli
2. Fortier

Further discussion needs to happen for both these memorials to be undertaken .

14. Project Support & Workshops

1. European Summer School Culture and Technology: report
Harold Short reported the success of the first summer school, with the second taking place soon. Harold Short recorded the congratulations of the association to Elizabeth Burr.
2. Osaka Digital Humanities Workshop: report
Tomoji Tabata thanked ALLC for supporting the workshop in Tokyo and Osaka. Tomoji Tabata hoped the trend of Japanese scholars attending would continue. Harold Short reported that the Daiwa Foundation had funded bursaries for the conference.
3. Genetic editions workshop
This was not discussed due to time constraints.
4. Retro-digitisation of the ALLC bulletin and the ALLC journal
This was covered earlier.
5. Scoping Digital Humanities in Europe
A project proposal was received by David Robey and Lorna Hughes to add to existing body of materials for arts and humanites.net. This was supported by the committee.
6. Exploit
A proposal was submitted by Jan-Christoph Meister and Stéfan Sinclair looking at ways to exploit ways material already exist for translation and visualisation and word clouds. This was supported by the committee.

15. Any Other Business

Jean Anderson thanked Harold Short for all his input to ALLC over the past years.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.