EADH AGM at Lausanne - Thursday, July 10, 2014

12:45 to 13:45
UNIL, Amphimax Building, Room 350/351

1. Attendance

Committee:
> David Beavan (DB)
> Arianna Ciula (Secretary) (AC)
> Claire Clivaz (CC)
> Karina van Dalen-Oskam (KvDO)
> Elena Gonzalez-Blanco (EGB)
> Øyvind Eide (ØE)
> Leif Isaksen (LI)
> Maurizio Lana (ML)
> Jan-Christoph Meister (Chair) (JCM)
> John Nerbonne (Outgoing President) (JN)
> Jan Rybicki (JR)
> Paul Spence (Outgoing Treasurer) (PS)
> Tomoji Tabata (TT)
> Edward Vanhoutte (LLC Editor-in-Chief) (EV)
> Paul Vetch (Treasurer) (PV)

Apologies:
> Espen Ore (EO)

A record was taken of other members attending for logging in the attendance book later.

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The meetings started at 12.45.

Chair welcomes and thanks everybody for attending. He records thanks to officers for their past excellent service. He thanks Melissa Terras as outgoing secretary in particular for all her hard work. Secondly, he records thanks to the outgoing treasurer Paul Spence whose work had tremendous impact on our financial records. Finally, he thanks TT – who decided recently to step down from the executive committee after six years of service. TT was very instrumental in connecting the Japanese community to EADH. He finally thanks JN who was recently elected chair of ADHO Steering Committee and hence vacated his position as president of the executive committee. JN was thanked also for his role in the transition period after the loss of Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen. Finally Chair thanks EO for his service in the committee as co-opted member in the last year.

2. Minutes and matters arising

Printed copies of the minutes from the Lincoln 2013 meeting were circulated. Members were asked to check the minutes as the meeting progressed. These minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

ØE suggests motion, JR seconded. Voted nem con.

3. Reports

3.1. Chair's report

Out of the full report (available at http://dh2014.org/affiliated-events/the-european-association-for-digital-humanities-eadh-meetings/), Chair emphasises few developments:

- Two Associate Organisations joined EADH: AIUCD (Italian) and DHd (German speaking); their individual members are now by default full members of EADH but retain autonomy with respect to their internal business including membership fees. This has increased dramatically our cohort of members. We are discussing with other emerging or existing organisations interested in following this model of mutual association with EADH. Other COs within ADHO might also adopt this Associate Organisation (AO) model. Its success lies in the richness of the community more than its numbers. However this model also posed challenges; for example the issue of representation has surfaced (at the moment we don't have a body representing AOs but we are working on a model for this to be established formally). Chair reinstates that members of AOs are full members of EADH and can vote.

- The EADH website has a new face (new logo, new domain name, particular section for AOs with document which describes in a concise manner the benefits of associating with EADH; see http://eadh.org/associate-organizations).

- ADHO is involved in a strategic process (this was supposed to be discussed under item 6.1) with the aim of streamlining its structure and making it more transparent. Indeed, the complexity of ADHO has increased. AOs are just one element. This is an ongoing process and Chair will keep us informed of the outcome.

3.2. Secretary's report

AC states that this is her first EADH AGM meeting as official secretary. She expresses her gratitude for being appointed to this role and commits to serve the community the best she can.

3.3. Treasurer's report

The report was also uploaded on the DH 2014 dedicated page for the EADH meeting (http://dh2014.org/affiliated-events/the-european-association-for-digital-humanities-eadh-

meetings/).

Chair asks PV and PS to discuss their report. PS explains this his last report as treasurer. The income has continued to increase over the years. ADHO joint expenditures used to be part of the EADH formal accounts; the separation explains the increase of expenditures which should come down this year. Our income used to come only from LLC subscriptions; this has changed only slightly with the inclusion of the membership only option introduced recently. PS gives the floor to PV who reinstates that ADHO has now its own treasurer, herwith the role of EADH treasurer has been simplified. Benefit of large surplus in the current year allowed us to make investments in funding small grants (13 workshops); but now that our reserves are regular we won't be able to issue a new call in the short term.

The floor was opened for questions but there was no discussion.

3.4 Membership report

DB is called to give a summary of his report. He gives a warm welcome to the new executive committee members as of 1st of July 2014. He states that the introduction of the membership only rate has been extremely popular. All together in all our membership number has almost doubled. Further growth is expected. The system to deal with membership via OUP could be improved further. He records EADH's gratitude to OUP officers for their pro-activeness to deal with transaction and queries.

There was a question about the possibility to reinstate automatic membership renewals and a discussion on European law forbidding repeated transactions. DB mentioned however that he will continue to liaise with OUP on this point including the allowance for bank transfers. Chair mentions this is also part of what is discussed in the context of ADHO strategic planning with a new membership management system that would avoid such issues, and hence allow for easy payment facilities amongst other functionalities. The problem has been raised several times and we are aware of it.

4. Elections

Chair explains the complexity behind the election process this year. Involving our new Associate Organisations (AOs) memberstook more time than anticipated. As a consequence of this, we missed the deadline to set up the election process in line with our constitution and

the call for nominations could not be issued on time.

We had three vacancies for voting members in the executive committee to be filled.

Candidates nominated by June 30th (deadline for nominations):

- Barbara Bordalejo;
- Fabio Ciotti;
- Karina van Dalen-Oskam (nomination now withdrawn);
- Elena Gonzales-Blanco;
- Christian-Emil Ore.

Chair explains that the selection within this short list would normally happen by election, but as of today the situation is different because of the resignation of TT and the fact that JN was elected ADHO chair so the presidency position was made vacant and filled in by KvDO. The president was nominated and elected during the executive committee meeting.

KvDO therefore withdrew her nomination as candidate for this election. TT also announced he resigned as voting member during the executive committee meeting. This left us with four vacancies and four candidates. Chair then proposes that the AGM declares formally the election be conducted since the outcome of the election is predictable. This is proposed as a pragmatic way to deal with the issue within the boundaries of our constitution. Otherwise the elections would need to be rectified next year creating problems of synchronisations with upcoming vacancies.

The proposal is the following: AGM notes that there are four vacancies and four valid nominations; AGM therefore decides that the outcome of any election would be predictable and ratifies the result as it is.

Chair asks for comments to this proposal.

Elena Pierazzo raises the issue that this would create a precedent for members not to be involved. David Robey states that while he respects Elena's position, in his experience with the number of candidates equating the number of vacancies, no election is held. LI clarifies that the nominations process is closed anyway. JN expresses support for this proposal which would provide a functional full force committee in place immediately. A discussion follows on whether an email sent to members to explain the situation would be useful or counterproductive.

Chair puts the proposal to the vote.

ØE proposes, JR seconds. Eight abstentions (one of these is a candidate). All the others are in favour.

List of elected members:

- Barbara Bordalejo;
- Fabio Ciotti;
- Elena Gonzales-Blanco;
- Christian-Emil Ore.

Chair welcomes them as new member of the executive committee and confirm that Karina van Dalen-Oskam will be EADH President for a term (2014-2017).

The executive also decided to co-opt two members:

- Aurélien Berra;
- Øyvind Eide.

They will begin as (regular) members after the summer meeting. Chair asks Aurélien as new co-opted member to introduce himself. He mentions his expertise in digital philology and his role as recently elected member of the committee of Humanistica (French speaking association of Digital Humanities).

Chair also asks all new elected members present in the room to introduce themselves. Fabio Ciotti mentions his long standing involvement with the community especially with respect to the TEI Consortium. EGB mentions her role as HDH (Spanish Association of Digital Humanities) secretary as well as her role as co-opted member in the past year. Christian-Emil Ore mentions his expertise in lexicography and medieval charters as well as his strong involvement in cultural heritage documentation. Chair welcomes them all.

5. Communications

Unfortunately EV could not attend, so Chair asks Wendy Anderson from OUP to report on LLC 2013. She gives a summary of the report. She mentions in particular the change of name for the journal. Wendy thanks EV for his work on the journal and the cooperation with OUP. The floor was opened for discussion but no questions were raised.

Chair brings to the attention that ML was appointed chair of ADHO MLMC and thanks him for

taking on this important role.

6. ADHO

6.1. Report on strategy development meeting

This was dealt under point 3.1.

7. Conferences

Chair thanks the hosts for organising DH 2014 and introduces the host for DH 2015, the University of Western Sydney, with Paul Arthur as the local organiser. Chair asks Harold Short to say few words about DH 2015. Keynotes speakers are already confirmed and Paul will give a presentation at the closing plenary. The local organisers are attempting to make the conference a regional event to involve all the other Asian-Pacific countries. There will be satellite events. Anybody who has ideas especially with respect to helping young scholars to get to Sydney should contact the local organisers.

Chair mentions that DH 2016 will be held in Krakow. He asks JR as on of the local organisers to address us and wishes him good luck.

Thanks are recorded to the programme committee chair Melissa Terras and the rest of the programme committee for this year.

8. Association initiatives

8.1. Associate Organisations

This item was partially dealt under the context of the chair report (3.1). AOs have their own conferences. As DHd president, Chair was happy that its first conference in Passau attracted 350 participants.
Chair welcomes colleagues from the Nordic countries who are attending the AGM and are creating a Nordic group that we hope can liaise with EADH in the near future.

8.2. EASSH Initiative

Chair asks EGB to report on this initiative which connects EASSH in the effort to have SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) better represented in European funding schemes.

EASSH is a new configuration of associations created to join SSH bodies to lobby at the European

level for inclusion in the EC Work Programmes. She mentioned the past meeting where she represented EADH and will report on the evolution of this (next meeting in Paris, January 2014).

9. Any other Business

Chair thanks everybody for coming and especially for the pragmatic approach concerning the elections process and wishes a wonderful rest of the conference.

Chair records thanks to the secretary and closes the meeting at 13.45.