

Mid-term meeting of the EADH Executive Committee

Università della Sapienza, Rome, Italy

Thursday, 1 December 2016

[DigiLab](#), Sala Riunioni

9:37 – 17:36

1. Attendance and agenda

Attending:

- Daniel Alves (DA)
- Aurélien Berra (AB)
- Barbara Bordalejo (BB)
- Elisabeth Burr (EB)
- Arianna Ciula (outgoing Secretary) (AC)
- Claire Clivaz (CC)
- Fabio Ciotti (FC)
- Øyvind Eide (Chair (ØE))
- Leif Isaksen (LI)
- Inna Kizhner (IK)
- Corina Moldovan (CM)
- Christian-Emil Ore (CEO)

Apologies from:

- Elena González-Blanco (EGB)
- Maurizio Lana (ML)
- Edward Vanhoutte (DSH Editor-in-Chief) (EV)
- Paul Vetch (Treasurer) (PV) – joins the meeting via skype at 2.33pm.

Chair opens the meeting at 9.37 and welcomes everybody in the room, especially the new members, for [the](#) benefit of whom we do a round of introductions.

Proposed change was to take out specific item on co-option (3c) and move it under discussion on elections and co-option (so item 3d became item 3c).

Proposed items to add to the agenda:

- Issue on communication contacts to be passed to Antonio for each AO/PO (will be discussed under AOB)

Chair apologises about the delay in getting a financial report uploaded on the Agora platform as the meeting started.

Agenda is approved.

2. Minutes of the Kraków 2016 exec meeting and matters arising

- Minutes [in Agora](#)

Chair moves to accept the minutes as a true record of the summer meeting held in Krakow last July, BB proposes and EB seconds. Minutes are approved with no objections.

We go over the action points to identify any matters arising:

- B mentions that she would still like to act on her pending action about putting forward to ADHO SC the idea of having an observer in each CO exec from the respective committee. Discussion follows as to whether this might be problematic in any way. Chair summarises that this is a good idea, but there is no consensus as to whether it should be implemented. Chair asks AB and BB to summarise the main issues for discussion via the committee mailing list or at the next meeting. Action on AB and BB to do this.
- FC raises the issue about the treasurer not been regularly available to provide figures for disbursement to AOs. Chair states that incoming secretary and chair would need to act to facilitate this communication. Action on Chair and incoming Secretary to define communication workflow with respect to this.
- In reference to one of the Chair's pending action points, the Chair asks whether statements of internal elections should be made public. Discussion follows as to whether this would be good for public accountability concerning the officers' roles. The decision was that the statements of elected and non-elected candidates are published (after having given candidates the opportunity to proofread them beforehand) both in the minutes and as part of external announcements of elections results. The point about having guidance (what the statement should contain, format) about such statements was also made. Action on Chair and incoming secretary to communicate 2016 election result including also the mid-term meeting election results; about the election of officers, statements - following proofreading by the candidates – will also be included. Action on them also to formulate guidance on future statement content and format.
- LI clarifies that he has stepped down as ADHO Publications Committee Chair, but he is still partially covering that role. OUP is restructuring their site so there is no pressing need to follow on pending actions. LI summarises the status quo concerning DSH and its role within the ADHO landscape as well as the remit and future of the ADHO Publications Committee (in the new framework it will be replaced by an officer). LI contacted OUP about the pending actions and will inform the committee when he gets a reply.
- PV actions are carried forward.

Several other pending action points are dealt with under specific items below.

Action on outgoing Secretary: include legend of names to action sheet for the next minutes; note for incoming secretary: each acronym should ideally be spelled out in external communications.

3. Elections

a. Election officers

- New secretary 2017-2020 ([BB's statement in Agora](#))

Following AC's notification of resignation as secretary (acting secretary in 2013 and secretary 2014-2016) last July and a subsequent request by Chair to committee members to identify possible candidates or nominate themselves for the role of Secretary, the officers received one nomination in November:

- Barbara Bordalejo.

BB is asked to leave the room to discuss her candidature. Since some new members were not able to access Agora documents, members are given time to read the statement at the meeting. Discussion follows on the remit of the role.

LI proposes to elect BB as Secretary, seconded by AB. The new secretary is elected via acclamation with one abstention.

Chair thanks BB for taking on this important role.

Chair explains that there are no formal rules about representations of EADH in ADHO SC (Steering Committee). He thanks AC for her service as member ADHO SC and nominates BB as new EADH representative in ADHO.

CEO proposes CC seconds; all in favor with two abstentions.

Action on Chair to inform ADHO Secretariat about this change.

Chair reminds the committee that the first term of our treasurer will end next summer. The treasurer has to be resident in the UK. LI makes the point that since this is mainly a technical role, the committee might think more broadly about looking for candidates outside the executive within the membership pool.

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b. Elections executive committee 2017

Chair reminds the committee that there is a vacancy in the committee since EB took the president role in July plus four other vacancies due to terms of office expiring in 2017 (namely BB, EGB, FC, CEO). This translates into 4 vacant members for 2017-2020 and 1 for 2017-2018 to be elected.

The nomination committee is already in place and is composed of CC, LI (chair), and ML. Elections will open as usual in the spring.

CEO states that he is not quite sure whether he will stand again depending on whether he will continue acting as DHN chair. FC expresses willingness to stand again since he will resign as president of AIUCD at the end of 2017. Action on nomination committee to check whether EGB intends to stand.

Chair mentions that he and the current Secretary would propose not to have an election for one member with a term of office of one year only. This is moved for discussion under the next item. [note that this was not discussed so becomes an action item for the Chair and incoming Secretary]

c. Discussion about elections and co-option

- Reference [document in Agora](#)

With the premise that this discussion does not concern specific individuals, LI summarises the content and issues outlined in his report, the main argument being that it is difficult for new people to join in the committee causing a deficit in democratic representation (in particular considering how much the membership has grown in the last years). He also summarises the counter-arguments such as the use of the co-option instrument to involve new people. Proposals to address the perceived deficit in democratic representation are put forward in the report, in particular with respect to:

- the length of term of office which could be reduced from 3 to 2 years;
- reduction of co-option from 3 to maximum one member per year who would need to be entirely new to the committee;
- prohibition of serving for a third term.

Discussion opens and the following points are raised:

- being in the exec also gives visibility;
- lack of candidates who are willing to stand for elections;

- it takes time to get acquainted with the mechanisms of the association;
- co-opted members who are nominated for elections following a term of co-option are put forward to an open election process;
- the co-option instrument has been used to bring in new people to the committee;
- the balance between openness and stability;
- constitutional changes should be triggered after observing multiple evidence of dysfunction;
- support towards the proposal of not co-opting the same person after two terms as elected member.

Noteworthy is that DA states that it was awkward for him not to be elected and then being later co-opted as this might have looked undemocratic from the outside.

AC rephrases point of balance between stability and perception of being a club of insiders. She reflects on the historical coming to be of the constitution being drafted exactly to avoid the committee becoming a frozen closed body. She suggests that it might be wiser to act on changing the perceptions, not necessarily via changing the constitution.

Chair summarises that while further discussion is needed on eventual constitutional changes, the committee might focus on agreed procedural changes first, such as avoiding co-opting somebody after two terms of election.

For information, terms of office expiring in 2017 for currently co-opted members (all in their first year of co-option):

- Daniel Alves;
- Corina Moldovan;
- Inna Kizhner.

*** Chair breaks the meeting at 11.15 to reconvene at 11.42 ***

Chair decides to skip item 4 since the treasurer won't join the meeting until after the lunch break but alerts members that the treasurer's report is now in Agora. He moves to item 5.

Action on the incoming Secretary and chair to revisit document circulated to new executive members; update it and share it.

4. Treasurer's report

- Report and other docs [in Agora](#)

PV joins the meeting at 14.33.

PV introduces briefly his report and highlights some key points:

- ADHO disbursement for next year is unknown (we should have a sense of that soon via ADHO treasurer; however, predicted income is of ca. GBP 7,000 next year (pessimistic forecast);
- We hold on to the funds we receive from OUP until the time ADHO requests the funds and this year the request came only last week; this means we have a record of high balance of ca. GBP 140k which is of some concern;
- Not all income we received was spent; we passed to ADHO the 2014 due funds but not the funds for 2015 yet, as we are waiting for ADHO treasurer to pass respective figures;
- Figures due to AOs are not available yet because PV did not contact AOs liaisons about this yet;
- In 2016 we spent much less than we budgeted for (however, we still need to record expenses for the mid-term meeting as well as web development). Reserve is a lot smaller than what it was three years ago but still much above the minimum reserve level (rather low because of the low expenses this year);
- IFE fee was high this year for the same reason as it was last year ie. due to the complex transfer back and forth with ADHO.

Elisabeth Burr 5/1/y 20:08

Commenta [1]: What is IFE fee?

Action on PV to make enquiries over changing IFE from Alexander Sloan to other provider.

Chair mentions that he discussed the issue of communication with ADHO treasurer [with](#) ADHO Chair. Action on Chair and treasurer to improve the communication with ADHO Treasurer.

Chair also mentions the importance to discuss later in the new year the possibility to move the country of registration for EADH, and thus also our bank account to a country outside the UK with less bureaucratic burden and fee costs.

a. Expenditures 2016-17

PV introduced his figures.

[Action on EGB to alert EASSH that we did pay subscription membership in 2016. Note that treasurer did not confirm this via email later on but stated that EADH payed its fees for 2015.]

PV reminds new members how to claim up to GBP 100 for travel. AB mentions that for some people the current contribution is not enough.

The historical reasons for which support to mid-term meeting expenses were lowered were explained (the association expenses for meetings were at some point above 50% of total budget).

Discussion follows on how best to support those members for [whom](#) travel costs are relatively high because of distance, income level or lack of institutional support. The possibility that those who can cover full costs could compensate for raising the ceiling for others who need higher level of contribution is discussed.

PV states that so far we spent a third to a half of what was budgeted for support of meetings.

Chair mentions that there is a rationale to raise the ceiling of how much exec members can claim if we consider that part of EADH funds is spent via ADHO (almost 2 thirds in fact). CEO suggests that showing both direct and indirect costs (e.g. time of exec members spent in meetings) could be calculated as in kind costs. Every committee member would have to maintain a log of time spent on association business based on a nominal rate.

Action on PV to work on CEO to find a concrete way to implement this.

With respect to the need to raise claim ceiling for this year, Chair summarises that exec members who need support from EADH for part or whole of the travel send claims requests to Paul as soon as possible. For this year, the Chair and Treasurer will decide how to prioritise claims above GBP 100. This means claims would need to be in as soon as possible ideally with an email explaining the projected expenditures even if receipts are not all available.

Char reminds treasurer that there will be some expenses to be claimed for the Hamburg meeting.

Question by EB about costs of transfers, PV mentions that in every transfer we state that EADH covers transfer costs but not every bank accepts that and there is nothing we can do about it.

Action on PV to come up with a framework for next year to implement a variable ceiling (ie. below or above the current ceiling of GBP 100) of reimbursement for committee members to attend mid-term meetings from 2017 onwards.

b. Projections 2017

PV summarises the proposed budget for next year.

The floor opens for discussion.

Committee records thanks to Antonio who is responding very quickly and proactively to any online communication issue. Other staff involved in the web development are also thanked. Committee recognises that this is money well spent.

After having discussed regular expenses, we now move to investments.

Chair mentions suggestion to provide bursaries for the summer school in Leipzig open to Eastern European early career researchers and students.

PV mentions that we could spend an additional GBP 10k to what was currently projected.

PV clarifies that the GBP 5k associated to the small grants scheme is at that value because it could be sustained for several years. However, if bursaries also become a regular investment, both could not be sustained.

FC also mentions that one of the projections is wrong in that the EADH Day 2017 is budgeted for higher than what is currently projected i.e. EUR 3,500 instead of GBP 2,000 (Action on PV to raise this item to GBP 3k).

The discussion starts on whether to initiate a bursary scheme this year addressed to Eastern Europe. High level of reserve would support this possibility; however, the focus on Eastern Europe as well as the need to support attendance of one specific event are questioned.

It was noted that eventual funding of reception at DH Russia initiative in September 2017 would not impinge on the budget as it would go under outreach.

We move to item 6e before PV leaves.

Chair thanks PV for his contribution – he leaves the meeting at 15.48.

Discussion continues about the possibility to fund bursaries. IK explains that it was Chris Meister's idea to provide Eastern European grants as seeds funds in an area where DH is only starting. She explains that Eastern European students are disadvantaged by distance and proportional income level. Making such bursaries available would be a way to explain one of the advantages of joining the EADH community in some form.

Discussion follows on the problematic definition of disadvantages on a geographical basis without defined reference. Being based in an eastern European country, CM claims that often support for (collaborative) projects is more fruitful than support for individual travel.

The consensus is that:

- there should be only one call (covering small grants for projects and bursaries); while consensus on criteria is not reached;
- support should be limited to members of EADH;
- travelling should be supported only within Europe (for bursaries);
- ideally an instrument of support defined in the list of membership benefits should stay as a regular investment in the budget.

Chair summarises that it does not seem feasible to agree on the criteria for a bursary scheme at this meeting. The small grants groups (LI, AB, ML – minus BB) is hence chartered to define the bursary scheme adding CM and IK to the group (see item 8e). Action on the group to make a proposal of joining the small grants call with a bursary scheme by

Christmas so that a decision can be taken by early January for the call to be published in mid-January (with a budget of EUR 9,500).

*** Chair breaks meeting at 16.13 and reconvenes at 16.35 ***

Chair moves to item 8a.

5. Membership report

- Report [in Agora](#)

FC presents his report. AC sent minor corrections to FC directly. Action on FC to publish it on the website.

6. Organisational issues

a. Progress DH Russia towards AO status

- [Report in Agora](#)

Chair gives a short progress report on DH Russian network. He highlights the timeline as well as the description of the impressive Russian landscape with respect to DH as included in the written report.

Chair also reports on the meeting in Hamburg held last week with two representatives of the DH Russia network (IK and Maxim Rumyantsev, vice-rector of the Siberian Federal University in Krasnoyarsk) and EADH representatives (Chair, President, and ex chair, Chris Meister). DH Russian network is a Partner Organisation (PO) of EADH since last summer. The aim is now to complete the process for the network to become a legal association before September 2017 (and be launched on 18-23 September at the DH Russian conference in Krasnoyarsk – Chair was invited to attend and accepted), so that an application to become an Associate Organisation (AO) of EADH should be complete by late 2017.

Maxim and IK presented the tabled report also in Hamburg. Chair stresses that this flow of information about what is happening in different countries is extremely useful and illuminating also from a comparative perspective. At the meeting there was also a discussion about the financial issues concerning eventual transfers of membership fees etc. in the future. Following the meeting, the proposal was that membership to the DH Russian association starting in 2017 would not affect EADH since the request to become AO would not take place before December 2017. The proposal would be for the first year of effective membership to have the EADH fees reduced to half, while from year (2019) full membership will be requested; to date, there is no estimate of the amount of members so there are no figures to attach to this proposal (the implication would be for EADH to cover half of the costs for each reduced membership). The committee is asked to accept this proposal in principle pending figures.

Should DH Russian network be accepted as AO, committee is in principle open to implement this proposal; however, the actual decision is left for when that stage is reached most likely this time next year.

Chair mentions there was also a long discussion about potential collaboration in research and teaching activities (those with financial implications will be discussed more specifically under item 4b). In particular, there was a suggestion that EADH could issue a number of targeted bursaries to the Leipzig digital humanities summer school in 2017 to support participants from Eastern Europe. In addition, in Hamburg it was also suggested that EADH could host a reception at the DH Russian network conference.

Chair also mentions issue about mutual integration of scholarship and projects between DH Russia landscape and other European countries (e.g. publications available only in Russian and other way round).

FC suggests that DH Russian network could have an observer in the AOs forum. Action on Chair, IK and FC to implement this.

With respect to collaborative teaching efforts, CEO mentions the possibility of bilateral schemes for mobility connected to teaching.

Comments follow on how impressive the report is with respect to showing the variety of scholarship in DH in Russia and the high representation of cultural heritage in addition to other areas.

IK expresses gratitude for EADH for having hosted the meeting in Hamburg and to the exec to receive the report. IK would be happy if other AOs could send their own members to attend the DH Russia initiative conference in September. Action on EB, FC, and CEO to identify representatives from DHd, AIUCD, and DHN, respectively.

The committee records thanks to Chris Meister for organising the meeting in Hamburg and also to AC for contributing to the setup of this process.

LI states he is impressed by the breadth of DH in Russia as reflected in the report; he asks whether we are supposed to provide feedback with respect to the draft of the DH Russia association constitution. Chair states that we do not have an official say in this process; however, we can make suggestions as it was done in Hamburg.

IK welcomes feedback and asks for LI to email suggestions directly to her. AOs representatives - who have also gone through a formal process of establishing a constitution or statute - are encouraged to pass any feedback to IK

Action on LI to send his comments to IK directly (copying Chair and secretary). Action also on all AOs representatives to pass any feedback to IK.

b. Application DH Czech Republic PO status

- Request [in Agora](#)

Chair summarises the application by Czech Republic DH Initiative to become Partner Organisation (PO) of DH on the basis that their intention is to apply later on to become an AO.

Committee welcomes warmly this application which includes various areas of Dh expertise as well as participation from a range of academic status including students. Discussion follows on issues of DH demographics being quite small as well as risk of fragmentation and representation. It is recognised that existence of AO and PO raises surely both issues of how to make sure no further fragmentation occurs and how to ensure representation in EADH, but also both formats have finally enlarged the pool of membership by rooting it at the regional level. FC has some reservations as to whether the AO forum should be enlarged beyond AOs themselves. This will also be discussed under item 9.a.

There is a mistake in the letter mentioning DH2017 instead of 2016. Action on outgoing Secretary to alert colleagues about the mistake in the letter of intent.

AC motions to accept this request, FC seconds. All in favour. Action on Chair to inform the Czech colleagues about acceptance of Czech Republic DH Initiative as EADH PO, to liaise with Antonio to add to the website and with Harold Short to inform ADHO Admission committee.

c. Progress AHDig

DA presents some slides to describe the brief history and membership of AHDig (www.afdig.org). While language is the main connection across the network, it is not meant to be exclusive to those speaking Portuguese in the sense that it includes scholars who deal with subjects of relevance to Portuguese culture and history. Its main scope is to put Portuguese DH on the map.

Unfortunately, the group who started from the network in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2013 does not exist in that form any longer. Currently there are 140 participants in the network (4 nationalities are represented with a strong Brazilian presence; 56% are women). The distribution of disciplines in the network is also presented showing a very diverse landscape (only 4 % of the participants call themselves DH researchers – this is evidently a classification still in progress of being accepted).

For now, AHDig is not formalised as a legal entity. Discussions whether it would make sense for AHDig to become somehow affiliated with EADH are ongoing. DA asks for suggestions and comments about the future of the network.

Discussion over the structure of the South American DH landscape takes place (there are currently three other associations involving South American DH: HDH; ReDH in Mexico but also facilitating communication with all Spanish-speaking participants; Argentinian DH).

The committee acknowledges that there are different models of involvement in the DH international scene (Humanistica being one of them that does not fit geographical boundaries).

Discussion follows on issues of postcolonialism with respect to the relationships between European DH initiatives and initiatives developed in continents like Africa and South America.

AC reminds the committee that the role of PO is simply to liaise and connect with EADH – nothing else; it would be very important to have AHDig officially liaising with EADH and it is very good to have DA representing part of that constituency in the EADH executive.

DA concludes that probably the option of becoming an EADH PO is the best one [and](#) also a good step to formalise the status of AHDig. DA thanks committee for the useful comments which he will report back to colleagues at home.

d. ADHO governmental reform

There was nothing to report on this since the ADHO Chair did not provide any news on the process yet.

e. AO finances and forum

- [Doc in Agora](#)

FC summarises the level of contribution from and to AOs originally set last year to be at GBP 5,500. In the current projection, we have however GBP 6k. PV clarifies he does not have membership figures for 2016 and that his projection is for 2 years.

FC thinks EADH should decide on a yearly disbursement at least as provisional budget.

FC also reminds PV that funds from AO to EADH will be discounted (i.e. as deduction from the next transfer of membership fees percentage) rather than transferred back and forth to avoid losing in exchange rates.

FC explains that half of the disbursement will be used to develop a common project of journals federation as described in the report (to be invoiced in 2017 since the project has not started yet), while the rest will be given back to the AOs in the proportions defined in the tabled document (so that component could still be accounted for in the 2016 budget).

PV reminds the committee that we also need to pay back the ADHO overhead of 5 EUR per member.

Action on PV and FC to liaise on the details of the disbursement.

Action on Chair to remind AOs representatives to pass information about [the EADH](#) bursaries to Antonio so it can be added to the website.

7. Conferences

- DH2017 Montreal - see [update](#) by AB.

Chair asks AB to highlight any important points from his report. AB stresses that preparation for DH 2017 is going well (613 submissions were received); the extension of the pool of reviewers was quite successful despite the fact that there was not access to the names of past reviewers due to privacy reasons.

It was noted that Mats Malm was substituted by CEO (see DH 2016 executive committee minutes) as EADH representative in addition to AB in the Programme Committee (PC) for DH 2017.

Discussion follows on the keynote being given in another language than English. AB mentions that this decision was taken both to facilitate a multilingual transition within ADHO but also specifically to address LO's desire to create a precedent.

Action on AB to ask ML how multilingualism is going to be implemented pragmatically at DH 2017.

*** Chair breaks the meeting at 13.35 and reconvenes at 14.33 ***

PV is now connected over Skype so chair moves back to item 4.

8. Strategic planning

a. Scholarship and education

This will be discussed under item 9c.

b. Political role

- Docs on EASSH [in Agora](#)

The documents in Agora arrived very late. Chair explains that EADH is a founding member of the organisation. AC summarises the scope of the EASSH association and why it is important for EADH to be represented at the highest level.

Committee will have to decide how representation in the EASSH will be formalised further.

Action on Chair to decide on EASSH representation and provide upcoming Secretary [with](#) details as contact for communication.

c. Benefits for members

- Brief oral outline by President based on this reference document [in Agora](#).

EB presents her document and mentions that benefits of membership at the moment are mainly described in financial terms (e.g. discount for conference).

There [seems](#) to be a trend in DHd to pay [full](#) conference fees rather than become members; EB analysed figures from DH 2016 and it turns out that half of participants [of](#) the 2016 DH conference paid the [full](#) registration fees rather than becoming a CO member. One possible interpretation of this is that many conference participants are

funded by projects which would cover conference fees but not membership fees which should be paid at the individual level.

EB thinks it would be useful to define benefits beyond financial terms.

AC points to the existence of this document <http://eadh.org/sites/eadh.org/files/eadhao2-pager.pdf> which could be revisited once again in line of this discussion and based on input from AOs, POs and new committee members.

CEO mentions that in some constituencies it is obligatory to get a membership to take part in the conference.

Action on incoming Secretary to put the document in shared editing platform for committee to co-edit.

d. Organisational development and consequences of growth

Chair wants to stress the fact that, in a few years, there will be most likely more AOs and that we might need to revisit our structure to make sure we can accommodate such expansion. There is a growing burden on the officers. One of the issues to consider is the possibility of outsourcing paid services.

FC mentions that the AO forum current structure might need revision if the number of AO continues to expand; FC expresses concerns over the fact that nothing is moving on the implementation of the ADHO governance reform.

Chair also proposes the creation of a task force to reformulate EADH structure (foreseen increase is up to 10 AOs) in connection with ADHO new governance; the group would include Chair, Secretary, President, FC and CEO. This is agreed nem con.

Action on Chair to contact ADHO chair about the implementation of the governance protocol.

e. Small grants scheme

- Draft call [in Agora](#)

The group chartered to manage the small grants scheme this year is LI, AB, BB, and ML.

BB opts out of the group since IK and CM have joined the group (see item 6b).

9. Outreach and communication

a. EADH Day

The EADH Day 2017 is organised by FC in Rome (25 January) and co-sponsored by DiXiT Marie Curie ITN. The keynote will be given by BB while EB will represent EADH in her president role.

FC reports that to date applications were received for the EADH Day bursaries (there are still four days to the deadline). He is considering to extend the deadline but stresses that this format does not seem to be very attractive, so an option is also to focus efforts on one event like for example the European conference.

Exec members are encouraged to suggest to their students to apply to the call.

Chair encourages the committee to think about the possibility to attach the EADH Day name to multiple events per year, possibly also simply endorsed rather than financially supported.

CM would offer to host an EADH Day in Romania. AC mentions the planned organisation of a DH-themed event under the Austrian presidency in September 2018. Georg Vogeler (University of Graz) and Tara Andrews (University of Vienna) expressed willingness to connect this event to EADH in some form (possibly with the organisation of an EADH Day). They will be in touch with officers about this in due time.

Discussion follows as to whether there should be an open call for EADH Day 2018. In the past we supported events that were already running due to the limited funds at our disposal. AC reminds the committee that the scope of the EADH Day was to increase visibility.

Chair suggests that, after Rome, we should have a short report and assess whether the EADH Day format should be revised or even dropped.

Action on FC to produce short report following EADH Day 2017 in Rome.

b. European conference

Oral report by the group charged to work on this (including for now FC, BB, ML, but open to other committee members).

FC mentions that two locations could host such [an](#) event; one is Trento where there is an active digital humanities centre and where there would be support from the municipality and provincial government. One downside is [that](#) the travelling to Trento is not cheap. Another option could be Grenoble which again might not be the best location in terms of travelling. FC is in contact with Elena Pierazzo to gain details on this second

option. Malta via Milena Dobreva is also a possibility. FC encourages members to think of other options. CM mentions Romania could be a possibility.

Chair summarises that this is still work in progress. The idea is still to aim for a conference in 2018. Action on FC to update committee on this.

c. Link to infrastructure programme, research projects, and curriculum development

Chair mentions recent emails on the executive mailing list about possible imprint by EADH for various activities and collaborations within the DH European landscape. In these messages the role of EADH in assessing the quality of DH scholarship and providing seals of approval was raised.

This is briefly discussed issues of conflict of interest balanced out with the need to define the discipline. AB proposes to create a template in reply to requests coming in; one good thing would be to be able to point to DARIAH registry with respect to curricula. Action on Chair and incoming secretary to draft such [a](#) reply template.

10. AOB

The issue raised by Antonio about having a list of contacts to share communications across AOs and POs is raised. Action on incoming secretary to contact POs and AOs representatives, and pass contacts for communication matters to Antonio.

Chair thanks FC, AIUCD, DigiLab for supporting and hosting the meeting.

Thanks are also recorded to the outgoing secretary AC for her service.

Chair closes the meeting at 17.36.

Elisabeth Burr 5/1/17 21:02

Commenta [2]: just a bit of information: DHd is just installing a „communications fellow“. According to me she could be the type of person Antonio has in mind.