

# Summer Meeting of the EADH Executive Committee

Sydney, Australia

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## 1. Attendance and agenda

Attending:

- Arianna Ciula (Secretary) (AC)
- Claire Clivaz (CC)
- Karina van Dalen-Oskam (President) (KvDO)
- Øyvind Eide (ØE)
- Leif Isaksen (LI)
- Elena González-Blanco (EGB)
- Jan Christoph Meister (Chair) (JCM)
- Christian-Emil Ore (CEO)

Apologies from:

- David Beavan (DB)
- Aurélien Berra (AB)
- Barbara Bordalejo (BB)
- Fabio Ciotti (FC)
- Maurizio Lana (ML)
- Jan Rybicki (JR)
- Edward Vanhoutte (DSH Editor-in-Chief) (EV)
- Paul Vetch (Treasurer) (PV)

In addition to executive committee members, we have also invited the newly elected member of the committee, Elisabeth Burr (EB) to attend this meeting not yet as full EADH executive member (see [item 3](#)) but as DHd representative. In addition, the ADHO treasurer Jarom McDonald will join to report on [item 5.5](#); the chair of the interim board of the newly formed Digital humaniora i Norden (Digital Humanities in the Nordic Countries, DHN), Mats Malm will join to present DHN under [item 11.3](#) and Maciej Eder – one of the local organisers for DH 2016 in Krakow - will join via Skype to report briefly on [7.1](#).

Chair opens the meeting. He starts with words of thanks to AC for her help in organising the meeting.

Agenda is approved.

## 2. Minutes of Midterm Meeting and matters arising

- [Minutes on Agora](#)

Chair moves to accept the minutes as a true record of the midterm meeting 2015 held in Madrid last December, ØE proposes and LI seconds. Minutes are approved with no objections.

We go over the action points to identify any matters arising. All are more or less dealt with.

## 3. Elections

### 3.1 2015 Elections results

The nomination committee was composed of BB (chair), FC, and LI.

Elections opened on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

The nominations committee received six nominations by the deadline of April 20<sup>th</sup> (for each we checked that they were willing to serve if elected and that they'd been nominated and seconded by members in good standing):

- Aurelién Berra
- Elisabeth Burr
- Mike Kestemont
- Maurizio Lana
- Antonio Rojas Castro
- Christof Schöch

There were a few problems with the ballots, but these were resolved on time. Of a total electorate of 635, 190 ballots were entered.

OUP set up the election and members had the opportunity to vote for two candidates. The election site was open from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May to the 12<sup>th</sup> of June (see call for nominations at <http://eadh.org/news/2015/04/03/call-nominations-eadh-executive-committee>).

The candidates with most votes, and so elected, are Elisabeth Burr and Maurizio Lana (second term). Chair welcomes EB as new member of the executive committee and congratulates ML in his absence for being re-elected.

The new elected members won't serve on the committee until the AGM approval when the announcement of the results of the elections will be made public.

LI proposes to carry out an analysis of the elections to identify possibly issues like gender and geographical balance. CC encourages finding ways of motivating the electorate to vote. Chair also notices that there is a risk of one Associate Organisation (AO) to skew the votes. The agreement is that we should keep making an effort to attract new people in the committee as much as possible.

Chair congratulates those elected, thanks the nominations committee as well as DB and OUP for their professional work and assistance during the elections.

### 3.2 Candidates proposed for co-option

Terms of office expiring in 2015:

- Aurelién Berra
- Øyvind Eide

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June FC proposed to co-opt them via the EADH exec mailing list and EGB seconded. Both accepted the nomination.

ØE states that he would prefer to have new people in the committee, but he also states he has unfinished work and a role to play. He adds he will not to accept co-option if nominated next year.

Chair mentions that his term comes to a close next year and he does not wish to stand again. So the committee should be on the lookout for a new chair.

Action on AC to inform AB (done).

FC joins the meeting at 9.38 via skype.

Chair asks if there are suggestions for a third co-option. KvDO mentions some vacancies in the ADHO committees roles. Chair also reminds us that we can co-opt at any point. AC also raises the issue of regional representation (e.g. Portugal, Greece).

Action on KvDO to make sure the committee identifies a third co-opted member. Anybody who has suggestions should send them to her.

### **3.3 2016 Elections**

FC volunteers to sit in the nominations committee again together with BB and CEO.

Action on AC to inform BB (done). Committee to choose a chair.

## **4. Chair's report**

- [Report on Agora](#)

Chair summaries briefly the major points of his report:

- identity and PR issues;
- server infrastructures (we had two attacks in the course of the year which are a matter of great concern; note that this is a technical issue dealt with at ADHO level);
- renaming of the journal went very smoothly;
- update on social media correspondents;
- AO organisation substructure:
  - he notes that AO have brought a substantial amount of new members and we expect them to continue to do so;
  - a flexible model for a new type of organisation is being drafted by KvDO as it might be adopted by DHBenelux.
- Strategic outreach (e.g. CC going to Siberia; joint AGM with ACH; EADH Day).

Chair thanks everybody in the committee for their contribution. He also expresses satisfaction with the new good governance practice on accountability based on the new allowance policy.

[EGB leaves the room at 9.53 to give a report to CenterNet meeting on the Day of DH.]

LI suggests motion to adopt the report, CC seconds it. Voted nem con.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

- [2015 Treasurer's report](#)

Chair summarises the two types of documents that PV prepared: annual financial statement (expenditures in 2014) and the budget (looking forwards to 2015). The former is required because the independent examiners have to approve it (note that this was postponed to late summer and finally approved in October 2015).

Our projected expenses are at least £1,000 over the projected income based on new ADHO estimates.

### **5.1 Report of trustees**

As per the report, the accounts are currently with the Independent Financial Advisor. At the

time of writing the treasurer's report the accounts were therefore not officially closed. Once received the IFE report and final accounts will be circulated to the Trustees for approval. So this is a proposal for adjournment to August (note that this was postponed to late summer and finally approved in October 2015).

Chair moved to accept the report and approve the adjournment to August, KvDO seconded. Voted nem con.

## **5.2 Strategic reserve and planned expenditures**

- [2014 expenditure and 2015 budget](#)

Chair explains the financial statement including over expenditures (e.g. on our infrastructure such the responsive mode of the web design) and savings (e.g. committee meetings). We overspent marginally by 700 GBP. Jarom will report later on the actual number allocated to us for 2015.

ØE asks whether the income from AOs was included in the projection of income coming from ADHO to EADH. He also asks that the projection for n+1 year is available at the end of n year.

LI asks whether the expense to reinstate the server following attacks is a recurrent expense, but Chair explains that a recent decision of a shared installation of Drupal should protect our security patches so we don't need to factor this into our budget. LI also asks clarification about the expected EADH allocation from ADHO. Chair says Jarom will explain under item 5.5 and also mentions the dispersion formula of ADHO might need revision explaining again the income streams (consortia; institutional subscription; individual members). Chair highlights the importance for EADH to be able to give back some financial contribution to its AOs.

ØE stresses the need to finding a model where the institutional subscriptions plus income from conferences could fund ADHO expenses. CEO stresses that current model is also difficult to communicate e.g. to future AOs.

Chair summarises that the current model is problematic both at the governance level as well as at the financial level.

CEO asks how far the discussion about the conference becoming a revenue earning activity has progressed; based on discussions at the ADHO Steering Committee level it is clarified that ideally this model should be implemented in 2017. ØE stresses that the model of rising fees is also problematic in terms of accessibility to the conference. Chair reminds that there is also sponsorship revenue to take into account. AC warns also about the difference in fees across organisations. Chair mentions the proposal he planned to discuss under point 12.1.2 about the possibility to create a fund administrated by AOs to invest strategically. Chair mentions tendency towards decentralisation while providing at the same time strong centralised services also at the ADHO level where the community is even more diverse and one solution for all is less suitable.

[EGB joins the meeting again at 10.19.]

Chair also notes potential for shortfall in the 2015 budget but also that the reserve could be used to manage this fund.

ØE proposes committee issues a new call of small grants as symbolic contribution also to AOs (special invitation to AOs) financed from reserves in the region of 4 to 5k GBP. The committee's general feeling is that this is a good idea and necessary. LI thinks this should be about workshop support rather than individual projects. KvDO suggest the treasurer should be consulted first.

KvDO presents the motion to accept the report and budgets, ØE seconds. All in favour.

Chair also suggests to make a proposal to issue a new call after PV has checked the viability

of this based on our strong wish to invest from our reserves in the region of 4-5k GBP in outreach activities, KvDO seconds it. Carried unanimously.

\*\*\* Chair breaks meetings at 10.29. Meeting is reconvened at 10.39. \*\*\*

During the break chair informs FC about his appointment as ADHO membership coordinator. Since Jarom joins the meeting we move to item 5.5.

### **5.3 Re-appointment of Bankers, and Independent Examiners**

As per the treasurer's report, PV recommended we continue working with Bank of Scotland in the immediate term. A formal recommendation of an alternative bank will be circulated to the committee in due course; his hope and expectation is that we should have a new bank before the end of the calendar year.

AC suggests motion to continue working with Bank of Scotland, LI seconded. Voted nem con.

In his report, the treasurer also recommended that the continued engagement of our IFE (Alexander Sloan and Co.) be confirmed.

Chair proposes to confirm independent examiners, ØE seconds. Voted nem con.

### **5.4 Guidance on allowable expenses for midterm meeting**

AC explains we will have similar situation as last year and same projection (max £100 each member plus coverage for secretary and treasurer) for the mid-term meeting in 2015; president and chair will not be claiming.

Chair highlights that everybody tries hard to find alternative means to fund participation to committee meetings. We are on the right track for reducing expenses for meetings.

Action on PV to circulate final version on guidance for allowable expenses so that we can vote on it.

### **5.5 ADHO finances overview**

- [ADHO treasurer's report](#)

Jarom McDonald joins the meeting at 10.39 and presents some slides to accompany his report. Main points follow:

- the source of ADHO income is becoming slightly more based on institutional subscription to the DSH journal (up ca. 6.5% this year) and slightly less on individual subscription (including membership only subscription; down about 7.5% this year) – LI asks clarification about that institutional expansion; Jarom will provide a break down after the meeting to reply to this;
- current breakdown of individual members does not include AOs members, but Jarom will track these down in his reports in the future;
- distribution of income between ADHO and COs is also presented.

The projected income for 2015 based on the additional expenses agreed by the ADHO SC brings our projected income in 2015 to ca. GBP 10,900. Jarom mentions PV proposal to transfer OUP income directly to ADHO rather than having it to pass via EADH. Following a question about the expectation around this figure, Jarom indicates that regular income would indeed be around £8,500. Jarom states that ADHO is flexible in accommodating different percentage of fees to different AOs (current quote for DHd is 30 EUR per member which returns to ADHO and is then redistributed accordingly and hence accounted for in our

income too).

Chair explains again the proposals made at ADHO level about distributing proportionally individual subscriptions rather than institutional ones. Jarom also mentions the concern of not creating competition across COs in terms of acquisition of members but also the fact that this new model could be advantageous at many levels (e.g. less administrative complexity). Floor is open for discussion. AC asks about whether the institutional income balances out with current expenses. Jarom clarifies that current institutional income for ADHO is about 64% while ADHO expenditures amount ca. to 67% of total income so these two figures more or less even out. ØE points out that we have very little influence on institutional subscriptions.

Jarom stresses out that ADHO expenditures had a beneficial effect on all COs.

Chair thanks Jarom for his presentation and availability.

## **6. Membership report**

- [Membership report](#)

The chair records thanks to DB for his good service during his terms as membership secretary. Him not being present, chair summarises some main observations:

- EADH has a high individual membership currently at 643 members according to DB's report so we are by far the largest organisation in ADHO; hence we have an obligation to look after these members;
- More and more people choose the members only option (i.e. without journal subscription).

Chair explains also the new proposal for membership system under discussion within ADHO:

- possibility to sponsor ADHO activities directly (for example bursaries);
- possibility to choose a primary and a secondary CO (this actually makes it problematic to identify a suitable membership management system).

Discussion follows on new cohort of members and on whether new members should be encouraged to become full members or whether the membership only fee should be kept as the preferred option.

CEO and ØE state that new members from DHN would likely be around 20-30. This partially depends on the success of the conference next year. KvDO expects that would bring new members also via the endorsement of DHBenelux. EGB states that membership will grow also in connection with HDH next conference.

LI proposes the report being adopted, CEO seconds. Adopted unanimously. Chair records thanks to DB for his last round of report and his longstanding service.

### **6.1 Elect membership secretary**

DB indicated that he wishes to step down from his position following the midterm executive committee meeting. This necessitated the appointment of a successor. FC was nominated by LI on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May (seconded by ØE on the 8th of May) and appointed to the role of EADH Membership Secretary in interim capacity between May 2015 and now (Chair's email to EADH-exec mailing list Nr. 577).



Chair mentions we don't have a second candidate for this position while FC is willing to take on this role. All are in favour of appointing FC as new membership secretary.

Chair states he is very grateful FC is taking this important role also because of his service within AIUCD (as membership coordinator) and his willingness to work on the identification of a new membership system. Chair mentions that despite his decision to step down as chair of the infrastructure committee, he will still shepherd the project of assuring a new membership system.

## 7. Conferences

### 7.1 2016 Krakow

LI states there is very little to report since not many members of the DH 2016 Programme Committee (PC) are in Sydney. There will be an upcoming virtual meeting of the PC very soon. The proposed theme of the conference is "Digital identities: the past and the future" with the emphasis on the multilingual and multicultural commonalities as well as individualities. The list of topics for the CFP is rather standard.

KvDO introduces and welcomes the local organiser Maciej Eder via Skype at 11.21. Maciej presents conference via a set of slides. The dates for the conference will be 11-16 July 2016; there will be however events starting prior to the conference. The CFP deadline is November the 1st with no extension. Notification will be the 7th of February and deadline for workshop proposal February 14th. The maximum participants the venue can accommodate is 1200. He raises the issue of the concurrence of many parallel sessions which will be dealt with by the PC. Catering will be provided.

Chair records thanks to Maciej who disconnects at 11.27. Committee wishes courage and energy to the local organisers.

LI mentions that the issue of rebuttal is being discussed within the PC and asks for opinions. KvDO thinks that, when acting as a reviewer, it is sometime useful to see the feedback from the authors but being this an optional input, reviewers cannot use the lack of rebuttal as criteria to reject a submission. ØE also states that the rebuttal is useful also to account for diverse cultural approaches because it gives authors the possibility of explaining further. AC reiterates that rebuttal is one of the best practices of good peer review processes and useful for authors to improve their submissions.

EGB asks about the policy for multilingual submissions. CC clarifies the current policy is the possibility to submit in five different languages. EGB explains that the perception of being 'rejected' differ across different cultures; hence she raises the issue of importance to have a balanced number of reviewers including languages other than English as mother tongue. Chair mentions also issue of interdisciplinary papers and how they are evaluated.

LI mentions that the PC chair proposes to increase the minimal number of reviews (currently 4) per reviewer to a maximum of 10 as this is a good way to calibrate. LI proposes a maximum of 6. ØE thinks there could be some flexibility (decided *ad hoc*). AC asks about the rationale for this increase. She warns about the balance between the necessity to be inclusive (involve more and more diverse reviewers) and risk of having unfair balance of reviews (more reviews means less likelihood to be accepted). ØE states he would like the PC to be informed by research on peer review (Action on CC to pass this on to ADHO CCC).

LI mentions the decision to have strands into different topics. Chair warns against having a too structured conference with sub-conferences. So he argues for a more open CFP with a general topic in a multidisciplinary field. AC thinks that depending on the venue it is good to leave freedom to attendees to move around sessions. In general Committee does not express enthusiasm for strands.

LI also mentions a new proposal to limit authors' submission to one with the possibility to consult reviewers on specific cases. The agreement is that the PC chair should consult the PC and not the reviewers directly.

CC points out that DH 2016 is not mentioned yet.

Action on AC to remind Antonio to add DH 2016 to our EADH website. (done)

Action on KvDO to press on local organisers to create a full-fledged website for DH 2016.

## **7.2 2017 and 2018 Sites**

CC inform the committee that on its meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> of June the ADHO Steering committee decided that the DH conference for 2017 will be in Montreal, August 1-4 (note that due to lack of rooms availability during this time, the dates were subsequently changed to 8-11 August) and the DH conference for 2018 will be in Mexico City, June 24- July 1. CC states these were not easy decisions. The next set of calls will address Europe so as EADH we need to be particularly attentive to these bids and how best to support and stimulate good bids.

CC was appointed as chair of ADHO CCC so we need another EADH representative (to be discussed under [8](#)).

Committee congratulates CC on her new appointment.

## **7.3 AGM business meeting and EADH-ACH joint AGM**

- [Agenda on Agora](#)

The AGM business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1 2015, 8:00-8.45am. In addition a joint EADH-ACH AGM is scheduled for the same day at lunch time 1.15pm-2.15am. The theme of this joint AGM will be: "DH after Snowden: do we need a shared policy on data ethics and privacy?". There is no further structure to the meeting.

LI asks what is the future perspective on this. Chair would hope for the community to respond to this by voicing their opinion, rather than us imposing an outcome.

Action on AC to send a reminder. (done)

## **8. Committee appointments**

- [Current representatives](#)

### **8.1 Representatives in ADHO committees**

- ADHO CCC needs an EADH representative now that CC has become chair: EGB volunteers to take this role on. CC mentions that the next action on this committee is to agree on a clearer financial model for bids (she will meet Paul Spence and Jarom to discuss this).

- 2017 PC members (three needed): AB will be asked to join in (action on Chair to ask him if he is willing); Cristina Marras (action on AC to contact); Mats (we can ask him when he comes in or action on OPE to ask him); [following the meeting it emerged that EADH could nominate only two representatives; so AC contacted and confirmed the appointment of those in the committee, namely AB and Mats.]
- ADHO Publications Committee (explain issue of protocol and *ex officio* proposal for editors): Chair informs the committee that LI was appointed as chair of the ADHO Publications Committee. The understanding is that Kathleen (past chair) will stay on for a year in the committee for a smooth handover. AC summarises the issue concerning the protocol (i.e. representatives of publications rather than COs not respected in current structure). Chair suggests that we appoint EV as editor of DSH to assume this role; pending changes to the protocol we would also want to have an EADH representative and to this we nominate AB. Action on Chair to check with AB whether he agrees to take this role first. (done)
- ADHO Multilingual Multicultural Committee: Maciej Edjer confirmed his willingness to stay in the committee as EADH representative.

## 9. ADHO Business report

- [ADHO Chair's report in Agora](#)

Chair summarises the new governance proposal which is still not decided upon. Neil Fraistat is leading a task force which is looking into that. The most pressing issues are the Humanistica application wanting to join ADHO as a CO since this introduces a new type -not geographically limited - of organisation. The second aspect is the technical question of creating a new membership model and administrative system. Neil would like to arrange a meeting in London in November (Chair, ADHO Chair, KvDO are meeting OUP in the fall too) to discuss this.

Chair also mentions that the ADHO DH conference might become an income earning operation for ADHO and that is being investigated at the moment. It is not without problems. Discussion follows on the trade-off between keeping the fees down (or being more inclusive by allowing multiple fees to meet poorer countries which otherwise will always have a very low participation to our DH conferences) and rising the income to make the conference more accessible e.g. via bursaries is mentioned. The need for a policy on what the local organisers can offer to sponsors is also discussed.

Chair mentions the discussion within ADHO also about how explicit one wants to be about criteria e.g. on evaluating bids for conferences.

ADHO is also looking for a deputy chair, a webmaster and a SIG liaison to connect SIG activities to interface with the ADHO SC.

The approval of the SIG Libraries and Digital Humanities and of the Audio-visual SIG earlier in the year is also reminded of.

\*\*\* Chair breaks meetings at 12.33 (FC disconnects). Meeting is reconvened at 13.14. \*\*\*

## 10. Publications

- [Editor's](#) report
- [Publisher's](#) report

Chair asks KvDO to report on behalf of EV. She opens the floor for discussion on these reports. AC raises the issue of impact factor (currently calculated in too narrow terms for our discipline) once again.

Chair stresses the issue of the decrease of membership highlighted on page 1 in the DSH report and of course also in our membership report. He also asks clarification on the difference between numbers in the two reports (probably just a difference in the time of accounting). [Note that after the meeting DB explained via email to officers that this discrepancy is due indeed to slightly different reporting dates.]

EB joins the committee at 13.23 as DHd representative. Chair welcomes her.

Action on KvDO to report back to EV and OUP on these issues. [this was dealt by AC by liaising with DB]

### **10.1 DSH overview**

KvDO informs the committee there will be a 5th issues financed by ADHO as a pilot to publish the free access selection of conference papers. She raises the issue of distribution across other ADHO publications and increased visibility of new journals in the field. She thinks that the position of the DSH journal should be thought strategically. She wonders whether we should be less protective given the emergence of new publications in the field (e.g. new DHd journal; JADH journal).

Chair also raises the issue that DSH faced criticism towards its focus on texts and linguistics. There are indeed not *enough* submissions in this area, the bulk of submission is in non texts and linguistic studies. AC mentions that the change of name was intended also partially to broaden the focus. Chair stresses that particular outreach towards other communities could be planned.

### **10.2 Strategic issues**

- [Memo](#)

KvDO stresses that EV would like to get some guidance from EADH or ADHO. Until now he followed the inclusivity approach. Chair mentions that we could signal to EV a wish to reduce growth in the backlog and follow stricter admission criteria if necessary.

With respect to the content perspective, Chair proposes to address the issue based on differentiation across publications. LI believes that in his new role as ADHO Publications committee chair, he could encourage the range of journals to discuss their position with respect to a realignment of the DSH vision, editorial mission and target audience (e.g. long shelf life contributions). KvDO proposes to initiate an information gathering exercise such as a survey to the community about where to place their articles. Chair suggests that the results of such survey could then be followed by a public discussion in Krakow also to engage our members in a new vision for the journal.

To sum up the agreement is to initiate some kind of information gathering with the community, to elaborate a new vision for DSH and to implement a plan so as to deal with the backlog problem.

Action on KvDO to inform EV.

## 11. Association initiatives, tasks

### 11.1 First EADH Day

The EADH Day is in preparation and will take place on October 8 in conjunction with the HDH conference (5-7 October, 2015). KvDO is giving an official EADH presentation. EGB warns that while for the HDH conference they have over 100 submissions, there is very little uptake so far, so for the EADH Day we need to have a strategy to enlarge participation. The committee agrees that we could all encourage people to submit including our own researches plus AOs.

LI's proposal to put some additional funding towards funding bursaries to attend the EADH Day was agreed as a potential action to deal with the financial issue - if the issue arises – after the publicity run.

Action on EGB to pass details on the EADH Day to Antonio to include in DH calendar with a new deadline for submission.

Action on JCM to send an announcement to members.

### 11.2. PR initiatives

#### 11.2.1 Progress on Social Media Correspondents

- [Report](#) in Agora

Chair states dissatisfaction over this report and expresses his being uncomfortable with the result of this initiative. Chair makes a concrete proposal that we put this initiative on hold until a new format of coordination has been found. AC and chair discussed whether Antonio could maybe taking on this role.

Chair asks for volunteers to establish a direct contact between Antonio and the current social media correspondent.

Action on Chair to communicate with JR and contact Antonio. (done)

#### 11.2.2 New web content administrator

Antonio Rojas Castro (Pompeu Fabra University) was proposed as a candidate to substitute Lena Schultz by EGB and appointed in May in interim capacity until now (EADH-exec mailing list message Nr. 676). Chair proposes we evaluate his work.

Committee records thanks to Lena Schultz for her work with the content management system of the website and the twitter account management.

### 11.3 AO developments

Relevant document in Agora:

- [DHN application](#)
- [EADH-exec Nr. 700 and Siberian letter](#)

Mats Malm joins the meeting at 13.56. ØE introduced Mats as the chair of the interim board of the newly formed *Digital humaniora i Norden* (Digital Humanities in the Nordic Countries, DHN). Mats introduced briefly the background of the DHN. He has been running the Swedish Language and Literature Bank - attentively curated and becoming very large. He is

being engaged in connecting the cultural heritage sector with the language technology community. His institution recently raised a substantial amount of money to initiate a DH centre in Göteborg. They hence have a PhD candidate paid for 3 years to administer and run the DHN network. The network was officially established at its first meeting in Oslo in March 2015 where they tried to gather a whole range of interests in the digital humanities in the Nordic countries. The idea from the beginning was to apply to become an AO of EADH. They are having a meeting on Thursday to inform the DH2015 Nordic participants of the upcoming conference to facilitate further interaction and discussion. Mats states that he would be interested in knowing more about the organisation of EADH as well as practicalities including coordination about the development of the members' list and the association website. Asked about number of potential members and the geographic scope, Mats specifies that DHN is now limited to the Nordic countries but they could consider enlarging it; it could reach around 100 members. The conference will be in Swedish/Danish/Norwegian and English.

Chair proposes to put the DHN proposal to the executive mailing list to vote on it with a deadline by Friday. Chair also suggests that DHN liaises with DHd via EB. Chair also mentions the ongoing investigation on a new membership system.

EB notices that the DHd conference follows back to back the DHN conference so she suggests there could be some kind of collaboration. KvDO also mentions the idea of having an AOs forum where practical issues could also be discussed.

Chair informs Mats about the ADHO formula of disbursement which we are currently in the stage of revisiting to create a fund for AOs to re-use.

Chair summarises this as an exciting development which would bring a very good contribution to EADH as a multilingual and multicultural framework also in the methodological sense. He thanks Mats for his time and presentation. Mats leaves the room at 14.18. Chair thanks also ØE and CEO for their work on this.

Action on Chair to vote on the application and formalise it (note that this was done following the meeting and hence DHN formalised as EADH AO soon after).

KvDO reports that DH Benelux is also very interested in creating a link to EADH; she suggested to them to become a partner organisation, so once we agree on a definition of this role, she can report back.

CC sent an email to the executive mailing list updating us about Lebanon (Elie Dannaoui applied recently to the cultural Lebanese ministry to create a DH association) and Siberia on the 9th of June [EADH-exec Nr. 700]. Siberia might be interested in becoming an AO in the form of DH Russia and chair thanks CC for agreeing to visit them in September.

Action on CC to liaise with Melissa Terras about the Siberian contact.

Chair did not have any news from DH Israel to report.

ØE reiterates that we need to focus our outreach to southern and eastern Europe as well as middle-east.

## **Policy discussions**

### **12.1 Relations to AOs and other DH organisations**

CC recently informed the committee that Humanistica applied for ADHO CO status (see EADH-exec mailing list message Nr. 708 – note that during the ADHO SC meeting following this EADH exec meeting, it was decided unanimously to compose and send a formal declaration of intent to incorporate Humanistica as an ADHO CO at some point). Humanistica – with now 140 members with 12 institutions - includes now Tunisian colleagues in the board. ADHO SC still has to continue the discussion on this application as it has implications on ADHO wider strategy. The next general assembly of Humanistica will probably happen in June 2016 prior to the DHBenelux conference.

EGB raises the issue about HDH having to decide what kind of geographical representation to have whether European-based or wider, spreading indeed to all Spanish-speaking countries. She states that the Spanish-speaking community has global ideas but local associations. She thinks HDH should have some kind of European affiliation since - especially in relation to funding opportunities – the community needs to be linked across Europe.

Chair mentions his concern that every organisation needs funding for its activities so he warns against creating friction to compete for the same membership. On the other hand, he also agrees that enforced structures are not a solution.

Discussion follows on the complexity of the ADHO structure which can hinder the flexibility of initiating collaboration as needed. Part of the EADH mission should also be to bring together all these localities.

#### **12.1.1 Mechanism for representation**

- [Draft proposal for Partner Organisations \(PO\)](#) in Agora

KvDO restates the main points of the proposal:

1. Creation of PO as a matter of principle;
2. Representation of an AOs self-supporting forum chaired by the president but with close links to the committee.

Chair thanks KvDO for her initiative on this.

Chair proposes, ØE seconds both proposals (1 and 2). Voted nem con.

#### **12.1.2 Fund disbursement**

Chair discussed this under various other points so this was skipped to be readdressed in the context of ADHO structure and governance.

### **Midterm meeting**

Leuven, Belgium, 2 December 2015. Committee records thanks to BB for organising this.

Action on AC to remind BB to get in touch with exec on practicalities. (done)

### **Any other business**

UIA Associations Round Table on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 in Brussels (KvDO attending).

EGB raises the issue that various webmasters and content development people could liaise (EADH, DHd and DHN).

Chair record thanks to the committee for their contributions including those that are absent (or asleep) now. Records special thanks to AC.