

Wednesday, August 9th 2017

1. Attendance

Attending:

- Aurélien Berra (AB)
- Barbara Bordalejo (Secretary) (BB)
- Elisabeth Burr (EB)
- Claire Clivaz (CC)
- Fabio Ciotti (FC)
- Øyvind Eide (The chair) (ØE)
- Leif Isaksen (LI)
- Inna Kizhner (IK)
- Maurizio Lana (ML)
- Christian-Emil Ore (CEO)

Apologies from:

- Edward Vanhoutte (DSH Editor-in-Chief) (EV)
- Paul Vetch (Treasurer) (PV)
- Corina Moldovan (CM)
- Elena González-Blanco (EGB)
- Daniel Alves (DA)

The chair opens the AGM announces apologies and attendance.

2. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes from last year are on the web page. There was motion to accept the 2016 minutes by EB. Second: CEO. The minutes of 2016 are accepted

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

a. Chair's report

The last year has been a transfer period -- first new chair and president, then new secretary. We have been working to develop routines and make sure things are running -- which they are quite smoothly after a few bumps in the road initially. Thanks to Barbara, Elisabeth and Paul, and to the whole Exec.

The development of EADH is still strong, and we have a lot to build in on the work done by our predecessors. The membership basis is solid; the journal is in good shape, the interest from new organisations under development continues to be strong.

There is also a strong international development in ADHO with two new associations coming in as COs coming in after the acceptance of Humanistica last year: Southern Africa and Taiwan. Representatives of EADH are invited to keynotes at the First International Conference in Digital Humanities in Nigeria. The conference is sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Germany) and will take place at the University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria from November 14-18, 2017.

Representatives are also invited to give keynotes at the DH conference in Krasnoyarsk in September.

There was for the first time an open call for nominations for positions in ADHO this year, which led to a good slate of candidates for the different positions. While this creates more openness for candidates coming in from outside the circles of people connected to the organisations, it is still a problem -- as pointed out by a member as a reply to our invitation for people to nominate -- that there are structural hindrances, linked to things like travel support, and salary levels. There is also significant differences between institutions and job types as to how people can spend work time on tasks like these, and there can be many reasons why it is difficult to work additional hours, such as childcare. We have no full solution to this problem but we

do, within our limited budget, try to support people at least when it comes to direct expenses they incur by working in EADH.

ADHO Governmental reform was described thoroughly at the AGM last year. Leaner organisation. Distinction between strategic and operational levels. Money from institutional subscriptions to ADHO, money from personal subscriptions to COs, money from direct members directly to COs minus 5 Euro to ADHO.

Implementation Committee. Open process, there will be a web page up where the process will be described and can be discussed.

In the further development of the relationship between EADH and its constituent organisations, currently:

- Italian [Associazione per l'Informatica Umanistica e la Cultura Digitale](#)
- German language based [Digital Humanities im deutschsprachigen Raum](#)
- [Digital Humaniora i Norden](#).

The AO Forum plays an important role. It is a forum for AO discussion with representation from each AO. Our president acts as a liaison between the EADH Exec and the AO forum.

For the current phase it has been decided to work together on metadata federation for DH journals across languages. This is an important project which will provide a better overview of publications in our field in different language, hopefully also including a bi- or multi-lingual abstracts.

Earlier this year we issued a call for small grants and travel bursaries. We awarded £ 7,640 from our reserves in this strategic investment in DH across Europe and beyond to 13 different visits and small projects. The recipients came from different career stages from pre-doctoral to senior and had their affiliation to six different countries: Italy, France, Russia, Germany, USA, and Ireland.

For this conference EADH has supported a funding session by the European Research Council (ERC). This included a presentation of the organisation and its funding as well as presentations from grant winners. There was a lively discussion also with the audience.

Antonio Rojas Castro will step down from the role of Communication coordinator by the end of the year. He has done a very important job for the organisation and we are very grateful for his services and we are deeply grateful to him. The process of finding someone to take over the job is soon to be finalised, secure a period of overlap. There are many discussion fora for DH including the long-standing Humanist mailing list. We also have a good system for conveying information about events and projects, which is smoothly run by our Communication coordinator. However, there is currently now venue where EADH members as well and others interested in the organisation can discuss the organisation and its development. We currently do have a mailing list for all members, but that is strictly for administrative messages, and we want to keep it that way in order to keep as many as possible of our members on the list so that we can reach them. We all know that once traffic increases on a list some people will start to sign off. Thus, the Exec has decided to establish a forum for discussions about the organisation. More details will follow in the near future.

b. Secretary's report

The secretary thanks everyone who served in the committee, as well as volunteers and all who have contributed to the association's activities. The secretary thanks outgoing members of the executive, Elena Gonzalez-Blanco and Daniel Alves for their service.

c. Treasurer's report

See online document for 2017 report.

d. Membership report

FC starts the report with a general premise: the complexity of the current structure of ADHO and its affiliated organizations and the lack of a unified system for managing the membership makes the task of accounting the overall state of membership a cumbersome task. This is true also for EADH, of course, since most of the complex issues is due to the AOs different methods of considering active members or to the overlaps of individual membership. So the figures of this report must be considered with a certain level of "tolerance". At the end of May 2017 ADHO's constituent organizations have 1198 individual members (of which 1125 approximately are unique individuals). This amount to small absolute decrease of 68 members since last

year on November (-5%), and to a small increase of 45 since June 2016 (+4%). CenterNet has 28 members, and in this case the decrease is more remarkable, amounting at 20 (- 45%) since last year. These overall figures, nonetheless, are the combined effect of the good performances of the new CO Humanistica and of the AOs affiliated to EADH, while the founding COs of ADHO show a significant diminution of their attractivity, as much as the Joint membership. As for the type of membership, Membership only is the preferred route, with about 25% of individual members choosing to subscribe to the DSH journal.

See webpage for full report: <https://eadh.org/about/meetings-minutes-reports>

4. Elections

LI: We elected four new members for the executive this year: Fabio Ciotti, Corina Moldovan, Elena Spadini, Inna Kizhner.

There were a few issues with the election process so we began to work on a document that will serve of reference in the future.

ØE: The Exec has elected a new treasurer for three years: Charlotte Tupman, University of Exeter. We thank her for taking on this important job for our community. We will also send a warm thanks to Paul Vetch for his work as a treasurer the last three years and also for his willingness to support us in the transfer period.

Charlotte Tupman's candidate statement will be made available together with the minutes from this meeting.

5. Publications

Edward Vanhoutte reports.

For a full report on the Journal, I refer to the extensive OUP Publisher's Report. The following bullet points are additions from an editorial point of view. Main highlights are: • The Journal is in a very healthy state • The number of submissions is steady • The acceptance rate continues to be quite high around 60%. I see several reasons for this: • The quality of the submitted work is increasing • The standards of the peer reviewers are certainly dropping • More papers are sent back for revision and more

rounds of peer review than in the past which results in more revised papers being accepted • The 2 year backlog has been reduced thanks to the increased page budget • A total of 917 pages were published in 2016 (4 issues + 1 supplement) • A total of 615 pages have already been published in 2017 (2 issues + 1 supplement), containing 44 papers and 3 book reviews by 123 authors. Main problems are: • Dropping interest with scholars to function as peer reviewers • Dropping standards with peer reviewers • Increase of workload for Editor because of more and more peer reviewers and authors are not willing to interact with the online management system Suggested Solutions: • Some sort of compensation for peer reviewers

6. Conferences

DH 2019: PC chairs elected, Elena Pierazzo and Fabio Ciotti. We are very grateful for their service

2020 now decided, will be published on Friday.

Day of EADH in Rome in January. The day was a success. There were many applications and it was a good example of this type of event. This is an effective way to involve others and reach outside our normal boundaries.

European conference as a continuation of the Day of EADH. A call for venues will be launched in a few days, with the deadline of September 30th. We look for a conference in the autumn of 2018.

Chris Meister suggests that the backstop could be made available to the conference organisers as a contribution for the conference.

7. Any other Business

Thanks were given to the outgoing executive members, Elena González-Blanco and Daniel Alves, to those willing to serve as part of the executive, elected or not, for their contribution to the democratic processes of EADH. The Chair thanks the President, Elisabeth Burr and the Secretary for their work. Special thanks are given to the incoming Treasurer, Charlotte Tupman for taking on this task, and to the outgoing Treasurer Paul Vecth, for his service of many years.

The chair also wishes to thank, Elena Pierazzo and Fabio Ciotti, co-chairs of DH 2019.