



Documentation subcommittee

Documentation Subcommittee Meeting 1st – 3rd February 2012 Deutsche Homöopathie-Union, Karlsruhe

Minutes

Attendees:

- UB Ute Bertram (Reckeweg Bensheim, GERMANY)
- CC Corinne Charroin (Boiron Lyon, FRANCE)
- JC Jutta Czedik-Eysenberg (ÖGHM Vienna, AUSTRIA)
- DH Daniela Hacke (Carstens-Stiftung Essen, GERMANY)
- CL Christoph Laurentius (DZVhÄ-Libraries Hamburg, GERMANY)
- SR Susanne Rehm (DHU Karlsruhe, GERMANY)
- BS Beate Schleh (IGM Robert-Bosch-Stiftung Stuttgart, GERMANY)
- RS Rienk Stuut (University library Utrecht, NETHERLANDS)
- FT Francis Treuherz (ECCH, private library London, GREAT BRITAIN)
- CV Caroline Vandeschoor (Heel Gent, BELGIUM)
- PW Philip Witt (Wolfgang-Schweitzer-Bibliothek Hamburg, GERMANY)

Apologised : RS 1 Feb

Minutes: Corinne Charroin

TOPIC	Action
1. Opening meeting at 13.30 PM 1st February	
Minutes of the last meeting: approved by all.	
2. Short presentation of the Reckeweg library	
Library of Dr. Reckeweg & Co. GmbH, Bensheim Dr. Reckeweg & Company, Bensheim, is a family business founded in 1947 in Herford. The office moved to Bensheim in 1955. Its predecessor was the Laboratorium EuPha, Herford which had been established by Heinrich Reckeweg and was operating from 1926 to his death in 1944. The company developed steadily from a 2-man business to a company of about 150 employees and is still growing. In 1999 the Medical Scientific Department was founded and in 2000 the Reckeweg Library started as a part of this department. The Reckeweg Library is a staff-only library, and a one-person-library. It offers about 1700 books, thereof 60 dissertations (printed and electronic versions). The library covers also nearly 30 journal subscriptions and bibliographic records of about 4800	

journal articles. In addition to this Dr. Reckeweg Company owns about 30 monographs which derive from 19th and early 20th century. The focus of our collection is on homoeopathy as well as other alternative therapies, medicine and pharmacy. The majority of the titles is published in English or German. All volumes are searchable in the library's literature database. The database can be searched by name of the author, title, key words, book number, media type, publication year, and uncontrolled subject terms in German. The library answers various requests from all departments of the company, mainly homoeopathic research, regulatory affairs and pharmacovigilance. The library is not accessible to the public. Address and contact details Pharmazeutische Fabrik Dr. Reckeweg & Co. GmbH Ute Bertram Berliner Ring 32 D-64625 Bensheim Germany Tel.: +49 (6251) 10 97 271 Fax.: +49 (6251) 10 97 99 271 Email : mailto:ute.bertram@reckeweg.de	
3. Reports on what happened at the participating libraries since last meeting	
<u>DHU:</u> Besides the day-to-day routine of a pharmaceutical company's library the main focus of the DHU library was put on the history of the company. This was due to DHU's 50th anniversary in 2011 and the various activities connected with this. In November 2011 the revised exhibition "Homöopathie. Aus Liebe zum Leben." was presented to the public within the framework of the 2nd Homeopathy Congress in Karlsruhe. <u>Heel Belgium:</u> Situation of the library is more or less status quo. There hasn't been much time for indexing due to important project work. Since 2012 Caroline doesn't work for Heel HQ anymore, but is supporting the department of Regulatory Affairs in Belgium (besides her library management duties). <u>The private homeopathic library collection of Francis Treuherz MA RSHom FSHom.:</u> Over 9,140 volumes of books and journals on homeopathy. They are mainly in English but include 645 volumes in French, and 305 in German, and copies of the Organon in 30 languages. Also many artefacts such as old phials, medicine boxes, portraits, medals, busts and ephemera. The library is catalogued in Filemaker Pro. <u>ÖGHM-Library:</u> Has now 1,430 books and CD's. Last year the big Materia Medica by Armin Seideneder was bought. We (via Susanne Diez) got three interviews with famous capacities in Homeopathy like Prof. Matthias Dorsci, Dr. Bayr and Dr. Wolf. So these are a part of homeopathy's history. This year a new category was established: the "scientific category", because quite a few scientific theses were written. There is also one dissertation about the energy principle in homeopathy written by a student of medicine, of which we are very proud. There is a list of books which the Austrian homeopathy teachers consider as the most useful in their practice and therefore recommended to students. <u>BOIRON:</u> No special news. The famous topic would be in 2012 the migration of the database an OpenText Content Server solution.	

<u>Carstens Foundation:</u> Mrs Veronica Carstens, the patroness of the foundation, passed away at the end of January. Consequences are small because she already withdrew from her functions and work for the foundation years ago. Rainer Luedtke left the foundation and left a huge gap as far as scientific expertise in CAM is concerned. Parts of his work have been taken over by Daniela Hacke and her colleague Juergen Clausen. Beside her work in the framework of the library she is involved in writing texts for the public (e.g. website articles, brochures). CAM-Quest database: An English version of the expert search has still to be embedded. <u>Wolfgang Schweitzer Library:</u> After ten years of dedication for the DZVhÄ-libraries, Dr. Jutta Hübner retired from the position as the medical director in the end of 2010. Since the 1st of January 2011, Christoph Laurentius is officially in charge. On 12 Nov.2011 we opened an exhibition with the focus „Homeopathy in the DDR“ in the European Library for Homeopathy in Köthen. It can be visited until 10 November 2012. In the context of our digitization project, we were able to expand the digital holdings of the DZVhÄ-Libraries to an amount of more than 3000 titles. All PDFs are full text-searchable <u>Robert Bosch Library:</u> At the end of 2011 our archives received the private papers of the German homoeopathic physician Richard Haehl and his son Erich Haehl. Included are Richard's notes that he took while he went to university as well as Erich's unpublished manuscript of "Geschichte des Deutschen Zentralvereins Homöopathischer Ärzte", a festschrift that has been published in 1929 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Zentralverein. Since 2004 our Institute presents two travelling exhibitions about the history of homoeopathy. The smaller one is very successful and continues to travel around the world including to far-away places like Iceland and India. <u>Utrecht Library:</u> In 2011 the meeting of the ECH subcommittee took place in the new University Library of Utrecht (which accommodates the homeopathic collection). One day was a program with guests to inspire us on how to go on in future. This day was very fruitful for everybody. On the other hand things in the University Library are also still changing and in progress. For the Homeopathic Library this could involve also in change in future. Collections are now going to be charged per meter, which means that the more books in the library, the more money it's going to cost. This would mean a change of the original contract and could also have the result that the collection is going to be hosted somewhere else. At the moment this is not possible, because according to the old contract the foundation (SHC) which owns the books, has to pay for the work the University Library has done for the collection up till now, whenever the collection is placed somewhere else. This would mean the foundation has to pay for more than 40 years of work. Anyway, what will happen to the collection at the moment is not sure since no final decisions have been made.	
4. Publicity	
BS wrote a text about the ECH Documentation Subcommittee to be published on the <i>EAHIL journal and website</i>. Text was discussed, modified and accepted. A shorter version of the text will be sent to CAM journals. BS and SR will translate the text in German. DH will send the text to <i>German and English CAM journals</i>. CV will ask Ton Nicolai to send the text to different <i>CAM organisations</i>. However, it would be best to personalise mailings.	BS & SR DH CV CC

We'll also try to contact <i>national associations of librarians / documentalists</i>. CC for France, SR for Germany, CV for Belgium. PW will contact the <i>medical library</i> close to the Wolfgang-Schweitzer-Bibliothek to ask if they could present the text in their library.	SR CV PW
5. Library Information leaflet	
Everyone to review the text about his/her own library by the 1st of April and send it to CV. This leaflet will then be put on the ECH website. CV will contact Peter Fisher about CAMLIS. CV will contact Isabella Leese about the Glasgow Hospital library. RS will write a text about the Utrecht Library. CC and UB will ask their companies if they agree to be on the ECH website. If so, they'll write a text.	All CV RS CC UB
6. Thesaurus	
No change since last meeting. SR contacted Gun Brit Knutsson in Sweden from the EAHIL "Mesh Special Interest Group". There were 14 attendees at the EAHIL meeting in Lisbon (June 2010). This group translates the Mesh thesaurus in different languages and wants to suggest new terms to be added to the Mesh thesaurus. Can we try to suggest them to add the ECH thesaurus too? GBK has invited SR to join the Mesh SIG in Brussels at the next meeting (July 2012). SR will contact the chair and keep in touch with the special interest group.	SR
7. IGHDR	
The Guide is not up-to-date anymore. CV asked the Heel IT person for advice on a possible conversion to an open access database to make access and updates easier. This would involve too much time and money compared to the benefit, so for the moment it will stay as it is. It might be useful to have two versions: an html (easier to read with regards to structure) and a pdf (easier to search all over the website). However, one should be careful with updates in this case. To find out how much can be invested in this project; CV will ask Ton Nicolai 1) if it can be checked how many people visit the IGHDR. 2) Who gets access to change data. It was agreed that there will be an update of all data this year. PW has no time to do this. Having a lot of connections, FT offered to contact all organisations and collect the new data / changes. This will be done by email as much as possible. However, if it would involve costs (postage), a refund will be needed to be asked from the ECH. CV will then implement the changes in the IGHDR on the ECH website.	CV FT CV
8. Joint Dissertations List	
The aim would be to import the pdf file into a MySQL database for easier searching. DH asked the Carstens IT programmers to do the transfer, but they can't.	

Some questions arose : - Could this work be funded by ECH? (>1000 EUR?) - Is the benefit worth the cost? We have to find out how many people consult this list. - Who knows a programmer to do this job? Everyone has to send the list of new books and dissertations of our libraries to DH. CV will ask the ECH Council if they want to fund a programmer to move the list in a MySQL DB. CV will ask Ton how to upload theses to the site.	All CV
9. ECH topics	
<u>9.1. Council meeting, November 2011</u> CV went to the ECH General Assembly in Brussels in November. And gave the group some feedback on this meeting. <u>9.2. Future of the ECH</u> CV sent us a discussion paper (confidential) about the changing role of ECH and the position of the ECH in relation to the LMHI. The contents were discussed. CV will write a statement of our group on this subject. First to be sent round to the group for approval, then to the Council or to present it at the next Council Meeting (Madrid, April 2012).	CV
10. Guided tour through DHU production	
11. ECH Website	
<u>11.1 List of links</u> RS made a collection of international homeopathic and CAM links for the ECH website and showed us a proposal for the structure. The goal is to make a portal as broad as possible, so he made no restrictions about the links. RS will send the links to the group and we will give an opinion on them, or a short (non-judgmental) description of the links we know, or a proposal of missed links. But the main question is: what does ECH want to do with these links? Information from all countries and associations or formal homeopathic information? The answer will condition the number of links the ECH will put on the website. In any case, we want the linked sites to be international, trustworthy and easy to use. PW will help RS with links and structure. FT will send English links. A first new proposal should be ready by 1 April. CV will present the proposal for the new list to the ECH Council in April. <u>11.2. My ECH</u> My ECH is a part of the ECH website and can be accessed after free registration. How could it be useful for the group? We could e.g. use it to exchange. For the moment nobody uses it. But there is an access problem: logins are not accepted while alert is OK when something new has been added. CV will contact Ton Nicolai about the access details and modalities.	All RS PW FT CV CV

12. Journals database	
DH: Journals DB is a MySQL DB. Maik Wagner (IT person of Carstens foundation) was in charge of this DB, but is not working on it anymore. He wants to host it for a yearly fee, but we prefer to host it ourselves. CV will ask Ton Nicolai who is responsible for the website programming and implementation of the databases. DH will inform Maik Wagner about our decisions and will follow up the proceedings of the transfer of the database.	CV DH
13. Preparation of the EAHIL meeting in Brussels – 4-6 July 2012	
To introduce our new group, we wanted to submit an abstract and/or a presentation of CAMQuest at the next EAHIL meeting in July, but it seems we are too for the submission. DH will contact the chair of the international programme committee to ask if it is still possible to make a presentation of our group. CV will contact the librarian from the Université Catholique de Louvain (responsible for organisation) to know more about the short presentation of the CAM SIG she has to give at the conference. We can put a flyer about the SIG in the conference bag, because SIG's meetings will take place the 3rd of July during the Continuing Education Courses, before the EAHIL conference. As we are a very mixed group of documentalists and homeopaths, it seems that not many people from our ECH group will be present at the EAHIL conference. Consequently, for the time being we'll have to concentrate more on the spreading of information (explain where documentalists of medical libraries can find information about CAM), than on a real working group (our original aim). CV will draw up an agenda for the meeting.	DH CV CV CV
14. CAMQuest	
DH presented the DB. It's a DB which contains clinical trials, systematic reviews and meta-analysis in the field of CAM. The DB contains approximately 4000 articles searchable by simple search and 14 000 articles searchable by expert search, but which are only in German. Reiner Lüdtkke has left the Cartens Foundation and will not participate in the EAHIL meeting. DH could present CAMQuest at the EAHIL meeting or make a poster on it (but is probably too late for this).	DH
15. Other items	
FT introduced the Mendeley cataloguing website and asked if it could be useful for us, but although it seems useful for some of us, it is not for the group.	

16. Next Documentation subcommittee meeting	
1) ECH General Assembly in Brussels, 17-18 November 2012 2) ECH Doc subcommittee in - Köthen in Spring 2013. PW will send a doodle mail to decide on the date.	