

ECH Documentation Subcommittee Meeting 9-11 October 2013, Heel Belgium, Drongen-Ghent

Minutes

Participants:

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Apologised:

AN	Andrea Negro / Negro Foundation, Rome (Italy)
DE	Dewi Evans / CAMLIS, London (UK)
FT	Francis Treuherz / Private collection, London (UK)
IL	Isabella Leese / British Homeopathic Library, Glasgow (UK)
IS	Isabel Serrano / Library of Veterinary Homeopathy Dep, Cordoba (Spain)
PW	Philip Witt / Wolfgang-Schweitzer-Bibliothek, Hamburg (Germany)

Minutes: Beate Schleh

Topic	Action
1. New members, minutes, ECH Council meetings	
CV gives short report about new and absent members and will mail some information to everyone.	CV
Minutes of the last ECH Documentation Subcommittee meeting in Brussels (Nov. 2013), which was attended only by CV, RS, DH and SR, were approved by all.	
CV reports from the last ECH Council meeting (Zürich, April 2013) and about the next ECH Council meeting (Barcelona, November 2013).	CV

2. Link list	
RS reports about the website link list he has been working on, with the help of SR. He suggests to make the list more extensive than it is now by working on it as a group. Work proposal: Everybody gets the list for maximum 2 months, then returns the list to RS who sends the list (as quickly as possible) to the next person of the group. Everybody is supposed to check the links, add extra information to the links if advisable and add new links. Everybody should pick a special field of interest and work mainly on this. Colours should be used for marking. Links of skeptics and esoteric pages should be avoided. A disclaimer should be added. Work order: November and December 2013; DH: work mainly on the topic research January and February 2014, CC: work mainly on French links March and April 2014, UB May and June 2014, CV September and October 2014, BS November and December 2014, JC Involvement of FT and PW needs to be checked. UB adds that she heard of programs used to check broken links. She will ask the head of their IT department and report to RS. JC will check as well. CV asks Council members for feedback on their fields of interests/research. At the end of 2014 the list will be sent to the Council for comment after which it can be put on the website. Technical aspects on how to get the list on the website need to be asked by CV.	DH CC UB CV BS JC UB JC CV
3. Guided tour of Heel Belgium production site	
4. Bibliographic reference list for information specialists working in CAM collections	
DH reports on a self-compiled list of literature on CAM topics which librarians might be interested in, such as articles that have been published about special databases in CAM for example introducing AMED etc. The list is generated from the Carstens Foundation database. List is considered interesting for the ECH as well as for the EAHIL website. DH will continue working on it before the list is put on the website. She will also keep the list up-to-date. Older articles will be kept in the list, but DH will write an introduction to the list where she explains the content and intention of the list.	DH

5. Presentation of Radar Opus by Karel Eigenraam	
The presentation seemed to be unprepared, was somewhat chaotic and not really adapted to our needs and questions (although they were communicated beforehand). (If there is sufficient demand, the possibility remains to repeat this in the future , but then by someone else or in the form of a webinar)	
6. Teleconference with Thomas Peinbauer	
Preliminary discussion and preparation for the upcoming teleconference in the morning. Videoconference with Thomas Peinbauer 13.30-15.45: Introduction: Presentation of all people present. Asks whether anybody has read the internal Newsletter, not everyone receives it. As communication within the groups/committees shall be increased with this new internal newsletter, Caroline Geiser should distribute it to everyone in the group. A second tool to improve communication is the new symposium that will be held in between Council and SC meetings (1st time now in Barcelona). Structure of the GA shall be improved as well. Topics: 1.) CEN project TP gives PPT presentation about this project, gives overview and tells in short about state of affairs, working package1 (terms and definitions). Handout for this project was distributed in the morning by CV. 2.) Homeopathy 2020 Planned are different projects on European level for the period 2015-2020. There is a position paper of ECH about the strategy of ECH and a small group working on it. Each subcommittee is addressed, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) is asked that they help us. Our subcommittee is invited to give input to this strategy program and offer our (non-medical) point of view. We also have to define our role within ECH in the future. 3.) ECH Congress 2016 3-4 day congress probably in Vienna, a meeting place for experts. Structure: general, open sessions in the morning; working sessions in the afternoon (for invited people); input is required. Every SC can invite one (paid) key-speaker (with expertise in its field) and is responsible for its own scientific program; one session in the field of documentation. There will also be sessions / working groups out of the scope of the current SC's (e.g. history, philosophy, MM revisions...). ECH searches for cooperation with scientific groups and organizations.	ECH ALL ALL

Companies can sponsor. Each SC has to define a timeframe and what key speaker it would like to have within the next few months. We also have to define asap our SC needs: room for how many persons! The remaining questions will be discussed at the next Council meeting in London 2014. Our SC will bundle its suggestions and send them to the Council by 1 March. To this end, CV will make a list of questions and send them to the SC members after the Barcelona Council meeting (November).	CV
4.) Book project Because of the 25th anniversary of ECH a book project is planned. Focus shall be on ECH, homeopathy in Europe, political development of the last 25 years, interviews, scientific & popular articles. We have to give suggestions on what we think about this project, what should be the content from our point of view. (interviews with whom? Topics? articles?). Book can serve as a present for authorities, collaborating companies etc.	ALL
5.) Documentation A tool is needed to document the daily practice of homeopathic doctors. Different projects are already available. TP needs to know from our side what data are important if we talk about a future tool of case documentation, what is the basic information that is necessary, or can we suggest an expert in this field? This tool could then be used for research. The project shall be interdisciplinary. E.g. Clificol, Making Cases Count... RS comments about existing projects. RS is supposed to give short overview about his experience and vision before Barcelona as he has experience in this field.	ALL RS
6.) Promoting ECH & homeopathy: Website, newsletter, image brochure, Facebook, Twitter... Goal : 1) to reach more people 2) to promote homeopathy Questions: 1) How to promote ECH & homeopathy via these tools? 2) How to integrate our people in these tools? 3) Are there other ways to promote ECH/homeopathy? 4) Two different Newsletters: do we read them, are they efficient? In the future there will be more regular Newsletters, but just on 1 topic. 5.) Questions from our side: • Planned media training in London (→ still unsure) • Project of survey at universities (→ cancelled)	ALL

7. Information about RSS feeds	
UB reports that she uses several RSS feeds for her daily work and finds them useful. We agree to add these to the links list with RSS symbol and the specific links and the symbol next to it. UB will start with adding the RSS links to the list.	UB
8. Update of current projects	
IGHDR: Update almost finished. Switzerland: No reaction from the library of the “Fondation Pierre Schmidt” in Switzerland. As BS knows the person working in the library she will contact them again. Canada: CC will contact them. USA: RS will take over the USA addresses from FT. India: DH will ask a colleague to contact someone at CCRH again. SR will contact Schwabe India. UK: No response from HK, CV will contact the UK. Italy: PW didn’t send anything. Action? Negro Library (Rome) needs to be added. Details of IGM are not sent in. BS needs to send them again. If there is no reaction or answer to our mails or letters everybody should check the LMHI website for contact details of national representative and ask them for contact details of the respective library or if they have knowledge of other homeopathic libraries. Tell CV if email addresses or web links don’t work. Send letters instead of emails if you don’t get response. Deadline is the next meeting in 2014, at that time we’ll round it off; for own institution update information needs to be sent again before March 2014. The format of the database will be revised at a later stage (revision of fields etc.). Homeopathic thesaurus: SR: Medline headings were compared annually. No relevant changes for us; we will wait what happens with the CEN-list (terms and definitions) and see whether there are any consequences for us, so the topic is moved to next time. Library information leaflet: Decision: Names of working group people will be put on the website; everyone decides for himself whether he wants also library information included or not. As the information page is connected to each person, everyone has to ask his institution/company and to report	BS CC RS DH SR CV PW? CV BS ALL ALL CV

back to CV. New page needs to be created on the website. CV to sort out whom to contact for this. Joint dissertation list: DH reports that the database has been updated, the report form will have to be reconstructed because of format problems. DH will solve the problem and send the report pdf to CV. If she cannot solve these problems within the Carstens Foundation, it will need to be solved by the ECH website programmer. DH included several Indian dissertations of which she only had the references (available at the CCRH) but she cannot index them because none of the members has a copy. It was decided to leave the indexing terms out and keep the bibliographic data. CC asks if the list couldn't be exported from ACCESS into Excel format, then we have just an Excel file; DH will look into it. Journals database: The hosting for this database by Maik Wagner would cost ca. 90 € per year (ex VAT). The Council agreed to this according in 2006; Maik will send the contract and CV takes it to the Council for final approval. The database is on Maik's server, we have the admin rights thus the database is accessible to us all and everybody could do his own updates. Everybody should have the login data, everyone needs to check their own journal holdings! We should consider that the journals database hasn't been updated for a long time so the update of the database has to be put on the agenda.	DH DH DH CV ALL
9. Miscellaneous	
EAHIL: The 2013 Conference and workshop meeting was in Stockholm (and apparently a success). Next meeting is in June 2014 in Rome. Our text on the EAHIL website should be changed. As the CAM SIG group is not an active working group, but rather an information platform, the info needs to be changed. CV will contact them about this. The following info needs to be put on the EAHIL website: * list of organizations * list of journals * list of databases * CAM bibliographic reference list So far CV only received the list of databases. A list with CAM information sources that was made with DH is in a nearly final stage. SR will check what has happened with this list. The suggestion is to leave out a journals list, because the most important journals in the course	CV DH SR

of evidence based medicines are listed in the databases anyway.	
10. Next meetings	
Discussion of next meetings: • Suggestion: 2-3 Apr 2014 in London, preceding Council Meeting 4-6 Apr • 21-23 Nov 2014: GA Brussels ➔ CV will report about the Council meeting in Barcelona in November by mail and we will decide then about either London or Brussels as the next meeting place. • 2015: Meeting at one of the members' working place ➔ Suggestion is Reckeweg at Bensheim. People would be interested in a visit to the Pharmacy Museum in Heidelberg then or a visit to Kloster Lorch • 2016: ECH Homeopathy Congress in Vienna, possibly merging with GA	