

# EADH AGM at Lincoln - Thursday, July 18, 2013

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## 1. Attendance

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### Committee:

David Beavan (DaB)  
Arianna Ciula (Acting Secretary) (AC)  
Karina van Dalen-Oskam (KvDO)  
Øyvind Eide (OE)  
Tomoji Tabata (TT)  
Melissa Terras (Secretary, Meeting Chair) (MT)  
Edward Vanhoutte (LLC Editor-in-Chief) (EV)

### Apologies:

Leif Isaksen (LI)  
Maurizio Lana (ML)  
Jan-Christoph Meister (JCM)  
John Nerbonne (President) (JN)  
Espen Ore (EO)  
Jan Rybicki (JR)  
Paul Spence (Treasurer) (PS)

A record was taken of other members attending for logging in the attendance book later.

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The meetings started at 12.06.

MT chaired the meeting in absence of JN who, as well as PS, sent their apologies for having to leave Lincoln before the end of the conference. She thanks everybody for attending.

MT asked for a moment of silence to commemorate Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen. Bill Kretzschmar is asked to read a letter addressed to our constituency by Heikki Hänninen in commemoration of Lisa Lena and her service to our community.

## 2. Minutes and matters arising

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Printed copies of the minutes from the Hamburg 2013 meeting were circulated. Members were asked to check the minutes as the meeting progressed. These minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Michael Sperberg-McQueen suggests motion, EV and HS seconded. Voted nem con.

## 3. Reports

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### 3.1 Chair's report

MT reported on the transition period of chairmanship over the past year (JN stepping up during Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen's illness and the election of JCM as reported under item 4).

MT flagged up three major initiatives:

- Change of name to the *European Association of Digital Humanities*. The executive committee is dealing with the constitutional as well as logistical implications of this change (e.g. the twitter feed was changed);
- Throughout the year, the executive committee has been busy in liaising with local initiatives across Europe (e.g. links with Francophone community, with newly established Italian and Spanish associations, AIUCD and HDH respectively, and with similar initiatives taking the pace in Benelux). The committee is working hard to make ADHO an attractive interlocutor for these different associations. MT asked members to approach the committee if they were aware of other groups and initiatives EADH should be liaising with.
- MT mentioned the call for programme of small grants (reported under item 8).

At this point, MT moved to item 3.3.

### **3.2 Secretary's report**

MT reported that there has been an increase of traffic in relation to the EADH contact address – more people are approaching us. She encouraged all members to share with the association any announcements concerning Call for Papers, prizes, notifications, conferences etc.

### **3.3 Treasurer's report**

MT reported on a healthy fund income and stated that the treasurer report could be circulated in full to whom would be interested.

### **3.4 Membership report**

DB was asked to report on membership issues. DB asked the members to report any issues they might encounter during the process of getting or renewing membership through Oxford University Press. Michael Sperberg McQueen asked about the reason behind the recent cancellation of automatic renewal. DB to check with OUP whether this could be re-instantiated.

DB reported that membership is healthy within EADH and across ADHO (there has been a 25% increase from last year – this finds explanation in the general trend towards joint membership). DB also reported on the uptake of the membership-only subscription which – introduced only last year - has become quite popular.

Joe Rudman raised the issue of how tied the geographical affiliation of a member is to a specific ADHO Constituent Organisations (COs). MT stated that indeed that COs have a geographical bend (e.g. ACH tending to have more of a North American base). AC reminded that while the call for small grants was open to non-members last year, in the past this has not always being the case both for open calls or other initiatives; the target of EADH initiatives is expected to vary based on the strategic objectives of the executive committee .

## **4. Elections**

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- Members Elected:  
Claire Clivaz, Leif Isaksen and Jan Rybicki (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

They begin as (regular) members after the summer meeting.

- Co-opted:
  - Elena Gonzalez-Blanco, Espen Ore
- Jan-Christoph Meister – Chair (2013-16)
- Paul Vetch – Treasurer (2014-17).

MT noted that the same affiliation of the current treasurer with the incoming treasurer will guarantee a smooth transition over a 6 months period.

MT explains the different roles held by Chair and President. Despite the difficulties encountered throughout the year, the executive committee is now working towards promoting further outreach initiatives across Europe.

## 5. Communications

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EV reported on LLC 2012. The subscription figures are healthy; submissions dropped a bit compared to 2011. LLC received 107 submission in 2012 (in 2013 as we stand we already have 48 submissions; in 2010 we had 41 which represents roughly the average speed of preceding years). The uptake of Digital Humanities (DH) as a whole has been reflected in the journal. Most submissions are however from Europe, followed by Asia and USA. EV mentioned all countries LLC is reaching out and these coincide with areas where DH has seen an institutional uptake.

EV stated that the publishing is happening ahead of time (i.e. with respect to expected publishing time). In 2013 39 papers have already being published. Coming up issues are rather tick which is good in terms of content, but also creates problems in terms of price budget with Oxford University Press (OUP). EV noted that negotiations with OUP are undergoing with respect to this problem. LLC currently has a backlog of 408 pages (which would make a complete volume); issues for 2014 are already all lined up.

EV reported that acceptance rate is not that high (ca. 40% at the moment – those accepted for revision reach 95% acceptance rate). EV stated that this is a natural self-regulative process. A concern at the moment is a low acceptance rate for papers coming from Asia. This specific point requires some investigation. EV would like to investigate this further during the second half of the year.

EV asked members for cooperation especially in relation to the reviewing process. In the last couple of years willing reviewers have declined in number. It is not an exception to have to line up 8-10 reviewers per paper to be able to receive an evaluation.

EV asked members to inform him about conferences, events etc. in specific fields where members would like to see the journal been represented.

EV ended by thanking the editorial team: Ron Van Den Branden, Wendy Anderson and Isabel Galina.

MT thanked EV for his work on the journal.

MT reminds that OUP subscription to the journal is the current mechanism of building ADHO income. Interesting conversations are going on with OUP about Open Access in relation to changes taking place in the UK that have implications on our journal, its infrastructures and therefore our revenue. EV was asked to report on this.

EV reported that he talked with Sarah Scutts, Assistant Publisher at OUP in particular about Open

Access issued. He mentions that editors have now the possibility of publishing an issue in Open Access issues for 2 months; he notes that he would not possible to do this for every single issue as it would affect the whole commercial model, but he would like to experiment this model for every DH conference proceedings issue.

Fotis Jannidis asked whether it would be possible to have a rolling model. EV explains the publication rights issues and licence agreements which impose an embargo of 24 months; authors are however able to make preprints (i.e. paginated pre-peer review version) available on their personal webpages, institutional repositories etc. EV is starting an action to contact all authors to make them aware of these rights so that a virtual collection of papers mimicking OUP access could be created.

Michael Sperberg-McQueen highlights the advantages of the OUP model (where access is all in one place). However, a simple repository could be built for those issues that have overcome the embargo period. MT explains that Vika Zafrin (Secretary of ACH) and EV are working on this possibility.

Marilyn Deegan mentioned that when she was LLC editor the term preprint applied to versions after peer review, but before formatting. The licence agreement was checked during the meeting and quotes:

“[...] prior to acceptance for publication, authors retain the right to make a pre-print [A preprint is defined here as un-refereed author version of the article] version of the article available on your own personal website and/or that of your employer and/or in free public servers of preprints and/or articles in your subject area, provided that where possible  
You acknowledge that the article has been accepted for publication in [Journal Title] ©: [year] [owner as specified on the article] Published by Oxford University Press [on behalf of xxxxxx]. All rights reserved.  
Once the article has been published, we do not require that preprint versions are removed from where they are available. However, we do ask that these are not updated or replaced with the finally published version. Once an article is published, a link could be provided to the final authoritative version on the Oxford Journals Web site. [...]”

EV to investigate if the term preprint was indeed used differently in the past and if that is the case why things have changed over the years.

Neil Fraistat mentions that LLC could become a test case to experiment with new models which is encouraging.

MT asks members to follow up with EV about other issues concerning the journal.

## **6. ADHO**

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MT reported that JMC has been supporting extensively recent developments concerning the ADHO infrastructure.

MT reported on talks with ADHO about a prize in memory of Lisa Lena that would embody her spirit (EADH has presented a proposal that would work outside the DH conferences cycle to support DH work presented in other conferences; discussions are ongoing within the EADH committee and with ADHO on how best to implement this).

MT reminds members about the upcoming ADHO meeting where common initiatives will be reported in more details.

OE was asked to report on prizes and he briefly summarizes the awards this year (Busa, bursaries and work going for the Fortier prize).

MT moves to item 8.

## 7. Conferences

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MT thanks hosts for organising DH 2013 and introduces Claire Clivaz and Frédéric Kaplan as local organisers for DH 2014. MT is Programme Chair for DH 2014.

Claire mentions the upcoming short presentation of DH 2014 during the closing plenary. She explains the two chairs represent the two hosting institutions.

Harold Short mentions that DH 2015 will be held in Sydney and records thanks the programme chair Bethany Nowviskie and the programme committee for this year.

## 8. Association initiatives

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### *8.1 Constitutional change reflecting name change.*

MT reported that last year members voted on the name change and briefly outlines implications related to changes in the constitution.

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KvoD is asked to report on small grants. She explains that the small grants committee managed to award more money than originally planned (she mentions distribution across workshops, other events and projects). The focus was Europe but conceived in an open way.

MT reported that there will be an EADH call for small grants likely in the autumn and encourages members to check the association website in the coming months.

Members asked about the eligible amount and they are answered that this should range within 2,000 Euros per grant.

## 9. Any other Business

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MT asked for suggestions from members about how best to hold this type of AGM meeting (required by our constitution).

David Hoover mentioned that he enjoyed to attend job slam at the ACH AGM meeting; however, he stated that he prefers to see some business conducted; other members chip in to encourage the committee not to give up the reporting on business.

AC reminded members that the treasurer report together with additional information (e.g. charts visualizing the main categories of our budget expenses) will be made public on the EADH website.

EV, DB will do the same with their reports. Action on PS, EV and DB to make reports publicly available.

Claire Clivaz mentioned that she is giving more thought to a multilingual setting for the conference next year. She also mentioned the initiatives of the Francophone association. She would support to a multilingual framework also for our publications. EV will communicate on this level with OUP about abstract in language other than English. But page budget will need to be negotiated again. Suggestions followed on how to link LLC abstracts to a repository kept somewhere else where a paper is available in full in another language.

Fotis Jannidis mentioned the ongoing formalisation of the relationship between EADH and local chapters (e.g. the German speaking association DHD is working on a plan for a journal of their

own) and the possibility of collaborating on a multilingual framework by division of labour.

MT mentioned something similar could be done with Digital Humanities Quarterly (DHQ - e.g. to be complemented with French/Spanish version) where issues of page budget do not exist.

MT praised the pragmatic spirit in coming up with concrete ideas on how to implement changes such as those connected to a multilingual framework for our journals.

The chair thanks everybody for coming and closed the meeting at 13.08.

## Action Points

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Responsibility	Task
DB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check with OUP the reason behind the recent cancellation of automatic renewal of membership and see whether this could be re-instantiated.</li><li>• Make membership report publicly available.</li></ul>
EV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigate if the term preprint was indeed used differently in the past and if that is the case why things have changed over the years.</li><li>• Make LLC report publicly available.</li><li>• Communicate with OUP about papers abstracts in language other than English (and discuss negotiation of page budget accordingly).</li></ul>
PS	Make treasurer's report publicly available.