

EAHN Special Business Meeting
Wednesday 18 June 2014

Time: 17:30-19:00

Venue: Turin, Castello del Valentino/Stanza dei Gigli

Attendees: Adrian Forty (chair), Mari Hvattum, Ruth Hanisch, Maarten Delbeke, C n  Bilsel, Belgin Turan, Alona Nitzan Shifan, Susan Klaiber, Michela Rosso, Edoardo Piccoli, Carmen Popescu, Davide Deriu, Jorge Correia, Hilde Heynen, Nancy Stieber, Elvan Altan Ergut, Kathleen James Chakraborty, Panayiota Pyla, Anne Hultzs, Merlijn Hurx (minutes)

1. Apologies for absence

Josephine Kane, Maristella Casciato, Mollie Claypool, Rob Dettingmeijer, Michelangelo Sabatino, Javier Martinez-Gonz lez, Katia Frey, Eliana Perotti, Christine Mengin.

2. To approve the minutes of the Business Meeting 1 March 2014

The minutes of the Business Meeting held in Haifa on 1 March 2014 were ***approved***.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) *Membership:* Secretary Merlijn Hurx reported on the current state of membership; due to the Turin Conference the EAHN has grown to more than 300 paying members.
- b) *Website:* Merlijn reported on the plans to improve the web site. It was agreed that a budget of 5000   is reserved to hire a professional web developer. Priority should be given to the visibility of the Interest Groups, and functionality of the member's area. Other improvements concern the integration of activities from the Journal and Interest Groups with the homepage of eahn.org, and creating an automatic reminder for the recurrent payment cycle.

Furthermore, Merlijn and Anne Hultzs announced a session on Interest Groups held during the conference in Turin.

*During the session on the Interest Groups it was decided to form a committee to think about the aims, needs and the necessary digital infrastructure of the Interest Groups. The committee consists of Nancy Stieber, Miriam Paeslack, Elvan Altan Ergut, Alona Nitzan Shifan, Anne Hultzs, Filippo de Pieri, and Merlijn Hurx.

[Action: Merlijn Hurx/Anne Hultzs]

- c) *Funding:* The Treasurer Ruth Hanisch provided a short overview of the future financial situation. At the moment the EAHN has a positive balance of 21.630,45  ,

which allows the EAHN to settle its debts to TUDelft (5330€) and to Susan Klaiber (1000€). In addition, we are able to invest 5000€ in the website.

It was discussed how the Network will co-finance the journal *Architectural Histories* in the future. A contribution of EUR 20€ Euros per member was agreed as reasonable contribution. The exact number of memberships will be established on the December 31th each year.

Because next year no International Conference is held, we will likely experience a decline in the number of members. To maintain the current level of members, Ruth stressed that when members decide to end their membership it is important that they receive a personal email by the President that reminds them of the importance of their support for the existence of the EAHN. Furthermore, having multiple Themed Conferences will probably compensate the expected decline of members during intermediate years.

Another difficulty is that we still have only three institutions that paid their membership. We need to actively persuade our own institutions to support the EAHN.

[Action: Alona Nitzan Shiftan/Ruth Hanisch/All]

- d) *Journal*: The Journal Editor Maarten Delbeke reported on the future financial prospects of *Architectural Histories*. Because funding by NWO ends in 2014, the Journal needs to charge APC-fees from the beginning of 2015 to be self-sustained. However, it is difficult to have benchmarks for a typical year. Two sources of income are available: funding by the EAHN (20€ per member taken from the membership fees) and a fee of 500€ paid by authors (APC-fees including a surplus of 20% overhead charge). Funding by the EAHN and the 20% surplus are needed for:

- 1) invited papers (position papers and book reviews)
- 2) people not able to pay; every 5 articles 1 APC-fee can be waived. A selection procedure is being developed and should give precedence to scholars from developing countries and independent scholars.

Meanwhile, other ways of funding are considered. The Editorial Board is looking for new grants and as an established journal, it should be possible to attract sponsorships to sponsor emerging scholars that are unable to pay APC's.

Maarten argued that charging the APC-fees for open access is becoming the standard model, but it is important to explain why the fees are required; key is to be transparent on where we invest the fees.

[Action: Maarten Delbeke]

Discussion

The position papers are a good way for Interest Groups to be involved with the Journal. The Journal needs to be more interactive with website. The integration of the EAHN-website and the Journal is included in the plans to improve the website.

e) Relations with affiliated organisations

A list of affiliated organisations and EAHN contact persons is highly desirable. In addition, the website should contain a separate section on the affiliations that includes the names of the contact persons and a calendar that highlights the deadlines for the applications for sessions at conferences of affiliated organisations (SAH/CAA).

The secretary will look after the group of contact persons and administer the calendar.

Provisional list of contact persons for affiliated organisations

Miriam Paeslack	CAA
Sandra Weddle	RSA/SAH
Davide Deriu	AHRA (Architectural Humanities Research Association, GB)
Antony Moulis	SAHANZ

[Action: Merlijn Hurx]

4. Tours

The Tours Committee Chair to report on tours planned.

Mari Hvattum reported that we need a new Tours Committee Chair. A call for a new chair should be announced on the website and spread via email. The call should make clear that the Tours need to be budget neutral, and that the EAHN does not fund the expenses of the Tour organiser.

[Action: Officers]

5. Conferences and Business Meetings

a) the Belgrade Themed Conference in 2015

Carmen Popescu announced that the Belgrade conference will be held on October 15th and 16th in 2015. A CfP will be launched mid-October 2014. The scientific committee will meet at Pamplona to select the papers. The number of speakers in Belgrade will be comparable to the EAHN /FAUUSP conference in Sao Paulo.

b) the Dublin International Conference in June 2016

Kathleen introduced herself as the General Chair of the EAHN Fourth International Meeting 2016 in Dublin. She announced that the conference will be held from June 2nd to 4th. Dublin Castle will be the conference venue, which offers an interesting historical setting, especially because it was residence of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and in 2016 the 100th anniversary of declaration of independence is celebrated in Ireland.

An organising committee is being formed, and soon Kathleen will form a Scientific Committee, which is to include the General Chair herself, the president and vice-president of the EAHN and other scholars, forming a group of a total of 8 to 10 members; the final composition of this committee should ensure diversity both in terms of members' geographical origins and their scientific research interests.

An EAHN 2016 website will be up before the launch of the CFSR in late summer/early autumn.

[Action: Kathleen James Chakraborty]

c) Business Meeting, Pamplona 2015, announcement CfP PhD symposium

The proposal for the *Tabula Rasa* PhD symposium was warmly welcomed by all attendees. However, it was thought that the schedule might be a little tight for the subcommittees to meet, because there will be 1) the committee for the Belgrade Themed Conference, 2) the committee for Dublin 2016, and 3) the meeting of the Journal Board. Because some members are part of multiple committees, it is not possible to plan them concurrently. A possible suggestion for a solution, while not extending the meeting with an extra day –as February is always busy with teaching:

1. schedule the Belgrade Themed Conference on Thursday between ca. 17:00 and 20:00.
2. postpone the key note lecture to Friday.
3. plan the Dublin 2016 and the Editorial Board and Publications Meeting on Saturday morning between ca. 10:00 and 13:00.
4. And schedule the EAHN Board Meeting on Saturday afternoon.

[Action: Javier Martinez-González]

6. EAHN Conference Manual

In absence of comments, the Guidelines and Templates were adopted. However, future additions will be likely. All attendees are invited to send their comments and suggestions to Michela and Jorge.

Michela proposes to add guidelines for session chairs, which clearly stipulates the chair's duties (a possible reference might be the template of the Association of Art Historians). These guidelines need to be available for the Dublin CFSR. Furthermore, Merlijn will provide a section on the Interest Groups, which from now onwards are to be invited at the International Conferences to organise a side event.

[Action: Michela Rosso/Merlijn Hurx]

7. Any Other Business

a) It was decided that future Business Meetings will not necessarily be held together with the Themed Conferences.

b) In 2016 EAHN is ten years old, a special celebration should be organised.

*During the conference Christine Mengin offered to organise the Business Meeting of 2016 in Paris and celebrate the 10th anniversary in the newly opened library of the INHA, la Salle Labrouste in Richelieu Library.

c) The EAHN has received several proposals for Themed Conferences. It was agreed that it should be possible to have multiple Themed Conferences in the intermediate years, starting from 2017. For the EAHN's requirements, see; the EAHN Conference Guidelines.

*Subsequent to the meeting Tom Avermaete proposed a Themed Conference "The instruments of the Architect" in early 2017 in Delft.

* Alona Nitzan Shifan proposed holding a Themed Conference to launch the interest group "Histories in Conflict" on the occasion of the 50 years to the 1967 war in 2017 in the East Mediterranean (Israel or Cyprus).

* Katia Frey, Eliana Perotti, and Hilde Heynen proposed to organise a Themed Conference at ETH Zurich in 2017.

Adrian Forty proposed a vote of thanks to Michele Rosso and the organizing committee of Turin 2016 for all their hard work that went into the preparation of the International Conference.

In addition, the attendees expressed their profound gratitude to Adrian Forty and Mari Hvattum for their years as President and First Vice-President of the EAHN.