



Minutes

Steering Committee (SC) meeting, September 5, 2010, Verona

Present:

Wolf Langewitz, Arnstein Finset, Christa Zimmermann, Myriam Deveugele, Jozien Bensing, Peter Salmon, Wolfgang Eich, Shmuel Reis, Sandra van Dulmen (minutes)

This preconference meeting with the 'old' SC was held to prepare the AGM on Tuesday, September 7. After the conference, the SC had another meeting on September 8 with the new SC members who were appointed at the AGM.

1. Election President-elect

The SC supports the nomination of Myriam Deveugele

2. Treasury report

Sandra will present figures from the last two years. The new SC will decide on a two-year budget plan in the beginning of 2011. Until then, we continue with the current plan. Questions that need to be answered:

- who is legally responsible for the EACH finances?
- can potential financial loss be insured?

3. Special interest groups (SIGs)

SIG members do not yet all have to be EACH members. SIGs should report annually to the SC (not to R-EACH). They may connect to R-EACH but not necessarily. SIGs do not need a formal structure. They are accountable for using the name of EACH.

4. EACH structure

We want EACH to vote on:

- Membership of the SC: i.e. national representatives, chairs of standing committees. permanent secretary, PEC representative.
- All SC members should have a deputy
- Deputies receive all material distributed among the SC members
- Deputies replace SC members only when they are absent; deputies are not full SC members
- All SC members have equal rights
- When a national representative becomes president, her/his deputy becomes a full member as long as it serves the president

5. EACH 2014

A decision was made to:

- Invite people interested for hosting this by 31 October 2010 with a letter of intent send to Peter Salmon
- the Executive Committee (EC) consults with Elsevier
- Elsevier asks proposers to send more details for those who Elsevier think fit (based on clear criteria)

- EC draws up a short list
- EC discusses shortlist with SC in February 2011

In 2012 we should re-evaluate the conference contract we have with Elsevier. We agree that we should also look into the possibility of organising conferences ourselves. A conference committee is needed to prepare these negotiations.

6. Closure

Five SC members resign today and we acknowledge their invaluable support in different roles during their membership of the SC: Arnstein, Jozien, Christa, Rafael and Adriaan. A group of past presidents will be formed as an advisory board for the SC.