



Meeting Report

Participants: Raffaele Zoratti (RZ), Ida Bukhol (IB), Susan Frampton (SF), Bożena Walewska-Zielecka (BWZ), Jerneja Farkas-Lainscak (JFL), Manel Santiña (MS), Tony Jürgen Pelikan (JP), Hanne Tønnesen (HT), Jeff Kirk Svane (JS), Thor Bern Jensen (TBJ).

Excused: Elke Jakubowski

1) Welcome

RZ welcomed the Governance Board

2) Ratification of new members

New individual members were: Jouhoku Hospital, Ishikawa-ken, Tokatsu Hospital, Chiba, Japan and Terai Hospital, Ishikawa, Japan. Furthermore, an update was given on the total members in- and outside the HPH Networks. The GB ratified all new individual members.

3) Update on member fees and finance

HT reported that income will increase more than budgeted due to more paying members. In 2014 it was decided by GA to carefully follow-up on the costs and income, and adjust the budget during the year to avoid further deficit, than had already summerised to over 40,000 € over the last 3 years. GA also decided that in case of extra income it should be used on staff as the International HPH Secretariat had had to perform all its functions with reduced manpower in the first half of 2014 – owing to financial restraints at the time.

In spite of extra staff HT reported that the preliminary balance for 2014 is now in surplus for the first time since 2010. The surplus will be used to cover deficits of previous years, which have up until now been covered by Frederiksberg/Bispebjerg Hospital. The final balance for 2014 and the new budgets for 2015 and the following years will be presented at the next GB meeting in May 2015. The GB agreed, and approved the update and plans.

4) ENSH

The GB discussed the ENSH Declaration. It was noted that the deceleration had not undergone updates as proposed since presented to the GA in April 2014, even though several new key articles had been published in the field. It was decided to endorse the declaration, whilst making special note of the need to continuously update the position and declaration content as the evidence-based grows rapidly in this field. The Secretariat will prepare a statement for ENSH to this effect.

5) Conferences

JP gave an update on Oslo where the plans are moving ahead as per schedule.

The GB then discussed the voting procedure for election of future hosts. The Vienna secretariat is working on a paper describing the procedure for election. This, along with further documents for clarification, and official call for 2017 etc., will be distributed to the GA. The GB agreed.

6) Awards





JS reported that there was 1 nominee for the strategy award, 7 for the standards award and 7 for the scientific publication award. The GB discussed the details of the judging process, and agreed that judging should be completed by the GB on April 17th together with the Editorial Group. The awards will be presented at the dinner in Oslo, and hand-over will be done by GB Chair, Vice Chair and the journal's Editor-in-Chief.

7) Recognition Project

JS reported that the project proceeds as best possible. The total number of departments included is now 47. On the publication front, work goes on to finalize an article on the 21 Taiwan departments' baseline data. This is expected ready for the Oslo conference.

8) AOB

There was no other business.

