



Meeting Report

Participants: Chair, Shu-Ti Chiou (STC), Vice-chair, Raffaele Zorrati (RZ), Tiiu Härm (TH), Heli Hatonen (HH), Manuel Santiñá (MS), Jürgen Pelikan (JP), Hanne Tønnesen (HT), Thor Bern Jensen (TBJ)

Excused: Sally Fawkes and Somsak Pattarakulwanich

1. The chair STC welcomed all GB members
2. The secretariat update: GB ratified a new member from Pakistan; the New World Hope Organization (a group of small clinics and hospitals, which has paid as a trust and upfront for two years) and a new member from Hungary; the Uszoki Hospital (payment is on-going). Several countries have shown interest in establishing new networks: Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Japan, and Russia.
Balance for 2013 was presented with a negative surplus at - €35,486 in addition to the €10,000 which should be paid for the scientific Journal, and the - €10,380 from 2012; altogether **negative surplus of -€55,804**.
The number of members with due fees for 2013 has lowered compared to the previous GB meeting in Nov 2013, as Canada Ontario, US Connecticut and Pennsylvania, Czech Rep. have paid their depth, while Indonesia and France have paid partly. The Greece MoH has promised to pay promptly and Lombardi is working on re-vitalization their network. Thereby, the final surplus may be smaller when the balance is finalised.

Still Australia Victoria, Trentino (IT) and Piedmonte (IT) have still not paid any of the 2013 fees and are up for termination.

During the last two years the following Networks asked for cessation according to the HPH Constitution: Switzerland (ended 2013), Bulgaria, Tuscany (IT), Calabria (IT), Liguria (IT). Furthermore, the secretariat has not been able to establish communication with Campania (IT) and Lombardia (IT). RZ has agreed to help on the communication with these two R Networks. The Secretariat will contact each of the previous members and ask them to become individual members.

The GB acknowledged the procedures followed by the secretariat.

The update on the International Academy for Design and Health & IUHPE was postponed because of S Fawkes being excused.

3. HPH Conference
Overall, 642 participants have registered for the conference in Barcelona; including 260 from Taiwan and 54 from Italy. The budget will be about €260-280,000, and the overall numbers of presentations are at 800. The GB congratulated MS with the results.



The HPH Award process has reached the step, where the incoming material will be distributed to the evaluators. A new tool for Best abstract screening process has been distributed already.

Today, three candidates are possible on the conference in 2015; the SEEHN network (one of their member countries), Norway and the US Connecticut. The Conference Secretariat will follow up to have the final offers for the Barcelona conference.

4. 20th HPH General Assembly agenda was discussed. GB members were asked to come back on e-mail regarding their willingness to run for election in the period to come.

A discussion came up regarding the possibility for re-election after four years. It seemed obvious that the GB would run out of possible members for election sooner or later, since the HPH Constitution does not allow for a re-election. Some possibilities were discussed and it was decided that the secretariat should follow up on the practice until now, to contact the legal office concerning how to understand the text in the HPH constitution and to contact the person originally producing the constitution. It was also decided to discuss the subject further on the upcoming GB meeting to have some better clarification before the general assembly. Different views and readings of the HPH Constitution was addressed, incl. an opinion regarding influence in relation to the size of N/R Networks e.g. on the number of members, or on the percentage of the nation/region's hospitals and health services who has signed up as HPH members.

5. Meeting before next GA will be decided through a Doodle. The secretariat and Chair STC will come up with suggestions of dates.
6. AOB. The GB approved the establishment of the Working Group working towards a Task Force on collection & dissemination of Evidence-based Health Promotion under leadership of Hartmut Berger.