

EUNIS Board meeting, 9th of June 2016, Thessaloniki, 17.00 – 18.30

Minutes

<u>Present (Board members)</u>: John Murphy (President), Ilkka Siissalo (Vice-President), Raimund Vogl (Treasurer), Michele Mennielli (Secretary), Mikael Berglund, Ramon Grau Sala, Malte Dreyer, Bas Cordewener, Yiannis Salmatzdis, Lígia Ribeiro, Tomasz Szmuc.

In attendance: Jean-François Desnos (Executive Secretary), Anna Pacholak (President Assistant)

<u>Invited</u>: Victoriano Giralt (Interoperability TF Leader), Gill Ferrell (E-learning TF Leader), Elsa Cardoso (BI TF Leader), Johan Bergstrom (ERAI Leader).

1. Interoperability Task Force - Update

Victoriano Giralt gave an overview on the activities of the TF that currently runs: the EMREX project, Erasmus Without Paper and Techies bunch in the Groningen Declaration Network. There are approx. 120 members in the Task Force. The pre-congress Informal evangelist meeting on paperless student mobility was attended by 20 people. Victoriano has decided to step down as leader of the Task Force due to time constraints but wishes to remain involved as a task force member.

Action 1: The Secretary to seek nominations for a new leader of the Task Force.

2. E-learning (ELTF) Task Force - Update

Gill Ferrell gave an overview of the activities of the E-learning Task Force. There are currently 100 members from 15 countries on the mailing list. There were only 2 entries for the Dørup E-Learning Award at the Congress this year. One of them didn't meet the criteria for the award and one of the authors of the second one was a paid employee of EUNIS. This fact was not allowed to influence the judging but it did raise the question as to whether or not Board members or employees of EUNIS should be allowed to submit papers where there was an award. The author's affiliation was a University affiliation not EUNIS. The regulations need to be clarified for the future so participants perceive the process to be entirely fair. The EUNIS e-Learning Task Force has been represented at the following external events by the task force leader, Gill Ferrell:

- TALOE project webinar organised by ELTF members from universities of Porto and Zagreb, May 2015
- SURF/CAA conference Zeist, Netherlands, July 2015
- UNINETT conference Oslo, Norway, September 2015

Gill expressed her disappointment with the Board on the cancelled Task Force workshop that was due to be held on 15th of April 2016 hosted by the University of Amsterdam. It was noted by the Board and Gill that better communication is required as it had evidently failed in the case of the planned workshop. It is also important to know the budget issues in advance. Gill ran the pre-congress workshop in Thessaloniki instead.

The Task Force's future activities include an invitation to hold its next workshop at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway. It may be run in liaison with the BI workshop as there are some possible synergies. There is also an interest among the E-Learning Task Force participants to bid together for an EU project.

Gill expressed her willingness of continuing as the TF leader and this was supported by the Board. The President said that a new document had been developed on guidelines for Task Forces that would be circulated to all Task Force Leaders for feedback after the Congress.

Action 2: The Board to work on improved coordination and communication with Task Force Leaders

Action 3: The Secretary to circulate the Task Force Guidelines to Task Force Leaders

3. Business Intelligence (BI) Task Force - Overview

Elsa Cardoso gave an overview on the BI Task Force and commented on the low activity of the TF members. Elsa requested the support of the Board in bringing in some new active participants. Elsa ran a pre-congress event on BI organizing a masterclass. She expressed her interest in joint/cross over events with the E-learning TF: one option would be to organise it during the UCISA annual event in Oxford. Elsa offered to lead webinars on BI issues within EUNIS.

4. ERAI overview

Johan Bergstrom presented in brief the achievements and plans for ERAI. ERAI and EJHEIT should be seen as extensions of work being done within EUNIS (e.g. Task Forces work, the Congress, IT Leaders activities, etc.). Through analysis and aggregation of information ERAI can add value to existing work. Among the activities run this year there were: EJHEIT Congress edition, euroCRIS collaboration – survey and report, speaking engagements at: CAUDIT biennial conference, Educause2015, TNC2015, Report on Cloud computing, use of repository for work published by ERAI and EUNIS provided by euroCRIS (Dspace-CRIS). The Board suggested to better analyse the repository policies.

Plans for the next year include: for each thematic publication ERAI will seek to create additional content - case studies, interviews linked to current reports. Focus is on the aggregated view, rather than intra-institutional comparison. Collaboration with the other organisations such as EDUCAUSE, CHEITA and Internet2 as the European node are in plans. Developing EJHEIT into a full-fledged Open-Access journal is the aim as well. The budget of ERAI is planned to be spent on 2 events: joint planning of activities Nov/Dec 2016 and March 2017 – CIO focus groups.

5. Elections for the officers within the EUNIS Board of Directors.

The current outgoing officers on the EUNIS Board all applied to be re-elected. The Board voted on each candidate and each of the candidates was unanimously re-elected. The newly elected officers are:

- Mr. John Murphy President of EUNIS
- Mr. Ilkka Siissalo Vice President of EUNIS
- Mr. Raimund Vogl Treasurer
- Mr. Michele Mennielli Secretary

The meeting ended at 18.30.