

AGM Meeting Thursday September 3rd 2015, 1610 to 1700, Tycoons bar, Limassol, Cyprus

Present-board members: Anne Marie Plass (Chair), Lisa Warner (treasurer), Anne van Dongen (secretary), Dominika Kwasnicka (Liaison Officer and Grant Master), Katerina Kassavou (Application and Communication officer), Gjalt-Jorn Peters (webmaster), Sebastian Potthoff (webmaster-elect).

Absent-board members: Monica Wagner (Past local organiser), Michael de Barra (next years' local organiser), Panayiota Andreou (present local organiser).

Other Synergy members present: Felix Naughton, Nelli Hankonen, Mary Morrissey.

Agenda

1. Welcome

2. Minutes meeting Innsbruck 2014

Page 2: We said we'd send an email to EHPS members to ask for suggestions for future EMs. Instead, based on polls in the past and on suggestions of participants we were able to identify the 2016 topic without further consultation rounds being necessary.

3. Synergy's planned activities

- a) 2016 Expert Meeting: 'Social relationships and health: Collaborative and dyadic approaches'. Flyers were distributed i.e. at the opening ceremony, in Turu's symposium and made available at registration desk as well as at desk with other promotional flyers. @SP to put a digital downloadable version of the flyer on our website.
- b) AM had a meeting with Urte and Turu to talk about ideas how to facilitate the 2016 Synergy EM. The idea they opted of having a round table at the conference after the EM was warmly welcomed.
- c) New EM ideas: check the suggestions on the evaluation form. Check our topic list.
- d) New ideas mentioned at this meeting: Implementation research/ implementation science. This could be facilitated by Theo Paulussen, Jeremy Grimshaw, Justin Presseau (DK could ask him), Pierre Nielson (SP could ask him). We should check the Global Implementation Conference and the Center for Effective Services.

4. Call for new board members

We need to send out a call for a new treasurer, position starts after 2016 conference

5. Discussion of proposed Synergy facilities to promote collaboration and networking across EHPS (e.g. SIGs)

SIGs can be networking groups. Felix will chair the meeting of the internet/digital interventions group next year. All delegates from this year's EM will be added with opt-out option. SP will put the SIG possibilities on the website.

6. Ideas or suggestions from members for Synergy activities which may support collaborative working and excellence in research within the society - working on the available funding bodies and information gathered from national delegates.

Synergy could promote the Open Science Framework. This is an online facility to share documents, manage projects and schedule meetings. It also facilitates the design for studies. OSF is not a repository for data. SP will check the possibilities of OSF. We could create a project example and describe the process in a paper for the EHP. It could be a way to facilitate the continuation of the EMs.

E-course: how to collaborate and maximize efficiency of collaboration. DK will look into this.
Possible facilitators: Aleks Luscynzca, Lucy Yardley, Paul Norman, Richard Cooke

7. Hand-over of board (new members in, change of roles):

- a) GJ steps down after 6 years on the Synergy board. He will be missed!
- b) Welcome Sebastian as new webmaster / party locator.

8. AOB

The document with national and international funding bodies: we could ask the national delegates to update yearly and put on the national delegate website. AM will discuss this with Efrat.