



AGM meeting 21st September 2011 – Hersonissos, Crete

1. Application for the Synergy Board
2. Network Grant: Synergy to promote the EHPS grant amongst its members and facilitate networking to identify partners
3. Synergy's planned activities (2012 Workshop, 10th anniversary)
4. Discussion of proposed Synergy facilities to promote collaboration and networking across EHPS (e.g. SIGs).

Meeting point: At the main registration desk at 1330

Minutes:

Location: Hersonissos (Creta Maris Hotel), Crete, Greece

Total number of members present (including board members): 8

Chaired by: Felix Naughton (FN)

Other Board Attendees: Gjalt-Jorn Peters (GJ)

Maria Karekla (MK)

Panayiota Andreou (PA)

Lisa Warner (LW)

EC representative: Amelie Wiedemann

1) Synergy Board:

A few months before a board member is about to step down, a new member joins the board as ordinary member to familiarize himself/herself with the Synergy activities and the specific role to be taken over.

2) Network Grant:

There is possibility that EC will be able to provide the grant annually rather every other year. Synergy to alert all members once the deadline is announced by EHPS

3) Planned Activities:

a. 10th Anniversary (2012)

i. Ideas-Suggestions:

- Pecha-Kucha: can be tiring for both participants and presents thus aim to have few past facilitators presenting or have only few slides each.
- Invite Synergy participants to share their stories on any projects, collaborations arising from the Synergy workshops. We can ask past

facilitators (e.g. Marie Johnston) for details of past Synergy participants.

- Funding: To submit report-request to EC
- ii. Email EC conference organizer to book slot in the conference – suggestion for Thursday early evening
- b. 2012 Workshop
 - i. To create A3 adverts and email Synergy members to print and distribute at their departments and other conferences
- 4) Facilities to promote collaboration and networking across EHPS
 - a. The first SIG has already been formed focusing on N-of-1 studies arising from the 2011 workshop. GJ will contact workshop participants to be added on the SIG email list
 - b. Breakfast meetings can be arranged for face-to-face SIG at the next EHPS conference; SIG groups to communicate such request to Synergy board for arrangements.
 - c. Pre- or post-conference workshops are another option that SIGs can use to discuss their topic and encourage more members to join. SIGs need to submit a proposal to Synergy which is in charge for the organization of the pre-conference workshops.
 - d. Synergy will add on its website links to funding information available across European Union including information from alerts and events newsletters.