

## Minutes ENHR General Assembly (GA) Belfast, 29 June 2016

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### 1. Opening

The Chairman, Peter Boelhouwer, opened the General Assembly (GA), welcomed all attendants, thanked them for their attendance and explained the agenda.

### 2. Activities - Coordination Committee (Peter Boelhouwer)

- The **highlights of the Coordination Committee (CC) meetings** are available at: [www.enhr.net/minutes.php](http://www.enhr.net/minutes.php). Peter reported on a selection of activities to the GA.
- **Member survey 2015**: 205 members responded; gender division; most colleagues are quite satisfied about the conferences; most frequent involvement is with the website, most visit the conference; networking is considered the most important aspect of ENHR. But attendance is quite good. Most respondents are satisfied with the activities. There are not too many complaints about the fees for the conference. Report is on the website: <http://www.enhr.net/benefits.php>
- **Guidelines for attendants NHRC**: The CC provides guidelines now for the mentors and for the new housing researchers:
  - Guidelines for writing a working paper for the NHR Colloquium
  - Guidelines for Preparing the Research Presentation at the NHRC
  - Guidelines for mentors at the NHRC
  - The guidelines are available on: [http://enhr.net/newhousing\\_researchers\\_colloquium.php](http://enhr.net/newhousing_researchers_colloquium.php)
- **Statistics website**: In 2015 visitors most often came from the UK, the Netherlands, Portugal and the US; In the second six months, there was a spectacular increase of visitors from 5000 to 15000 many of whom were from China.
- The **conference bid procedure** has been streamlined by designing a Conference application form.
- ENHR signed **Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)** with:
  - European Federation for Living (EFL)
  - International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP)
  - Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
 With UAA the agreement has been made that members pay the member's fee at the annual conference of the partner.

### 3. Annual Report - ENHR Office (Marietta Haffner)

#### a) Annual Report ENHR Office

- Marietta reported that the meeting documents can be found on the website behind the password: <http://enhr.net/meetingschedulege.php>. Marietta briefed the GA on a selection of activities of the ENHR Office
- The **administrative tasks** included: administering of membership and finance, streamlining of process fee collection, regularly updating of guidelines, organizing of elections of Coordination Committee members, organizing of Bengt Turner Award competition, organizing of elections of conference location 2017 & 2018.
- **PR and Communication** included the ENHR [Newsletter](#) 4x/year, the [Website](#) updates, the [News-bulletins](#) to ENHR members via the website and [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)
- Search for the next **2017 photo for the cover of the ENHR Newsletter**: please send to [enhr@tudelft.nl](mailto:enhr@tudelft.nl) any photos on housing from Belfast which you would like to be considered as cover photo for the 2017 edition of the ENHR Newsletter:
- ENHR Office also supported the Local Organizers of the ENHR conferences.

#### b) Membership overview

- The membership overview shows that the number of regular institutional members stayed stable between January 2014 (66) and January 2016 (67), while the number of associate institutional members declined from 30 to 24. If possible, the CC checks on exit reasons. Usually they are about not being involved in housing so much anymore or financial.
- The number of regular individual members increased from 172 to 199 between January 2014 and January 2016.
- The number of individual members who are member via an institution declined from 820 to 723. On the one hand this is the result of the loss of 6 associated institutional members. On the other hand this is the result from the scaling back of institutional membership to the category up to 5 members per institution.
- In total 922 individuals were member of ENHR in January 2016, down from 992 in January 2014.

### 4. Financial statement - Treasury (Mark Stephens)

#### a) Financial Statement

- Mark explained that the CC and the ENHR Office have sought to improve the financial viability of ENHR. The principle was to achieve a lower loss than the overhead. In 2014 a small profit was achieved because of lower staff costs, but in 2015 the loss was back 'to normal'.
- Due to a change in the administration of TU Delft, host for the ENHR Office, overhead will no longer be charged to ENHR as of 1 January 2016.
- Therefore, in future ENHR will be able to carry forward surpluses, but will be expected to meet losses up to the level of the accumulated surplus.
- This will provide an opportunity to broaden the range of activities and services; possibly, the design of the conference website.

#### b) Proposal fee increase & country classification

- However, as it is important to maintain the financial viability, the Treasurer puts before the GA the proposal that fees will increase, but not in real terms: *To increase the ENHR fees with Dutch inflation (CPI) if positive from 2017 on. If Dutch CPI is negative, the fee will remain unchanged.*
- The General Assembly accepted this proposal.

## 5. Working Groups (in preparation)

### a) Overview

- The Annual Report of the Working Groups (WGs) is to be found at <http://www.enhr.net/annualassessment2.php>. There are now 23 WGs running. And five WGs in preparation.
- The **ENHR Office (task)** was asked to ask the 'older' WGs in preparation to deliver a small report based on the guidelines for WG and to request to make them a formal full-fledged WG.
- Peter thanked all WG coordinators for their activities and especially thanked those who stopped:
  - Jane Ball (Housing Law)
  - Stefan Kofner (Southern European Housing)
  - George Galster (Poverty Neighbourhoods (nu: Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities))
  - Jürgen Friedrichs (Poverty Neighbourhoods (nu: Disadvantaged Urban Neighbourhoods and Communities))
  - József Hegedüs (East European Housing & Urban Policy)
  - Fanny Cornette (Housing Law)
  - Thomas Knorr-Siedow (Social Housing: Institutions, Organisations and Governance)
  - Roderick Lawrence (Residential Context of Health)
  - Jens Lunde (Housing Finance)
  - Christine Whitehead (Housing Finance), who started in the second year of ENHR and therefore holds the longest term on her name.
  - Sule Özoekren (Minority Ethnic Groups and Housing)
- The good news is that many former WG coordinators are still attending the ENHR conferences!

### b) Housing and Family Dynamics (new WG in preparation)

Rory Coulter explained that space and family come together in this WG which focuses on families and housing transitions, as well as on families and housing in the life course (social mobility). The WG met in Lisbon for the first time and organized 6 sessions: good start. 20-25 people are interested. In Belfast four sessions are being organized. The plan is to continue the next years, also based on the a number of big projects that the WG leans on.

### c) Collaborative Housing (new WG in preparation)

Darinka Czischke and Claire Carriou explained that the WG just finished 2 full sessions. 13 countries were represented in 20 papers. Everyone enjoyed the fresh energy in the room. The WG has a special partnership with a French group (as part of the REHAL): 7 French researchers participated in the WS.

## 6. News from Sister Organisations

- Mandy Lau from the University of Hong Kong explained as Secretary from **APNHR** that the next APNHR conference will take place this year: *Housing issues in a new epoch of urbanization: challenges and opportunities*. Close to Hong Kong, in Guangzhou, the conference will be held on 17 and 18 December. It will start with a half a day of city tour as field trip on the day before. The day after the conference ends, also a whole day tour will be organized. Everyone is welcomed. More information can be found on the conference website: <http://fac.arch.hku.hk/upad/apnhr/2016-apnhr/>
- Peter explained that Irene Molina who is chair of **LANHUR** in Europe is not attending the Belfast conference. The LANHUR meeting that was planned in Quito in November of this year will be postponed to spring 2017. The colleagues at the University of Chili are struggling to organize finance.

**7. Any other business**

None.

**CHAIR: CHRISTINE WHITEHEAD**

**8. Elections of members of ENHR Coordinating Committee**

- The number of people standing is exactly equal to the number of vacancies. Therefore, the GA elected the ten sitting CC member to the new Coordination Committee by acclamation.
- Christine congratulated them, but placed the call for new blood at the next round in two years.
- Christiane Thouzellier will remain on the CC for 2 years until 2018.

**9. Election Committee 2018**

Please talk to Marietta Haffner for fulfilling the vacancy.

**10. Closing of General Assembly**

Thank you for attending!