

# Minutes ENHR General Assembly (GA) Uppsala, 29 June 2018

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#### 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)

#### Adaptation Bengt Turner Award rules

Twice the requirements for the Bengt Turner Award have been changed (in 2016 and 2017):

- Only one paper per candidate.
- The paper has been written by him/her alone and an eventual publication of the winning paper will be only with the one author.
- Author be based in an European country or have carried out research in Europe.
- Be less than 41 years old OR be registered PhD student OR have received the PhD in the preceding three years.
- Advice from senior researchers about submitting the paper for publication in a journal that is relevant.
- The evaluation criteria roughly amount to whether a paper would be sent out to referees
  of a scientific journal. The ENHR Coordination Committee determines whether a Bengt
  Turner Award is handed out.

# • Relocation of the Office, change in legal structure ENHR explored

Several motives ask for change of ENHR's legal structure. Realignment of OTB Department brings along that the fee collection and membership administration tasks of the ENHR Office need to be relocated during this year, to safeguard the 2019 fee collection. As it turns out difficult to host the office at another university without facing the same time consuming financial and administrative protocols the Office is now dealing with, it is suggested to find a third party. This asks for a change of ENHR's legal structure in which case outsourcement will be possible as well as opening a bank account. However, ENHR is not a formal legal entity yet.

The GA is asked permission for the CC to proceed in preparing a new legal structure. The ENHR community will be updated by e-mail and through the Newsletter. The result will still be open for discussion and adaptation during the GA in 2020. Conditions are (based on questions from the audience): no consequences for members, no budget overruns, well thought-out choice of country of registration, continuation of the GA.

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#### Statistics website:

- Autumn 2016-spring 2017:4,000 visitors over these 6 months. The age of the visitors is getting lower. Visitors are from 104 countries; most visitors are from the UK followed by the Netherlands, then USA and Turkey. More visitors are accessing the website using tablets or mobile devices.
- From April 2017 to April 2018 the website has had 13.000 visits by 7600 people (over 80% new visitors), from 53 countries, mostly from the UK (34%), the Netherlands (21%), Turkey (15%), Sweden (13%) and Spain (12%), with Turkey as runner-up.
- Survey and interviews with participants, both during Tirana conference
   Website, fees, subject of workshops, field trips, accommodation and transport, miscellaneous.
   Results have been discussed during CC meeting and will be input for next member surveys.
- The highlights of the Coordination Committee (CC) meetings are available at: www.enhr.net/minutes.php and in the Newsletter.

## 3. Annual Report - ENHR Office (Dirk Dubbeling)

#### a) Annual Report ENHR Office

- Dirk briefed the GA on a selection of activities of the ENHR Office.
- The **administrative tasks** included: membership administration, fee collection, bookkeeping, regular guideline updates, organizing Coordination Committee members' elections, organizing the Bengt Turner Award competition, organizing conference location elections.
- Personnel changes at the Office: Manon, who has been handling the membership
  administration, left, Kim officially left but is still helping out where she can, Marietta
  stepped down as head of Office. She has held this position since 2010. Dirk Dubbeling
  (OTB) took her place.
- PR and Communication included the ENHR <u>Newsletter</u> 4x/year, the <u>Website</u> updates, the <u>News-bulletins</u> via the website and <u>Facebook & Twitter</u>
- As editor of the **Newsletter** always on the look-out for items.
- ENHR Office also supported the Local Organisation Committees of ENHR conferences. URLs for conference websites in stock.
- Updates of Working Groups and Working Group coordinators and editing the annual Working Groups report.
- Contact person for **Sister organisations and Partners**.

The meeting documents can be found on <a href="http://enhr.net/meetingschedulege.php">http://enhr.net/meetingschedulege.php</a>.

# b) Membership overview

- January-December 2016: It shows we have lost 5 Institutional Members (IMs), 101 members from IMs and that we have gained a net total of 4 individual members. Reasons for this are that some big IMs have updated their members list; two IMs have merged into one. Some IMs whose membership was ended, have re-joined ENHR.
- January-December 2017: ENHR counts 82 (A)IMs (-4 compared to 31 December 2016) with a total of 606 members. Of the 9 (A)IMs that left ENHR no response and no payment was the reason we had to cross them from our list. 6 New (A)IMs enrolled. During 2017 40 new individual members enrolled and 51 memberships were terminated. The total dropped that year from 203 to 192, a net loss of 11.

	1-1-2016	1-1-2017	1-1-2018	Net result	18-6-
				2016-2018	2018
(A)IM (members)	91 (723)	86 (622)	82 (606)	-9 (-117)	82 (593)
Individual members	199	203	192	-7	176
Grand total	922	825	798	-124	769

 One explanation of the drop of members is that non-paying members are being removed from the member list, individuals as well as institutional members, after numerous reminders. We have a reasonable number of new members as well, but they do not make

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up for the ones we lost. We are trying to find new members actively among non-member visitors of the Tirana and Uppsala conference.

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

- Due to changes in the administration of the TU Delft, host of the ENHR Office, overhead have not been charged to ENHR as of 1-1-2016. This resulted in a more than positive result for 2016. Income dropped however, due to a decrease of members.
- In 2017 a rise in expenses and a further drop in fees led to only a small profit.
- In 2016 and 2017 no membership fee changes have been implemented. In 2018 the fees
  for individual members have remained the same as for 2016 and 2017. The fees for
  Institutional Members slightly increased.
- For 2018 a better result than in 2017 is expected.

## 5. Working Groups (in preparation) (Peter Boelhouwer)

#### a) Overview

- Collaborative housing, Policy and Research and Southern European Housing became permanent WGs in 2017.
- Housing and Refugees has been established as WG in preparation in 2017.
- Housing Regeneration and Maintenance ended its activities in 2016.
- There are now 27 WGs running and one in preparation (Housing and Refugees), as many as in 2016 (28).
- The Annual Report of the Working Groups (WGs) 2017 contains a complete set of reports and is to be found at <a href="http://www.enhr.net/annualassesment2.php">http://www.enhr.net/annualassesment2.php</a>. However, the individual reports differ in quality and quantity. It is suggested to request a stricter heading policy for more precise information.
- Mentionable results in 2017:
  - o 28 workshops: 16x Tirana, 9x elsewhere, 3x in co-operation with non-ENHR partners
  - 1 edited book: 'Regulating the city -Contemporary urban housing law' (WG Housing Law)
  - 2 special issues: Housing Wealth and Welfare Edward Elgar (WG Home ownership and Globalisation) and International Journal of Housing Policy – Taylor & Francis (WG Social Housing).
- Peter thanked all WG coordinators for their activities and especially thanked those who stopped:
  - John Doling (WG Home ownership and globalisation)
  - o Eli Støa (WG Housing and Urban Sustainability) now WG Housing and Refugees
  - Julie Rugg (WG Private rented markets)
  - o Darinka Czischke (WG Policy and Research) now Collaborative Housing
  - Elena Szolgayova (WG Policy and Research)
  - Glen Bramley and Duncan Bowie (WG Metropolitan Dynamics)
  - Julian Sidoli del Ceno (WG Housing Law)
  - Nico Nieboer, André Thomsen and Sasha Tsenkova (WG Housing Regeneration and Maintenance). <u>Sasha Tsenkova is still coordinator in two other WGs</u>.

## b) Housing and Refugees (new WG in preparation)

Silvia Mugnano highlighted the theme of her new Working Group, which she co-coordinates with Jennifer Duyne Barenstein and Eli Støa.

# 6. News from Sister Organisations and Partners (Peter Boelhouwer)

Sister organisations:

- Rebecca Chiu, chair APNHR informs that the APNHR conference took take place this year as APNHR and AHRC Conference 6-8 June.
- LANHUR is being re-activated after a time of slow activity. The contact persons at ENHR are still Irene Molina (Uppsala) and Darinka Czischke Ljubetic (TU Delft). The name changed to RIVHA ("Red de investigadores en vivienda y hábitat en las Américas").

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Partners: No news from our partners

# 7. Any other business

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# 8. Elections of 5 new ENHR Coordinating Committee members

Candidates: Darinka Czischke (NL), Paddy Gray (IR), Marietta Haffner (NL), Stefan Kofner (DE), Nicky Morrison (UK), Sergio Nasarre Aznar (ES), Iván Tosics (HU), Catalina Turcu (UK) In total 582 members were allowed to vote, of which 152 actually voted (26.5%). In total 575 votes were cast (voters were allowed to vote for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 candidates). On average voters selected 3.7 candidates.

#### Elected for a four year term are:

Marietta Haffner (NL), 108 votes Iván Tosics (HU), 81 votes Sergio Nasarre Aznar (ES), 74 votes Darinka Czischke (NL), 73 votes Paddy Gray (IR), 71 votes

### 9. Election Committee 2020

The 2018 Election committee Gerard van Bortel, Lars Gulbransen and Dirk Dubbeling agreed to a next term.

# 10. Closure of General Assembly

Thank you for attending!