

European Academy of Caring Sciences

Academic meeting

Minutes from November 9, 2012, at University of Brighton

Attendance: Les Todres, Catherine Theodosius, Kristina Nässén, Susanne Knutsson, Caroline Ellis-Hill, Clara Aarts, Karen Paaske, Lisbeth Uhrenfeldt, Kate Law, Elizabeth A. Rosser, Ann Hemingway, Shirley Bach, Margaretha Ekebergh

1. Welcoming and presentation of new and old participants.
2. A mini conference will be held at Aarhus University in Denmark in April 2013. This one-day conference is carrying through every second year. Participants from both academic areas and practice settings in Scandinavia and UK are invited. Doctoral students are particularly encouraged to participate. One keynote speaker is suitable. In addition to the keynote speaker, the conference includes paper presentations and a poster session. Suggested date for the conference is April 10. The theme will be “*The Next Generation of Caring Sciences*”. Suggested keynote speaker is Tanya McKance. Any other suggestions, please contact Margaretha Ekebergh and Lisbeth Uhrenfeldt.
3. EU bid
Les Todres, Ann Hemingway and Corinna Dickson presented ideas regarding bids for EU funding. Margaretha Ekebergh presented ideas regarding bids for funding, based on discussions between the University of Borås and University of Hull. We agreed to support both ideas and the University of Borås will look into STINT and Bournemouth University into the application for Marie Curie funding.
4. Information about EACS’s web site. There are problems for Uppsala University to host the website in the future and therefore the decision was made to close down this website and open a new separate one, not hosted by a university. University of Borås will have the responsibility for the new website the first year, after which it will follow the chairmanship. The costs for the website, which are quite small, will also follow this responsibility. Susanne Knutsson will initially be in charge of the new one. A new design for the web page will be developed and the contact list will shortly be updated.
5. Presentation of research within Care and Compassion in a Clinical Setting by Annie Chellel, Charlotte Ramage and Paul Walters.
6. Development of themes. Transcultural care: will test framework on colleagues in focus groups to see if it is useful in education. Public health: discussing how life world perspective can influence policy. Future work will include wellbeing in a more substantial way; therefore the name of the theme will be “Public Health and Wellbeing”. Lifeworld care and education: share ideas and papers, written by theme

members. A joint research will connect the group members. Future EU bid/research funding may open up for this.

7. News from business meeting: If people want to join the network they will also need to work on applications for funding.
8. Next academic meeting will be in Aarhus in Denmark, April 11, 2013.

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