

EACS business meeting

Participants: Clara Aarts, Elizabeth Rosser, Ann Hemingway, Ulrica Hörberg, Margaretha Ekebergh and Elisabeth Lindberg

Apologies: Birgitta Edlund, John Albarran, Shirley Bach

Appologies and Welcome (ME)

Professor Margaretha Ekebergh welcomes and thanks everyone for participating in the meeting.

Updating contact sheet - check the membership in core- group (business meeting)

Kate Galvin is now working at the University of Hull. Liselotte Ozolins will replace Ulrica Hörberg, representing Linneus University

Review and agreement of the minutes from the 24 October in Bristol

The homepage was discussed and will be discussed further at the academic meeting

Memorandum of understanding

The MoU will now be circulated to be signed by the Universities. This circulation starts in Bournemouth University and Elizabeth Rosser took responsibility for this. A discussion was initiated about who was authorized to sign, and Margaretha stated that at the University of Borås, the Dean was authorized.

New members – recruiting new members

A question was raised about the definition of affiliated members' versus core members. The core members have representatives at the business meeting and they also formulate the strategic direction. The core members are presented on the home page. Affiliated members can take part in the different teams.

The issue about member fees was also raised. The statement was that EACS has not yet matured sufficiently to warrant charging fees because it would require more substantial activity to offer the membership.

It is planned to expand EACS slowly, but at the same time it is important to be visible. A discussion started about making it possible for PhD- students to join EACS. This discussion will continue at the academic meeting.

There was a discussion about nature of European in relation to EACS. It's important to think strategically and broadly funding possibilities within EU.

It's important that EACS offers something different from other organizations, as for example the European Academy of Nursing Science. It is important with a EACS declaration - that

caring science is not bound to a specific profession. How can EACS reach other professions?
ER raised the question: What does EACS want to be famous for?

It will be important to illuminate the patient perspective (ME).

Collaboration with NCCS

Members from NCCS (Nordic Caring Science Collaboration) have been invited, but it has not been possible yet to set up a meeting. Collaboration is important, but there are time constraints.

Funding

EACS needs to develop future strategies for funding, create collaborative projects and exchange knowledge. Further joint publications are also important. Funding for research, networking and exchange was discussed.

There is a need to develop applications for funding. ME has had support from the research assistant at Borås (Johan Norling) to find possible applications. The research assistant at Bournemouth University can also be helpful in this process.

There are possibilities within the EU to apply for funding, for example the FP7 was discussed as a possibility.

Logotype

ME had a suggestion for poster/flyer. The response was positive and some minor revisions were suggested. ME will take this work further with help from Johan Norling. One suggestion was to have a statement at the front of the flyer "Caring practice requires caring science"

Next meeting and coming conferences

The next meeting was suggested to take place in Brighton. As no representative from the University of Brighton was present, ME is set to investigate this possibility. No date for the next meeting was decided. This will be notified as soon as it is decided.

➤ *Update: next meeting in Brighton will be in November 8th & 9th.*

The EACS meeting in spring 2013 will take place in Aarhus in Denmark. A mini conference is also planned in junction with this meeting. The theme of the conference is "Next generation in caring science".