Report from the European Veterinary Libraries Group (EVLG)



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The European Veterinary Libraries Group (EVLG) met on 11 July 2018, in the Seligman Studio at the wonderful Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. There were five attendees from two countries.

Fiona Brown, EVLG Secretary, reported that both Michael Eklund and Raisa Iivonen were stepping down from their roles as EVLG President and Vice President. The EVLG members gave their unanimous thanks and appreciation for all the work which Michael and Raisa have done for EVLG and are very glad they will remain as members of the group, especially given their valuable expertise and input.

It was agreed that the Facebook pages and the EVLG homepage had continued to improve the group's communication.

It was agreed that EVLG would continue to work the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section (VMLS) of the Medical Library Association (MLA) in the USA to update the international veterinary libraries directory.

Esther Carrigan, Heather Moberly and Fiona Brown reported to the EVLG members on the topics discussed at the 9th ICAHIS (International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists), which was held in June 2018 at the Veterinary Science Library, Archives and Museum, Szent Istvan University, Budapest. The topics discussed at this meeting included veterinary informatics, veterinary students' research, historic collections, open access veterinary collections and the role of the library in veterinary education.

The group discussed species considerations when creating a PICO, shared examples of good and bad practice and considered the risk of bias and the potential risk of unnecessary animal research if these things are not taken into consideration in a search.