

Report from the Special Interest Group TrEDMIL meeting 16th EAHIL Conference Cardiff, Wales, July 11th 2018



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Eight delegates from four countries convened in Cardiff on Wednesday, 11th July 2018 for the second meeting of the Special Interest Group on training, education and CPD known as TrEDMIL: Training, Education and Development for Medical Information and Library professionals. Rather unfortunately:

- our SIG meeting 2018 was not in the programme of EAHIL 2018;
- invitations via e-mail could only be sent out at very short notice;
- many of the 27 attendees of the inaugural meeting in 2017 could not be present at EAHIL 2018 in Cardiff.

Elections

Co-Chair Gerhard Bissels welcomed the attendees to the Shirley Bassey Studio and the participants introduced themselves. Due to a number of retirements and changes of jobs, new elections for a number of officers was necessary. Gerhard Bissels and Kate Kelly were elected as Co-Chairs and Sabine Buroh was elected as Secretary.

2017 plans and activities

Continuing Professional Development

The planned training for 2017 proved too difficult to deliver. The organization of the webinars was very time consuming because different platforms were being used and tested. Maria Garcia-Puente is now working on alternative ways for delivering future webinars but this is still in an experimental phase. A request from TrEDMIL will be made to EAHIL to license an EAHIL-owned platform for delivering webinars.

Education

Since the inaugural TrEDMIL meeting in Dublin, a new professorship for Information Literacy has been established by the Technical University of Cologne in partnership with ZB Med – Information Centre for Life Sciences, Germany. The Cologne specialist degree programme on medical and health librarianship is planned to be a distance learning course in English and they are seeking the advice and expertise of the SIG regarding the content, curriculum, suitable lecturers, potential students etc. The programme is due to be launched in late 2019.

Discussion

Despite the small number of SIG members present, the discussion that followed was very lively. All present felt that the Cologne time frame seems very ambitious. A question from Cologne regarding the format of this specialist degree programme was discussed and it was agreed, that it should be blended learning with one week of attendance or two long weekends alongside regular online sessions and the use of online channels. Live-sessions were preferred over recorded sessions because of their greater effect. Entry requirements and programme evaluations were also discussed.

In the light of the developments since last year it became clear that a regrouping of TrEDMIL is necessary. The advisory function of the SIG at an international level and the role as sounding board on education calls for enlarging the SIG by seeking new members from Southern and Eastern Europe and France.

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TrEDMIL is looking forward to seeing many delegates interested in Training, Education and Development from all countries in Basel next year!