AYHD Board Meeting 17th January 2020

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**Minutes**

Present: Tim Riswick, Jeanne Cilliers, Ryohei Mogi, Sarah Rafferty, Michail Raftakis and Evelien Walhout (report)

Opening, agenda and announcements: -

Content

1. *Proposal Mentoring*: we first discuss the proposal of Sarah and Ryo, dd. 10 Dec. 2019 on mentoring. Of the two options presented (1. Mentoring that is arranged/organized as part of an event like ESHD; 2. 1 on 1 mentoring via Skype) the first option seems most practical in the short term. It is decided that we already plan a speed date event during ESSHC in Leiden on Friday 20 March 2020 in the evening, prior to the AYHD social event (preferably at 7-7.30 pm after which we have drinks). The venue should preferably be some quiet space in a pub (with rent up to 50 euro/hour). Evelien will discuss these matters with Marlou Schrover, local organizer of ESSHC 2020. Maybe the Ethnicity and Migration network can join forces with the Family and Demography network (Joana-Maria Pujadas-Mora and Hideko Matsuo). Another possibility is to look for assistance within the Posthumus networks. A speed date should take up about 5-7 minutes in which a PhD-student can talk with a senior on all sorts of matters from strategies for future career to data/analysis issues. We will make a list of possible mentors and mentees – those who attend the ESSHC conference anyway. The next speed dating session can be organized at ESHD Madrid 2021.
2. *Progress website*: Michail invites his fellow board members to send him all kinds of information on news and events for the website. The minutes of two board meetings should be added, as well as a report on ESSHC (after March 2020). Additionally, information on PopFest 2020 Florence should be added.
3. *Progress on the newsletter*: due to unforeseen circumstances there was no newsletter sent after our last board meeting. The newest will be distributed within two weeks. A report on the Lund summerschool will be included by Jeanne. Sarah proposes to work with Google-docs in order to list possible spotlight papers by young historical demographers to showcase in the newsletter and online. She already sent a Google-docs invitation.
4. *Progress of the Facebook Group and Page and the Twitter account*: currently we have some 320 followers on Twitter, young historical demographers are not that active on Facebook anymore. We use Twitter for (retweeting) announcements, spotlight papers and, in March, during ESSHC.
5. *Vacancies for regional ambassadors and related topics*: we are still in need of ambassadors in the America’s.
6. *Progress on getting the materials from Summer Schools*: only the slides, not the data, of the Lund summer school will be made available through the website. One can always contact Jeanne on data issues.
7. *Other upcoming events:*

* European Social Science History Conference (Leiden, March 2020); speed dating session and informal event (20 March 2020).
* Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society (London, August 2020);
* PAA Annual Meeting – April 22-25, 2020. Jeanne and Ryo will attend, and possibly organize a social event (and look for American ambassadors)

1. *Any other business*: -
2. *Next Board Meeting*: within 3 months from now/after ESSHC Leiden.