

AYHD Board Meeting Report

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Attendance

Board Meeting 26th April 2019 (online)

Present: Tim Riswick (president), Jeanne Cilliers (PR-officer), Ryohei Mogi (vice president), Sarah Rafferty (PR-officer) and Evelien Walhout (secretary)

Opening and announcements

Tim opens the meeting after which our newest board member Sarah introduces herself: she just started her PhD project on the infant mortality decline in London in the period 1870-1929. She is part of the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure (Department of Geography). Sarah will mainly focus on our social media content (Twitter, Facebook).

There are no further announcements made nor comments on the previous minutes (31 Jan. 2019).

Content

1. *Progress website:*

As Michael is absent from the meeting Tim states that the website is currently up-to-date.

2. *Progress on the newsletter:*

Jeanne has circulated the concept version of the newsletter ASAP; we are still in need of a paper to be highlighted. Suggestions are welcomed.

3. *Progress of the Facebook Group and Page and the Twitter account:*

As our new social media officer Sarah will place content on Facebook (until now, she was already active on Twitter).

4. *Vacancies for regional ambassadors and related topics:*

We are still in need for ambassadors covering the America's; Sarah will ask her friends/colleagues in the US. Evelien has asked Susan Leonard (ICPSR) for possible candidates.

5. *Progress on getting the materials from Summer Schools:*

Jeanne states that there are still some places to fill for the Lund-summerschool; we will place an announcement on social media about this course (based on Stata). The materials from the Prague meeting are online (presentations, materials on R).

6. *Preparation Pécs meeting in June 2019:*

In Pécs we meet on several occasions. On Wednesday a panel is organized in which various young researchers discuss career issues in the field of academia (CV, publishing strategies, job opportunities, inspiration etc.). We will prepare a list of questions or invite the panel members to make a short statement on a specific topic. We agree on the list of panel members, Gabriel Brea Martínez will be asked to join this group (as Auke Rijpma will probably not attend the conference). We plan the meeting to be interactive, engaging with the audience.

On Thursday we organize an informal event (in a café, about 20 minutes from the venue). Also on Thursday we attend the round table on the future of historical demography.

7. *Other upcoming events:*

The European Social Science History Conference takes place in March 2020, in Leiden (Netherlands);

Sarah will promote (on social media) the Annual International Conference of the Royal Geographical Society in August 2019 in London.

Finally, the European Historical Economics Society Conference (August 2019) is of interest to our members.

The conferences will be announced on social media, the newsletter and the website.

8. *Any other business:*

The board agrees on the new logo (some new suggestions were made by the designer). We thank the designer.

9. *Next Board Meeting:*

The next meeting is scheduled during the Pécs meeting in June (both formal and informal).