AYHD Board Meeting 9th September 2021

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The AYHD strongly believes in transparency. Therefore, the minutes from the three-monthly board meetings will be made available to all members. If you have any questions or comments regarding these notes, feel free to contact our president: t.riswick@let.ru.nl

Present: Matt Nelson, Jeanne Cilliers, Roxana Ivette Arana Ovalle, Tim Riswick, Michail Raftakis, Sarah Rafferty and Evelien Walhout (report).

Absent: Oana Sorescu, Yulia Hilevych, Isabelle Cherkesly, Gabriel Brea Martinez, Changa Chinesi and Hao Dong.

Tim Riswick opens the meeting by explaining the purpose of this meeting: to meet the ambassadors and discuss various issues and ideas regarding our organisation. As most of the attendees have not yet met each other during live conferences, we start the meeting with a short introductory round.

Content

1. The ambassadors share their ideas about the website, activities, communication etc. with the board. We decide that all new ideas will be shared by email to the entire group (board + ambassadors).

The general ambition is to meet again on live conferences. The BSPS next week does include on online informal session, organized by Sarah. The first live meeting will be scheduled in Prague during the Young Demographers Annual Conference in February 2022.

Sarah stresses that all possible content for Twitter should be sent to her (or other social media content). This also includes suggestions for a spotlight article (via Google docs).

Jeanne states that we are in need of an ambassador in Africa, someone actually on the ground. Maybe the IUSSP conference (in Nairobi, in person or online) will yield new candidates. Sarah and Jeanne will both be present.

For her course students, Roxanna would like more information on the publications of our group members. Especially the list of spotlight articles would suit this purpose very well. The students are advice to follow us on Twitter as well.

1. Board meeting:
2. *Progress website:* Matt suggests that the website should include ‘spotlight interviews’ with our group members, on issues such as how they see the future of our discipline. It also creates an opportunity to get to know each other, and to advertise oneself. This could be a blog format.
3. *Progress of the Facebook Group and Page and the Twitter account:* Roxanna suggests to also add French (or Spanish) papers to the website/social media to get another group of young researchers involved as well. Tim states that Sandra Bree includes our content in their newsletter as well.
4. *Upcoming events:*
* BSPS annual conference (online, September 2021): Sarah will send us info on the informal session.
* Young Demographers (Prague, February 2022): this will be an annual event, in which the Young Historical Demographers have their own sessions.
* ESHD 2022, Madrid (informal and formal sessions).
* European Social Science History Conference (Göteborg, March 2023)
* SSHA will this year probably be a virtual meeting but Matt is willing to organize an informal get together next year.
1. *Any other business –* Tim will send his AYHD-PowerPoint presentation to Sarah with regard to BSPS.
2. *Next Board Meeting*: it is decided that we include the ambassadors in the board meeting every six months. Next meeting is scheduled on December 9th, at 4pm CET.