

of assessing individuals' research performance. Remedios Melero, Spanish National Research Council, introduced Altmetrics as an additional and individual quality measure, which combines traditional science metrics with online discussions on social networks. Laurence Mabille, Université Toulouse III – Paul Sabatier, France, presented The Bioresource Research Impact Factor (BRIF) project for standardization of biobank-based research.

The last session of the day was moderated by Ana Marušić. The session was about the importance of editorial research and editorial collaborations. Leading experts from the Asociación Mexicana de Editores de Revistas Biomédicas (AMERBAC), COPE, International Association of Veterinary Editors (IAVE), and MET took part in the session. Participants discussed issues on evidence-based editorial practice and promotion of research integrity.

A brief presentation of the EASE Gender Policy Committee on the sex/gender policies in research reporting and journal management preceded the final plenary lecture. The Committee Chair, Shirin Heidari, *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, stressed that gender inequality in scientific and editorial community still exists. She also presented Common Standards for the implementation of gender policies in journals.

Doug Altman, Centre for Statistics in Medicine, Oxford, UK, delivered the last, but not least, important lecture of

the conference. He talked about the research reporting guidelines developed by the EQUATOR Network. Prof Altman presented the results of non-compliance with the guidelines in scientific publications, which has an adverse impact on the evidence base in healthcare. The implementation of the guidelines requires the efforts of the whole scientific community. The EQUATOR Network promotes transparency in research reporting and enhances the quality of scholarly publications.

Joan Marsh closed the conference and awarded the best poster presenters, Geum-Hee Jeong and Sun Huh, from Hallym University, Korea. The conference uncovered the complexity of science editing in elegantly presented lectures and informal discussions. Many questions have been answered, but many more have arisen. The announcement of the next EASE conference that will be held in Strasbourg in 2016 promises many more questions and answers.

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Editorial team of *Biochemia Medica* at the welcome reception of the EASE 2014 conference

Watch the opening ceremony:

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EASE Annual General Meeting

13 June 2014, Split, Croatia

The Annual General Meeting of the Company was held on 13th June at the University School of Medicine, Split, Croatia, attended by 22 members and 14 non-members.

The President reported on activities since the previous AGM in September 2013, starting with the successful joint conference organized with the International Society for Managing and Technical Editors in Blankenbergs, Belgium. The first day was a pure ISMTE event, with EASE contributing only to the second day, but most of the 89 delegates attended both. EASE is grateful to Chris Sterken for recommending the Hotel Azaert and making all the local arrangements, to his wife, Lieve, for helping with general administration at the event and to Tina Wheeler for taking on the extra secretarial work.

European Science Editing continues under the guidance of the Editor, Armen Gasparyan, who has increased the visibility of the journal by getting it indexed in many databases. The journal is being evaluated for indexing in Social Science Citation Index and other Thomson Reuters databases. An exciting new development is that Dra. María del Carmen Ruiz Alcocer from the Asociación Mexicana de Editores de Revistas Biomédicas (AMERBAC) is providing Spanish translations of abstracts of original papers and essays, which are freely available on the journal website.

The *Science Editor's Handbook Second Edition* was launched at the Blankenbergs conference and well received. EASE appreciates the contributions of all the authors and editors but particularly Pippa Smart, whose enthusiasm and organizational skills brought the project to fruition. As a new initiative, working with Sun Huh, we licensed the content to the Korean Council of Science Editors to print locally in Korea for use in training courses there.

Sylvia Ufnalska has continued to develop the *EASE Guidelines for Authors and Translators*, producing additional material and annual updates. These are available in 22 languages and have been reproduced in several journals. The EASE Author Toolkit is proving to be one of the main attractions on the EASE website. It provides resources for authors and for editors working with authors. The aim is to link to existing resources where possible rather than to recreate materials.

The website has a new manager, Elaine Seery from France, who started in September 2013. Elaine manages the general site, while Silvia Miana continues to load the journal content. Website traffic is increasing, in terms of both the number of users and the number of visits. Our Twitter account is run by Jemma Lough and has 443 followers. Cristina Vasiliu is in charge of the EASE Facebook group, which has 200 members. Joan Marsh manages the LinkedIn group, which has 524 members.

Regional Chapters have been established in Russia, led by Sergey Gorin, in Croatia, led by Ana Marusic, and in Mexico, through AMERBAC. Each chapter has its own page on the EASE website to present information on local activities, training and funding opportunities, but is financially self-supporting.

The Gender Policy Committee, led by Shirin Heidari

and Tom Babor, has worked very hard to produce a draft Common Standard for Sex and Gender Policies in Scientific Reporting and Editorial Management, which has been circulated for expert consultation.

Our collaboration with STANDEM (Standardising English for Medical Purposes) has continued, with EASE disseminating the results of their work in ESE and at conferences.

Paola de Castro, Reme Meleiros and Sylvia Ufnalska have represented EASE on training events in Italy, Spain and Poland: some in association with John Wiley & Sons. Joan Marsh gave a workshop on editing in Seoul at the invitation of Sun Huh and the Korean Council of Science Editors. Izet Masic has continued to promote EASE at workshops and through medical informatics journals.

Pippa Smart has joined Council as a full member.

The Treasurer, Rod Hunt, reported that EASE had made a small loss in 2013, partly because income received for specific projects in previous years had now been spent on relevant activities. Membership numbers continue to fall and EASE is becoming reliant on other sources of income, such as conferences, to supplement subscriptions.

Rod Hunt presented the proposed changes to the EASE Statutes and Bye-laws that had been circulated to the membership by email. Each change was accepted by majority vote. The aim of the changes was to simplify the administration of the Association, allowing more flexibility in the holding of offices such as Secretary and Treasurer.

Joan Marsh
EASE President

Call for Nominations to EASE Council

Your Association needs you!

Nominations are required for the next EASE Council, to serve 2015–2018

Council meets in person once per year, for which travel and accommodation costs are reimbursed. Additional meetings are held by phone conference. These are unpaid positions. Anyone interested should contact secretary@easereg.org.uk; more information can be provided.

Editor for *European Science Editing*

The position of editor will be open from January 2015 for a term of three years. The editor is responsible for the management of *European Science Editing* and the editorial board. The board meets in person once per year, for which travel and accommodation costs are reimbursed. Additional meetings are held by phone conference. The editor attends meetings of the Council ex officio. There is an honorarium for this position; details and a job description are available on request from secretary@easereg.org.uk.