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## Reports of meetings

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### 2016 Annual General Meeting

10 June at IRCAD, Strasbourg, France

The Annual General Meeting of the Company was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June at IRCAD, Strasbourg, France, attended by 120 people. Ana Marušić presented her first report as president. The full report will be posted on the EASE website. Highlights included the transfer of the EASE website to WordPress, with improved functionality, especially in terms of search. Elaine Seery and Silvia Maina were thanked for their extra work during this process. There is also a new EASE newsletter, sent to members each month, ably edited by Pippa Smart.

EASE continues to implement its new strategy, related to the three pillars: 1) improving global standards, 2) raising the profile of science editors, and 3) supporting professional development. EASE is collaborating with other editorial organisations on educational and certification programmes for editors and is currently involved in consultations on core competencies for journal editors, coordinated by David Moher from the University of Ottawa, Canada.

The EASE Forum has been closed to non-members by request from various participants, so that it is now a private space where members can share experiences and discuss editorial issues and problems.

Elaine Seery manages the LinkedIn group, which has 767 members. Our Twitter account is @EASEeditors and has 746 followers. Ana thanked Jemma Lough for managing the account for many years and invited members to engage in this lively community with an average of 5486 impressions per month since January 2016. Cristina Vasiliu is in charge of the EASE Facebook group, which has 415 members. We now also have an EASE Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/EurSciEd/>, managed by Duncan Nicholas. From January 2016, the page has an average of 82 monthly page engagements and 1142 monthly total reaches.

The newly established Bulgarian Chapter organised a three-day training course, "How to write and publish your scientific paper", in Sofia at the New Bulgarian University, March 21-23, 2016.

The Gender Policy Committee, led by Shirin Heidari and Tom Babor, has completed recommendations for sex and gender considerations in research reporting under the name of Sex And Gender Equity in Research (SAGER) guidelines. The article on SAGER is now published in *Research Integrity and Peer Review* and commentary on SAGER guidelines will be published in *Annali dell'Istituto Superiore di Sanità* <http://www.annali-iss.eu/>. They are listed on the EQUATOR Network site and have already been endorsed by individual journals, such as *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*.

EASE has issued a statement on data sharing in which EASE supports all initiatives on data sharing that are based on good editorial practice, take data protection issues into account, and consider ethical codes of conduct. The statement is available online and in *ESE*, and is a part of a

wider consultation about data sharing in health research, initiated by the International Committee for Medical Journal Editors.

EASE has submitted a proposal for a session on predatory journals at the World Congress on Research Integrity (WCRI) to be held in Amsterdam in May 2017. The next AGM will be held in conjunction with the WCRI.

Rod Hunt presented the financial report. The year 2015 saw EASE's subscriptions revenue holding up at £31k, which was about normal for a non-conference year. In 2014, after stripping out the revenue and costs for the Split conference, the basic structural position of EASE indicated a loss of around £6k. 2015 brought an improvement in this position: with costs continuing to be tightly contained, the outcome, without the complication of a conference, was a loss of just £441. EASE was able to transfer £11k to reserves from the 2014 conference, raising them from £44k to £55k at the end of that year. In 2015 there was no such gain, but EASE was successful in breaking-even in that non-conference year, thus preserving reserves and achieving the minimum desired outcome. The Strasbourg conference in 2016 was tightly budgeted and generously sponsored, so a reasonable further surplus may be achievable for 2016 once all the costs have been settled.

Dalibora Behmen presented the Secretary's Report. EASE has 403 members, with 32 new members since January 2016. We continue to lose members and Dalibora has endeavoured to find out why people do not renew their membership: 15 members offered reasons for not renewing, varying from retirement, change of career, lack of funds to not finding EASE relevant to their needs. The Strategy group will continue to address these concerns. Dalibora will be leaving EASE for a fellowship in Germany and we all offer her our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future. Tea Marasović, another excellent science manager from Split University, will take over in July 2016.

Ksenija Baždarić reported that *European Science Editing* now has its own web pages, where articles can be accessed individually. EASE is now a member of CrossRef and will be providing DOIs for all of its articles (DOI prefix is 10.20316). *ESE* continues to be a part of the HINARI, AGORA, OARE and ARDI programmes of Research4Life, and to be indexed in the Scopus bibliographical and citation database. *ESE* is also active on Twitter (@Eur\_Sci\_Ed), with 206 followers. Finally, *ESE* is very visible through its blog - <http://ese-bookshelf.blogspot.fr/>, which has more than 2000 pageviews per month. The new blog feature is ESE Author Q&A, where Duncan Nicholas from the EASE Council talks to *ESE* authors about their articles and important editorial issues.

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