



COHEHRE COUNCIL MEETING 16 JUNE 2020

1. Apologies

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2. Approval minutes

Phone meeting March 2020 – approved.

3. Conference 2021 – Rotterdam, The Netherlands

3.1. Organisation

The organisation will remain the same as decided for 2020. If, in January, it would look like the conference couldn't go through 'live', an online alternative could be looked into.

The cancellation policy of speakers and catering should be renegotiated in the event another pandemic might prevent a 'live' conference.

Registrants could be asked to wait for confirmation to pay the fee.

3.2. Grants

The paid-out grants should be retrieved.

3.3. Call for abstracts

The submitters for 2020 will get the possibility to present their accepted abstract in 2021 but there will still be the possibility to submit again.

3.4. eDiSI update

130 registrations were received, 50 selected and 32 students made it to the end. The students came from 12 different countries and showed that there is a need for these kind of courses to be organised. The student feedback was very positive even though the course had to be organised in a short time span and did show some flaws, which were overcome, dealt with and learned from. The course was a great experience for all teachers (7 different nationalities) involved. They were challenged to deliver a full and interesting course for the students, handling different teaching methods and being assisted by experts from all over the world. The wide variety of speakers, ranging from the ex-First Lady of Georgia to a refugee from Afghanistan and everything in between, gave the online course a human touch which made it very interesting and humbling at times. The opportunity to interact with the speakers was perceived as an added bonus.

4. COEHRE Academy

4.1. Courses

There are 3 different areas to work on for **Autumn** as a contingency plan for Covid-19:

- 1) *Webinars*
4 different 1/2h webinars in one month
You will need to register if you would wish to attend a webinar. A link will be sent on which the webinar could be attended.
- 2) *Online student courses*
Social Entrepreneurship
eDiSI
- 3) *Online capacity building for staff*
Human-centered design/Internationalisation@home/Service design...

The full economic cost should be calculated for each of the online courses. Seeing the many drop-outs at eDiSI, it is considered for students to pay a fee to attend. The fee could be partly refunded when the course is finished. In order to keep the course open to all students, a plan needs to be worked out for those students who wouldn't have the means to participate.

Spring courses

- 1) *Student courses*
eDiSI Rotterdam (might be renamed)
- 2) *Staff courses*
Diverse families in the community

5. COEHRE Research

The team is working on getting the research website and communication platform to start running. As Covid-19 came along, priorities of ICT were shifted but all of the above will be taken up asap. The Core Group will meet up tomorrow to discuss the future activities s.a. call for abstracts, writing research articles...

6. COEHRE Strategic Management

The team would like to meet up in November. As there is going to be a big shift in positions within the team seeing that to council members will be replaced, it is adamant to get the votes in asap so that a meeting could be organized with the 2 new members who will take the work forward.

An online meeting could be organized in September on how to deal with online learning, funding, reorganizing, sharing best practices...

7. Elections 2020

Not all of the institutions have sent in their designated contact person to vote. Not all of the online votes have been received as yet. Some institutions seem to have closed already for Summer but coordinators/directors will be addressed personally in order to achieve a quorum by the end of June.

8. General Assembly

The voting for the General Assembly will also be organized online as soon as possible. Due to Covid-19 not all of the required documents were ready to be sent out.