



AGM meeting 22nd August (Wednesday) 2012 – Diplomat Hotel, Prague

Meeting point: At the main registration desk at 1315

Meeting room: Budapest

1. Synergy's planned activities:
 - 2013 Workshop: Methods for Changing Environmental Conditions for Health: influencing organizations, key actors and stakeholders (facilitators: Gerjo Kok and Rob Ruiters); distribution of flyers
2. Discussion of proposed Synergy facilities to promote collaboration and networking across EHPS (e.g. SIGs).
3. Synergy's direction regarding workshop topics:
 - Open to more practice-based work? Interest? How to engage potential delegates?
 - Consideration of more member focused topics e.g. consulting EHPS membership for types of topic regarded as most helpful/most likely to attend – perhaps another survey?
4. AOB

Minutes

Chaired by: Gjalt-Jorn Peters (GJ)

Other Board Attendees: Anne Marie Plass (AMP)
Panayiota Andreou (PA)
Lisa Warner (LW)

Total number of members present (including board members): 10

1. Synergy's planned activities:

- 2013 workshop applications have opened

2. SIGs breakfast meetings: not to be advertised via the conference programme to reduce the risk of people turning up just for the breakfast.

3. Synergy' direction regarding workshop topics:

- One possibility is having practical-theoretical subjects alternate
- Allocating the more practice-based workshops for the pre-conference workshop slots
- Topic suggestions:
 - Behaviour change skills training for health psychologists; health psychologists need to be skilled enough to apply and deliver behaviour change techniques (either themselves or train others) thus the workshop could have a more practice- and theory- based direction. This could be a Synergy workshop (theory focused) followed by a pre-conference workshop (practice-based).
 - Cohort studies measurement
 - Workshop integrating theories with common constructs regarding behaviour change (already work in progress by Susan Michie's Theory Development Framework)
- Enable members to suggest workshop topics and potential facilitators e.g. via regular email reminders along with the suggestions from the workshop evaluation forms

4. AOB

- Engaging potential delegates:
 - Information emails sent to past workshop delegates to forward them to their departments/networks
 - Include pictures and quotes of past workshops on Synergy's website
 - Present the flyer as more of exchange workshop rather as 'teaching'
- Selection criteria for workshop participants: potential participants need to know the criteria and number of places available at the workshop (e.g. how many places available to seniors, juniors etc)