

General Presentation of the Scholar of EANS activities

2002 - 2011

Edinburgh - Scotland 2002

Annual meetings for EANS scholars developed from ideas discussed in 2002 in Edinburgh, when the second group of EANS summer school students finished the third year of the summer school. One of the rationales for trying to establish annual meetings was to maintain the networks and friendships developed during the summer school. An additional rationale was a wish to support our own and each others career development as we move towards becoming more senior researchers within a wider European context.

Lund – Sweden 2003

The first annual scholars' meeting took place in Lund, 2003 and around 13 people attended for a three day discussion and planning session. Discussions with the Executive Board of EANS took place and the group presented their ideas and rationales for wanting to take an active part and being present at future EANS summer schools. The EANS Board approved the group's ideas under the condition that the future scholars should plan and organise their meetings by themselves. An annual fee of € 50 for scholars was decided upon and a scholar application form was developed. The LUND group decided to give the annual scholars meetings a try for a number of years, but if the group and the activities did not grow, the initial group would dissolve. It was additionally decided that the scholars group should "develop freely" and that the scholars' activities and agendas should not be fixed but should be continuously developed by the group as more and more people joined.

Bergen – Norway 2004

The second three day scholars' meeting took place in Bergen 2004 with around ten people attending. More formal discussion took place and an agenda was set for the meeting that would take place in Manchester 2005 and for future meetings. One scholar was invited by the EANS Board to become a part of the EANS educational committee. The committee have among other things been working to set up the syllabus for future EANS summer schools. Gunilla Borglin (Lund University) was elected by the meeting to represent the scholars.

Manchester – United Kingdom 2005

The third meeting took place in Manchester. Around 20 people had applied and 16 actually attended the three day meeting. The first day started with presentations of personal and work related progress during the previous year and the afternoon consisted of lectures by Professor Karen Luker. On the second day, the first 'Scientific Meeting for EANS Scholars' took place where five Scholars gave very interesting presentations of their research. On the third and final day the Scholars held a "formal" planning meeting. During this Summer school earlier participants also held their first lectures in the summer school regime. One scholar was invited by the EANS Executive Board to become a part of the Board. Tove Hansen (Bergen University) was elected by the meeting to represent the scholars. For the first time recruitment from the Summer school to the Scholars was supported as the Host University scheduled a session between third year's students and two Scholars.

Maastricht – The Netherlands 2006

In Maastricht at the fourth Annual Scholar meeting about 20 scholars attended. At this meeting nurses and researchers not having gone through the European Academy of Summer School also attended for the first time. During three very warm days a lot of preparatory and planning discussions took place. These discussions were mainly focusing on the future of the

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scholars and how to keep on organising the annual meeting in between busy work schedules as well as how to be able to offer those attending the kind of sessions they felt they needed.

York – United Kingdom 2007

In York at the fifth Annual Scholar meeting about 28 scholars applied and 24 attended. The division between Post-Doctoral Research Master Classes and time for collaborative work was about 70/30. Five collaborative work groups were formed during this year. One of these groups have later showed to be successful in getting an abstract accepted and presented at the Royal College of Nursing Conference taking place in Liverpool during spring 2008.

Susanne Kean (Edinburgh University) was elected to represent the Scholars in the Educational Committee for the next three years (2010). At the Scholars formal meeting a work group was initiated with the remit to develop a proposal for the formalisation of the administrative work as well as the future development of the scholars. The final proposal to establish a Scholars Sub-Committee will be presented to the Executive Board of EANS by Tove Hansen (Bergen University) in Dublin 2008.

During year 2007 and 2008 two Scholars have applied for and been accepted as Fellows of EANS. One of these new Fellows originates from the very first EANS summer school taking place at Surrey University 1999 whilst the other started the Summer School program in Lund (Sweden) 2003.

Dublin – Ireland 2008

The sixth Annual Meeting received 38 applications and a majority of the scholars applying expressed strong views to continuously be offered Post-doctoral Research Master Classes, more opportunities to build up viable European collaborations. For the first time since start eight scholars presented their research while focusing on research methods. This year it also became clear that the recruitment session with the third year's summer students attracts new members. Especially since a large group from those finishing in York last year attended. The formal meeting interpreted this as an indication that the Scholars as a group can fill the gap for continuous development, particularly in the early post doc period. It was also discussed that active engagement in this kind of group may facilitate the transition towards becoming independent researchers with a strong European network. Thus making the scholars work groups suggestion of formalising the scholars as timely. During autumn the Board of EANS approved the formalisation of the scholars and the Scholars committee was formed.

Turku – Suonio 2009

This year 32 scholars attended in Turku and the first meeting of the scholars committee took place. In the election during autumn 2008, Philip Keeley (Manchester University) was elected as Chair; Tove Hansen (Bergen University) as Vice-chair; Monique DuMoulin (Maastricht University) as Secretary; Gunilla Borglin (Blekinge Institute of Technology) as scholars' representative in the EANS board; and Susanne Kean (Edinburgh University) as scholars' representative for the scholars in the educational committee of EANS.

This year, for the first time, an informal get together with the fellows was organized to meet the requests of the scholars who wish to get to know the fellows better. It proved to be a fun and informal way to meet each other and to learn about other research projects, research

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interests and possibilities for future collaboration. In the program, attention was paid to issues such as CV writing, with workshops chaired by four senior fellows and the collaborative working groups.

Witten Herdecke - Germany 2010

In Witten-Herdecke a total of 34 scholars participated in the meeting. With the new summer school curriculum based on the MRC complex intervention framework, this year's program for the scholars mainly focused on introducing the framework. Scholars were encouraged to link the framework to their own research program/s.

This year, also for the first time, a parallel session was organized where scholars could choose between the collaborative working group session and a lecture on 'Ethics in publication'. This possibility was introduced as not all scholars are involved in a collaborative group. After the program, scholars were offered the possibility to visit an anthroposophic hospital and to join the informal get-together with the fellows. Again, this was regarded as an important way of facilitating connection between fellows and scholars.

Lund - Sweden 2011

This summer 52 applications have been received and this is the largest group of scholars getting together ever since the scholars were formed. In conjunction with the changes in the curriculum for the summer school, the scholars will continue to develop master classes within the framework of complex interventions. In order to meet the anticipated diversity of interests of the large number of scholars, this year three sets of parallel sessions will run all day on Wednesday. The scholars committee is hoping that this approach will offer something of interest for all attendees.

At this year's annual meeting the main issue will be the fact that it is election year and only the vice-chair Dr Tove Hansen has agreed to stand for election. This means that Tove will now be the 'last one standing' from the group of 15 students who finished their summer school in Edinburgh 2001 and who convinced the Fellows about the necessity of a scholars group. Since then, as indicated above, the scholars have gone from strength to strength. As the scholars will be celebrating their tenth anniversary in Leuven (Belgium) next summer, it feels especially appropriate that new scholars will be taking charge of the committee and the organization of future scholar meetings.