

Evidence-Based Research Network.  
Steering Group Meeting  
Tuesday 19 April 17:00 – 18:00 (CET)

**Members present:** Mona Nasser, Peg Ford, Hans Lund, Karen Robinson, Mat Westmore, Klara Brunnhuber, Marueen Dobbins, Marlies Leenaars, Hanna Nykvist

**1. Application for funding**

- a. COST Action – deadline is April 25. Marlies has a colleague in Australia who might want to participate. Mona mentioned involving Mark Wilson and the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative.
- b. Innovation Fund Denmark - Hans asked everyone to write one page about their participation in the EBRNetwork. We are applying for 20 million DKK for both the network and the publications in collaboration with SEARCH. Deadline May 2.
- c. Hans and Matt have had a discussion around possibilities for funding. We should gather information about different categories for funding e.g. grant, membership etc.
- d. Klara will contact Janet Martin who might be able to give some advice.

**2. EBR Conference in 2017** – we need funding first. Hanna will look into funding possibilities from the Research Council of Norway.

**3. Publication status**

- a. Paper #2 – still waiting to hear back from BMJ.

**4. Bergen meeting 7 – 9 November** – Suggested topics for the meeting:

- Consumers roles and perspectives
- A report from the second ICASR meeting
- How to help the network become sustainable
- How to incorporate systematic reviews into graduate education.

We will focus on the consumers and aim to bring together consumers and the public with researchers. Hans and Hanna will prepare a suggested program and email to everyone.

**5. Status for promoting EBRNetwork in 2016 at different conferences**

- a. Marlies abstract to present a poster at FELASA 13 – 16 June was accepted
- b. NIHR celebrates 10 years. On May 18 there is an event aimed at funders that could get enough commitment to establish a funder’s forum for avoidable waste.
- c. Research integrity conference in 2017. Deadline for special sessions is May 1. Paul Glasziou has been asking for ideas and inputs from things we do from REWARD perspective. Hans and Matt will contact Paul.
- d. Peg – CUE situation. Approached them about Karen and/or Hans to attend their annual meeting in July and present on EBRNetwork. Disappointed in their response. Peg could not introduce it at her presentation. Peg became involved in EBRN by request from CUE. Unknown reason for the issue at this time. Peg suggested pursue CUE as partner member of EBRNetwork.

**6. Other**

- a. Potential partners should be contacted as soon as the “Bergen Statement” is published.
- b. We should consider involving more policy makers e.g. as co-authors of implication papers. Item at next meeting