Minutes from the
EuroFM RNG meeting Stuttgart 18.02.2016

Participants:
Alexander Redlein, Bernadette Heemskerk, Brenda Groen, Franziska Honegger, Keith Jones, Knut Boge, Mark Mobach, Per Anker Jensen, Rachel Kuijlenburg, Rikke Brinkø, Roberto Valle, Susanne Balslev Nielsen and Tore Haugen.

Referent: Knut Boge and Susanne Balslev Nielsen

Chairman update

Susanne gave a brief update on the status EuroFM board/strategy
Euro FM board has monthly Skype-meetings.
New communication strategy
Rethinking EFMC2016+
Budgets (limited)
Positioning towards IFMA
Reform of membership fees
Strengthening the continuity in the board (constitution changes?). Should it be possible with re-elections?

The planning of EFMC2016 is in a good process
- 2day concept to allow a lower price and more networking
- Same academic level
  40 abstracts with double blind review
  29 papers accepted – 24 full papers received
  Deadline April/May for full paper

The RNG discussed proceedings options. Susanne presented 4 solutions: Printed book A4 ISBN (default option), supplemented this year by the EuroFM app + EFMC website (open access), another possibility is a special issue of all conference papers via eg. Elsevier or a few best papers in a special issue for Facilities or Journal of Facilities Management. The majority supported the printed book and open access availability of
conference papers, and highlighted the need for publishing all conference papers and not only a smaller selection.

This year there will be poster presentations of research papers. It was suggested to put QR codes on posters? Which could link to 1-2 minutes presentation on video/web by the researcher (Anglia Ruskin University).

Susanne is searching for people to work for the master students poster competition (call, jury, marketing) and for the researcher of the year award (call, jury, encourage nominations)

**Issues regarding publications**

- Articles for EFMI – open call (Michael May) (1500 words)
- EuroFM Knowledge Portal (80 articles), encouragement to upload many more
- Annual "Who is who" from RNG (to be circulated to other groups and to website)
- Share your research in the open access research community using: Research Gate, Academia.edu, LinkedIn
- All FM thesis on one place (most thesis are listed/published through the universities ’ repositories and/or through the national library systems)
  Mark Mobach made RNG aware of the example “proefshcriftenverpleegenkunde.nl”. No progress yet on this issue.

**Postgraduate group (Roberto Valle)**

Roberto reported:

- Low engagement
- Different levels of network. More people who will hear than contribute. The challenge is to establish a community of researchers.
- Needs a working group of 5 persons from different countries participating in the postgraduate NW.
- PhD candidates with limited time (open in the start – more focused towards the end of their projects)
- Which topics can be of interest for PhD courses (currently few FM courses)?
- Running PGNG as it is now is "Mission impossible" (KJ)

**Book about how to measure the added value of FM**

Per Anker Jensen informed about the book «Facilities Management and Corporate Real Estate Management as Value Drivers: How to manage and measure adding value» to be published by Routledge. Compared to the previous book from 2012 it has a more practical focus on FM and CREM as value drivers. The book will be launched at a Conference on DTU in August 2016 (at the second Nordic conference).
**Other stuff for mutual information?**

**Mark M.** Two parallel discussions going on at Dutch universities of applied science that offer FM educations. Discussion with FMN. Connect research, practice and education at the. Developing a research agenda for the universities of applied sciences (from March 2016). Practice based questions. Developing a structured (organized) approach. Intro lecture by MM. FMN will bring in 20-30 partners. Discussions about the Dutch curriculum in FM.

**Susanne B.N.:** At DTU there are PhD dissertations to be defended in April. One is about «Usability Briefing for hospital design» (Aneta Fronczek-Munter) and the other is about «Assessing the Added Value of Information System supporting Facilities Management Business Processes» (Poul Ebbesen)

**Tore H.:** NTNU is in search of research funding. Possibly European or Norwegian research projects. Should such issues be on EuroFM’s agenda? Invite experts to EuroFM meetings who know about the calls?

**Keith J.:** Suggest alternative agenda (KJ) for next meeting, which starts with presentations to stimulate project ideas and development.

**The RNG meeting ended with two presentations.**

1. Keith Jones gave an inspiring talk about «Delivering Future Cities: Urban FM!» and he shared his learning journey of landing a very large research project and his reflections on how to approach Horizon 2020. (presentation available)
2. Marc Kuhn afterwards presented research at DHBW, which started in 2009 and has a research department that serves as a link with approximately 9000 companies and the other departments.