2013 Annual Report EUFASD Alliance

A look back

Sometimes it feels like nothing is happening, like we just cannot do everything we want to do. But if we take a look back:

In the beginning of 2010, just four years ago:

- There was no European organization.
- There was no European conference.
- There was little sharing of ideas in Europe.
- There was no transnational collaborative research in Europe.

And look at us now:

- We have built a European Alliance with now 16 member organizations.
- We have a mailing list of ~440 people who want to know what we are doing.
- We have held two European conferences with representatives from over 20 countries.
- Our conferences attract attendees from all over the world.
- There is at least one transnational European project going on (Netherlands & Spain).
- We have made our voices heard at the European level through two postcard campaigns in favor of labelling and, in collaboration with Eurocare, by our representation at meetings and debates in Brussels.
- We developed a Vision document which sets out our Vision for Europe with respect to FASD.
- We delivered a petition to the European Commission asking the EC to support Member States to reduce FASD as outlined in our Vision document.
- We are planning a third conference in Rome.
- We are leading the development of what has turned out to be a worldwide Awareness campaign.
- We carry some weight in the world of FASD!!

We have worked hard to achieve this position. We can be proud of our achievement as we look ahead to the big projects of 2014: The Third EUFASD conference and the Awareness campaign.

Current status

- Mailing list stable 443 in January, now 438.
• Newsletters and other messages well received. As an example, see last few months of log below. We thank Lauri Beekman for making the newsletters so faithfully.

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• Membership at end of year: We were pretty sloppy about dues and keeping up with our members. We had a stable and inactive membership at 11 members.

Budget: We were below 100 euros the whole year. Katarina and I paid expenses out of our own pockets. We must collect dues from members in 2014.

Publications, Presentations, Interviews

by the Members of the Board and Scientific Council of the EUFASD Alliance


Autti-Rämö, I. Presentation. Ethical challenges when screening for and diagnosing FASD. FASD and LAW preconference seminar 27.2.2013 Vancouver, Canada

Autti-Rämö, I. Presentation. Morbidity in children of mothers who have received in-patient health or social care due to an alcohol or drug related problem. 5th FASD conference, Vancouver, Canada 28.2.2013


Autti-Rämö, I. Presentation. Plenary: Prevention of FASD in Finland. 1st FASD prevention congress 23-25.9.2013, Edmonton, Canada


Fagerlund Å. FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS IN FINNISH CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS. Diagnosis, cognition, behavior, adaptation and brain metabolic alterations. Åbo Academi 2013. Supervised by Autti-Rämö, I.


Spohr, H-L. Book: Das Fetale Alkoholsyndrom Im Kindes- und Erwachsenenalter [Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Alcohol, Pregnancy, and Risks for the Developing Child]. In collab. with Wolter, Heike. With contrib. by Becker, Gela; Heinen, Floria; Landgraf, Mirjam; Nagel, Manuela; Siedentopf, Jan-Peter; Wagner, Jessica. De Gruyter.