Report of the EAWOP Constituent Council (CC) Meeting

EAWOP’s Executive Committee (EC) met Constituent’s representatives, the 31st of May 2022, from 11:00 – 13:00 CEST. The summary of the discussions is as follows:

- President Annemarie Hiemstra presents EAWOP’s current strategy and activities. The previous times, termed “the years of the plague” due to the Covid-19 pandemic, had a strong influence on EAWOP and brought a virtual event, a cancelled Congress, and Congress Legacy page. Now, following the 2021 elections in January, the new EC kicked off with renewed energy and is now “bouncing back”. The strategic goals of EAWOP going forward are looking ahead to create a sustainable organisation (becoming less dependent on the Congress revenue and setting up a sponsorship committee), continuing to connect (scrutinizing all the EAWOP projects and activities and encouraging those which foster collaboration), and creating impact, through the EAWOPii. Finally, she calls for all Constituents to get involved as much as possible, to multiply the impact and carry EAWOP’s mission forward.

- Michela Cortini announces the plans for the new Constituents. The goal is working on the balance between academic and practitioner constituents, which includes plans to expand towards national registers and associations of practitioners. Finally, she sent out a call for help to all current constituents, with the request to help identify new potential constituents to join EAWOP.

- Eva Derous offers a quick update on the Summer School project, which is due to take place between the 7th and 11th of June, in Cyprus.

- Ana Hernandez Baeza presents the concept of SGMs and offers an overview of the current ongoing ones, which were all disrupted by the pandemic.

- Michela Cortini presents the Worklab activity and its aims. This year, the digital worklab was introduced, and there were already 3 different events, held online.

- Annemarie Hiemstra re-introduces the EAWOP Incubator. This is the newest EAWOP initiative, and its strategic goal is to inform, engage and influence policy makers and policy making across Europe, on the basis of evidence and insights generated by W&O Psychology research and practice. This has already translated into consistent output in the form of events, white paper resources, and a serious educational game on the topic of decent work.

- Deirdre O’Shea presents an overview the grants project that EAWOP piloted in 2021, for early career researchers

- Draguș Iliescu presents the financial situation of EAWOP

- Eva Derous presents the three EAWOP journals, InPractice, EJWOP and OPR, and their latest IF.

- Ian Bushnell presents the latest updates from the 2022 Congress

- The next CC meeting is set for next year, during the Congress.

- The meeting is formally closed.