Treasurer’s Report for Financial year January - December 2012

ADHO continues to benefit from the success of the print Journal LLC and the contract with the OUP. Subscription to LLC is the means by which individuals become members of any of the ADHO constituent organisations. The income from LLC is 70% of the profits made on the journal by OUP. This income is used to finance a number of joint activities and programmes, and the balance is distributed among the constituent organisations.

The last few years have seen a significant increase in investment which benefits all of the ADHO associations, allowing us to strengthen the impact of our collective activities while using our resources more efficiently. This has ranged from investment in basic infrastructure (which grew significantly in 2012, with significant long-term savings for ADHO as a whole, to the ADHO bursary awards and the three prizes (Busa prize, Zampolli prize and Fortier prize), right through to the financial support provided to exciting new initiatives and projects designed to further scholarly research in the Digital Humanities. ADHO also continues to subvent various publications, including the open-access peer reviewed journals DHQ (Digital Humanities Quarterly, Digital Studies / Le champ numérique, an open-access peer reviewed electronic journal from CSDH/SCHN and DH Commons.

The income has historically been shared on an agreed basis with the ADHO Constituent Organisations which for 2012 consisted of ALLC: The European Association for Digital (ALLC-EADH), Association for Humanities Computing (ACH), the Canadian Society for Digital Humanities / Société canadienne des humanités numériques (CSDH/SCHN), centerNet and the Australasian Association for Digital Humanities (aaDH).

The total investment in ADHO activities in the year 2012 was for £63,855 GBP (once accrual-related adjustments were made) of which £25,518 was invested directly in the societies, £15,829 went to publications subventions and £22,508 was spent on other activities. The distribution of revenue among the societies for 2012 was as follows: ALLC-EADH £10,069, ACH £6,226, CSDH/SCHN £3,223, centerNet £3,000 and aaDH £3,000.

In 2012 I proposed that the role of ADHO Treasurer be separated from the role of ALLC-EADH Treasurer, as both have continued to grow significantly, to the extent that it is increasingly difficult for one person to exercise both roles. I also proposed that the formal status of ADHO be reviewed to facilitate this change. My proposals were accepted by ADHO & ALLC-EADH executive committees, and preparations for the transition to new ALLC-EADH & ADHO treasurers are underway (I will see out the 2013 accounts in the case of both organisations, and will work with incoming treasurers, who will take over on 1 January 2014).

I would be happy to provide information to interested members - please feel free to contact me at the address below.

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