

HETI Live meeting minutes

6th Feb 2025 at 20h00CET

The team discussed the organization and logistics of the upcoming 19th HETI Congress in Oslo, Norway, including roundtable sessions, poster presentations, and coffee breaks.

Ideas from the meeting participants

- Implement a mobile app for the conference schedule and networking
- Include QR codes on name badges for easy contact sharing
- Set up themed tables during breaks for networking
- Organize a young scientist prize to encourage young researchers
- Include sponsors and exhibitors at the conference
- Ensure proper functioning of online streaming for remote attendees
- Make individual lectures easily accessible for online participants
- Organize online Q&A sessions before the conference to answer participant questions
- Consider implementing color-coded badges or ribbons for different attendee categories
- Present the Gillian Lawrence Award (CANTRA) at the conference if attending
- Include the opening or closing ceremony in the conference fee
- Organize a "cutest equine photo" contest
- Consider implementing awards for the best presenter, abstract, or study

Summary

Diverse Professionals Attend HETI Live Meeting

Vera welcomes participants to the HETI Live meeting and initiates introductions. Attendees from various countries, including the Czech Republic, Austria, the UK, the USA, Portugal, Greece, Norway, Turkey, Canada, Scotland, Lithuania, Finland, Germany, and Romania, introduce themselves. The participants represent a diverse range of professions, including physiotherapists, psychotherapists, neuroscientists, educators, and therapists, many of whom are involved in EAS. Several former HETI presidents are also present at the meeting.

HETI Congress Planning and Roundtables

Vera led a discussion about the upcoming 19th HETI Congress in Oslo, Norway, scheduled for May 18-22, 2027. The team discussed the organization of roundtable sessions, with suggestions including scheduling them at non-competing times and possibly having a screen to display incoming questions. There was also a suggestion to include a pre-congress online meeting for roundtable leaders to create a similar structure. The team also discussed the poster presentation, with suggestions for dedicated time slots and ensuring valuable research and projects receive proper visibility. The team also discussed the potential for live streaming of roundtable sessions, with some members expressing concerns about disruptions. The team agreed to continue discussing these ideas and to consider feedback from past congresses.

Enhancing Poster Presentation Experience

The team discussed the idea of dedicating specific times for poster presentations, allowing attendees to interact with the presenters and learn more about their research. They also considered the possibility of displaying digital posters on screens during breaks, with the option for the authors to give a short video introduction. The idea of grouping posters by research categories was also proposed to facilitate discussions. The team agreed to explore these ideas further, with the aim of enhancing the poster presentation experience at future conferences.

Conference Breaks, Refreshments, and Visibility

In the meeting, the team discussed the allocation of time for coffee breaks and breaks during the conference, agreeing that they should be longer to allow for more discussions and networking. They also discussed the inclusion of refreshments and catering in the conference package, with a particular emphasis on ensuring dietary requirements are considered. The team also discussed the visibility of the HETI organization at the conference, including the participation of HETI executive committee members as moderators and the need for clear explanations of HETI meetings in the conference program. Lastly, the team touched on the potential participation of Norwegian royalty in the conference, with Emilie mentioning that they are in touch with Princess Anne's partner.

Online Streaming and Accessibility Discussion

In the meeting, Vera led a discussion on online streaming and accessibility, emphasizing the need for proper functioning and engagement for online attendees. Xenia suggested having individual lectures in the stream for easy access, and Vera agreed on the importance of punctuality in the program. The team also discussed the need for a mobile application for better scheduling and organization. Carol mentioned that the executive director, Adria Peterson, used the mobile app for the AHA Conference. Vera also suggested including country names on name badges for better networking. The team agreed to explore these ideas further and to share information on the mobile app and name badge design.

Enhancing Conference Comfort and Connection

The team discussed strategies to make attendees feel more comfortable and connected at a conference. They considered having designated tables with conversation topics with volunteers to facilitate discussions. The idea of having a "quiet" table for those who prefer not to talk was also proposed. Another suggestion was to include QR codes on the badges, allowing attendees to easily exchange contact information. The team also discussed the possibility of changing the conversation topics at the tables throughout the conference.

Conference Planning and Collaboration

The team discussed the upcoming conference, focusing on potential topics and collaborations. Xenia suggested working together on one client in interdisciplinary teams, emphasizing the need for a holistic approach. Sanna proposed a young scientist prize to encourage young researchers. Selcuk suggested awarding the best presenter or study during the conference. Inês suggested finding sponsors or vendors for the event. Harriet proposed a light-hearted prize for the cutest photo of an equine working in EAS. The team also discussed the Gillian Lawrence

lecture and the possibility of an online Q&A session before the conference. The next meeting will be on March 6th and will focus on hospitals and palliative care programs involving horses.