

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY NETWORK.

2014

The activities of the network in 2014 can be summarized into three main streams (points 2–4 below).

1. In July the **new Board** was elected. The names are on the EASA website.
2. **Participation to EASA Biennial Conference in Tallinn.** The conference witnessed a range of medical anthropology-themed panels; many other papers featured in panels that were not overtly medical anthropological in their focus. During the meeting there was a general complaint about the scheduling of panels with medical anthropological themes: these mostly took place at the same time (Sunday morning). It was suggested that for the next EASA conference medical anthropology panels should be marked during the proposal process so that excessive clustering can be avoided
3. **Conferences.** Building on the first conference that EASA Medical Anthropology Network organized in Rome in 2010, it teamed up with the Society for Medical Anthropology (USA) and Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain) to organize the conference “Encounters and Engagements: Creating New Agendas for Medical Anthropology” which occurred in Tarragona in 2013. This conference was attended by 500 participants from 51 different countries. Currently, EASA Medical Anthropology Network is organizing a joint conference with the RAI Medical Anthropology Committee, “**Anthropology and Global Health: interrogating theory, policy and practice**”, at the **University of Sussex, UK, scheduled for 9–11th September 2015. A scientific committee has been elected and is now working on the organization.**
4. **Dissemination of information.** The network acts also as a tool for disseminating information about conferences, workshops, fellowships, temporary positions, PhD and so on. Since the beginning we have a very active mailing list. This is a very important point for us, since through it medical anthropologists within the Network can be immediately informed on what is going on. It also give them a chance to strengthen the links or to

find potential partners for projects or calls. The mailing list membership has increased from around 400 in 2012 to 565 in 2014.

2015

The activities of the network in 2015 can be summarized into two main points.

1. **Dissemination of information.** As in the previous years (see 2014) the activities of dissemination of information is going on through the mailing list. We are now considering to have also a blog and a facebook page. This will be one of the projects for the next year.
2. **Conferences.** A joint conference has been organized with the RAI Medical Anthropology Committee, “**Anthropology and Global Health: interrogating theory, policy and practice**”, at the University of Sussex, UK, on 9–11th September 2015. The conference was very successful with around 400 people attending, here the link to download the program:
<http://www.easaonline.org/networks/medical/events/magic2015/>
3. **Teaching Medical Anthropology.** During the conference has been established an informal group to start a reflection about the teaching of Medical Anthropology in Europe.