

2016 EAHIL COUNCIL ELECTION - CANDIDATE STATEMENT

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<i>I have worked in (health) library practice</i>	More than 15 years	<i>Education</i>	Master's (MSc / MLIS / MA)
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	16 years ago I was involved in two year Tempus-Phare Project for establishment of contemporary digital library at newly founded School of Medicine -University of Mostar. Through that project I started discovering library world from „the other side“ especially medical librarianship and till nowadays I am learning about it. Before reaching position of the head of Central Medical Library I had a completely different work experience in EUAM (European administration of Mostar-Health&Social Services Department) that somehow helped me later on in my library work. With a strong support of faculty management and understanding for continuous education our library has become the lighthouse for all medical libraries, and not only medical, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the moment we have active role in Erasmus+ project: Library Network Support Services together with other university libraries from Western Balkan region. Having in mind that our library is "one(wo)man" library and it is quite challenging to do everyday tasks and find time for self improvement expectations from these international interactions are big.		
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	I discovered EAHIL through internet researches many years ago and I followed it from distance till the moment when I had a chance with a help of Ebsco scholarship to visit Conference in Rome in 2014		
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	As far as my contribution to EAHIL Council-on the beginning I expected to learn a lot from others and maybe in some point give a special and new view on certain things.I will try especially to involve more libraries from Western Balkan regions .I see EAHIL as an umbrella that will gather all librarians from a health field in order to have better cooperation and communication. Promoting EAHIL in this part of the world will be main task and maybe bring the Conference in Bosnia and Herzegovina		
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2017-2020</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Exchange of a good practice in running health libraries (virtual, written info, etc.)2. Open directory of the EAHIL members in order to facilitate communication between members3. Establishment of some kind of Consortium of health libraries (within EAHIL) for depositing of materials that can be useful for EAHIL members (i.e.documents, materials, links etc. but only in English language).		
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	This is a good chance to popularize health libraries in Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a country that still carry on wounds from recent war EAHIL will bring us together to work, improve and make more visible in the area of medical librarianship not only in this region but also on EU level.		

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