2018 EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement

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My professional education and experience	2005: Master in Biology (KU Leuven) 2011: PhD Pharmaceutical Sciences (KU Leuven) 2012: PhD Bioscience Engineering (KU Leuven) Since 2016, working as a biomedical reference librarian at KU Leuven Libraries (teaching information literacy, assistance with systematic reviews, data expert (Research Data Management) Biomedical Sciences Group)
What I think is special about EAHIL	EAHIL is a nice network of health information professionals. It gives the opportunity to share experiences, discuss work-related problems/issues, support each other, … .
What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council	As a researcher and biomedical reference librarian, I would like to share my knowledge on systematic reviews and information literacy. Recently, I initiated for instance the new SIG Evidence-based Information. In addition I would like to strive to expand the EAHIL domains of interest by including Research Data Management, Fair Open Access, … .
What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2019-2022	- Research Data Management (not only for academic institutions but also for public hospitals, …) - (Fair) Open Access (Plan S, …) - Search strategies of systematic reviews, … (better reporting, accurate reporting, role of reference librarians in reviewing search strategies, …) - The role of health information professionals in general
My one-line statement for my election campaign	Ride the unicorn, choose Thomas! (joking) Belgian by birth, Rebel by choice (joking) *Health information professional: expand your mind!*