


2018 EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement	
<i>Country</i>	Germany
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<i>Name</i>	Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann
<i>Affiliation</i>	ZB MED – Information Centre for Life Sciences
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	I am a medical doctor (Düsseldorf University) and a computer scientist (Passau University). In my first position, I worked as Senior Scientist at the German Research Center for Environmental Health (GSF) in Munich, focusing on medical image analysis and 3D visualization. In 1998, I took on the role of the Director in Healthcare IT at LION Bioscience, which was a bioinformatics and biosciences company in Heidelberg, Germany, leading a research IT department. In 2003, I joined the European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) heading a research group in text mining, data integration and semantic data analysis at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI). Then I worked for 3 years in the field of computer linguistics at the University of Zurich. In 2015, I became the director of the Galway site of the Insight Centre for Data Analytics as a Professor and Established Chair of Data Analytics at the National University of Galway. Since May 2018, I am the scientific director of ZB MED.
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	EAHIL is an important networking organisation that delivers health related information (and data in some future) to the health professionals. The delivery of reliable data is an important cornerstone in the making of a Europe-wide shared health information infrastructure.
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	„The delivery of Life Sciences literature and data, data semantics and data analytics are the key topics for my current position at ZB MED“, states Prof. Dr. Rebholz-Schuhmann. „It is my intention to strengthen the role of ZB MED as a European and international partner for services and research, delivering an advanced infrastructure for researchers and their institutions. My research work as scientific director of ZB MED and Professor at Cologne University is geared to improve ZB MED’s services for its users through innovative biomedical text and data analytics and thus lead the advancement of digital libraries in health and the life sciences. A great challenge and prospect!“

<p><i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2019-2022</i></p>	<p>Important tasks would be the delivery of reliable information (in contrast to compromised and fake information), the integration of research data into the information infrastructure, and the training of health professionals in a data driven society for the benefits of clinicians and patients. Increasingly health professionals engage into the shaping of the available information (in contrast to administering the information only).</p>
<p><i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i></p>	<p>We (the health information professionals) we want to surprise health professionals by new ways to deal with literature and data. All data with high relevance to health should be readily available at all times and a low overhead costs.</p>