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Professional Background

I currently hold the position as Library Director at the Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences, (GIH) in Stockholm, Sweden. I have been working in health sciences libraries since 1992, starting at the Spri Library (1992-1999), the Karolinska Institute Library (2000-2012) and at GIH since September 2012.

I finished my degree in Library and Information Science (LIS) from the University of Borås, Sweden in 1991, adding a LIS master degree in 1997.

My first EAHIL meeting was the 4th EAHIL Conference in Oslo in 1994, and since then I've participated in 17 EAHIL events, presenting papers at several, as well as more recently facilitating a number of interactive sessions. I've been on the International Program Committee of six events and I've been a member of the EAHIL Executive Board 2009-2012, and during 2015-2018 and 2019-2020 in the role as Vice President. As Vice President it has been my responsibility to initiate closer collaborative connections with the EAHIL sister organisations around the world, including formalising this in a mutual Memorandum of Understanding.

Professional Interests

My main interest is in library management and development, working towards the next generation library. A very important aspect of this is the library workforce of the future, both in regards of staff recruitment and of professional development of the current staff. Another aspect is the whole area of open science, the role and the legitimacy of the library in data management etc, and how to market our services to our stakeholders. I am an advocate of evidence based library and information practice, even though I do not always live as I learn. I strongly believe in collaboration, national and international, in networking and learning from each other.

Aims for EAHIL

My aim as EAHIL President is to work towards the continuation of EAHIL as an important means to professional development for health sciences librarians. EAHIL has a long and impressive history of successful conferences and workshops, and we need to continue to develop flexible alternatives for professionals working in health libraries in Europe to participate in the professional discussion and

the sharing of information and experiences. I would like to see EAHIL's membership numbers grow to reflect the actual professional population in the Council of Europe. In the light of the current situation with the new corona virus, we have all increased our online skills. As EAHIL President I will promote that EAHIL as an organisation continues to use and develop these skills to enable the EAHIL community to meet in new ways, and perhaps more often. With more opportunities for interaction, the interest in becoming an EAHIL member might increase, perhaps resulting in higher participation from countries currently not well represented.

I would also promote the continued collaboration and stronger ties with sister organisations around the world, even though the primary focus of EAHIL is and will be Europe.