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Professional background

I am currently the head librarian of the Center for Information and Documentation of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Lisbon (FMUL). I started here in 1997 as administrative support in the collection management area. In 2003, I went to the reference service and stay there until 2010, when I was nominated as team leader of the information service and digital library. In 2013 I was nominated head librarian. I have also collaborated with FMUL undergraduate and post-graduate curriculum, as lecturer of Evidence Based Medicine and Information Literacy since 2008.

My first EAHIL conference was in Dublin, in 2009. It was a special experience because I was there with the Portuguese group to promote the 2010 EAHIL Conference at Estoril – Portugal. In 2012 I went to Brussels to present my first international communication at a EAHIL Conference. Although I have not been able to attend all EAHIL events, I have participated in six, presented papers and posters and also participated in council meetings as I was an EAHIL Council member representing Portugal from 2012 to 2017. Since 2017 I collaborate with the governance of EAHIL as an Auditor of EAHIL financial accounts. Currently I'm member of the EAHIL 2021 Workshop International Program committee.

I've also been involved with APDIS – Portuguese Association of Health Science Documentation and Information, which is the sister organization of EAHIL in Portugal. I was APDIS secretary (2012 – 2015), and Vice-President (2015 – 2018).

Professional interests

I'm especially interested in knowledge translation and bibliometrics. As head librarian I have a management and planning role in my work, so performance indicators, advocacy and library marketing are areas of my interest. At FMUL I also work with teams outside what can be considered strictly library work: I'm on the Social Responsibility team and on the University Task Force to assess and reinforce the university's societal role.

Aims for EAHIL

As an international network, EAHIL can play an important role to reinforce the position of health information libraries and librarians as key elements to contribute to advances in medical sciences, to promote innovation and to develop a more humane and patient-centered scientific medicine.

If elected to the EAHIL board I would like to contribute to the continuing development of the association, promote stronger ties with sister organizations, develop strategies to support continuing professional development for all members, and increase the professional discussion and sharing of information, experiences and best practices. As not all members can joint EAHIL conferences and workshops, I would like to contribute for a joint discussion on alternative methods to reinforce the participation in EAHIL events. In this difficult time, with the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, this should be a priority to overcome economic difficulties and provide equal opportunities for all members.