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Professional background

Since 1998 I have been working in the Library of the Medical University of Lodz, Poland. I started from the position of IT system administrator to become Deputy Director of the Library in 2005. In 2016 I rose to a position of the Director of the Information and Library Centre of Medical University of Lodz. I was working also as a System administrator in Lodz Academic Library Network Consortium (Integrated Library System, Digital Library). In 2015 I became a System Librarian for the LALN and from 2018 I'm Chair of the Directors' Board of LALN.

I'm member of EAHIL since 2007 and my first EAHIL conference was in Krakow. Except Helsinki conference in 2008 I have participated in every EAHIL conference or workshop since then. I was EAHIL Council member for 2013-2016 term. I am EAHIL Executive Board member for the 2017-2020 term My role is deputy treasurer. In 2015-2016 I was a member of auditing committee o EAHIL. I was Member of the IPC of Workshops in 2013, 2015, 2019 and I'm IPC Chair of 2020 conference in Lodz. Author and co-author of several presentations, posters and workshops on EAHIL Conferences.

Professional Interests

My current position determines my main point of interest, which is Library Management, but I also follow most recent trends in modern medical librarianship such as Open Scinece, Research Data curation and its influence on the future of of our profession. I'm also interested in new technologies used in libraries and library space and buildings.

Aims for EAHIL

EAHIL is a great achievement in the field of cooperation of European librarians. The annual meetings are a valuable opportunity to share experiences and knowledge. I would like to support the possibility of cooperation between librarians not only during the annual meetings, but also throughout the entire year. My first term in Board allowed me to get experience and knowledge about the EAHIL. I'd like to be more active in collaboration with Council members to promote our Association in different countries especially in Central and Eastern Europe. There is a great opportunity for librarians to share experiences and collaborate not only during annual events, but also by different forms of international activity like Erasmus+ Programme, or on-line meetings and webinaries. The COVID-19 isolation period taught us how to work on-line and in the post-pandemic environment we will be more convinced to use different on-line collaboration methods. I'd like to encourage our community to use the on-line collaboration tools more widely, not only for exchanging experiences but also for building stronger relations.