

<b>EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement</b>	
<i>Country</i>	Switzerland
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<i>My professional education and experience</i>	<p><b>Education</b> I have a Bachelor of Science in Library and Information Sciences from the Haagse Hogeschool, Sector Economie &amp; Management, The Hague and a Master of Science in Information Technology from the University of Liverpool, UK.</p> <p><b>Experience</b> Currently I work as a <i>Health Information Specialist</i> at the Medical Library, Lausanne University Hospital and University of Lausanne, Switzerland. As part of the Research and Training team, I am the coordinator of the different trainings offered by the library team.</p> <p>Previously I have been head of a municipal and school library. And my first job in Switzerland was for an international hotel school, where I have held several positions over a period of 18 years: <i>IT Developer and Lecturer, Information Systems Manager, Web Development Manager, Computer Lecturer and librarian.</i></p>
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	<p>EAHIL is formed with the goal "to improve library services to the health professions by cooperation and shared experiences across national boundaries".</p> <p>I have attended five EAHIL conferences since 2014, and I have personally experienced the sharing and cooperation between the members. Today I can say that I have been able to implement practices that have been shared by other members regarding research and training. And these shared experiences have enriched my work and motivated me to expand and develop the services we offer as a library.</p>
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	As a member representing Switzerland I hope to be able to share some of our experiences on cooperation between libraries across language barriers. And I hope to participate in the combined efforts of all the members to continue the important work of EAHIL.
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2019-2022</i>	<p>Keeping health librarians and information officers professionally informed seems to be the most important objective of EAHIL, in view of the sanitary crisis we are all facing today worldwide.</p> <p>Together with improving cooperation amongst healthcare libraries throughout Europe, as well as through memorandums of understanding with partner organisations around the world.</p> <p>We need to provide evidence on the role information specialists are playing in medical and health research and on the impact of this role.</p>

<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Professional development for health information specialists across the borders of Europe and beyond, so we can continue to contribute to the quality of health and medical research worldwide.
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