**EAHIL General Assembly**

**Date:** Wednesday 18th November 2020

**Time:** 14:00 – 15:00

**Venue:** Online meeting

**Minutes**

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Maurella Della Seta, President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting, and welcomed attendees to the online General Assembly (GA) 2020, hosted from Lodz. The Board members introduced themselves. Apologies from Ghislaine Declève. The assembly was confirmed to be a quorum with more than 100 members present.

1. **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

1. **Minutes of the General Assembly 2019 (Basel)**

The minutes of the 2019 meeting was available at the EAHIL web site and the URL was circulated together with the agenda. The minutes was presented at the meeting. There were no corrections or questions. The minutes were approved as an accurate document and will be published on EAHIL web site.

1. **President’s report**

The report for 2019 was available at the EAHIL web site and the URL was circulated together with the agenda. The members were asked to read the report before the meeting. The President’s report is an annual report from the organization and is not to be approved. The report acknowledges the activity and contribution from members. Maurella Della Seta outlined the report, a few corrections were point out, and will be corrected. The updated report will be published on the EAHIL web site.

1. **Treasurer’s report** 
   1. *Discharge of accounts*

Witold Kozakiewicz presented the Financial report from 2019, on behalf of Ghislaine Declève (EAHIL Treasurer). The report is approved by the financial audit committee.

* 1. *Approval of auditors*

Helena Bouzkova (Czech Republic) and Susana Henriques (Portugal) have approved to continue as auditors for the period of 2021-2022.

* 1. *Budget*

Witold Kozakiewicz presented the proposed budget for 2021 and explained the necessary increments partly due to IT-solutions (meeting tool, file storage). He also explained the strategy of decreasing the surplus and reduce the bank account. The budget was approved by the General Assembly with one abstain.

1. **JEAHIL Editor's Report**

Editor in Chief Federica Napolitani Cheyne (FN) reported on the activity of the Journal in the past year and presented the Annual Report. She introduced and thanked the JEAHIL Board. In 2019 the JEAHIL published 4 issues, a total of 165 pages. Two monographic issues (Embracing failure and Medicine and Art – science and emotion). The regular columns and content were published as usual. The cost to produce the Journal now concerns mainly the pagination and production of PDFs. The expenses for JEAHIL production in 2019 are almost completely covered by the incomes from sponsors. She also mentioned the valuable contributions from Council members and from sister organisations. No questions or comments.

1. **Board and Council nomination/election** 
   1. *Board election*

Maurella Della Seta thanked the members leaving the Board after this year; Marshall Dozier, Tuulevi Ovaska, Ghislaine Declève and Karen Johanne Buset. Lotta Haglund was elected as new president from 2021, Maurella Della Seta continue in the Board in the role as past president. Tiina Heino (elected for 2019-2022) was not up for election and continues in the Board. Lotta also introduced the newly elected Board and welcomed new members:

* Board members, executive positions (2021-2024): Alicia Fatima Gomez Sanchez (Spain), Witold Kozakiewicz (Poland, re-elected), Aoife Lawton (Ireland), Francesca Gualtieri (Italy)
* Co-opted non-executive positions (2021-2022): Petra Wallgren Björk (Sweden), Astrid Kilvik (Norway)
* Marion Heymans (Netherlands), is co-opted to act as the new liaison for the administrative services hosted in Netherlands Chambre of Commerce
  1. *Council election*

The new or newly elected council members for the four-year period of 2021-2024. The election result was approved by the audit committee.

• Austria: Irma Klerings

• Belgium: Luc Hourlay

• Bosnia & Herzegovina: Josip Simic

• Czech Republic: Dana Zdenkova

• Denmark: Louise Stenholt

• Estonia: Ivika Rande

• Ireland: Louise Farragher, Donna O’Doiblin

• Italy: Cinzia Bussolati, Cristina Mancini

• Latvia: Elina Vela

• Moldova: Irina Gangan

• Netherlands: Eugénie Delvaux, Hans Ket

• Portugal: Maria da Luz Antunes

• Sweden: Elisabeth Nylander

• Switzerland: Jolanda Elmers, Sabine Klein, Michelle Schaffer

• Turkey: Nurgül Kiliç, Kubra Zayim Gedik

• UK: Alison Bethel

1. **Future EAHIL meetings**
2. 2021 Istanbul, Turkey
3. 2022 Rotterdam, The Nethelands
4. 2023 Trondheim, Norway
5. **Any other business**

No other business

**Closing ceremony and awards**

Witold Kozakiewicz hosted the session that started with a short presentation from the Main sponsor, Wolters Kluwer.

**Invitation to the next conference:**

Güssün Günes invited everyone to the next EAHIL event; “Crossing the Bridge:

New Challenges, New Opportunities” a hybrid workshop taking place 5-8 July 2021 in Istanbul, Turkey <https://etkinlik.marmara.edu.tr/eahil2021>.

**Awards**

The EAHIL Award of 2020 and the EAHIL-EBSCO- and AHILA scholarships were presented by EAHIL President Maurella Della Seta.

The EAHIL award 2020 was posthumously given to Shane Godbolt (1943-2019) for her contribution to international health librarianship.

*EAHIL-EBSCO scholarships 2020:*

Joshua Cheyne, UK

Elinor Harriss, UK

Lydia Jones, Germany

Kate-Riin Kont, Estonia

Anne-Celine Lambotte-Mosseron, France

Ragnheidur Steingrimsdottir, Sweden

Erica Wilthagen, Netherlands

*AHILA EAHIL Scholarship 2020:*

Olalekan Moses Olayemi, Nigeria

**Best poster and workshop**

Past president Marshall Dozier chaired the session. Each poster and workshop were evaluated by the evaluation committee; using EAHIL standard scheme for evaluation. All delegates were also invited to submit their evaluation using a online form from the website. The prize winners will receive a Bohemian crystal trophy and will receive a free registration (for one person), sponsored by the EAHIL Board, to attend an EAHIL event in the next two years. All the winners will be asked to write an article their presentations for the JEAHIL March 2021 issue.

*Best Poster presentation by a first-time attendee*:

Epistemonikos and KSR Evidence: Usability for SBU Evidence maps. By Maja Kärrman Fredriksson, Hanna Olofsson

*Best Poster presentation overall:*

Open peer-review: a study on journals in the JCR Public, Environmental and Occupational Health category. By Federica Napolitani, Annarita Barbaro and Maria Cristina Barbaro

*Best Oral presentation by a first-time attendee:*

Collaborating to plan efficient public health guideline evidence reviews: can we search fewer sources and still find the evidence? By Andrea Heath

*Best Oral presentation overall:*

Open Science and Information Literacy: a case study at a research center. By Maria Da Luz Antunes, Carlos Lopes and Tatiana Sanches

**Closing of the online conference arranged by the teams from Łódź 2020**

Maurella Della Seta closed the conference and thanked the Local organizing committee for an excellent conference. Witold Kozakiewicz handed over thanks and flowers on behalf of the Board.