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Professional Background

I currently hold the position of 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 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's degree in 1997.

My first EAHIL meeting was the 4th EAHIL Conference in Oslo in 1994. Since then, I've participated in many EAHIL events, presented papers at several, and facilitated a number of interactive sessions. I've been on the International Program Committee of several events and a member of the EAHIL Executive Board for three periods, during 2019-2020, in the role of Vice President. In 2020 I was elected President for 2021-2022.

Professional Interests

My main interest is library management and development, working towards the next-generation library. An essential aspect of this is the library workforce of the future, both regarding staff recruitment and 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, networking, and learning from each other.

Aims for EAHIL

My aim as EAHIL President is to work to develop and adapt the activities of EAHIL to meet the needs of health information professionals in the 2020ies. During the upcoming presidential term, I will, together with Board, Council, and individual EAHIL members, try to understand what will make EAHIL relevant to health information professionals today and in the near future. The background is the perceived decline in member activity and the considerable decline in the number of members after the membership database update in late 2021.

EAHIL has a long and impressive history of successful conferences and workshops. We need to continue developing flexible alternatives for professionals working in health libraries in Europe to participate in professional discussions and the sharing of information and experiences. I would like EAHIL to continue to be relevant to information professionals and see EAHIL's membership numbers grow to reflect the actual professional population in the Council of Europe.

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