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Professional Background	<p>I am the Director of the Information and Library Centre at the Medical University of Lodz, Poland. I have a degree in Computer Science from Lodz University of Technology and postgraduate studies in Scientific Information and Librarianship from the University of Lodz.</p> <p>I have been a member of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) since 2007. My first EAHIL conference was held in Kraków in 2007. Since then, EAHIL has been an important part of my professional life.</p> <p>I was a member of the EAHIL Council during the 2013–2016 term and a member of the EAHIL Board from 2017 to 2024. Through this work, I gained experience in association management, strategic planning and cooperation at the European level.</p> <p>I have also been a member of the International Programme Committee of several EAHIL conferences. I had the honour to host two EAHIL events: an online event in 2020 and the EAHIL Conference in 2025. I am the author of several presentations and posters presented at EAHIL conferences.</p> <p>At national level, I am the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Lodz Academic Library Network and a member of the Executive Board of the Conference of Directors of Academic Libraries of Polish Universities. I regularly speak at national and international conferences and publish on topics related to library development, innovation and Open Science.</p>
Professional Interests	<p>My main professional interests include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• development of modern library services,• use of new technologies in libraries,• Open Science and research support,• professional skills and competence development,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cooperation and knowledge exchange within international associations.
<p>Aim for EAHIL (if elected I will ...)</p>	<p>If elected President of EAHIL, I will focus on I will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial stability of EAHIL, including careful cost control and responsible budget management; • stronger cooperation with the EAHIL Council, with a clearer and more active role of Councillors as representatives at national and regional level; • EAHIL as a platform for knowledge sharing and cooperation, supporting collaboration throughout the year, not only during conferences and workshops; • better use of European programmes such as Erasmus+, to support staff mobility, joint projects and international cooperation; • support for Central and Eastern Europe and other under-represented countries, through targeted outreach, online activities and lower barriers to participation.
<p>Photo</p>	