

EAHIL Council Meeting, Łódź 2025

Date: Tuesday 10 June

Time: 17:00-18:30 Eastern European Time

Venue: Lodz and Zoom

Present:

Council Members	Board Members
Eric Ahl, Sweden	Alicia Fátima Gómez (meeting chair)
Jenny Betmark, Sweden (via Zoom)	Francesca Gualtieri
Lorena Cascant, Germany	Güssün Güneş
Artemis Chalepliglou, Greece	Marion Heyman
Chantal den Haan, Netherlands	Katri Larmo (minutes)
Güssun Gunes, Türkiye	Witold Kozakiewicz
Anabela Henriques, Portugal	Mala Mann
Irene Hunskaar, Norway	Valeria Scotti
Irma Klerings, Austria	EAHIL 2026 Antalya Conference IPC Chair
Helge Knüttel, Germany	Hamza Kandur
Leeni Lehtiö, Finland	
Floriane Muller, Switzerland	
Lina Nesoviene, Lithuania	
Jakub Rusakow, Poland	
Floor Ruiter, Netherlands	
Taisa Sallinen, Finland	
Anna Sikorska, Poland	
Thomas Vandendriessche, Belgium	
Elina Vela, Latvia	
Julia Walz, Germany	
Kübra Zayim Gedik, Türkiye	

Dana Zdenkova, Czech Republic	
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Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Alicia Fátima Gómez, Vice President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the hybrid Council meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Alison Bethel, United Kingdom
- Rebeca Isabel Gómez, Spain
- Aoife Lawton, Ireland; Board Member
- Octavia-Luciana Madge, Romania
- Mauro Mazzocut, Italy
- David Ozura, Slovenia
- Lea Škorić, Croatia
- Roberta Zoli, Italy

2. Round-table Introductions

Each participant introduced themselves. This was followed by a round of updates on activities in each country. Below are some key points of the reported activities:

Austria

Belgium

Czech Republic

Finland: National autumn seminar about AI in libraries. In the spring, we visited Turku University of Applied Sciences and the University of Turku. We have started peer support online sessions.

Germany: Has welcomed 17 new EAHIL members over the past year. We reported on EAHIL 2024 at the German Medical Librarians' Congress in September and promoted EAHIL 2025 via the AGMB, AG-EBM and EAHIL-member mailing lists.

Greece

Latvia

Lithuania: Has welcomed four new EAHIL members over the past year.

Netherlands: Three new Council members. There was a Dutch Medical Library Day with 50 participants. Will organise a Dutch EAHIL week at the end of June, in which most Dutch presenters at Lodz will repeat their presentation for their Dutch colleagues.

Norway

Poland: Organised EAHIL 2025 Workshop in Lodz, has welcomed a new Council member.

Portugal: Presentation of a new Council Member. Promoting the recruitment of new Council members. Information on activities developed in 2024, by the Portuguese Association of Health Documentation and Information.

Sweden: Two digital meetups since the last conference. We send out invitations to all members based on the member list in MyClub. This turns out to be a good way to see who had changed jobs, retired from their previous position etc. The next digital meetup will be this autumn, and the theme will be writing a paper for JEAHIL.

Switzerland:

- The CAS ("certificate of advanced studies") [CAS Systematic Review Information Specialist](#). (10 ECTS & official academic degree upon graduation) launched in 2022 in German only is now available in English starting January 2025. The duration is 1 year. It requires around 250 hours of work that are divided into 3 attendance blocks of 2.5 days each in Muttentz (near Basel, Switzerland), 48 online lessons, and a final thesis.
- Meet&Greet days for Biomedical librarians are held each summer on various topics (systematic reviews, AI, teaching, Open Access, etc.). See [website](#) with program and previous presentations.
- Number of Swiss EAHIL members increased a bit last year.
- Using the example provided by Germany, a mailing in 4 languages (French, German, Italian English) was sent in May to all swiss library professional giving information about the conference and the association.

Türkiye

Wales (submitted via email after the meeting by Councillor Betsy Morgan, who was not able to attend):

- Quarterly virtual meetings are held among librarians across Wales.
- Separate quarterly meetings are also held with the E-Library for Health.
- A new SharePoint site is being planned to replace outdated websites; it will include a repository of research and publications from NHS Wales.
- Participation in various sub-committees is based on individual expertise and skillsets.
- Current sub-committees include:
 - **Spaces Group** – focuses on benchmarking and protecting library spaces.
 - **Training Group** – continues its award-winning webinar programme across Wales.
 - **Environment Group** – explores ways to enhance sustainability in library services.

3. Membership Status Update

EAHIL President Francesca Gualtieri discussed the current process of accepting new EAHIL members in each country. Currently, it is not possible to assign this task to Council members due to certain restrictions in MyClub. However, if there are any questions or a need to check the status of a member, the Board will reach out to the country's Councillor.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Council Meeting in Riga

The minutes were approved as accurate and will be published on the EAHIL website.

5. Upcoming Activities:

Promotion of the 2026 Conference and Call for Future Hosts

Prof. Dr. Hamza Kandur, Chair of the International Programme Committee for the EAHIL 2026 Conference in Antalya, presented the current plans for next year's event. At this time, no bids have been submitted for the 2027 conference. All Council members are encouraged to consider hosting a future EAHIL event in their respective countries. Witold proposed an excellent idea: to organize a workshop in Antalya, together with his colleagues, on how to plan and host an EAHIL event. This idea got a very good response.

National-Level Council Activation: Examples of Good Practices

All Council members are encouraged to share best practices for promoting EAHIL and building national-level engagement. One effective example is the use of the MyClub membership database to communicate with EAHIL members within one's own country. This has already been actively implemented, as noted during the country updates.

Additionally, contributing articles to *JEAHIL* or writing blog posts for the EAHIL website are excellent ways to share information.

Council Meetings (Online)

The Council held an online meeting on 6 November to maintain active communication between conferences and workshops. It was agreed to continue with one additional online meeting in December and an on-site meeting in June.

Two countries' representatives will share the responsibility of organizing each online meeting. Latvia and the Netherlands will be the first to take on this role.

6. Any other business