

Status: Approved

EAHIL Council Meeting, Riga 2024

Date: Tuesday 11 June

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

Venue: Riga and Zoom

Present:

Board members: Tiina Heino (chair), Astrid Kilvik (minutes), Lotta Haglund, Witold Kozakiewicz, Alicia Fátima Gómez, Mala Mann, Francesca Gualtieri, Marion Heymans

New Board members: Valeria Scotti, Katri Larmo

Council (in Riga and from the participant list in Zoom):

Irma Klerings, Austria

Eric Ahl, Sweden

Katrine Aronsen, Norway

Helene Gorrington, United Kingdom

Alison Bethel, United Kingdom

Helge Knüttel, Germany

Lorena Cascant, Germany

Irene Hunsbør, Norway

Luc Hourlay, Belgium

Lina Nesoviene, Lithuania

Jenny Betmark, Sweden

Leeni Lehtiö, Finland

Taisa Sallinen, Finland

Jakub Rusakow, Poland

Artemis Chalepliglou, Greece

Elina Vela, Latvia

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Tiina Heino, Vice President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting, and wished all welcome to the hybrid Council meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Eugenie Delvaux, The Netherlands, Laura Muñoz, Spain, Rebeca Isabel Gómez, Spain, Jolanda Elmers, Switzerland, Michelle Schaffer, Switzerland.

2. Round-table introductions

26 persons present (Riga and Zoom) including Board members.

3. Minutes of the 2023 Council Meeting in Trondheim

Minutes of the 2023 meeting were available at the EAHIL web site for everyone to read before the meeting. http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Draft-Minutes-of-Council-Meeting-6-July-2021_web.pdf The minutes were approved as an accurate document and will be published on the EAHIL website.

4. President's report

The report for 2023 was available at the EAHIL web site and the URL 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. Lotta Haglund, President of EAHIL, summarized the report. There was one comment about the new membership database, that works very well for EAHIL's purposes.

5. Individual councilors: news and reports

Finland: one-day-seminars and a study trip to the University of Vaasa.

Poland: several workshops and systematic review projects for polish librarians.

Germany: involved in mentoring, meetings to share ideas and cooperate, article in JEAHIL about the Medical Association in Germany.

UK: seminars, promoting abstracts from Trondheim 2023, encourage people to send in abstracts to conferences/workshops.

Norway: a physical two-day-seminar in March this year with approximately 100 participants. Several seminars in BISON, a group that comes together to exchange ideas about working with systematic reviews.

Greece: meetings in the special group for medical librarians, promoting medical libraries to other librarians, workshop about systematic reviews for hospital librarians, teaching library students about health organizations.

After the reports it was a discussion about benefits of being an EAHIL member.

6. Interactive session

The aim of this session was to discuss the active role of councilors.

The Board's Communications Officer Mala Mann summed up feedback from last year's session and then councilors worked together in groups and discussed what is easy and what is difficult of being a council member. A short plenary discussion followed.

7. Information from the EAHIL Board

a. The Journal of EAHIL is now indexed by EBSCO.

b. The EAHIL website is moved to a new host, this has given more stability, better security and space and is cheaper. It is time to renew the website, both functionality and layout. Core content is ok, but someone with knowledge about designing webpages is needed.

c. The Board has discussed if it is a need for changing terms and structure for EAHIL Council, the last revision was in 2008. If changes are to be made, the EAHIL Statutes need to be changed and the Dutch authorities (Chamber of Commerce) involved, it is a long process. To move forward the Board will send out a questionnaire to members this autumn asking for views and ideas for the Council.

8. Any other business

Group photo was taken and will be published on the EAHIL web site.