



Professional Background

I have over 20 years of library experience and I have been working as Library Director at Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey since 2011. I had Assistant Director and Systems Librarian positions at Koç University since I joined in 1998. Koç University Library system that I am responsible for as the Director consists of the Main Library, the Health Sciences Library and 3 research libraries. Our Health Sciences Library is situated in our Medical Campus to serve the School of Medicine and the School of Nursing along with the medical personnel of our teaching and research hospital.

I earned my BS from Boğaziçi University Molecular Biology and Genetics and my MLS from Indiana University.

My road crossed with EAHIL in 2010. My first EAHIL Conference was Estoril, Portugal. In 2011, I was privileged to host EAHIL Workshop at Koç University in Turkey for the first time and I led the International Program Committee (IPC) as well as the Local Organizing Committee. I also served as a member of the IPC for the EAHIL workshop 2013, Stockholm, Sweden and now for the EAHIL Conference 2020, Lodz, Poland.

Professional Interest

I am interested in collection development, e-resources management, Open Access initiative, teaching & learning, library automation and digitization. I am involved with library reorganization, library space repurposing and digitization projects intensively.

From 2012 to 2016, I served on the Anatolian University Libraries Consortium (ANKOS) Steering Committee as a Member and for the term of 2016 – 2018, I served as the ANKOS President. This professional role gave me insights into the importance of professional collaboration, networking and teamwork. I gained deeper knowledge on open access publishing, changing library – vendor relations. I also got chance to join different publishers' advisory boards.

Aims for EAHIL

EAHIL is already a very strong and well-respected association among health sciences professionals. As a recent global experience, COVID-19 occupies World's daily agenda. When we look at the libraries, we see closings and service cuts. And now more and more we discuss the reopening. The cancelation of library conferences including EAHIL 2020 is a trademark for this summer. EAHIL conferences are important learning opportunities for many of us. However, due to the unprecedented pandemic or increasing travel costs, many librarians miss this opportunity. If elected, with the support of the Board, I hope to offer more professional development opportunity spread over the year through the use of technology. I also hope to stimulate collaborative reference service initiative among members. An example to this can be bringing forces together to prepare shared subject guides. I would be an active participant on the board and work toward increasing EAHIL membership and participation in my region.