

<b>EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement</b>	
<i>Country</i>	United Kingdom
<i>Name</i>	Alison Bethel
<i>Affiliation</i>	University of Exeter Medical School
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	<p>My current position is as an Information Specialist with two teams at the UEMS which I've been doing for around 10 years. I essentially develop and run searches for various types of evidence syntheses, mainly systematic reviews but also systematic maps, rapid reviews and scoping reviews. I also teach internally and externally.</p> <p>Prior to that, I worked in various library and information roles including a government marine research organisation and England's Environment Agency.</p> <p>My undergraduate degree is in Biology and my post-graduate diploma is in Library and Information Studies.</p>
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	<p>I attended my first EAHIL conference in 2015 and was struck by how friendly and welcoming everyone was. So, for me, this is what makes EAHIL special and it leads it to be collaborative and supportive.</p> <p>The workshops and training that it offers at the conference/workshop are excellent and progressive.</p>
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	<p>I would like to continue to encourage and develop EAHIL's supportive role but also help to reach out further to encourage more people to become part of EAHIL. I would also be keen to explore more ways for EAHIL to develop its collaborations and workshops outside the annual meeting.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to help to contribute to the understanding of our roles and skills to those outside our profession.</p>
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2019-2022</i>	<p>One of the exciting issues is around the how our roles continue to evolve and develop which leads to ensuring that we have the skills and training to be able to help shape these roles.</p> <p>Another issue is around helping those making decisions in health care access the right evidence at the right time and in the right format.</p>
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Let's keep collaborating and supporting each other to continue to develop ourselves and our profession.

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