

EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement	
<i>Country</i>	Ireland
<i>Name</i>	Linda Halton
<i>Affiliation</i>	Health Service Executive National Health Library & Knowledge Service
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	BA (Hons.) Information & Library Studies 20 years' experience as a health sciences librarian
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	The year 2021 marks my 20 th year as a health sciences librarian! During those twenty years, I have benefited from the opportunities afforded by EAHIL, most notably the professional development courses/conferences. Now more than ever we need collaboration and the sharing of best practice that EAHIL both promotes and facilitates. I would very much welcome the opportunity to represent my Irish colleagues on the EAHIL Council.
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	With challenges, come opportunities. COVID-19 has given new impetus to collaboration, knowledge sharing, networking and trust. Our collective response to the pandemic has illustrated the value of our professional expertise and experience. This has subsequently raised the profile of our profession. I want to take this impetus and build on it.
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2019-2022</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infodemic/information overload and our role in addressing/managing same- how to make EBP material accessible and manageable for the end-user 2. Misinformation (e.g. COVID-19 & social media) – our role in addressing this widespread problem 3. Role of LIS in translating knowledge into practice...i.e. moving beyond finding/providing the evidence and becoming involved in implementation science/knowledge management 4. Explore digital health transformation and the role of librarians in digital innovations both within the library service and the wider health service 5. Digital literacy
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	With Challenges, Come Opportunities
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