

EAHIL Council Meeting, Basel 2019

Date: Monday 17 June 2019

Time: 17:00-18:30

Venue: University of Basel, Room 112

Present

Board members:

Maurella Della Seta (MS), Lotta Haglund (LH) (Chair), Marshall Dozier (MD), Karen Johanne Buset (KB, minutes), Tuulevi Ovaska (TO), Ghislaine Declève (GD), Witold Kozakiewicz (WK), Tiina Heino (TH), Francesca Gualtieri (FG), Federica Napolitani Cheyne (FN)

Council and SIG members:

Luc Hourlay (Belgium), Thomas Vandendriessche (Belgium), Lenka Maixnerova (Czech Republic, Deputy for Helena Bouzkova), Ivika Rande (Estonia, Deputy for Pille Naggel), Sabine Buroh (Germany), Helge Knüttel (Germany), Gyongyi Karácsony (Hungary), Anna Sigríður Guðnadóttir (Iceland), Louise Farragher (Ireland), Cristina Mancini (Italy), Valeria Scotti (Italy), Eugenie Delvaux (Netherlands), Hans Ket (Netherlands), Katrine Aronsen (Norway), Irene Hunskaar (Norway), Justyna Zawada (Poland), Paulina Milewska (Poland), David Ožura (Slovenia), Mar Gonzales Cantalejo (Spain), Rebeca Isabel Gómez (Spain), Eva Hessman (Sweden), Isabelle de Kaenel (Switzerland), Mala Mann (UK), Tomas Allen (WHO), Carol Lefebvre (MLA representative)

Online participation:

Artemis Chaleplioglou (Greece), Caroline Rowan (Ireland), Maria Da Luz Antunes (Portugal), Virgil Paez Cervi (Spain), Ann Catrin-Ekelund (Sweden), Shona Kirtley (UK)

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Lotta Haglund, Vice President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting and wished all welcome. Apologies for absence were received from (some of these members participated online): Stefi Dodig (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Dina Vrkic (Croatia), Helena Bouzkova (Czech Republic), Jette Frost Jepsen (Denmark), Pille Naggel (Estonia), Elise Johansson (Finland), Artemis Chaleplioglou (Greece), Aoife Lawton (Ireland), Mauro Mazzocut (Italy), Maria Da Luz Antunes (Portugal), Paula Seguro De Carvalho (Portugal), Octavia-Luciana Madge (Romania), Virgil Paez Cervi (Spain), Shona Kirtley (UK).

2. Round-table introductions

Everyone introduced themselves with name and country.

3. Minutes the 2018 Council meeting in Cardiff

The minutes was available at the EAHIL web site for everyone to read before the meeting. The minutes was approved as an accurate document and will be published on EAHIL web site

4. President's report

The Presidents report is an annual report from the organization and is not to be approved. The report was circulated together with the agenda; the Council members were requested to read the document before the meeting. Maurella Della Seta, President of EAHIL, summarized the report. There were no comments.

5. Individual councilors: news and reports

Report from Maria da Luz Antunes, Portugal:

"The APDIS, a sister association in Portugal, organized in Lisbon (March 2018) a congress under the theme Health Libraries: from Open Science to Research and Clinical Practice, as a space for reflection on the performance of health libraries and their professionals in face to the complexity of the multiple approaches taken by health information. The theme of the event was based on Open Science and its new challenges for health librarians. Portuguese, Spanish and Brazilian health librarians and other specialists shared their knowledge. And Kristine Sorensen brought more information about the development of health literacy. The contributions of all are in <https://apdis.pt/publicacoes/index.php/jornadas/issue/current/showToc>
By 2020, APDIS will organize a new conference, the theme of which is being worked on. Soon we will give more information for disclosure."

Report from Louise Farragher, Irland:

"Positive news from Irland; it has been a good year with good economy and high level of activity"

6. Interactive session (LH, MD, KB)

LH introduced the interactive session. In the EAHIL statutes, five objectives for the organization are listed; the EAHIL Board would like to ask for input from Council members how EAHIL as a whole (not only the Executive Board and Council) could act on the objectives. using an open space method, writing ideas and input on flipchart. Flips will be collected and summarized.

Objectives to be discussed:

- 3.1.1. To unite health librarians and information officers in Europe and to act as a channel of communication between them through a newsletter, electronic media, meetings, conferences and such other means as shall seem appropriate from time to time.
- 3.1.2. To promote the training, education and mobility of health librarians and information officers in Europe, and to find practical ways of improving co-operation in the sector of health libraries and information services, particularly in less developed parts of the world with preference for European countries.
- 3.1.3. To support the improvement of professional skills and promote quality and standardisation in European health libraries.
- 3.1.4. To seek to identify and define the needs for common effort and to initiate activities for the benefit of health information and libraries in Europe, in co-operation with other international and national associations, organisations and institutions.
- 3.1.5. To promote the professional interests of the membership when and where needed.

7. Information from the EAHIL Board

a. Items from the Board

MD informed on the problem with the membership database system and asked if any of the councilors had suggestion/advice for any membership system.
As a workaround the Board will provide member lists for each country and distribute to the Councilors.

b. Future EAHIL events

After 2020 in Łódź there is no event scheduled.

Questions from the Board to discuss among councilors:

- Should we go back to events every second year?
- Suggestions for countries that can arrange the events from 2021 and onwards

Input/comments/suggestions from the Council:

- To arrange is possible - also with a short time to plan
- Two countries could arrange together
- An event every 2nd year could be a solution, but it would be sad – members are looking forward to the EAHIL conferences
- An alternative could be online conference the year between
- It would be more effective if some of the LOC activities was centralized (done by Board?)
- Conference arrangers should share more with the next arrangers
- Everything you need to know is in the EAHIL event guidelines. Sharing is the key word!
- Use the Council members to actively seek potential arranging institutions
- Ann Catrin-Ekelund (Council member from Sweden), offered to contact the libraries in western Sweden (including Gothenburg)

Information on this uncertain situation will also be presented at the General Assembly

1. Any other business

No other business.