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**EAHIL President's Report for 2020**

This report for 2020 summarises the events and developments of the year and lists the members holding an official or representative role.

**1. EAHIL Executive Board**

Meetings of the Board took place in Stockholm, Sweden on 5-6 March 2020 (in presence) and online on 12 May 2020, 22 June 2020, 14 September 2020, and 13November 2020. New elected Board members attended the 13 November meeting.

Board members, showing role and term in 2020.

Maurella Della Seta President (2019-2020, 2nd term)

Marshall Dozier Past President (2019-2020, 2nd term)

Karen Johanne Buset Honorary Secretary (2017-2020, 1st term)

Ghislaine Declève Treasurer (2017-2020, 2nd term)

Tiina Heino Sponsor Contact, Deputy Supervisor of Systems, C E Liaison (2019-2022, 1st term)

Witold Kozakiewicz Deputy Treasurer (2017-2020, 1st term)

Tuulevi Ovaska Communications Coordinator (2017-2020, 2nd term)

Francesca Gualtieri Co-opted Board member, Supervisor of Systems (2019-2020)

Lotta Haglund Co-opted Board member, Vice President (2019-2020)

Suzanne Bakker Supervisor of the EAHIL Secretariat & Systems (1998 - )

Federica Napolitani Chief Editor, Journal of EAHIL (2015- )

2020 was an election year. Following, the results of June 2020 elections:

* Lotta Haglund, (Sweden), President (2021-2022)
* Alicia Fatima Gomez Sanchez (Spain), Board Member
* Witold Kozakiewicz (Poland - 2nd period), Board Member
* Aoife Lawton (Ireland), Board Member
* Francesca Gualtieri (Italy), Board Member
* Petra Wallgren Björk (Sweden), co-opted Board Member
* Astrid Kilvik (Norway), co-opted Board Member
* Marion Heymans (The Netherlands) has been offered an administrative position to act as a liaison person between EAHIL and the Dutch institutions.

**2. EAHIL Council**

The EAHIL Council members in 2020 were:

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| **Country** | **Council member** | **Term of office** |
| Austria | *Vacancy* |  |
| Belgium | Luc Hourlay | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Sandrine Vandenput | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Thomas Vendendriessche | (2019-2022, 1st term) |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | Stefi Dodig | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Bulgaria | *Vacancy* |  |
| Croatia | Dina Vrkić | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Czech Republic | Helena Bouzková | 2017-2020 (2nd term) |
| Denmark | *Vacancy* |  |
| Birgitte Holm Petersen | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Estonia | Pille Naggel | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Finland | Sarah Hagström | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Elise Johansson | 2019-2022 (2nd term) |
| Ritva Miikki | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| France | *Vacancy* |  |
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| *Vacancy* |  |
| Germany | Sabine Buroh | 2019-2022 (2nd term) |
| Helge Knüttel | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Greece | Artemis Chaleplioglou | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Hungary | Gyöngyi Karácsony | 2017-2020 (2nd term) |
| Iceland | Anna Sigríður Guðnadóttir | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Ireland | Louise Farragher | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Aoife Lawton | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Caroline Rowan | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Italy | Cristina Mancini | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Mauro Mazzocut | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Valeria Scotti | 2019-2022 (2nd term) |
| Latvia | Ilona Kauce | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Lithuania | Daiva Jurksaitiene | 2019-2022 (2nd term) |
| Moldova | *Vacancy* |  |
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| Netherlands | Eugenie Delvaux | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Hans Ket | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| *Vacancy* |  |
| Norway | Katrine Aronsen | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Irene Hunskår | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Hilde Strømme | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Poland | Justyna Zawada | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Paulina Milewska | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Portugal | Maria Da Luz Antunes | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Paula Seguro De Carvalho | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Romania | Octavia-Luciana Madge | 2019-2022 (2nd term) |
| Russian Federation | *Vacancy* |  |
| Slovenia | David Ožura | 2019-2022 (2nd term) |
| Spain | Mar González-Cantalejo | 2017-2020 (2nd term) |
| Rebeca Isabel Gómez | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Virgili Páez Cervi | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Sweden | Ann-Catrin Ekelund | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Eva Hessman | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
|  | *Vacancy* |  |
| Switzerland | Isabelle de Kaenel | 2017-2020 (2nd term) |
| Désirée Stalder | 2017-2020 (1st term) |
| Turkey | *Vacancy* |  |
| United Kingdom | Shona Kirtley | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Mala Mann | 2019-2022 (1st term) |
| Madeleine Still | 2017-2020 (1st term) |

Council elections were held in 2020 (2nd November – 10th November).

The new or newly elected council members for the four-year period of 2021-2024 are:

• Austria: Irma Klerings

• Belgium: Luc Hourlay

• Bosnia & Herzegovina: Josip Simic

• Czech Republic: Dana Zdenkova

• Denmark: Louise Stenholt

• Estonia: Ivika Rande

• Ireland: Louise Farragher, Donna O’Doiblin

• Italy: Cinzia Bussolati, Cristina Mancini

• Latvia: Elina Vela

• Moldova: Irina Gangan

• Netherlands: Eugénie Delvaux, Hans Ket

• Portugal: Maria da Luz Antunes

• Sweden: Elisabeth Nylander

• Switzerland: Jolanda Elmers, Sabine Klein, Michelle Schaffer

• Turkey: Nurgül Kiliç, Kubra Zayim Gedik

• UK: Alison Bethel

The election result was approved by the audit committee.

**3. Journal of EAHIL**

The Editorial Board of the Journal of EAHIL in 2020 were:

Federica Napolitani Cheyne, Rome, Italy (Editor in Chief)

Gerhard Bissels, Bern, Switzerland

Fiona Brown, Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Katri Larmo, Helsinki, Finland

Letizia Sampaolo, Rome, Italy

Michelle Wake, London, United Kingdom

Petra Wallgren Björk, Stockholm, Sweden

There were four issues of JEAHIL in 2020, three of which were themed:

1. (March) Feature articles on different subjects

2. (June) *User-oriented and creative libraries: the opportunities of spaces*. Guest Editor Michelle F. Schaffer

3. (September) *The role of libraries during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Guest Editors Petra Wallgren Björk and Gerhard Bissels

4. (December) *Medical and health libraries and sustainability*. Guest Editors Irma Klerings and Gerhard Bissels

Special thanks are due to Michelle Schaffer, Petra Wallgren Björk, Irma Klerings and Gerhard Bissels, who took on the role of guest editors for the issues 2, 3 and 4.

The JEAHIL is available online as an open access journal via the website at <http://ojs.eahil.eu/ojs/>. The Journal since 2018 is no more distributed in print version.

**4. EAHIL Supervisor**

Suzanne Bakker efficiently continued to supervise the activities, in close cooperation with Ghislaine Declève as Treasurer and Federica Napolitani as JEAHIL Editor. A special thanks to Suzanne Bakker, who, during the course of the year efficiently took care of communications with the Bank, located in the Netherlands, and of payment of invoices, in strict cooperation with the EAHIL President and with the Treasurer. The whole accounting situation of the association is documented in a general ledger in the Dropbox Accounts archive. All in-and out-invoices are copied there, with pieces of evidence, when needed. The same for bank statements.

**5. EAHIL website**

In 2020, we have continued to develop and expand the website on the WordPress platform launched in 2015. Executive Board member Tuulevi Ovaska coordinated the website and social media presence of EAHIL. The website content changes in 2020 were 30.

**6. Membership database and communication platforms**

The EAHIL membership database is hosted in the Netherlands in Formdesk at <https://fd8.form8esk.com/EAHIL/membership>. FormDesk is also being used to handle voting in elections, and scholarship applications. Marshall Dozier, Past President, and Francesca Gualtieri, co-opted Board member managed the membership database and its functions. The EAHIL membership database was revised and updated in 2020.

The EAHIL email discussion lists are running using the LISTSERV platform at <http://list.ecompass.nl>. The platform hosts lists for communication of the general membership, Board, Council, Secretariat, Special Interest Groups, and International Programme and Local Organising Committees. Suzanne Bakker, Maurella Della Seta and Francesca Gualtieri managed the email discussion lists.

EAHIL continues to have a presence on several social media platforms to foster communication between members. Below are listed the principal sites, managed in 2020 by some of our most active members.

* EAHIL Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/40166010960/>
* EAHIL Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eahil/>
* EAHIL Twitter account <https://twitter.com/EAHIL>
* EAHIL LinkedIn group <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/129357>

All announcements (news about events, new journal issues, calls for scholarships, calls for papers etc.) are published on social media, aiming to reach current and potential new members.

EAHIL social media followers as of October 2020 were:

* Facebook Page: 941 followers (935)
* Facebook Group: 411 members (411)
* LinkedIn Group: 484 members (487)
* Twitter: 796 followers (780), 1325 tweets (1293)

**7. Committees**

We are grateful to the following members taking active roles to support EAHIL essential processes:

**Financial audit committee 2020**

* Helena Bouzkova (Czech Republic)
* Susana Henriques (Portugal)

**Elections audit committee 2020**

* Angels Carles, Spain
* Katri Larmo, Finland
* Linda Lisgarten, United Kingdom

**Nominations committee 2020**

* Gerhard Bissels, Switzerland
* Regina Küfner Lein, Norway
* Ivana Truccolo, Italy

**8. EAHIL membership**

As of 1st January 2021, there were 2094 members from 87 different countries registered in the membership database. Of these, 1885 members were from 42 Council of Europe countries, and 209 members were from 45 other countries.

The affiliated members were American Association for Cancer Research, EBSCO Publishing, Elsevier, Faculty of 1000 Ltd, IOS Press b.v., Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., Nature Publishing Group, NEJM Group, Portland Press Ltd, SAGE publications Ltd, Springer SBM B.V., Thieme Verlag KG.

The breakdown of members by country was:

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Countries | Members | | Austria | 13 | | Belarus | 2 | | Belgium | 60 | | Bosnia-Herzegovina | 6 | | Bulgaria | 4 | | Croatia | 15 | | Cyprus | 3 | | Czech Republic | 25 | | Denmark | 52 | | Estonia | 14 | | Finland | 70 | | France | 34 | | Germany | 73 | | Greece | 17 | | Hungary | 29 | | Iceland | 7 | | Ireland | 98 | | Italy | 132 | | Latvia | 23 | | Lithuania | 25 | | Luxembourg | 1 | | Macedonia | 2 | | Moldova | 33 | | Netherlands | 94 | | Norway | 122 | | Poland | 33 | | Portugal | 52 | | Romania | 22 | | Russian Federation | 23 | | Serbia | 3 | | Slovak Republic | 2 | | Slovenia | 18 | | Spain | 171 | | Sweden | 145 | | Switzerland | 59 | | Turkey | 38 | | Ukraine | 3 | | United Kingdom | 362 |   C-O-E Countries Total 1885 |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Countries | Members | | Antigua | 1 | | Argentina | 1 | | Australia | 11 | | Bangladesh | 1 | | Botswana | 1 | | Brazil | 3 | | Canada | 24 | | Central African Republic | 1 | | Chile | 2 | | Colombia | 1 | | Cuba | 1 | | Egypt | 2 | | Ethiopia | 4 | | Ghana | 2 | | India | 5 | | Iran | 8 | | Israel | 2 | | Jordan | 2 | | Kenya | 2 | | Lebanon | 2 | | Lesotho | 1 | | Malawi | 1 | | Morocco | 1 | | New Zealand | 3 | | Nigeria | 22 | | Philippines | 3 | | Qatar | 1 | | Saudi Arabia | 1 | | Sénégal | 1 | | Seychelles | 1 | | Singapore | 3 | | South Africa | 3 | | Sri Lanka | 1 | | St. Kitts and Nevis | 1 | | St. Maarten | 1 | | Taiwan | 1 | | Tajikistan | 1 | | Tanzania | 12 | | Tunisia | 1 | | UAE | 3 | | Uganda | 3 | | USA | 61 | | Uzbekistan | 1 | | Zambia | 5 | | Zimbabwe | 1 | | Non-C-O-E Total | **209** | |
| GRAND TOTAL 2094 |  |  |

**9. EAHIL meetings**

The 2020 17th EAHIL Online Conference was organised by the Medical University of Lodz, Poland, on 16-18 November 2020. The theme of the Conference was “*Be Open, Act Together*”, with special focus on Open Access, Open Science, Research Data Management, Open Health Information.

The impact of Covid-19 pandemic forced the organisers to change their ongoing plans, and to organise a fully online event. Although this was for all of us the first experience, the Conference was a success, as evidenced by the enthusiastic comments of participants. Everybody lacked the human warmth of previous EAHIL events, but given the situation, the opportunity to meet online was a great alternative, thanks to the efforts of the Local Organising Committee. Technical support at the Online Conference was excellent and the connection with attendees was smooth. The International Programme Committee managed to develop a very interesting scientific programme.

These are some data and figures about the 2020 Online EAHIL Conference:

* 250 Participants
* 34 Countries
* 9 Sponsors, 6 Sponsors virtual booths
* Main sponsor: Wolters Kluwer

**Programme:**

* 14 Sessions
* 2 Keynote Speakers
* 2 CECs
* 4 Interactive workshops
* 2 Sponsor workshops
* 27 oral presentations
* 28 poster presentations
* 5 SIG meetings

**Social Programme**

* 2 Virtual tours
* 2 Online social events
* 1 Quiz with three winners
* 1 Lecture about Lodz
* 1 Piano concert

For their excellent work in organising the 17th EAHIL Online Conference, the Board owe thanks to Witold Kozakiewicz (Chair of the IPC) and to Paulina Milewska (Chair of the LOC), together with all members of the IPC and LOC team.

**Prize winners:**

**Best Oral presentation overall:**

Maria Da Luz Antunes, Carlos Lopes and TatianaSanches. *Open Science and Information Literacy: a case study at a research center*.

**Best Oral presentation by a first-time attendee:**

Andrea Heath. *Collaborating to plan efficient public health guideline evidence reviews: can we search fewer sources and still find the evidence?*

**Best Poster presentation overall:**

Federica Napolitani, Annarita Barbaro and Maria Cristina Barbaro. *Open peer-review: a study on journals in the JCR Public, Environmental and Occupational Health category.*

**Best Poster presentation by a first-time attendee:**

Maja Kärrman Fredriksson, Hanna Olofsson. *Epistemonikos and KSR Evidence: Usability for SBU Evidence maps*.

The full text of papers from the four prize-winning workshops and posters, together with reports and memories from conference participants, will be published in the Journal of EAHIL 17 (1 )2021.

The 2021 Online Workshop will be organised by Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey on 5-8 July 2021. The 2022 Conference will hopefully be in presence in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**10. Awards**

EAHIL Scholarships, jointly sponsored by EBSCO, to attend the 2020 Online Conference, were awarded by the EAHIL Board to:

**Joshua Cheyne** (UK)

**Elinor Harriss** (UK)

**Lydia Jones** (Germany)

**Kate-Riin Kont** (Estonia)

**Anne-Céline Lambotte** (France)

**Erica Wilthagen** (Netherlands)

In 2020, EAHIL collaborated once more with our sister organisation, the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA), to offer a scholarship to attend the 17 EAHIL Online Conference. The winner of the EAHIL-AHILA scholarship 2020 was:

**Olalekan Moses Olayemi** (Nigeria)

The Board decided to give **the 2020 EAHIL Award** in memory of **Laura Shane Godbolt** in recognition for her immense contribution to international health librarianship, and in gratitude for the extraordinary contribution she has made over many years in furthering the development of the health information profession. Shane passed away in November 2019, but with awareness of the gravity of her illness, the Board made the exceptional decision to give Shane the award early so that she could know of our deep appreciation while she was still alive. The official announcement of the award was made posthumously, during the 17 EAHIL Online Conference.

**11. Special Interest Groups**

In 2020, the following SIGs were available and active, each with its own email discussion list:

* **European Veterinary Libraries (EVLG)** – Chair: Michael Eklund; Treasurer: Derek Halling.
* **Evaluation and Metrics (EMG)** – Co-Chairs: Alicia Fátima Gómez, Valeria Scotti; Secretary: Thomas Derek Halling.
* **Evidence Based Information Group (EBI)** – Co-chairs: Jane Falconer, Thomas Vandendriessche; Secretary: Krizia Tuand.
* **MeSH Information (MeSH)** – Chair: Maurella Della Seta.
* **Pharmaceutical Information** **(PHING)** – interim Chair: Francesca Gualtieri.
* **Public Health Information (PHIG)** – Co-Chairs: Tomas Allen, Ana-Belen Escriva, Mala Mann; Secretary: Katri Larmo.
* **Training, Education and Development for Medical and Health Information Specialists and Librarians (TrEDMIL)**. Chair: Gerhard Bissels; Secretary: Sabine Buroh.

**12. Representatives to and for EAHIL**

We are grateful to all the following individuals for their contributions as representatives in the following roles:

**Medical Library Association**

* Carol Lefebvre was the MLA representative to EAHIL.

**National Library of Medicine**

* Diane Babski was the NLM representative to EAHIL.

**International Federation of Library Associations**

* Octavia Madge was the EAHIL representative to IFLA

**Health Information and Libraries Journal**

* Lotta Haglund and Federica Napolitani, HILJ (Health Information and Libraries Journal) International Editorial Advisory Board members

**13. Contacts with sister organisations**

Sister organisations are currently:

* **The Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA)**
* **ALIA Health Libraries Australia (HLA)**
* **Canadian Health Libraries Association | Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA)**
* **Medical Library Association (MLA, USA)**
* **Taiwan Medical Library Association (TMLA)**

*Maurella Della Seta*

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