



## EAHIL President's Report for 2021

This report for 2021 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 online on 24 February, 24 March, 26 May, 5 July, 21 September, and 16 November.

Board members, showing role and term in 2021.

Lotta Haglund	President (2021-2022, 1st term)
Maurella Della Seta	Past President (2021-2022, 1st term)
Astrid Kilvik	Co-opted Board member, Honorary Secretary (2021-2022)
Witold Kozakiewicz	Treasurer (2021-2024, 2nd term)
Tiina Heino	Vice President, Deputy Supervisor of Systems (2019-2022, 1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Aoife Lawton	Deputy Treasurer (2021-2024, 1st term)
Petra Björk	Co-opted Board member, Communications Coordinator (2021-2022)
Francesca Gualtieri	Systems Administrator (2021-2024, 1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Alicia Gomez Sanchez	Sponsor Liaison (2021-2024 1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Marion Heymans	Co-opted Board member, Administrative Liaison
Federica Napolitani	Editor in Chief, Journal of EAHIL (2015- )

### 2. EAHIL Council

The EAHIL Council members in 2021 were:

Country	Council member	Term of office
Austria	Irma Klerings	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Belgium	Luc Hourlay	2021-2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Thomas Vendendriessche	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	<i>vacancy</i>	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Josip Simic	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Bulgaria	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Croatia	Dina Vrkić	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Czech Republic	Dana Zdenkova	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Denmark	Jette Frost Jepsen	2019-2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Louise Stenholt	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Estonia	Ivika Rande	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Finland	Sarah Hagström	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Elise Johansson	2019-2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Ritva Miiikki	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)



France	<i>Vacancy</i>	
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	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Germany	Sabine Buroh	2019-2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Helge Knüttel	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Greece	Artemis Chaleplioglou	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Hungary	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Iceland	Anna Sigríður Guðnadóttir	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Ireland	Louise Farragher	2021-2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Caroline Rowan	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Italy	Cristina Mancini	2021-2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Cinzia Bussolati	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Valeria Scotti	2019-2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Latvia	Elina Vela	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Lithuania	Daiva Jurksaitiene	2019-2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Moldova	Irina Gangan	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Netherlands	Eugenie Delvaux	2021-2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	Hans Ket	2021-2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Norway	Katrine Aronsen	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Irene Hunskaar	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Hilde Strømme	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Poland	Justyna Zawada	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Portugal	Maria Da Luz Antunes	2021-2024 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Romania	Octavia-Luciana Madge	2019-2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Russian Federation	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Slovenia	David Ožura	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Spain	Virgili Páez Cervi	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Rebeca Isabel Gómez	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	<i>Vacancy</i>	



Sweden	Ann-Catrin Ekelund	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Eva Hessman	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	<i>Elisabeth Nylander</i>	2021-2021
Switzerland	Jolanda Elmers	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Sabine Klein	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Micheller Schaffer	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Turkey	Nurgül Kiliç	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Kubra Zayim Gedik	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
United Kingdom	Alison Bethel	2021-2024 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Mala Mann	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
	Shona Kirtly	2019-2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

### 3. Journal of EAHIL

The Editorial Board of the Journal of EAHIL in 2021 were:

<p>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</p>
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There were four issues of JEAHIL in 2021, three of which were themed:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. (March) Feature articles on different subjects, including memories from the 2020 virtual EAHIL Conference in Lodz, Poland</li> <li>2. (June) <i>Evidence surveillance during the pandemic using automation and crowd sourcing</i>. Guest Editor James Thomas</li> <li>3. (September) Feature articles on different subjects, including memories from the 20201 virtual EAHIL Workshop in Istanbul, Turkey</li> <li>4. (December) <i>Infodemics and Libraries</i>. Guest Editors Katri Larmo and Michelle Wake</li> </ol> |
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Special thanks are due to our guest editors, and to the 2021 sponsors Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research, Georg Thieme Verlag KG.

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

### 4. EAHIL Administrative Liaison

In 2021 we welcomed Marion Heymans from the Netherlands as Administrative Liaison on the Board. During the year she has worked with Suzanne Bakker to be able to take over her duties as the link between the EAHIL Executive Board and the Dutch authorities, including communication with the bank. Responsibilities include taking care of payment of invoices, in cooperation with the EAHIL President and Treasurer. The accounts of the association are 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 2021, we have continued to develop and expand the website on the WordPress platform launched in 2015. Co-opted Board member Petra Björk coordinated the website and social media presence of EAHIL. The website has been updated with 25 blog posts during 2021, and the letter from the President is being published on the website, starting Autumn 2021.

Most of the visitors to the EAHIL website during 2021 are from the USA, the UK and the Netherlands. An assumption is that the Netherlands has risen to third place due to the coming event this summer. We also get a lot of visitors from China and Canada, which rate has risen over 100% since 2020.

## 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. Francesca Gualtieri and Tiina Heino has managed the membership database and its functions, with the assistance of Suzanne Bakker and Marshall Dozier. The EAHIL membership database was revised and updated in 2021, see under item 8 below.

During 2021 the Board has been looking into various systems needs, for file sharing and archiving, but also seeking to replace the Formdesk membership database. The aim is to find a system that is easier to administrate, enabling future Board members to take over as Systems administrator with a less steep learning curve. This work will continue in 2022. Regarding the need for file sharing a new contract was signed for Dropbox Business, limited to the number of Board members. Since Dropbox isn't GDPR compliant we will investigate replacing this solution in 2022.

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 and Francesca Gualtieri managed the email discussion lists. In early 2022 we were informed that Ecompass will discontinue their LISTSERV platform from 2023 which means a new provider will have to be found in 2022.

EAHIL continues to have a presence on several social media platforms to foster communication between members. Below the principal sites are listed, managed in 2021 by some of our most active members.

- 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, elections etc.) are published on social media, aiming to reach current and potential new members. The social media less used is LinkedIn, both by us and our members.

- Facebook Page: 982 followers (941)
- LinkedIn Group: 477 members (484)
- Twitter: 866 followers (796)

In 2021 the Board decided not to use the EAHIL Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/40166010960/>), in our marketing. It is run by members and not an official part of EAHIL.

The social media channels are secondary communication channels and possible ways to have more members. But we need to be more active on the different platforms to attract our members and new members/followers. It is a difficult task, but together with the communication officer it is doable, but more initiative is needed from members, Council members, SIGs, the Executive Board, and the JEAHIL Editorial Board is needed.

## 7. Committees

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

### Financial audit committee 2021

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

### Elections audit committee 2021

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

### Nominations committee 2021

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

## 8. EAHIL membership

During the second half of 2021 an update of the membership database was run, resulting in fewer members than previously thought. All members were asked to log in to their membership record and update it. Since in many cases the lack of response depends on members moving on to a new job position and not updating their e-mail address the result was that we had no possibility to reach them. In addition to e-mailing and reaching out on social media, all Council members were sent a list of the members in their country where we lacked an updated record, asking their help in reaching their colleagues. In spite of all efforts, we can conclude there was a significant reduction in active members in the database. As of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 the number of members has decreased by nearly 50 %, from 2094 members in 2021 to 983 in 2022. This will have a direct influence on the number of Council members for some countries, since this is based on the total number of members in a country.



In 2021 Georg THIEME VERLAG KG was affiliated member.

The breakdown of members by country was:

Countries	Members	Countries	Members
Austria	11	Australia	6
Belgium	27	Antigua	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	3	Canada	11
Bulgaria	1	India	3
Croatia	12	Iran	11
Cyprus	1	Israel	2
Czech Republic	12	Japan	1
Denmark	29	Jordan	2
Estonia	9	Kenya	2
Finland	30	Lebanon	1
France	16	Morocco	1
Germany	45	New Zealand	1
Greece	10	Nigeria	5
Hungary	8	Philippines	3
Iceland	4	Qatar	2
Ireland	46	Singapore	2
Italy	61	South Africa	2
Latvia	6	Sri Lanka	1
Lithuania	15	Trinidad & Tobago	1
Luxembourg	2	Tunisia	1
Moldova	31	UAE	1
Netherlands	61	USA	32
Norway	48	Non-CoE total	90
Poland	23		
Portugal	22		
Romania	8		
Russian Federation	6		
Serbia	1		
Slovenia	12		
Spain	52		
Sweden	75		
Switzerland	44		
Turkey	15		
United Kingdom	147		
CoE countries	893		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>983</b>		

## 9. EAHIL meetings

The 2021 EAHIL Online Workshop was organised by the Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey. The theme of the workshop was *Crossing the Bridge: new challenges, new opportunities*. The impact of Covid-19 pandemic forced the organisers to change their plans, and to organise a fully online event



instead of the planned hybrid event. The workshop was a success, using interesting new technology to emulate the feeling of an exhibition space where you could take a tour and visit the sponsors and other exhibitors. Even though many would have preferred to meet in person and experience the welcoming atmosphere of Istanbul, the digital solutions were a great alternative, thanks to the efforts of the Local Organising Committee. The International Programme Committee had managed to develop a very interesting scientific programme, with excellent keynote speakers.

Some data and figures about the 2021 Online EAHIL workshop:

- 157 Participants
- 31 Countries
- 14 Sponsors, 20 Sponsors virtual booths
- Main sponsor: Wolters Kluwer

**Programme:**

- 7 Sessions
- 65 Speakers
- 2 Keynote Speakers
- 4 Plenary sessions
- 2 CECs
- 7 Interactive workshops
- 3 Sponsor workshops
- 25+ oral presentations
- 16 poster presentations
- 6 SIG meetings

**Social Programme (8 total)**

- Morning yoga classes
- Opening and closing concerts
- Online games
- Virtual art exhibition
- Virtual live Topkapi Place tour
- First timer's reception and Gala dinner

For their excellent work in organising the 2021 EAHIL Online Workshop, the Board owe thanks to Güssun Güneş (Chair of the IPC and LOC), together with all members of the IPC and LOC team.

**Prize winners:**

**Best Oral presentation overall:**

Ghaith Salameh, Alice Haddadin. *Electronic Library of Medicine – Jordan (ELM): Jordan Experience in the Digital transformation and managing the COVID-19 Crisis*

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

Lisa Langnickel , Roman Baum , Johannes Darms , Juliane Fluck. *preVIEW: a service for central access to COVID-19 preprints*

**Best Poster presentation overall:**

Li-Chuan Huang, Ya-Fang Hsiao, Shu-Yuan Siao, Hsiao-Fen Yu, Tzu-heng Chiu. *The experience and attitude of TMU Faculty and researchers toward predatory journals and research productivity*

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

Burak Coşkun, Işıl İlknur Sert. *Training of subject specialist librarians in developed countries: A model offering regarding medical librarianship for Turkey*



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 2022 Conference will be organised in Rotterdam, The Netherlands June 1-3.

## 10. Awards

EAHIL Scholarships, jointly sponsored by EBSCO, to attend the 2021 Online Conference, were awarded by the EAHIL Board to:

**Ivana Maier** (Croatia)  
**Jim Healy** (Ireland)

In 2021, EAHIL collaborated once more with our sister organisation, the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA), to offer three scholarships to attend the EAHIL Online Conference. The winners of the EAHIL-AHILA scholarship 2021 were:

**Josphine Kangethe** (Kenya)  
**Modupe Oluwabiyi** (Nigeria)  
**Taiwo Oladeji** (Nigeria)

## 11. Special Interest Groups

In 2021, the following SIGs were available and active, each with its own email discussion list:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>European Veterinary Libraries (EVLG)</b> – Chair: Fiona Brown</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evaluation and Metrics (EMG)</b> – Co-Chairs: Alicia Fátima Gómez, Valeria Scotti; Co-Secretaries: Thomas Derek Halling, Silvia Saste</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evidence Based Information Group (EBI)</b> – Co-chairs: Jane Falconer, Thomas Vandendriessche; Co-Secretaries: Krizia Tuand, Shona Kirtley</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MeSH Information (MeSH)</b> – Chair: Maurella Della Seta.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pharmaceutical Information (PHING)</b> – Chair: Francesca Gualtieri.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Public Health Information (PHIG)</b> – Co-Chairs: Tomas Allen, Ana-Belen Escriva, Mala Mann; Secretary: Katri Larmo.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training, Education and Development for Medical and Health Information Specialists and Librarians (TrEDMIL)</b>. Chair: Gerhard Bissels; Secretary: Sabine Buroh.</li> </ul>

## 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/ABSC)**
- **Medical Library Association (MLA, USA)**
- **Taiwan Medical Library Association (TMLA)**

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