

EAHIL Council Meeting, Istanbul 2021

Date: Tuesday 6 July

Time: 14:00-15:30 - Central European Time (CET)

Venue: Zoom – Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey

Present

Board members

Maurella Della Seta, Lotta Haglund, Tiina Heino (Chair), Astrid Kilvik (minutes), Witold Kozakiewicz,
Francesca Gualtieri, Petra Björk, Marion Heymans

Council and SIG members (from the participant list in Zoom)

Irma Klerings, Austria
Luc Hourlay, Belgium
Thomas Vandendriessche, Belgium
Jette Frost Jepsen, Denmark
Ivika Rande, Estonia
Ritva Miikki, Finland
Helge Knüttel, Germany
Sabine Buroh, Germany
Artemis Chaleplioglou, Greece
Louise Farragher, Ireland
Valeria Scotti, Italy
Eugenie Delvaux, Netherlands
Hans Ket, Netherlands
Katrine Aronsen, Norway
Justyna Zawada, Poland
Ann-Catrin Ekelund, Sweden
Eva Hessman, Sweden
Jolanda Elmers, Switzerland
Michelle Schaffer, Switzerland
Sabine Klein, Switzerland
Kubra Zayim Gedik, Turkey
Mala Mann, UK
Shona Kirtley, UK

Carole Lefebvre, Representative MLA
Kristine Alpi, MLA
Katri Larmo, Public Health SIG
Gerhard Bissels, Tredmil SIG
Güssun Günes, EAHIL 2021 LOC
Lynda Ayiku
Alice Haddadin
Winnie Schats
Emelie Melbrand
Juan de la Camara

Latifa Bouanzi
Maria Garcia-Puente
Fatemeh Sheikh, Iran

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Tiina Heino, Vice President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting, and wished all welcome. Apologies for absence were received from: Rebeca Isabel Gómez (Spain), Louise Stenholt (Denmark), Sarah Hagström (Finland), Elise Johansson (Finland), Cristina Mancini (Italy), Maria da Luz Antunes (Portugal), Anna Sigríður Guðnadóttir (Iceland) and Elisabeth Nylander (Sweden).

2. Round-table introductions

43 persons present – including Board and SIG members and representatives and LOC.

3. Minutes of the 2020 Council Meeting in Lodz

Minutes of the 2020 meeting was available at the EAHIL web site for everyone to read before the meeting. The minutes was approved without comments.

4. President's report

The report for 2020 was available at the EAHIL web site and the URL circulated together with the agenda. The members were asked to read the report before the meeting. The President's report is an annual report from the organization and is not to be approved. Lotta Haglund, President of EAHIL, summarized the report. There were no comments.

5. Individual councilors: news and reports

Kubra Zayim Gedik reported on activities of the Turkish councilors.
Hans Ket presented information about the EAHIL 2022 Conference in Rotterdam.
There was one question from Fatemeh Sheikh, Iran. She asked about the conditions for becoming a Council member. The President stated that Council members are elected only from European countries, but that others are welcome as members of EAHIL.

6. Interactive session

This was a follow-up from the Council meeting in Basel 2019, where the EAHIL Board asked for input from Council members how EAHIL as a whole (not only the Executive Board and Council) could act on the five objectives for the organization: <http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Translation-of-Statutes-of-2008-Maarsse.pdf>

The participants were sent to breakout rooms in smaller groups to discuss the following questions:

- How to raise visibility and the connection between the European/EAHIL level and the national level?
- How to promote health librarianship and EAHIL nationally?
- How to strengthen the profession of medical librarians/information specialists?
- Do we need different kinds of promotional materials? Specify why yes or no.
- Other ideas.

A padlet was used for reporting from the discussions:
<https://ki.padlet.org/petrabjork/etwpyf6asm63et1z>

This padlet was available for some months so that participants could come back to it and post more comments and ideas. The EAHIL Board would then discuss the input at a Board meeting.

7. Information from the EAHIL Board

The Board had a pre-conference meeting 5 July where finance, communication, systems development etc were on the agenda. The need for a new membership database, with better functionality for members to log on and update their records, for voting at elections etc was also discussed. Tips and suggestions for good software and solutions are welcome.

Ebsco has paused their financial support for the scholarship from 2022. EAHIL therefore needs a new scholarship sponsor, preferably for a period of three years.

More activity on the communication platforms is needed, to make EAHIL more visible on social platforms and among the members and also to strengthen the dialogue between the different forums of EAHIL. The Board strongly encourage content from members, subgroups etc. Short reports from the Board meetings will be published on the web site blog.

Bids for EAHIL Conferences and Workshops are needed and welcomed from 2024 and the following years.

8. Any other business

No other business.