

Candidate statement for election of EAHIL Executive Board: Mala Mann



Professional Career

I work as an information specialist and systematic reviewer at the Specialist Unit for Review Evidence (SURE), Cardiff University, Wales. I have been working in health care libraries since 1995, starting at the Cancer Research Wales Library (1995-1996) and moving on to work on a health care project at the University of Wales College of Medicine (1996-2000). In 2000, I was part of a team of two to establish SURE a grant-funded research unit based within the University Library Service to conduct systematic and literature reviews in the fields of health and social care (2000 to date).

I have over 25 years' experience as an information specialist and systematic reviewer. I am involved in all aspects of systematic reviewing and have been involved in carrying out wide range of systematic reviews and other evidence synthesis projects. I am a Member of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (MCLIP) formally the Institute of Information Scientists (MIInfSc). My expertise is in advanced literature searching, and the development of review methodologies. I have published widely and co-authored over 90 publications. I teach on a number of internal and external programmes including Cardiff University Doctoral Academy and MSc Palliative care programme and [SURE Systematic Review Course](#).

My first EAHIL meeting was the 8th EAHIL Conference in Cologne, Germany, September 18th-21st 2002. Since then, I have attended eleven EAHIL events, where I have presented a paper, poster or delivered a CEC workshop. I was part of the team responsible for initiating the 16th EAHIL Conference in Cardiff. I have been a co-chair of the Public Health Specialist Interest Group since 2017 and member of the EAHIL Council since 2019.

Professional Interests

I am interested in developing review methodologies; promoting continuing education specifically regards to evidence synthesis and share best practice in undertaking high-quality systematic reviews.

To demonstrate the importance of information professionals as valuable research partners and increase visibility and promote our services.

Aims for EAHIL

If elected to the EAHIL board, I would like to:

- support colleagues organizing future EAHIL events
- promote professional development
- build stronger ties with sister organizations

EAHIL is important not only for information professionals from across Europe but colleagues from around the world. It is a place for professional development, share knowledge, experiences, practices and empower each other as we keep up with changing healthcare landscape.