

EAHIL General Assembly 2023

Date: Friday 16 June 2023

Time: 10:30-11:00 - Central European Time (CET)

Venue: Trondheim and online

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies.

Lotta Haglund, President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting, and welcomed attendees to the hybrid General Assembly 2023, hosted from Trondheim. There were no apologies.

2. Announcements (if any)

There were no announcements.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly 2022 (Rotterdam)

The minutes of the 2022 meeting were available at the EAHIL web site, and the URLs were circulated together with the agenda. There were no corrections or questions, and the minutes were approved as an accurate document and will be published on the EAHIL web site.

4. President's report

The report for 2022 was available at the EAHIL web site and the URL was 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. The report acknowledges the activity and contribution from members. Lotta Haglund presented some highlights from the report: EAHIL has got a new platform for email discussion lists and Lotta Haglund thanked Suzanne Bakker and Francesca Gualtieri for their work on migrating to the new platform. The membership database is also new and is working well. There was an increase of 141 members in 2022 and since January 2023 the increase is 77, which makes a total of 1201 members by June 2023.

There were no questions or comments to the report from the attendees.

5. Treasurer's report

The documents were sent out with the agenda. An updated version was sent out 12 June.

Witold Kozakiewicz presented the Treasurer's report 2022 and budgets for 2023 and 2024. The report is approved by the financial audit committee and the Board.

The budget from and including 2023 is increased by 500 € reserved for travel expenses, with the following reason: because it is important that Board members are present at EAHIL conferences/workshops, they can apply for funds for attending the Board meeting during these events. Each Board member can use this opportunity only in extraordinary occasions and only once. This decision is added to the EAHIL Policy Statements, part one.

There were no comments to the report or the budgets from the attendees.

6. JEAHIL Editor's Report

The report was available at the EAHIL website, and the URL was circulated together with the agenda. On behalf of Editor in Chief Federica Napolitani, Fiona Brown presented the report. In 2022 the Journal of EAHIL published 4 issues (volume 18) for a total of 123 pages. No 2 and 4 hosted monographic sections, no 1 was a no-theme issue and no 3 was dedicated to the EAHIL Conference. The columns and reports from sister organizations and from SIGs were regularly published. The expenses for JEAHIL production in 2022 were completely covered by the incomes from sponsors and a surplus was produced (+6224,09 €). There were some changes in the Editorial Board in 2022: Letizia Sampaolo and Petra Wallgren-Björk left, Annarita Barbaro joined. Maria-Inti Metzendorf will be joining this year. Fiona Brown thanked the Editorial Board, especially those who left in 2022, and she encouraged everyone to submit articles to the journal. The Editorial Board is looking for both new members and an Editor-in-Chief since the present Editor is stepping down.

There were no questions or comments to the report from the attendees.

7. Communication Report

The report was available at the EAHIL website, and the URL was circulated together with the agenda. Communication officer Mala Mann thanked Petra Wallgren-Björk for making the report and presented the current situation of EAHIL website & social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) activity. Current membership: Facebook Page: 1040 followers (982), LinkedIn Group: 474 members (477), Twitter: 914 followers (866).

Web site in 2022: 29 blog posts during 2022, photos from the Rotterdam Conference in June have been updated on the website, old pages, unused, have been deleted, privacy statement and Code of Ethics have been updated and uploaded.

Next steps for 2023: Mala Mann encouraged everyone to contact her about interesting things to publish on social media and the web site. She gave some examples: News from all over Europe. What is happening in your library? Have you had anything published? What have you enjoyed about EAHIL 2023. She concluded with a statement: EAHIL is an invaluable network for health information and library professionals in Europe, and "Great communication begins with connection" (Oprah Winfrey, television producer and host, author, philanthropist).

There were no questions or comments to the report from the attendees.

8. Future EAHIL events

2023: Riga, Latvia.

Bids for conferences and workshops are needed and welcomed 2025 - onwards.

9. Any other business

None.

Lotta Haglund ended the meeting by encouraging participants who are not members to consider signing up for EAHIL.