

EAHIL Council Meeting, Trondheim 2023

Date: Tuesday 13 June 2023

Time: 16:30-18:00 - Central European Time (CET)

Venue: Trondheim and online

Present

Board members

Tiina Heino (chair), Astrid Kilvik (minutes), Lotta Haglund, Witold Kozakiewicz, Marion Heymans, Alicia Fátima Gómez

Council, SIG members and representatives (in Trondheim and from the participant list in Zoom):

Sabine Klein, Switzerland

Jenny Betmark, UK

Artemis Chaleplioglou, Greece

Kubra Zayim Gedik, Turkey

Roberta Zoli, Italy

Hans Ket, The Netherlands

Eugenie Delvaux, The Netherlands

Hélène Gorring, UK

Alison Bethel, UK

Irma Klerings, Austria

Taisa Sallinen, Finland

Güssun Günes, Turkey

Dana Zolenkova, Czech Republic

David Ožura, Slovenia

Eric Ahl, Sweden

Lorena Cascant Ortolano, Germany

Helge Knüttel, Germany

Jakub Rusakow, Poland

Jolanda Elmers, Switzerland

Michelle Schaffer, Switzerland

Carol Lefebvre, , Representative MLA

Katri Larmo, The Public Health Information Group (PHIG)

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Tiina Heino, Vice President of EAHIL, chaired the meeting, and wished all welcome to the hybrid Council meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Irene Hunskår, Norway, Luc Hourlay, Belgium, Louise Farragher, Ireland, Laura Muñoz González, Spain, Octavia Madge, Romania, Louise Stenholt, Denmark, Rebeca Isabel-Gomez, Spain, Maria da Luz Antunes, Portugal, Leeni Lehtiö, Finland.

2. Round-table introductions

28 persons present – including Board, SIG members and representatives.

3. Minutes of the 2022 Council Meeting in Rotterdam

Minutes of the 2022 meeting were available at the EAHIL web site for everyone to read before the meeting. There was one comment: Sabine Burohs name was misspelled. This will be corrected in the minutes. The minutes were then 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 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

Germany: successful networking with journal club and working groups. Questions for discussion: what do the members expect from their council members? What can be done to recruit more members? It was suggested that all countries should try to find answers to these questions.

Finland: The Finnish Association for Medical & Health Librarians had a seminar in fall 2022. Changes in library work were on the agenda. There has also been a study trip to Riga.

Switzerland: networking activities on topics like Open Access, Open Data etc. A team for systematic review searching is established with representatives from many libraries.

6. Interactive session

The aim of this session was to discuss two topics: "how to get involved" and the EAHIL Board's proposal for a Mentoring program. Information and questions for preparation were sent out ahead of the meeting. Both topics were discussed in groups, four groups in the room, one online.

1) The "how to get involved" topic was discussed based on the following questions:

- When do I need to go to EAHIL website?
- What do I like best about the website?
- What else would I like to see on the website?
- What can I do to be an active Council member?

There was no time to report from the group discussions in plenary, but all groups were encouraged to email The Board's Communications officer Mala Mann after the meeting.

2) Ideas, opinions and questions about the Mentoring program from the group discussions:

- Excellent, innovative and impressive work
- A "Tinder" for our profession, a program to make perfect matches
- The program is flexible, includes both mentors and mentees, which is good.
- The mentoring period of 10 months: some think it is too short and some too long
- The FAQ is good
- Could the program be used as peer support rather than mentee/mentor (peers are on the same level)?
- Training in the mentee and mentor roles is important, one could also talk about personal development

- Will the mentoring take place within or between countries?
- Should there be a platform for matching mentees and mentors?
- Permission from management to use working time for mentoring is important
- It is important to check whether there are similar programs, e.g., national. The result should be included in the document.
- Should we think of other opportunities to create user engagement and participation?

The Board will discuss the ideas and questions before launching the program later in 2023.

7. Information from the EAHIL Board

a. EAHIL 2024 will be arranged in Riga, Latvia. Bids for conferences and workshops are needed and welcomed 2025 - onwards. Bids should be sent to the EAHIL Board as soon as possible, 2 years planning is needed.

b. To assist the EAHIL Board's work with the IT-systems and ensure continuity and overview, there is a need to engage someone outside the Board in an administrative liaison role. Lotta Haglund asked if someone from the Council could be interested in taking on such a role. If not, it would be of great help if Council members could spread the word among colleagues.

8. Any other business

Group photo was taken and will be published on the EAHIL web site.