

| EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement | |
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| <i>Country</i> | Germany |
| <i>Name</i> | Julia Walz |
| <i>Affiliation</i> | University of Freiburg, Faculty of Medicine/Medical Center, Library |
| <i>My professional education and experience</i> | <p>2014-2018 Bachelor degree in Library and Informationscience, Cologne 2019: Librarian (Research Information System) University Library Bayreuth Since 2020: Medical Librarian at the Medical Center Freiburg 2023- I hope to finish my Master degree in LIS (Cologne) by February 2025</p> <p>Besides working as one-person librarian in a small special library for dental medicine I am member of our team of medical librarians of the Freiburg Medical Center, especially regarding our joint training and information services - including systematic reviews. Together we are working to improve our external visibility. So I am doing a bit of everything. I am also an active member of the German Medical Librarians Association and their working group on EBM: AGMB-EBM.</p> |
| <i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i> | I really appreciate our international well-networked professional community and the positive atmosphere of the "EAHIL family". It enables such close and fruitful exchange from which everyone of us can ultimately benefit. Since librarians are all facing similar challenges, EAHIL opens up opportunities to freely exchange ideas, to think outside the box and find solutions together. |
| <i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i> | I aim to be a strong link between the health information communities in Germany and EAHIL Council. My goal is to promote EAHIL's activities, encourage more German medical librarians and information professionals to join and participate in meetings and workshops, and help them to fully benefit from and contribute to this valuable network. |
| <i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2025-2028</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Artificial Intelligence: AI tools will continue to transform (literature) searches, data management, and research processes. Health information professionals must stay ahead by learning how to utilize and teach AI tools while critically assessing their outputs. 2. Combating Misinformation: The rise of health-related fake news underscores the need to promote critical thinking and guide users towards reliable sources, especially on crucial issues like vaccines and public health crises. 3. Open Access: With the ongoing shift to open access and transformative agreements, librarians play a crucial role in navigating the challenges and ensuring access to scientific knowledge. 4. Data Management & Sharing: Efficient data management and open data sharing are key as the open science movement advances. Health information professionals must support researchers in managing and curating their data. 5. Professional Development: Continuous learning and skills development are vital for us as new technologies and methodologies emerge. Networking and interdisciplinary collaboration will enable and enhance professional growth. 6. Sustainability in Health Information: Addressing climate change and sustainability within healthcare increasingly intersects with information management, requiring health information professionals to focus on resources supporting this global issue. |
| <i>My one-line statement</i> | Collaborate, bridge gaps and share knowledge – let's stand together! |

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