

EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement	
<i>Country</i>	the Netherlands
<i>Name</i>	Floor Ruiter
<i>Affiliation</i>	Maastricht University
<i>My professional education and experience</i>	I have a PhD in Regenerative Medicine with 7 years of research experience and have been a scientific information specialist from Oct 2021. My work is a bit of an allrounder information specialist from supporting researchers with Systematic Literature Reviews to data driven optimisation of the ejournal and book collections.
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	EAHIL is a very open, welcoming, and safe community in which sharing of information and experiences is the central focus. This network has helped me grow as an information specialist and stimulates me to aim for continuous development of ways to improve our impact as health librarians.
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	As a researcher in a diverse multi-disciplinary biomedical community, I developed strong problem-solving and networking skills. I look forward to using these skills and my out of the box thinking approach to find and foster potential opportunities, connections, and collaborations within our community.
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2025-2028</i>	For starter the rapid increase in AI and related tools and how we as community can contribute to and guarantee FAIR practice. Open science and Open Educational Resources and the quality thereof. With the increased pressure on library budgets (e.g. the Dutch government's cuts on research and education and increased tax on books and journals), open informational resources are increasingly in demand. However, the rise of predatory publishing practices and perverse incentives impacts the quality of available materials. Especially within the current political environment, it is of utmost importance that our community gets accurate information and keeps learning about methods to stay unbiased as well as inclusive. Topics such as DEI and decolonisation should therefore stay on our radar.
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Open, FAIR and inclusive data-driven health information practices will be the future.

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