

<b>EAHIL Council Election - Candidate Statement</b>	
<i>Country</i>	Switzerland
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<i>My professional education and experience</i>	<p><b>Education</b> BSc in Library and Information Sciences from the Haagse Hogeschool, Sector Economie &amp; Management, The Hague MSc in IT from the University of Liverpool, UK.</p> <p><b>Experience</b> <i>Medical Information Specialist</i> at the Medical Library, Lausanne University Hospital and University of Lausanne, Switzerland. As part of the Research and Training team, I am the coordinator of the different trainings offered by the library team.</p>
<i>What I think is special about EAHIL</i>	<p>EAHIL is formed with the goal "to improve library services to the health professions by cooperation and shared experiences across national boundaries".</p> <p>I have attended eight EAHIL conferences since 2014, and I have personally experienced the sharing and cooperation between the members. Today I can say that I have been able to implement practices that have been shared by other members regarding research and training. And these shared experiences have enriched my work and motivated me to expand and develop the services we offer as a library.</p>
<i>What I expect to contribute to EAHIL Council</i>	As a member representing Switzerland I hope to contribute to sharing experiences, and cooperation between libraries across language barriers. And I hope to participate in the combined efforts of all the members to continue the work of EAHIL.
<i>What I think are the most important issues for European health information professionals in 2025-2028</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving cooperation amongst healthcare libraries throughout Europe, and with partner organisations around the world;</li> <li>• The role information specialists are playing in medical and health research and the impact of this role;</li> <li>• Access to resources and its funding;</li> <li>• The implications of new technologies on research</li> </ul>
<i>My one-line statement for my election campaign</i>	Professional development for medical information specialists across the borders of Europe and beyond, so we can continue to contribute to the quality of health and medical research worldwide.
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