

EAHIL President's Report for 2011

1. EAHIL Executive Board

Meetings of the Board took place in Maarssen/Amsterdam on 21/22 February 2011 and at Koç University, Istanbul on 4 July 2011.

Roles and tasks of Board members in 2011:

Peter Morgan - President (2011-2012 1st term)
 Suzanne Bakker - Past President (2011-2012) and Supervisor of the EAHIL Secretariat
 Marshall Dozier - Honorary Secretary (2011-2014 1st term)
 Manuela Colombi - Treasurer (2009-2012 2nd term)
 Helena Bouzková - Coordinator, Professional Development (2009-2012 2nd term)
 Karen Johanne Buset (2011-2014 1st term)
 Lotta Haglund (2009-2012 1st term)
 Tuulevi Ovaska (2011-2012 coopted)
 Ivana Truccolo (2011-2012 coopted)

Sally Wood-Lamont - Chief Editor, Journal of EAHIL

2. EAHIL Council

Elections were held to select Council members for Germany, Spain and Sweden. The EAHIL Council members in 2011 were:

| | COUNTRY | NAME | | | COUNTRY | NAME |
|----|------------|----------------------------|----|--------------|----------------------|------|
| 1 | Austria | Helmut Dollfuss | 29 | Moldova | Silvia Ciubrei | |
| 2 | Belgium | Vinciane de Bergeyck | 30 | Netherlands | Ronald van Dieën | |
| 3 | Belgium | (vacancy) | 31 | Netherlands | Gerdien de Jonge | |
| 4 | Croatia | Lea Skoric | 32 | Netherlands | Jacqueline Limpens | |
| 5 | Czech Rep. | Dana Zdenkova | 33 | Norway | Hanne Dybvik | |
| 6 | Denmark | Hanne Christensen | 34 | Norway | Regina Kufner Lein | |
| 7 | Denmark | (vacancy) | 35 | Norway | Liv Vikan | |
| 8 | Estonia | Sigrid Prank | 36 | Poland | Barbara Niedzwiedzka | |
| 9 | Finland | Katri Larmo | 37 | Portugal | Silvia Lopes | |
| 10 | Finland | Jouni Leinonen | 38 | Portugal | Margarida Meira | |
| 11 | Finland | Minna Liikala | 39 | Romania | Ioana Robu | |
| 12 | France | Marie Teissier | 40 | Romania | Viorica Scutariu | |
| 13 | France | Guillemette Utard-Wlerick | 41 | Russian Fed. | Larise Zhymkhova | |
| 14 | Framce | Hélène Vaillant | 42 | Serbia | (vacancy) | |
| 15 | Germany | Kai Geschuhn | 43 | Slovak Rep. | (vacancy) | |
| 16 | Germany | Oliver Obst | 44 | Slovenia | Matjaz Musek | |
| 17 | Greece | Artemis Chalepliglou | 45 | Spain | Juan de la Camara | |
| 18 | Hungary | Judit Szabo Szavay | 46 | Spain | Veronica Juan-Quilis | |
| 19 | Iceland | (vacancy) | 47 | Spain | (vacancy) | |
| 20 | Ireland | Niamh Lucey | 48 | Sweden | Colm Doyle | |
| 21 | Ireland | Paul Murphy | 49 | Sweden | Sofia Perner | |
| 22 | Ireland | Anne M. Obyrne | 50 | Sweden | Janet Wamby | |
| 23 | Italy | Gaetana Cognetti | 51 | Switzerland | Tomas Allan | |
| 24 | Italy | Federica Napolitani Cheyne | 52 | Switzerland | Minielle Brasey | |
| 25 | Italy | Maurella della Seta | 53 | Turkey | Güssün Güneş | |
| 26 | Latvia | Velta Poznaka | 54 | UK | Janet Harrison | |
| 27 | Latvia | Margarita Zelve | 55 | UK | Carol Lefebvre | |
| 28 | Lithuania | Jurate Stukiene | 56 | UK | Michelle Wake | |

3. EAHIL Secretariat

The EAHIL Secretariat, provided by Nicole Regoort and her staff in the offices of Leijte & Regoort in Maarssen, The Netherlands, continued to manage the Association's administrative affairs and commercial contacts efficiently under the supervision of Suzanne Bakker.

4. Journal of EAHIL

The Editorial Board continued to work hard to ensure a good supply of articles. Starting with Vol.7(1) for 2011 the quarterly publication schedule was revised so that issues would be published in March, June, September and December, one month later than in the previous schedule, in order to synchronise better with the inflow of copy and with the timing of the annual conference. The Journal remained in profit in 2011 thanks to income received from advertisers and to EBSCO's continuing generosity in meeting each issue's mailing costs.

5. EAHIL membership

At the end of 2011 there were 1,609 members from 46 different countries registered in the membership database. Of these 1,586 members were from 37 Council of Europe countries, with an additional 23 members from 9 non-European countries.

The Affiliated members were: American Association for Cancer Research, BioMed Central, EBSCO Information Services, Faculty of 1000 Ltd, IOS Press B.V., Mary Ann Liebert Inc., Nature Publishing Group, Portland Press Ltd, Sage Publications Ltd, Springer SBM B.V., Swets, Thieme Verlag KG, and Thomson Reuters.

A formal agreement between EAHIL and the Online Information Conference in London entitled EAHIL members to register for the conference at a discounted rate.

6. EAHIL meetings

The EAHIL 2011 Workshop, "Active Learning and Research Partners in Health", took place on 5-8 July 2011 at Koç University, Istanbul. 10 Continuing Education courses took place before the main meeting, which was attended by about 170 participants from 37 countries.

Plans were prepared for EAHIL's 2012 conference, to be held on 4-6 July 2012 in Brussels. This will be EAHIL's 25th Anniversary, and the Board approved a proposal to offer two €10,000 research grants, each for one or two years, to mark the occasion.

It was agreed that the 2013 Workshop would be held on 12-14 June 2013 in Stockholm.

7. Awards

EAHIL Scholarships, jointly sponsored by EBSCO, to attend the 2011 Workshop were awarded by the Executive Board to:

Isla Kuhn (UK), Jennifer Lopez (Switzerland), Paula Saraiva (Portugal), Malzorgata Sieradzka-Fleituch (Poland), Daiga Spila (Latvia), and Cristina Ungur (Romania).

A JEAHIL Scholarship, given by the Journal Editors to the best paper published in 2010, was awarded jointly to Eleni Kalogeraki and Eirini Tsalapatani (Greece).

2011 Workshop:

Best Oral Presentation: Leena Lodenius (Finland)

Best Oral Presentation by a First-Time Attendee: Dale Storie (Canada)

Best Poster: Federica Napolitani (Italy)

Best Poster by a First-Time Attendee: Kai Geschuhn (Germany).

The texts of the four award-winning contributions were published in the Journal of EAHIL, vol.7(3), September 2011, pp.3-23.

8. Special Interest Groups and Taskforces

In 2011 the following SIGs were available and active, each with its own discussion list:

- Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM)
- European Veterinary Libraries (EVLG)
- MeSH Information
- Pharmaceutical Information (PHING)
- Public Health Information (PHIG)

The newly-announced Health Informatics SIG failed to attract the expected support, and the Board agreed to recommend that it should be terminated.

The Registry Taskforce on professional certification reviewed its intended plans for a survey questionnaire to all members, after feedback from its pilot survey indicated the need for extensive modifications to its original approach.

The EAHIL Taskforce, which communicates mainly by Skype, drafted an Advocacy statement on the use of Web 2.0 tools in members' libraries. At the Board's request the Taskforce also began to prepare a project proposal specification that would address the need to redevelop the EAHIL website.

9. EAHIL web, information, communication services

- The EAHIL website continues to be hosted by the Université de Rouen and maintained by Benoit Thirion.
- The EAHIL membership database runs satisfactorily from its new host in the Netherlands following its transfer from Oslo, although some aspects of the transfer have yet to be completed.
- FormDesk is being used successfully to handle the submission of conference abstracts and scholarship applications.
- The EAHIL discussion lists are running successfully on the UK MailTalk system.
- The SURFgroepen site continues to host the wiki used by the Board and the JEAHIL Editorial Board.

10. Representatives

We are grateful to all the following individuals for their contributions as representatives in the following roles:

Medical Library Association

- Suzanne Bakker, as Past President, was the EAHIL representative to MLA and attended the MLA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis in May 2011. She also represented EAHIL on the M-libraries 4 conference committee.
- Bruce Madge was the MLA representative to EAHIL.

National Library of Medicine

- Becky Lyon stood down as the NLM representative to EAHIL following her retirement.

International Federation of Library Associations

- Ioana Robu became the EAHIL representative on the IFLA HBS Committee following Päivi Pekkarinen's retirement, and attended the 77th IFLA Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August 2011.

Health Information and Libraries Journal

- Federica Napolitani was the EAHIL representative on the HILJ International Editorial Advisory Board. Suzanne Bakker was also a member of the HILJ Board.