

## EAHIL Presidential report 2009: (version: June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010)

### **EAHIL Executive Board:**

Meetings took place in

Milan, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2009, Hotel

Dublin, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009, Dublin Castle Conference Centre

### Roles & Tasks 2009:

Suzanne Bakker – President (2009-2010 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Arne Jakobsson – Past President

Pirjo Rajakiili – Honorary Secretary & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2007-2010 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Manuela Colombi – Treasurer (2009-2012 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Helena Bouzkova – Coordinator Professional Development (2009-2012 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Benoit Thirion – First Vice President (2009-2012 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Lotta Haglund – Coordinator SIGs and 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorary Secretary (2009-2012 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Ivana Truccolo (1<sup>st</sup> co-opted) (2009-2010)

Marshall Dozier (2<sup>nd</sup> co-opted) incl. secretarial assistance (2009 June -- )

Sally Wood-Lamont – chief editor of J EAHIL

### **EAHIL Council:**

The 2009 members of the EAHIL Council:

		Country			Country
1	Constantin Cazan	AU	28	Jurate Stukiene	LT
2	Vinciane de Bergeyk	BE	29	Silvia Ciubrei	MD
3	Séverine Spronck	BE	30	Gerdien de Jonge	NL
4	Lea Skoric	CR	31	Ronald van Dieën	NL
5	Dana Zdenkova	CZ	32	Jacqueline Limpens	NL
6	Hanne Christensen	DK	33	Karen Johanne Busset	NO
7	Conni Skrubbeltrang	DK	34	Anne-Cathrine Overskott	NO
8	Sigrid Prank	EE	35	Hilde Strømme	NO
9	Katri Larmo	FI	36	Barbara Niedzwiedzka	PL
10	Jouni Leinomen	FI	37	Margarida Meira	PT
11	Tuulevi Ovaska	FI	38	Arminda Sustelo	PT
12	Marie Teissier	FR	39	Ioana Robu	RO
13	Guillette Utard-Wierick	FR	40	Viorica Scutariu	RO
14	Hélène Vaillant	FR	41	Larisa Zhmykhova	RU
15	Oliver Obst	DE	42	Matjaz Musek	SI
16	Friedhelm Rump	DE	43	Juan de la Camara	ES
17	Artemis Chaleplioglou	GR	44	Fanny Ribes Cot	ES
18	Judith Szabo Szavay	HU	45	Eva Alopaeus	SE
19	(vacancy)	IS	46	Ingrid Harnemo	SE
20	Muriel Haire	IE	47	Birgitta Stevinger	SE
21	Niamh Lucey	IE	48	Thomas Allen	CH
22	Anne Obyrne	IE	49	Minielle Brasey	CH
23	Gaetana Cognetti	IT	50	Gussun Gunes	TR
24	Laura Tei	IT	51	Marshall Dozier	UK
25	Federica Napolitani Cheyne	IT	52	Carol Lefebvre	UK
26	Velta Poznaka	LV	53	Michelle Wake	UK
27	Margarita Zelve	LV			

**Professional certification:**

The committee consisting of Helena Bouzkova, Ioana Robu, Maurella dela Seta, Françoise Pasleau and Suzanne Bakker discussed the first experiences with the questionnaire with a small group of council members in Dublin. It was concluded that the many questions with a yes/no answer need more details and nuances. The need for a register is not felt in most countries and the advantage for professional development plans and portfolio management is not achieved with the present form.

**EAHIL Rules of Procedures:**

A revised edition prepared by Eva Alopaeus and Birgitta Stevinger was approved in the GA in Dublin.

**Scholarships:**

6 scholarships were granted in 2009 to attend the Dublin workshop.

**EAHIL Secretariat:**

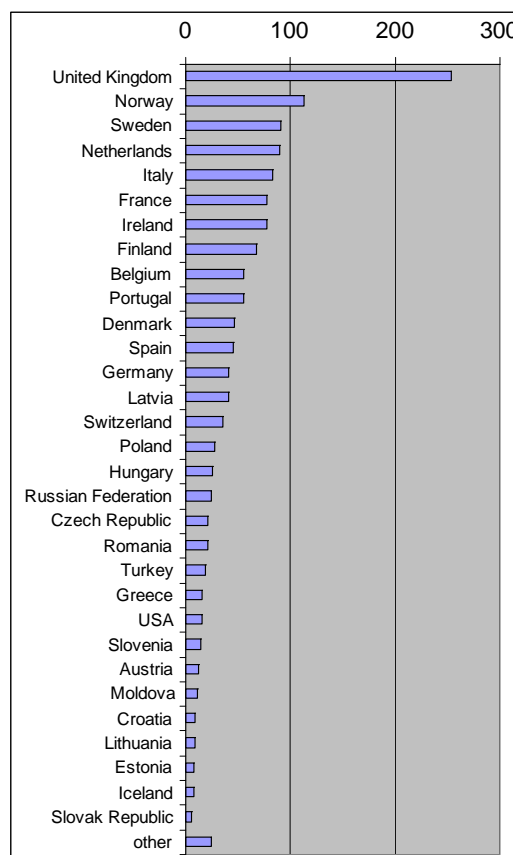
The administration and invoicing (affiliated membership and advertisements) runs smoothly taken care of by Nicole Regoort and her staff.

**Journal of EAHIL:**

Thanks to growing interest of advertisers there is more colour printing in the Journal. EBSCO's support for the Journal issues' mailings is very much appreciated.

**EAHIL membership:**

By end of December 2009 1441 members were registered in the database, 45 different countries, top ten: UK, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Italy, France, Ireland, Belgium and Portugal. Affiliated members: Biomed Central, Portland Publishing, EBSCO, Springer SBM, MA Liebert, Thieme Verlag, IOS Press, AACR, Swets and Thomson Reuters.



### **EAHIL web, information, communication services:**

- EAHIL website is hosted by the University of Rouen (contact: Benoit Thirion)
- EAHIL membership database and abstract submission system is hosted by the medical library of the University of Oslo (contact: Arne Jakobsson)
- EAHIL discussion lists are hosted by SURFnet (contact: Suzanne Bakker)
- EAHIL Surfgroepen site (to share documents and wiki) was set up for EAHIL Board and for the Editorial Board of JEAHIL (contact: Suzanne Bakker)

### **SIGs**

In 2009 the following SIGs were active and have their own discussion lists:

1. The Pharmaceutical Information Group (PhInG)

Michelle Wake and Giovanna Miranda co-chairing this group

2. The European Veterinary Libraries group (EVLG) coordinated by Friedhelm Rump

3. The Public Health Information Group (PubH) co-chaired by Paivi Pekkariinen and Sue Thomas.

4. The EAHIL-MeSH was launched in 2009, focussing on MeSH maintenance and MeSH translations.

5. An application was received to start a SIG for librarians in Complementary and Additional Medicine (accepted by the Board in February 2010)

A group focussing on Medical Informatics has not yet started activities, but the discussion list is available.

### **EAHIL WebTools**

A taskforce was launched to advise EAHIL Board on selection, use and implementation of web tools to the benefit of EAHIL organization and cooperation between EAHIL members. A lively presentation by Guus van de Brekel during the Council meeting in Dublin was followed by a fruitful discussion with a lot of ideas and plans.

### **MLA contacts and representation:**

Arne Jakobsson represented EAHIL to MLA; Bruce Madge was appointed by MLA as their representative towards EAHIL.

Benoit Thirion was able to attend the MLA meeting in Honolulu 2009.

### **HILJ Editorial Board Meeting:**

Federica Napolitani is the EAHIL representative in the International Editorial Advisory Board of the UK Health Information and Libraries Journal (published by Blackwell). Suzanne Bakker is also a member of this board and a link between the UK HLG and EAHIL. Federica participated in the Editorial Board meeting in June in London.

### **EAHIL Best presenters Dublin 2009:**

Ana Belen-Escriva (Sweden; first time oral), Susan Boyle (Ireland; first time poster), Sam Martin (UK; poster) and Muriel Haire (Ireland; oral)

### **IFLA 2009 Milan:**

Ivana Truccolo represented EAHIL at the IFLA meeting in Milan.

**ICML 2009 Brisbane Aug 31 – Sep 4:**

EAHIL was well represented in Brisbane; from the EAHIL Board: Arne Jakobsson, Pirjo Rajakiili and Lotta Haglund were there, with Lotta presenting a paper on “Evidence based library and information practice”.

**Nordic-Baltic-St. Petersburg project**

Continuing education courses and workshop for medical librarians «Transfer of Knowledge VIII» was organized in St. Petersburg in June by Elisabeth Husem (the president of EAHIL 1994-98 and an honorary member of Section for Medicine and Health). This project started in Kaunas in 2000 and was organized by three main partners:

- Norwegian Library Association, Section for Medicine and Health (SMH)
- Nordic- Baltic Association for Medical and Health Information
- St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies Library (MAPS), the librarian of which hosted the Transfer of Knowledge courses for the fourth time.

Thanks to the participation of EAHIL community the colleagues in Russia became closer to the European professional activity.