

EAHIL President's Report for 2012

1. EAHIL Executive Board

The Board met in Milan on 13/14 February 2012 and in Brussels on 2 July 2012.

Roles and tasks of Board members in 2012:

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 co-opted)
 Ivana Truccolo (2011-2012 co-opted)
 Sally Wood-Lamont (observer) - Chief Editor, Journal of EAHIL

During the year the Board introduced a new Policy Statement Nr.10, establishing formal observer status at Board meetings for the Secretariat Supervisor and Journal Editor.

2. EAHIL Council

The Council met on 3 July 2012 in Brussels, with 29 members present.

The EAHIL Councillors in 2012 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 Škorić	32	Netherlands	Jacqueline Limpens
5	Czech Rep.	Dana Zdenkova	33	Norway	Hanne Dybvik
6	Denmark	Hanne Christensen	34	Norway	Regina Kűfner Lein
7	Denmark	(vacancy)	35	Norway	Liv Vikan
8	Estonia	Sigrđ 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	France	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 Pemer
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	Gűssűn Gűneş
26	Latvia	Velta Pozņaka	54	UK	Janet Harrison
27	Latvia	Margarita Želve	55	UK	Carol Lefebvre
28	Lithuania	Jurate Stukiene	56	UK	Michelle Wake

3. Board and Council elections for 2013-16

Elections for the Executive Board were held in June 2012 with the following results:

Elected to serve as EAHIL President for 2013-14:

Lotta Haglund (Sweden) (183 votes)

Elected to the Board for 2013-16:

Ghislaine Declève (Belgium) (175 votes)

Maurella Della Seta (Italy) (172 votes)

Tuulevi Ovaska (Finland) (177 votes)

As the number of candidates exactly matched the number of vacancies it was not possible to follow the standard procedure of co-opting two other candidates to the Board for 2013-14, with the result that it would be smaller than usual.

Elections for Council members to serve in 2013-16 were held in November-December 2012. Those elected or re-elected were:

Ann De Meulemeester (Belgium), Lea Škorić (Croatia), Helena Bouzková (Czech Republic), Sigrid Prank (Estonia), Marie Teissier (France), Gyöngyi Karácsony (Hungary), Anna Sigríður Guðnadóttir (Iceland), Niamh Lucey (Ireland), Gaetana Cognetti (Italy), Federica Napolitani Cheyne (Italy), Margarita Želve (Latvia), Liubovi Karnaeva (Moldova), Gerdien de Jonge and Jacqueline Limpens (both Netherlands), Witold Kozakiewicz (Poland), Margarida Meira and Susana Henriques (both Portugal), Mar González Cantalejo (Spain), and Isabelle de Kaenel (Switzerland).

The four regional representatives forming the EAHIL Nomination Committee, which supervises the procedures for election nominations, were: Patricia Flor (Northern Europe), Margarida Meira (Southern Europe), Ronald van Dieën (Western Europe), and Sally Wood-Lamont (Eastern Europe) (Chair).

4. EAHIL Secretariat

The EAHIL Secretariat's administrative and financial affairs were again discharged efficiently by Nicole Regoort and her staff in the offices of Leijte & Regoort in Maarssen, The Netherlands, working closely with the Association's Secretariat Supervisor, Suzanne Bakker, and Treasurer, Manuela Colombi.

5. EAHIL auditors

Meile Kretaviciene and Oliver Obst acted as the Association's auditors for the 2011 accounts before standing down at the 2012 General Assembly. Pat Flor and Jarmila Potomkova were then appointed as the new auditors.

6. Journal of EAHIL

The Journal published Vol.8 in four quarterly issues, following the schedule (March, June, September, and December) that was adopted in 2011. The submission of articles for publication remains a problem, and the Editorial Board, under the leadership of Sally Wood-Lamont (Editor-in-Chief) and Federica Napolitani Cheyne (Assistant Editor) are to be commended for their efforts to ensure a sufficient supply. The Journal remained in surplus in 2012 thanks in part to income from advertisers and EBSCO's continuing generosity in

covering the mailing costs of each issue, combined with the Journal's very cost-efficient production process.

7. EAHIL membership

The EAHIL membership records were transferred to a new database platform (Formdesk) at the end of 2012, at which time the database held 1433 registered members. As the development of the new database was incomplete at that time a more detailed analysis of the membership data was not available.

8. EAHIL meetings

The EAHIL 2012 conference, "Health Information Without Frontiers", was held on 4-6 July 2012 at the Université catholique de Louvain, Brussels. Nine Continuing Education Courses took place before the main meeting, which was attended by more than 250 participants from 33 countries. This conference marked the 25th anniversary of EAHIL's first conference in 1988, also held in Brussels, and the programme included special sessions and displays to mark the occasion. The anniversary was also celebrated by the award of two one-year 25th Anniversary Research Grants, each for €10,000. The two successful research project applications, chosen from 13 submissions following evaluation by an independent panel of experts, were from Janet Harrison (Loughborough University, UK) for the project "European Health Library Quality Standards: A Model", and from Barbara Sen (Sheffield University, UK) for the project "Health Information Professionals, Their Roles and Contribution to Health Care".

It was confirmed that the next Workshop would be held in Stockholm on 12-14 June 2013. It was also announced that the Board had approved a proposal to hold the 2014 conference in Rome.

9. Awards

The recipient of the EAHIL Award for 2011 was Päivi Pekkarinen (Finland) for her long-term contribution to EAHIL and international librarianship, and in particular her instrumental role in starting the Public Health Special Interest Group, and in representing EAHIL's interests at IFLA.

The recipient of the EAHIL Award for 2012 was Pat Flor (Norway) for her outstanding record of contributions to International Programme Committees, the organisation of continuing education courses, and her work with the Nomination Committee.

EAHIL-EBSCO Scholarships to attend the 2012 Conference were awarded by the Executive Board to: Zane Bruvere (Latvia), Karin Byström (Sweden), Chiara Cipolat Mis (Italy), Susana Henriques (Portugal), Rebeca Isabel (Spain), and Riina Kuik (Estonia). The awards, each worth €500, are jointly sponsored by the Association and EBSCO.

A JEAHIL Scholarship for €500, given by the Journal Editors to the best paper published in 2011, was awarded jointly to Maurella Della Seta, Corrado Di Benedetto, Luisa Leone, and Scilla Pizzarelli (Italy).

2012 Conference:

Best Oral Presentation: Daisy de Sutter (Belgium)

Best Oral Presentation by a First-Time Attendee: Denise Koufogiannakis (Canada)

Best Poster: Karin Byström (Sweden)

Best Poster by a First-Time Attendee: Sandy Campbell (Canada)

The texts of three of the four award-winning contributions were published in the Journal of EAHIL, vol.8(3), September 2012, pp.3-13.

10. Special Interest Groups and Taskforces

In 2012 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 Board confirmed that the Health Informatics SIG had been discontinued owing to lack of support.

The role of the Registry Taskforce was reviewed at length at the Council's meeting in Brussels, where the need for it was confirmed.

The Web Tools Taskforce produced a "Position Statement to Support Institutional Access to Web Tools" which was adopted by the Board for publication as an advocacy statement that members could use within their own institutions.

11. EAHIL web, information, communication services

- The Association's email lists were successfully transferred from the UK-based Mailtalk hosting service (which was closing) to the Netherlands-based eCompass hosting service.
- The membership records were moved to EAHIL's Formdesk database and all members were asked to update their membership data.
- At the end of 2012 it was agreed that the EAHIL website should be moved from its previous host server at the Université de Rouen (where editorial access was not permitted for non-members of the institution) to a new host server www.eahil.eu which will allow the work of managing the website content to be more widely shared under the continuing supervision of the EAHIL webmaster, Benoit Thirion.

12. 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 Seattle in May 2012.
- Bruce Madge was the MLA representative to EAHIL until his resignation in May 2012, when Carol Lefebvre was appointed to replace him.

International Federation of Library Associations

- Ioana Robu served as the EAHIL representative on the IFLA HBS Committee.

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.