

EAHIL Executive Board:

Meetings took place in

Maarssen, February 1st, 2008 at Leijte & Regoort’s office (EAHIL secretariat)

Helsinki, June 24th, 2008, Faculty Club, Biomedicum, Helsinki

Roles & Tasks 2008:

Arne Jakobsson – Past President

Tony McSeán – Secretary

Manuela Colombi – Treasurer

Helena Bouzkova – Continuing Education and Professional Development Coordinator

Pirjo Rajakiili – Second Vice President

Benoit Thirion – First Vice President (filling vacancy of Linda’s)

Meile Kretaviciene – Second Secretary, Internal Communications Officer (1st co-opted)

Enrica Veronesi (2nd co-opted)

Sally Wood-Lamont – chief editor of J EAHIL

EAHIL Council:

The 2008 members of the Council were:

		Country			Country
1	Constantin Cazan	AU	23	Rikie Deurenberg	NL
2	Vinciane de Bergeyk	BE	24	Ronald van Dieën	NL
3	Séverine Spronck	BE	25	Karen Johanne Busset	NO
4	Dana Zdenkova	CZ	26	Anne-Cathrine Overskott	NO
5	Hanne Christensen	DK	27	Hilde Strømme	NO
6	Conni Skrubbeltang	DK	28	Barbara Niedzwiedzka	PL
7	Katri Larmo	FI	29	Arminda Sustelo	PT
8	Jouni Leinomen	FI	30	Ioana Robu	RO
9	Guillette Utard-Wierick	FR	31	Viorica Scutariu	RO
10	Hélène Vaillant	FR	32	Larisa Zhmykhova	RU
11	Oliver Obst	DE	33	Matjaz Musek	SI
12	Friedhelm Rump	DE	34	Juan de la Camara	ES
13	Litsa Lappa	GR	35	Fanny Ribes Cot	ES
14	Livia Vasas	HU	36	Eva Alopaeus	SE
15	Muriel Haire	IE	37	Ingrid Harnemo	SE
16	Anne Obyrne	IE	38	Birgitta Stevinger	SE
17	Maurella Della Seta	IT	39	Minielle Brasey	CH
18	Laura Tei	IT	40	Gussun Gunes	TR
19	Ivana Truccolo	IT	41	Marshall Dozier	UK
20	Velta Poznaka	LV	42	Carol Lefebvre	UK
21	Jurate Stukiene	LT	43	Michelle Wake	UK
22	Silvia Ciubrei	MD			

Professional certification:

The committee consisting of Helena Bouzkova, Ioana Robu, Maurella dela Seta, Françoise Pasleau and Suzanne Bakker worked on a list of items for a questionnaire, after a meeting in Abcoude on Saturday February 2nd of Helena, Ioana, Françoise and Suzanne, where a draft of structure was agreed of which further details were discussed by e-mail discussion list EAHIL-REG@nic.surfnet.nl

A summary was presented in the General Assembly in Helsinki. EAHIL members agreed on the work done so far and awaits further reporting by the committee for approval.

EAHIL Rules of Procedures:

After the registration of the revised EAHIL statutes, it was necessary to revise the Rules of Procedures. A draft of revision was presented at the Council meeting in Helsinki. After detailed discussions in small groups, a proposal was composed for the General Assembly and the Council gave a mandate to Eva Alopaeus and Birgitta Stevinger who volunteered to critically read and prepare a revised edition for the General Assembly 2009 in Dublin.

Scholarships:

8 scholarships for Helsinki were granted; due to loss of e-mail contact, one scholarship was not consumed but will be postponed to the Dublin workshop and one awardee was not able to attend the meeting; the scholarship was not transferred.

EAHIL Secretariat:

This was the second year of services by Nicole Regoort for the EAHIL secretariat. Visa Credit Card company changed authorization procedures; debiting cards was impossible for some time. In general it still is cumbersome to receive money from the members outside Europe. Some do not understand the procedures, some cards were not acceptable (due to delay the date of expiration had passed). MLA membership administration is in general very late in forwarding details of EAHIL members in USA (registered by MLA).

Affiliated members can still opt for receiving twice/year address data of EAHIL members for a small extra cost; data are forwarded by e-mail; affiliated members are informed about the restrictions on usage and the unlawfulness of storage and reuse of these data.

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:

January 2009 1349 members registered in the database, 220 new registrations in 2008.

Albania	1	Germany	40	Portugal	44
Australia	3	Greece	15	Romania	20
Austria	11	Hungary	23	Russian Federation	24
Belarus	2	Iceland	6	Saudi Arabia	1
Belgium	52	India	1	Serbia & Montenegro	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	Ireland	75	Slovak Republic	4
Bulgaria	1	Israel	1	Slovenia	14
Canada	2	Italy	73	South Africa	1
Croatia	7	Latvia	41	Spain	39
Cyprus	2	Lithuania	9	Sweden	86
Czech Republic	19	Macedonia	1	Switzerland	32
Denmark	44	Moldova	11	Turkey	14
Estonia	7	Netherlands	87	United Kingdom	236
Finland	64	Norway	112	USA	17
France	75	Poland	27		Total: 1349

Affiliated members:

Workplace	Post Address	Country
Am Soc Clin Oncol	Alexandria, Virginia	USA
BioMed Central	London	UK
The Haworth Press	Kirkwood, NY	USA
Portland Press Ltd	COLCHESTER	UK
EBSCO Information Services	Aalsmeer	Netherlands
EBSCO Information Services	Antony Cedex	France
Mary Ann Liebert	New Rochelle - NY	USA

THIEME VERLAG KG	STUTTGART	Germany
IOS Press b.v.	Amsterdam	Netherlands
Technology Patent & Research Int	San Diego	USA
Elsevier BV	AMSTERDAM	Netherlands
BMJ Group	LONDON WC1H 9JR	UK
American Association for Cancer Research	PHILADELPHIA	USA
Springer SBM B.V.	Dordrecht	Netherlands
Swets	LISSE	Netherlands
Thomson Reuters	London	UK
TheScientificWorld Ltd	Newbury, Berkshire	UK

*problems due to change of contact persons or otherwise

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)

SIGs

In 2008 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 and
3. The Public Health Information Group (PubH) (formerly WHO Documentation Centres) co-chaired by Paivi Pekkariinen and Sue Thomas.

A 4th group focussing on Medical Informatics was proposed by Bruce Madge and several colleagues showed interest in joining.

A 5th group focussing on MeSH maintenance and MeSH translations was proposed, but not yet launched.

MLA contacts and representation:

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

HILJ Editorial Board Meeting:

Frederica 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. Both participated in the Editorial Board meeting in June in London by teleconferencing by phone.

CHLA Canada

Benoit Thirion and Ioana Robu participated and represented EAHIL

IFLA 2008 Quebec, Canada

Meile Kretaviciene attended the IFLA conference in Canada and represented EAHIL at the IFLA Council meeting on 14th August. Every issues included into the IFLA Council meeting agenda were accepted by absolutely majority of votes. No specific issues concerning EAHIL or medical libraries were discussed at the Council meeting.

LIBER

Marta Viragos is trait-d'union between EAHIL and LIBER.

Wouter Schallier, former medical librarian in Leuven (Belgium) was appointed director.

Suzanne Bakker and Wouter discussed about possibilities of closer cooperation between the two associations.

2ECSPBM Oslo

EAHIL supported the 2nd European Conference on Scientific Publishing in Biomedicine and Medicine, Rikshospitalet University Hospital, Oslo, Norway, 4-6 September 2008.

The principal aim of the European Conference on Scientific Publishing in Biomedicine and Medicine series is to broaden researchers' understanding and knowledge of the rapid changes in scientific communication and the publishing environment and their direct impact on the research community.

The 2nd conference gathered some of the most authoritative opinions on these issues and offered the opportunity to participate in lectures and 8 educational workshops in various areas related to STM publishing.

EAHIL 2008 Helsinki

EAHIL awards for outstanding medical librarianship were granted to:

Linda Lisgarten and Ulrich Korwitz

EAHIL awards for best presentations (a free registration for Dublin or Lisbon) were granted to:

- Ilse Schødt (DK), first timer poster;
- Tuulikki Airaksinen (FIN), poster;
- Christine Brouwir (BE), first time presenter
- Dieuwke Brand (NL), best presenter

EAHIL 2009 Dublin

The IPC meeting took place in December in Dublin.

EAHIL 2010 Lisbon

Margarida Meira reported about progress at the Board meeting; an IPC meeting took place in Helsinki.

EAHIL 2011

A letter of intent was received from colleagues from Istanbul.

ICML 2009 Brisbane Aug 31 – Sep 4:

Presentations from Heather Todd and Jill Buckley Smith in Helsinki made it possible to get first hand information about Brisbane and to establish personal contacts.