

President's Report 2000

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Leaving the Chair to Tony McSean I would like first of all to thank all the Board Members working with me from January 1999 until December 2000 for the friendly co-operation in achieving the proposed goals. The same gratitude goes to all Council Members. Without their co-operation very few things could have been accomplished.

The main activities of these two years can be summarised as follows:

- 1) To give a more visible role to the Council Members
- 2) To involve the members from the Southern European Countries
- 3) To give new impulse to the PharmaInfoGroup
- 4) To have a stronger relationship MLA-EAHIL

1) Council Members met in Amsterdam in January and took active part in the definition of the new Statutes. Moreover some groups have started with the discussion of specific themes. Many Council Members will be in charge for other two years and I hope they will boost new activities for the wellbeing of the Association.

2) Next workshop (June 7-9, 2001) will be held in Italy and the LOC has asked strong co-operation from Italian, Spanish and Portuguese members. We all hope that the audience coming from those and other Mediterranean Countries will gain interest in EAHIL activities so as to become member of the Association. Today the Final Scientific Programme will be distributed to the participants in this Board meeting.

3) A group of four Members belonging to pharmaceutical industries are trying to bring the PharmaInfoGroup to life again. In London they organised a parallel session within ICML and a subgroup meeting, both very successful. During our next workshop there will be a pre-meeting session organised by this group and they will exhibit an institutional poster for a better visibility of its aims and scopes.

There was also a contact with the Veterinarians' subgroup to prepare an institutional poster during the workshop there will be a few presentations by veterinarians.

4) Support was given to the realisation of a stronger relationship with MLA. The Past-President has co-operated with Donna Flake to realise this goal and a new agreement has been signed on July 1st 2000. The main changes are that the members will be able to attend the conferences and workshops of both Associations paying always the reduced member rate. This is already active for the Alghero Workshop.

Other events during this period were the workshop in Tartu, the first to take place so far east in Europe, and the London conference, in conjunction with ICML, where we had the possibility to organise our own session to discuss examples of co-operation among libraries.

A new Editor took the responsibility of the Newsletter and her experience has come up since the first issue.

In October the Secretariat was transferred to Utrecht with NBV (the National Association of Dutch Librarians) always supervised by Suzanne Bakker.

And to conclude we already have plans for the future, at least as far as conferences and workshops are concerned.

2001	Workshop in Alghero - Sardinia in June
2002	Conference in Cologne - September Organised by the German Central Library of Medicine
2003	Workshop in Oslo - together with the annual conference of the librarians of the Nordic Countries
2004	Conference in Spain
2005	Again with ICML in Brazil

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