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Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to welcome you in the Czech Republic and hope that you will enjoy your stay in Prague, the Heart of Europe. This is the first EAHIL meeting to be held in the Central and Eastern Europe and we are honored to act as hosts to so many prominent librarians and information specialists from across Europe and also from the other side of the Atlantic.

The Symposium is an opportunity to enhance old and to establish new contacts, to bring mutual inspiration in further work and to ensure our professional skills. In this way it should become a stimulus to further cooperation and development of European medical information and library services. The present-day development in the field of national and worldwide networks is a challenge to all of us.

It is our pleasant duty to express sincere thanks to all colleagues from the EAHIL Board and from the Newsletter Editorial Board for their assistance in the preparations of this meeting. The Organizing Committee is also greatly indebted for the generous financial support from the EAHIL Board as well as from the companies EBSCO, Swets and Zeitlinger, Minerva and SUWECO.

We believe that we have prepared an interesting professional and social programme and that your stay in Prague will be a successful and memorable one.