

Letter from the President



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Dear Colleagues,

I find the themes chosen for this JEAHIL issue particularly interesting. As librarians, many of us are seeing calls for development in knowledge and skills to better support research data management in students and researchers (see, for example, this recent event hosted by OCLC <http://oclc.org/research/events/2014/06-10.html> ‘Libraries and Research: Supporting Change/Changing Support’) partly in response to calls by funding bodies to make data available and linked to related publications (see, for example, the UK’s Medical Research Council on data sharing <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Ourresearch/Ethicsresearchguidance/datasharing/index.htm>). But how many of us really understand the nature of the data handled by our research colleagues, the requirements for its management, and the appropriateness of the various storage options available (assuming they are available)? One of our professional strengths is a deep understanding of metadata and cataloguing, which are of value in supporting researchers in making their data more likely to be re-usable. Many of us also participate in systematic review teams. But, I think that in order to truly support researchers, we should better understand the nature of research, and in order to understand the nature of research, it is necessary to undertake it, even in small ways. My sense, though, is that many of us do not really engage with research-like activities – but is it true? I’d like to know what you think!

In the area of supporting the communication of research I think there are significant and crucial roles that libraries already play, and which we can expand:

- Helping researchers find the right publisher in (whether by assessing quality of editorial engagement, impact, audience, open access policies)
- Helping researchers retain copyright in their publications
- Helping manage open access funds, and advising on open access publication options
- Hosting institutional repositories for publications and datasets
- Hosting systems such as the Open Journal System

Moving on to upcoming EAHIL matters...

Elections for Council members

As you will see elsewhere in this JEAHIL issue, we are now sending out a call for nominations for Council members for the term 2015-2018. I encourage you to consider becoming a Councillor for your country: you can find a list of vacancies in this issue as well as a nomination form.

Update your membership record

In order to vote in this year’s elections, you need to have an active membership record. We also need to make sure that we have the correct email and postal addresses for you. Please update your membership record by visiting <https://fd8.formdesk.com/EAHIL/membership>

As I write this, I am preparing for the conference in Rome – I hope to see many of you there!

All best wishes
Marshall

Call for nominations

EAHIL Council election 2014 for the period 2015-2018

The Council is an advisory group for the Board and acts as a link between the members in their country and the Association. Council members also have an important role in publicising EAHIL and recruiting new members. The Council usually meets formally once a year at the time of the annual EAHIL conference or workshop.

Councillors are elected for a term of four years by the voting EAHIL members resident in their country. Councillors may be re-elected once, after which they are not eligible for re-election until they have been absent from the Council for two years.

Each member state of the Council of Europe is eligible to elect councillors, provided that there are at least at least five voting members based in the country:

- fewer than 5 voting members = 0 councillors
- 5-29 voting members = 1 councillor
- 30-54 voting members = 2 councillors
- 55 and over = 3 councillors

The list below details the Council vacancies by country for the term starting in 2015. The available places were calculated based on a count of all EAHIL members on 8 May 2014. If the number of members increases by 26 September 2014, there may be an entitlement of an additional Councillor in some countries.

Procedure for nominating Council members

The nomination form is printed in the next pages of this issue, and is available on the EAHIL web site at www.eahil.eu/about/Elections-information.html Any two members can nominate a Council member from their own country. Please send the fully completed form **not later than** 25 July 2014 to the EAHIL Nomination Committee (address is on the form). Voting will be conducted electronically in October 2014. To be able to vote, please make sure that you have an up-to-date email address in the membership database (<https://fd8.formdesk.com/EAHIL/membership>).

Please encourage members to stand for the Council election!

On behalf of the Nomination Committee,

Marshall Dozier
EAHIL President

Countries with upcoming Council vacancies as of May 2014

*may stand for election in 2014

** may not stand for election in 2014

*** retired

| Country | Current Council members 2014 | Total Council places | Vacancies: Election needed for 2015 |
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| Austria | Helmut Dollfuss 2011-2014 1st term* | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| Belgium | Vinciane de Bergeyck 2011-2014 2nd term** Ann De Meulemeester 2013-2016 1st term Caroline Vandeschoor 2011-2014 2nd term** | 2 | 1 vacancy |
| Denmark | Hanne Christensen 2011-2014 2nd term** (Vacancy 2013-) | 2 | 2 vacancies |
| Finland | Katri Larmo 2011-2014 2nd term** Jouni Leinonen 2011-2014 2nd term** Minna Liikala 2011-2014 1st term* | 3 | 3 vacancies |
| France | Marie Teissier 2013-2016 2nd term*** Guillemette Utard-Wlerick 2011-2014 2nd term** Hélène Vaillant 2011-2014 2nd term** | 3 | 3 vacancies |
| Germany | Oliver Obst 2011-2014 2nd term** Ulrich Korwitz (deputising after resignation - may now stand for a 1st term) | 2 | 2 vacancies |
| Greece | (vacancy 2013-) | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| Ireland | Niamh Lucey 2013-2016 2nd term Paul Murphy 2011-2014 1st term* Anne M. Obyrne 2011-2014 2nd term** | 3 | 2 vacancies |
| Italy | Gaetana Cognetti 2013-2016 2nd term Federica Napolitani Cheyne 2013-2016 2nd term (Vacancy 2013-) | 3 | 1 vacancy |

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| Lithuania | Jurate Stukiene 2011-2014 2nd term** | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| Moldova | Silvia Ciubrei 2011-2014 2nd term** Karbaeva Liubovi 2013-2016 1st term | 2 | 1 vacancy |
| Netherlands | Ronald van Dieën 2011-2014 2nd term** Gerdien de Jonge 2013-2016 2nd term Jacqueline Limpens 2013-2016 2nd term | 3 | 1 vacancy |
| Norway | Hanne Dybvik 2011-2014 1st term* Regina KufnerLein 2011-2014 1st term* Liv Vikan 2011-2014 1st term* | 3 | 3 vacancies |
| Poland | Witold Kozakiewicz 2013-2016 1st term (Vacancy 2013-) | 2 | 1 vacancy |
| Romania | Ioana Robu 2011-2014 2nd term** Viorica Scutariu 2011-2014 2nd term** | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| Russian Federation | Larisa Zhmykhova 2011-2014 1st term* | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| Slovenia | Matjaz Musek 2011-2014 2nd term** | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| Spain | Juan de la Camara 2011-2014 2nd term** Mar Gonzales Cantalejo 2013-2016 1st term Veronica Juan-Quilis 2011-2014 1st term* | 3 | 2 vacancies |
| Sweden | Colm Doyle 2011-2014 1st term* Sofia Perner 2011-2014 1st term* Janet Wamby 2011-2014 1st term* | 3 | 3 vacancies |
| Switzerland | Isabelle de Kaenel 2013-2016 1st term (Vacancy 2013-) | 2 | 1 vacancy |
| Turkey | Gussun Gunes 2011-2014 2nd term** | 1 | 1 vacancy |
| UK | Janet Harrison 2011-2014 1st term* Carol Lefebvre 2011-2014 2nd term** Michelle Wake 2011-2014 2nd term** | 3 | 3 vacancies |

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Council Election 2014 Nomination Form

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| I, EAHIL member Address: City: Country: Email: Date: Signature: | I, _____ in the 2014 elections EAHIL member Address: City: Country: Email: Date: Signature: |
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I hereby nominate as a candidate for the EAHIL Council in the 2014 EAHIL election:

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| Candidate for EAHIL Council for: (country) Name: Job title: Institutional address: City & Country: Phone: Fax: E-mail: |
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Candidate's agreement:

I agree to be a candidate in the 2014 elections and am willing and able to serve on the Council of EAHIL from 2015-2016.

Date: Signed:

Completed forms should be sent not later than **25 July 2014** preferably via email to: EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl or to: EAHIL Secretariat, attn.: Nominations Committee, PO Box 1393, NL-3600 BJ Marssen, The Netherlands. Fax: +31 346 550 876



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