

The EAHIL Presidency

Dear Colleagues,

As you will be aware, in 2012 elections were held for the post of EAHIL President to serve for 2013-14. Lotta Haglund (Sweden) was duly elected unopposed, and her election was reported at the EAHIL General Assembly in Brussels in July 2012. Later in 2012 Lotta changed jobs, and she then came to the conclusion that her new responsibilities would prevent her from discharging the duties of EAHIL President as conscientiously as she would have liked. Lotta has therefore tendered her resignation, which the Executive Board, under the temporary chairmanship of the Past President, Peter Morgan, reluctantly accepted at their first meeting of the year on 11-12 February 2013 in Amsterdam. In accordance with EAHIL's Rules of Procedure 7(c) the Board then elected Marshall Dozier (UK) to serve as EAHIL President for 2013-14 with effect from 12 February 2013. The Board greatly regret the loss of Lotta's services as a valued member and wish her well in her new post, while hoping that it will not be too long before she is again able to return to an active role with EAHIL. They also congratulate Marshall on her election to the role of President and are grateful to her for agreeing to accept this responsibility.

(signed) The EAHIL Executive Board *and* Lotta Haglund

Extraordinary Board election

The events described above mean that there is a vacancy for a full Board member for 2013-16. As last year's Board elections were uncontested, with only one candidate for each vacancy, the Board were also prevented from following the usual practice of co-opting the two unsuccessful candidates with the highest number of votes. This means that the Board is currently short of one full and two co-opted members. At their February meeting the current members were concerned that it would be difficult for an under-strength Board to meet all the responsibilities and challenges expected over the next few years. The Board have therefore resolved to hold an *immediate extraordinary Board election* to fill the vacancy for 2013-16, and hope that this will also provide sufficient candidates to enable two additional co-opted members to be recruited for 2013-14. A nomination form and voting instructions are in this issue of the Journal, and are also available from the EAHIL website http://www.eahil.net/about_eahil.htm in PDF and Word formats

Letter from the President



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Dear Colleagues,

As you'll now know from the announcement recently made by email to all members and published in this issue of the Journal, before the February 2013 Board meeting, none of us was expecting that I would be the one writing the first President's letter of the year. I will miss Lotta very much, especially as she has been an inspiration to me – and I look forward to when she will be able to join in EAHIL activities again. I feel a little bit like Bilbo Baggins (if you will excuse the allusion to *The Hobbit*, which is on my mind since I recently saw the film) in that taking up the role of President is an *unexpected journey*. But the analogy doesn't go much further: I don't anticipate orcs or trolls! I am honoured that the Board has such confidence in me, and also to have the opportunity to serve EAHIL in return for how much I have benefitted from being a member. I am very happy that there is an excellent team of colleagues to work with – in the Board especially, but certainly also in the Council and general EAHIL membership.

At the time of writing this letter, it's the end of the week in which we had our February Board meeting in Amsterdam. As this was the start of a new planning cycle in the Board, we welcomed our new Board members for the 2013-2016 term, Ghislaine Declève (Belgium) and Maurella Della Seta (Italy), and gave another thanks to departed Board members Helena Bouzková (Czech Republic), Lotta Haglund (Sweden) and Ivana Truccolo (Italy). Manuela Colombi has also finished her last term, but I'm very grateful that she has agreed to remain active as co-Treasurer for six months to enable a smooth hand-over to Ghislaine as the new Treasurer. We also have new officers in Karen Buset as the new Secretary, and Tuulevi Ovaska as new Vice President to the Board. Peter Morgan now moves to the role of Past President, and I'm grateful for the assistance he has already given me, even before this first week is out! Suzanne Bakker continues as a non-executive Board member, as supervisor of the Secretariat, which is based in the Netherlands, where EAHIL is formally registered. Suzanne is also doing the important work of managing EAHIL's mailing lists membership database, as well as liaising with the providers hosting those services. Sally Wood, as the chief editor of this Journal, continues as a valuable non-executive member of the Board who manages JEAHIL and ensures good communication with the Journal's editorial team. As you will see elsewhere in this issue, we are immediately holding an extraordinary election for a Board member, since we are now short of a complete Board, and ideally we would also like to have two additional, co-opted and non-executive, members to ensure continuity and wider expertise: we hope you will consider standing for election!

I'd like to welcome new Councillors for the 2013-2016 term too, both those new to the Council and those re-elected at the end of 2012: Ann De Meulemeester (Belgium), Lea Škorić (Croatia), Helena Bouzková (Czech Republic), Sigrid Prank (Estonia), Marie Teissier (France), Gyöngyi Karácsony (Hungary), Anna Sigridur Guðnadóttir (Iceland), Niamh Lucey (Ireland), Gaetana Cognetti and Federica Napolitani Cheyne (both Italy), Margarita Želve

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(Latvia), Liubovi Karneva (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 Council serves a very important role shaping EAHIL's activities, so I'm concerned that we have several vacant Council places and would urge members in these countries to consider becoming a Councillor: Denmark, Greece, Poland, Slovak Republic and Switzerland. If you would like to have an informal chat about the Council, please email me.

Because I didn't write an election manifesto that would let members find out about me and how I think EAHIL could develop, I thought I should use this letter to introduce myself by sharing a bit about my background and thinking. I was born in Mexico and grew up in Costa Rica and several parts of the USA – I think this formative experience has led me to value a diversity of opinion and perspective. I have lived in Scotland for about 20 years, am married to an 'Edinburgher' and share a flat with him, our cat Tigris and many books. I work at the University of Edinburgh as a liaison librarian, mostly supporting postgraduates, researchers and teachers in the schools of medicine. Our library service is converged with the computing and eLearning (technology enhanced learning) services, so we have many teams made up of colleagues with different professional backgrounds. I think this can be valuable, since the boundaries of delivery and support for library services are becoming fuzzier and fuzzier in relation to these other services, and we are very inter-dependent. One area of work for me at present is advocacy of open access publications and good research data management practices: to improve my capacity for the latter, I'm currently taking a research data management seminar course designed by my colleagues at the EDINA national data centre, based on their MANTRA online course (<http://datalib.edina.ac.uk/mantra/>). I still have a lot to learn! Another big area of work for me is supporting distance learners: my university is putting a great deal of investment into online degree programmes, mostly at Masters level, and there have been some challenging but always interesting impacts on the library services – how to ensure online provision of course reading materials and effective support for students who are many thousands of miles away? As well as working, I am studying part-time for a Doctorate in Education: my research topic is in the area of information behaviour.

I see EAHIL as an organisation that enables our professional development as librarians and information scientists. My first involvement in EAHIL was at the conference in Cologne in 2002: it was my first international conference, and my colleague, Fiona Brown, and I presented a paper with enormous trepidation. But, to our immense relief, it turned out to be a really rewarding experience and it was then that I realised that to get the most benefit from conferences, especially to build professional collaborations and exchanges, it really is necessary to be an active participant. This was probably obvious to you all along!

I would like to see EAHIL continue to offer opportunities for our individual and collective professional development. As information professionals, I cannot see any diminution in the importance of our roles as information and data sources continue to diversify and grow. But, we often have a challenge in demonstrating the value of our expertise, even in healthy financial times. So, one area that I would like us to focus on in EAHIL is demonstration of value and impact. On the surface, this may appear to be a self-serving aim, but fundamentally our roles are crucial to the core aims of our organisations. I would like us, as a profession, to be more robust in our research. I support evidence-based library practice, and I would like us to challenge ourselves to extend our thinking about this, especially as reflexive practitioners and researchers.

Looking ahead to the coming years, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the workshop in Stockholm this coming June. As a member of the International Planning Committee, I visited the Vår Gård venue in Saltsjöbaden in December 2012, when the IPC developed the topics and selected 'un-conference' formats of the workshop sessions. The venue was beautiful in December with -11C temperatures, and it will be even more beautiful in the weeks before mid-summer. The arrangement of accommodation and meetings spaces ensures that no time will be wasted travelling between the two: more time for networking, catching up with friends and colleagues and even relaxing a bit. The meeting spaces are varied – conducive to the different activities of the workshop. The content and design of the workshop are exciting: like any conference, it will be a chance to learn about others' professional activities and exchange experiences, but this workshop will give an opportunity to shape your learning experience in a way I

believe we've not had before. We've been asked to be prepared to step out of our comfort zones: but remember, the EAHIL family is a friendly and supportive one, so although participation in workshop groups might feel a bit risky at first, we are in this together and will support one another. I'm also looking forward to the next conference, in Rome in 2014. The combination of modern venue and classic city will be difficult to resist... more tempting details about the conference programme will be announced at the General Assembly in June: I can't wait.

I'd like to use this opportunity to make a call for proposals to organise future EAHIL events in 2015, 2016 and 2017. The usual pattern is that a workshop takes place in an odd-number year (like 2015) and a conference in an even-number year. If you would like to have an informal chat about some ideas you have for a future event, please don't hesitate to contact me or any Board member. Proposals for consideration at the next Board meeting in June 2013 should be sent by the end of May 2013, by email to EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl.

It's a little bit late in the year now for New Year Resolutions, but I will take advantage of this letter to highlight several ways in which you could get more involved in EAHIL:

1. Attend the Council meeting in June as an observer to get a taste for it and see if you could be tempted to stand for election
2. Join or initiate a Special Interest Group
3. Submit papers to the Journal of EAHIL (JEAHIL)
4. If you are a confident English speaker, offer your help in editing/revising the English of JEAHIL article submissions for colleagues who would like a little help
5. Formulate a proposal to host a future EAHIL event
6. Stand for election to the Board

I've found that with EAHIL, whatever effort I put into getting involved seems to yield at least double in learning and pleasure in working with inspiring colleagues. I am convinced that you will have the same experience.

EAHIL-EBSCO WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2013

Deadline for applications: **15 March 2013**

The EAHIL Executive Board is pleased to announce the availability of six EAHIL-EBSCO Scholarships to be awarded to worthy individuals to attend the EAHIL Workshop in Stockholm on 12-14 June 2013 <http://eahil2013.kib.ki.se/>. The Scholarships, which are partly sponsored by the generous support of EBSCO, will each be 500 euros maximum.

Applications must be made using the online application form at <http://www.formdesk.com/eahil/scholarship2013> and must be submitted online not later than the closing date of 15 March 2013.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must not previously have received a scholarship or registration award from EAHIL
- Applicants should still be getting established in the profession
- Scholarships are not awarded to members from the country hosting the conference (Sweden)
- Successful applicants will not be eligible for any concurrent fee waiver offered to specified participants at the conference.

Please note all applications will be considered in confidence and will be judged on the merits of the case submitted by each applicant.

The EAHIL Executive Board will notify successful applicants not later than 25 March 2013.

(NB Registration for the Workshop will close on 7 April.)

EAHIL Council

Following the 2012 Council elections the Council membership, including both existing Councillors (2011-14) and those newly elected* or re-elected** for 2013-16, is as follows.

Country	Total Council places	Council member	Term of office
Austria	1	Helmut Dollfuss	2011-14 (1st term)
Belgium	3	Vinciane de Bergeyck	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Ann De Meulemeester *	2013-16 (1st term)
		Caroline Vandeschoor	2011-14 (2nd term)
Croatia	1	Lea Škorić **	2013-16 (2nd term)
Czech Republic	1	Helena Bouzková *	2013-16 (1st term)
Denmark	2	Hanne Christensen	2011-14 (2nd term)
		<i>Vacancy</i>	
Estonia	1	Sigrid Prank **	2013-16 (2nd term)
Finland	3	Katri Larmo	2011-2014 (2nd term)
		Jouni Leinonen	2011-2014 (2nd term)
		Minna Liikala	2011-2014 (1st term)
France	3	Marie Teissier **	2013-16 (2nd term)
		Guillemette Utard-Wlerick	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Hélène Vaillant	2011-14 (2nd term)
Germany	2	Kai Geschuhn	2011-14 (1st term)
		Oliver Obst	2011-14 (2nd term)
Greece	1	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Hungary	1	Gyöngyi Karácsony *	2013-16 (1st term)
Iceland	1	Anna Sigrídur Guðnadóttir *	2013-16 (1st term)
Ireland	3	Niamh Lucey **	2013-16 (2nd term)
		Paul Murphy	2011-14 (1st term)
		Ann M. O'Byrne	2011-14 (2nd term)
Italy	3	Gaetana Cognetti **	2013-16 (2nd term)
		Federica Napolitani Cheyne **	2013-16 (2nd term)
		<i>Vacancy</i>	

Latvia	2	Velta Pozņaka	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Margarita Želve **	2013-16 (2nd term)
Lithuania	1	Jūratė Stukienė	2011-14 (2nd term)
Moldova	2	Silvia Ciubrei	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Liubovi Karnaeva *	2013-16 (1st term)
Netherlands	3	Ronald van Dieën	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Gerdien de Jonge **	2013-16 (2nd term)
		Jacqueline Limpens **	2013-16 (2nd term)
Norway	3	Hanne Dybvik	2011-14 (1st term)
		Regina Küfner Lein	2011-14 (1st term)
		Liv Vikan	2011-14 (1st term)
Poland	2	Witold Kozakiewicz *	2013-16 (1st term)
		<i>Vacancy</i>	
Portugal	3	Susana Henriques *	2013-16 (1st term)
		Silvia Lopes	2011-14 (1st term)
		Margarida Meira **	2013-16 (2nd term)
Romania	2	Ioana Robu	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Viorica Scutariu	2011-14 (2nd term)
Russian Federation	1	Larisa Zhmykhova	2011-14 (1st term)
Slovak Republic	1	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Slovenia	1	Matjaž Musek	2011-14 (2nd term)
Spain	3	Juan de la Cámara	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Mar González-Cantalejo *	2013-16 (1st term)
		Verónica Juan-Quilis	2011-14 (1st term)
Sweden	3	Colm Doyle	2011-14 (1st term)
		Sofia Perner	2011-14 (1st term)
		Janet Wamby	2011-14 (1st term)
Switzerland	2	Isabelle de Kaenel *	2013-16 (1st term)
		<i>Vacancy</i>	
Turkey	1	Güssün Güneş	2011-14 (2nd term)
United Kingdom	3	Janet Harrison	2011-14 (1st term)
		Carol Lefebvre	2011-14 (2nd term)
		Michelle Wake	2011-14 (2nd term)

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EXTRAORDINARY 2013 BOARD ELECTION NOMINATION FORM

* Please clearly mark what is applicable and strike out the other option

I, EAHIL member* / Election Committee* Address: City: Country: E-mail: Date: Signature:	I, EAHIL member* / Election Committee* Address: City: Country: E-mail: Date: Signature:
hereby nominate as candidate for Board member in the 2013 EAHIL election:	

Candidate for EAHIL Executive Board membership: 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 2013 Board election and am willing and able to serve on the Executive Board of EAHIL for 2013-2016.

Date: Signed (by candidate):

This form, when completed, should be sent not later than **22 March 2013**:

preferably via email to: EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl

or to: EAHIL Secretariat attn.: Election Committee, PO Box 1393, NL-3600 BJ Maarssen, The Netherlands. Fax: + 31 346550876



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Extraordinary Election for an EAHIL Executive Board Member (2013-2016)

Instructions for voting

Dear EAHIL member,

The extraordinary election for one EAHIL Executive Board Member (2013-2016) will be open from 15 April to 3 May 2013.

The nomination form is published in this issue of Journal of EAHIL, vol.9(1), March 2013, and is also available from the EAHIL website http://www.eahil.net/about_eahil.htm in PDF and Word formats. Candidates' election manifestos will be circulated to EAHIL members by email before the election opens.

The elections will be done electronically through the Membership Database.

Instructions for voting

1. Go to the EAHIL website <http://www.eahil.eu/>
2. Click on Membership database.
3. Login with your userid and password.

If you have forgotten your userid and password, click on the link "Forgot your password"? Type your email address to receive an email with your username and password. If the e-mail address in the database matches the address you typed in, you will get your userid and password by e-mail. If this does not work, send an e-mail to the EAHIL Secretariat Supervisor, Suzanne Bakker <s.bakker@nki.nl> asking her to update your e-mail address in the membership database. When your e-mail has been updated the "Forgot your password" function will work.

4. Click on Elections and you will get a listing showing the current election for an EAHIL Executive Board Member.

5. Click to select this election and you will get the candidate list. You can click on the candidate's name to get the address information for the candidate, for instance workplace and even a photo if the candidate has added his/her photo in the membership database. If you want to vote for a candidate you just check the checkbox after the candidate's name.

6. When you have checked the box for your preferred candidate, press the vote button.

You can only vote once!

If you have any problems, questions or find any errors please contact Suzanne Bakker <s.bakker@nki.nl> or Peter Morgan <pbm2@cam.ac.uk>.

On behalf of the Nomination Committee

Peter Morgan
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