Letter from the President

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Dear Colleagues,

This is my first letter for 2018, so, at the beginning of this New Year, I wish you the very best for your professional and personal life. I am sure it will be a very busy year for all of you and for our association as well. Below, some topics that need your attention and participation in the forthcoming months.

Elections for President and Board

2018 will be another election year. This spring EAHIL needs to elect President, one executive Board member, and two co-opted Board members for terms starting in 2019. The voting period will be in May, and the outcomes will be announced at the General Assembly in Cardiff. The newly elected will take up their roles in January 2019. As you can see in this number of *JEAHIL*, in the website, and in the e-mails that you received, the Nominations period will be between 1 March and 20 April. Therefore, think about being a candidate or about colleagues that might be happy to be a candidate for the next elections. Remember to vote in the voting period.

Update your membership record

In order to vote in this year's elections, your membership record must be active. Please update your membership record details and above all, you e-mail address at the following URL: https://fd8.formdesk.com/EAHIL/membership.

Elections for Council members

The nominations and voting for Council members for each country where there are vacancies will be in late summer and autumn. The new Councillors will begin their terms in January 2019. You are strongly encouraged to consider becoming a Councillor for your country or suggesting possible candidates among your colleagues.

Next EAHIL Conference in Cardiff

As you know from my last letter, I took part in the IPC in Cardiff last November. Therefore, I know that Sue Thomas and Lori Harvard are preparing an exciting conference programme, which should be online in mid-February, together with the registration opening. Many of you will take advantage of the early birds discounted registration fee. We all look forward to know more details about the excellent continuing education programme, presentations and posters. I really hope to see as many of you as possible in Cardiff in July.

EAHIL Executive Board

At the time of writing this letter, we are preparing the midwinter Executive Board meeting, which this year will be in Tromsø, Norway, (February 22-23), thanks to Eirik Reierth kind invitation. One issue on the agenda will be the President's and the Treasurer's report 2017: both reports will be presented at the General Assembly in July, in Cardiff. Another important issue is the scholarship process: among the aims of EAHIL, there are "the training, education and mobility of health librarians and information officers in Europe". The EAHIL scholarship programme is one of the tools used for reaching the association's goals, and I am happy to inform you that also this year we were able to offer six scholarships, jointly sponsored by EAHIL and EBSCO.

FUTURE EAHIL EVENTS

I am glad to remind you that we already have a very good proposal for 2019 EAHIL event that will take place in Bern (Switzerland). Unfortunately, the SBBL (Biomedical Libraries Regional Service) in Milan (Italy) withdraw its previous offer for organizing 2020 EAHIL Conference, due to lack of support from Lombardy Region.

Therefore, events from 2020 onward are still to be set. Hence, I renew my invitation to send expressions of interest or proposals to the secretariat email address (EAHIL-SECR@LIST.ECOMPASS.NL). Please feel free to contact me or other Board members for discussion and support.

Looking forward to hearing from you with proposals or suggestions,

Maurella

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