

### Letter from the President



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Dear EAHIL Colleagues,

First, I wish you all a wonderful 2020, with the beginning of a new decade that, we all hope, will be a peaceful and prosperous one.

Unfortunately, the decade has opened with an alarming issue in global health. Many European health systems are now addressing the challenge of the new coronavirus epidemics. Some of you may be very busy supporting the work of the healthcare professionals and of the researchers. I am sure that all your libraries are ready to respond to your users' needs, facilitating them in their fight against this newly identified enemy. Good information is always necessary and useful in a time in which fake news is easily available on the Web, unnecessarily confusing and alerting the population. Among our librarian's duties, there is the task of informing correctly and providing advice on proven and reliable sources of information.

#### **SOME NEWS ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION**

##### **Elections for President and Board**

Two thousand twenty will be another election year. This spring EAHIL needs to elect President, four Executive Board member, and two co-opted Board members for terms starting in 2021. The voting period will be in May (**4-31 May 2020; voting to happen in FormDesk**), and the outcomes will be announced at the General Assembly in Lodz, Poland. The newly elected people will take up their roles in January 2021. 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 **9 March and 24 April 2020**. Therefore, think about being a candidate or about colleagues that might be happy to be a candidate for the next elections.

If you wish to know more about the Board members role descriptors, they are available at <http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EAHIL-Board-role-descriptors-20200309.pdf>

There will be an orientation and hand-over period so don't worry, you will receive all the support you need. 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 2021. You are strongly encouraged to consider becoming a Councillor for your country or suggesting possible candidates among your colleagues.

### International Programme Committee (IPC) Meeting in Lodz, Poland, 26-28 November 2019

We had two and half days of intense work, examining and selecting the presentations, posters and continuing education courses, in order to accept them for the next EAHIL Conference in Lodz, Poland. The IPC and the Local Organising Committee are doing an excellent work, to ensure an interesting and informing conference. There were more than 120 submissions and over 30 contributions were accepted as oral presentations. Other submissions were accepted as continuing education courses, interactive workshops, and posters: all of them will contribute to making the programme interesting, up-to-date and valuable. The scientific programme will be online in February on the website of the Conference, together with the social programme, which will include visits to museums, libraries and other cultural attractions in Lodz. The IPC also had the opportunity to visit the venue of the Conference. It will be the Vienna House Andel's hotel, situated in a neighbourhood of Lodz called the Manufaktura (an old industrial site reborn to a new life as commercial and touristic zone). It is a very modern and architecturally interesting building, with plenty of meeting rooms and facilities for the conference. EAHIL participants will have the possibility of booking their rooms at Vienna House Andel's hotel at a special price for the occasion. The IPC also had the possibility of visiting the Information and Library Centre of the Medical University of Lodz, a very modern user-oriented library, with a bright-coloured decor, which allowed us to forget the grey external sky. I am happy to inform you that also this year we were able to offer seven scholarships, jointly sponsored by EAHIL and EBSCO. Many of you will benefit from the discounted registration fee for the early birds, as soon as the registration opens.

### FUTURE EAHIL EVENTS

I have the pleasure of informing you that the Board approved the location of the next EAHIL Conference in 2022. It will be in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Thank you to our Dutch colleagues, in particular to Wichor Bramer, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for formulating a detailed and very appealing proposal.

The future EAHIL events will be then:

- **2021 EAHIL Workshop:** Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey
- **2022 EAHIL Conference:** Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- **2023 EAHIL Workshop:** Norwegian University of Science and Technology University Library, Trondheim, Norway

I really hope to see you in the near future.

*Maurella*



**Fig. 1.** *The International Programme Committee Meeting in Lodz, 26-28 November 2019, at the Information and Library Centre of the Medical University of Lodz.*



**Fig. 2.** *The Executive Board at the meeting in Stockholm, 5-6 March 2020.*

## EAHIL President and Board elections 2020

### Call for nominations

We seek nominations for the election of President (2021-2022) and Board members (2021-2024).

We will have vacancies for President, four executive Board members, and two co-opted Board members (EAHIL co-opts the two un-elected candidates with the highest number of votes as non-executive Board members for a two-year period.)

### Nominations process

Deadline for nominations: 24 April 2020.

Nomination form (Word): [http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Board-election\\_2020\\_Nomination-form.docx](http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Board-election_2020_Nomination-form.docx)

Nomination forms should be submitted not later than 24 April 2020 11:59 Central European Time.

Completed forms should be sent by email to [EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl](mailto:EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl)

EAHIL members working in Council of Europe countries are eligible to be nominees or nominators. Nominators do not have to be from the same country as the nominee (unlike in Council elections)

### Voting process

Voting will be open from 4 May to 31 May 2020.

The outcomes of the election will be announced at the General Assembly in Łódź in June 2020.

For the voting, all members will receive an email providing a link to the voting form linked to the member database.

### What's involved with being President or a member of the Board?

The Board has developed a set of role descriptors to help with understanding the sorts of activities and time commitment – please see:

<http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EAHIL-Board-role-descriptors-20200309.pdf>

Please feel free to contact any member of the current Board if you would like to have an informal chat about the work.

You may find current Board members at: <http://eahil.eu/about-eahil/executive-board/>

New President and Board members will receive support in taking up the roles. There will be an orientation and hand-over period, and we have an operations manual that we are regularly updating. So, please do not let lack of experience on the Board put you off!

If you have any problems, questions or find any errors please contact Marshall Dozier or the EAHIL Board at [EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl](mailto:EAHIL-secr@list.ecompass.nl)

EAHIL depends on active members to keep the Association thriving and developing - please consider standing for election to help EAHIL thrive and develop!

*Marshall Dozier  
EAHIL Past President*