

Report from the Special Interest Group TrEDMIL online meeting Łódź, November 16th 2020



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November 2020 saw the fourth meeting of TrEDMIL, the SIG that works to identify and provide training and education opportunities for our profession, both for new entrants to the profession, and for practitioners who need to update and develop their skills and knowledge. The meeting was held via Zoom in the afternoon of a rather busy first day of EAHIL 2020.

Increase in membership

Fourteen participants from 10 countries were welcomed by Co-Chair Gerhard Bissels and Secretary Sabine Buroh. The remit of the SIG seems to be of general interest. The number of subscribers to the mailing list increased again, from 176 in 2019 to 258 from 42 countries in 2020, but, as in other EAHIL SIGs, the numbers of active users of the mailing list and participation in TrEDMIL SIG meetings are much lower than the number of subscribers. Therefore a meeting of the EAHIL SIG chairs to discuss and improve the overall organization and efficiency of the SIGs will be initiated. All SIG members present agreed that invitations to future SIG meetings should clearly state that the meetings are open for non-members of the SIG and that conference or workshop attendance is not a prerequisite for attending. The option to attend remotely should be offered for TrEDMIL SIG meetings to come.

New Co-Chair

Since one of the Co-Chairs of the SIG had to step down for personal reasons in 2020, volunteers or suggestions for candidates are sought via the TrEDMIL list. The possibility of three co-chairs (three subgroups being already in existence: Post-graduate Education, Continuing Professional Development, and Competencies Frameworks) was also discussed during the meeting. Volunteers willing to fill the vacancy are most welcome and asked to contact Gerhard Bissels (Gerhard.Bissels@fhgr.ch).

Re-launch of the TrEDMIL website

Following the last meeting in Basel, the TrEDMIL website was re-structured to improve the presentation of information on new competencies for medical information and library professionals, training requirements and opportunities (<http://eahil.eu/sig-2/training-education-development-group/>). Known links to learning opportunities, to the EAHIL webinars of the CPD Pilot project phase 1 and to competencies frameworks were listed. The help of volunteers with proficiency in Wordpress regarding future developments and maintenance of the website would be very much appreciated by the secretary.

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The centralised events calendar

In early 2020 a discussion was initiated by a proposal to advertise a course on systematic searching in *JEAHIL*. It was felt that publishing such courses in the journal was not the best way forward (too infrequent, too slow to show changes (e.g. waiting lists, course fully booked etc.)). TrEDMIL came up with a proposal to set up a diary of training events on the website. All who participated in the discussion agreed to explore this further. Two volunteers were found who looked into the technically set up and gathering of content for that new training events diary which will be integrated in the SIGs website. The project has been worked on but is on hold at the moment. Additional volunteers to help with planning and most of all regular upkeep of such an events diary are very welcome. Please contact Igor Brbre (igor.brbre@nhs.net).

Post-graduate training

Unfortunately the new post-grad programme could not be realized as initially planned within the framework of an English-only online graduate school. The new post-grad programme in medical and health librarianship that the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons is planning, will start within their existing MAS programme as a CAS (15 ECTS) on Systematic Searching in 2021. Modules to follow could be on Clinical Librarianship and International and Disaster Health.

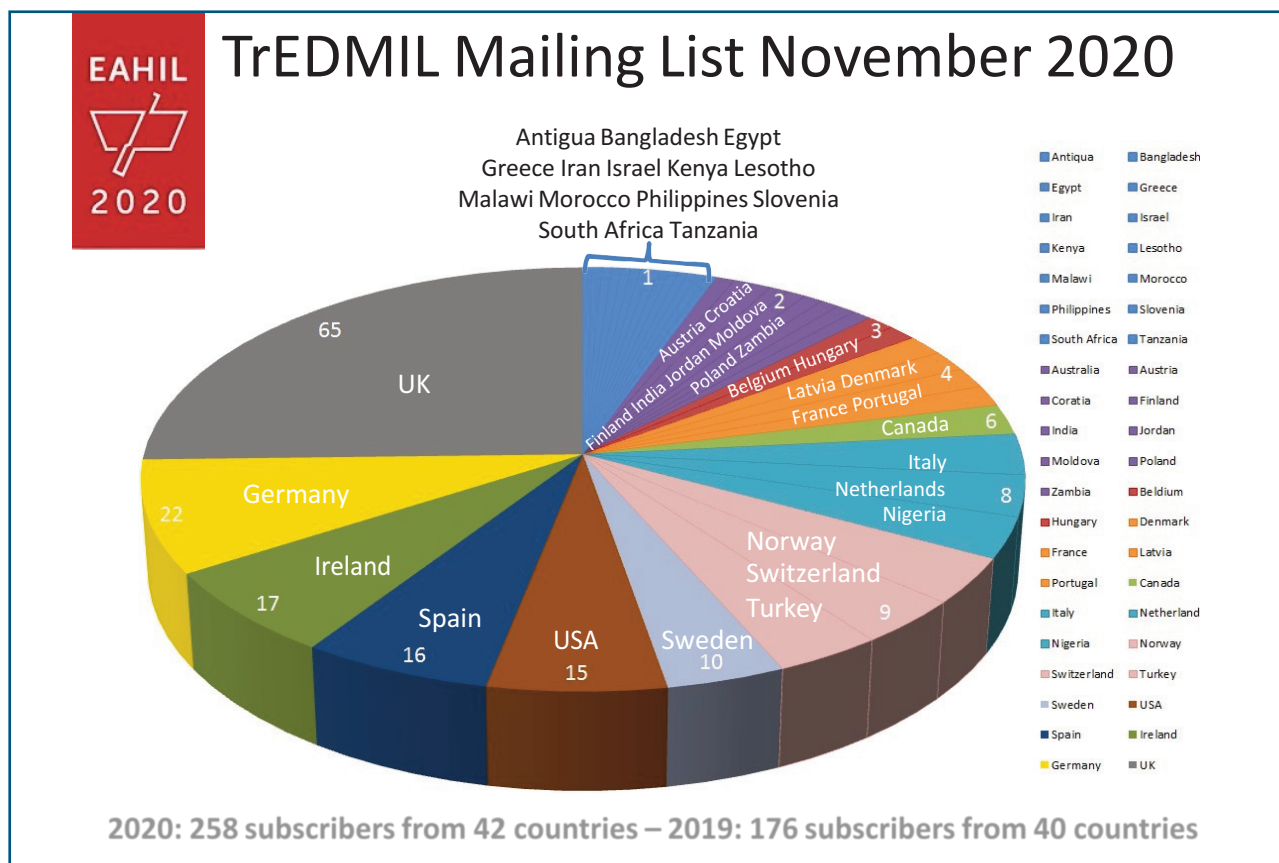


Fig. 1. TrEDMIL mailing List November 2020 pie chart.