

## Report on Special Interest Group on MeSH EAHIL 2020 Online Conference Łódź , Poland, November 17th, 2020



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The Special Interest Group (SIG) on Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) met on November 17th, 2020 from 16:00 to 17:00, in a virtual room, made available by our Polish colleagues. I take this opportunity to thank, once more, the Lodz Conference Local Organizing Committee for their kindness and efficiency.

Seven delegates, from the Netherlands, Ireland, UK, Poland, and Italy, attended it. Participants in the meeting were information specialists and librarians interested in medical terminologies, or willing to implement MeSH translation in their country.

I must say that, although the technological means provided by the organizers were perfectly up to the situation, it was a bit difficult to conduct an online discussion. It must be considered that it was the first time that the SIG met online, and it took some time to get used to the new situation.

Once the ice broke, the participants were able to talk about various topics, including:

- difficulties met by translators after the dismissal of the MTMS (MeSH Translation Maintenance System) by the NLM at the end of 2019;
- implementation of MeSH in local indexing systems;
- information on how to contact the NLM in order to start a MeSH translation in one's country;
- differences in searching the new PubMed interface, with special regard to subject approach and to MeSH Browser.

Although there were fewer participants with respect to last years, the topic of MeSH is still interesting for the medical librarians community.

Greater participation throughout the year and not just at EAHIL events would be advisable, and should be considered in the future.