

### Memories from EAHIL AHILA Scholarship recipient



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#### **Memories from the EAHIL 2021 Virtual Workshop, Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey, 5-8 July 2021** **“Crossing the bridge: new challenges, new opportunities”**

I am very grateful to the EAHIL board who offered me the scholarship to attend the EAHIL 2021 virtual workshop. It was my first time as an EAHIL participant and I don't regret a minute. So far it was the largest conference I have attended. The conference completely exceeded my expectations. The Workshop was a great learning and inspirational experience, mainly because of the content of the workshops and the many wonderful and intelligent librarians in attendance. The keynote speakers and the plenary sessions contributed to a better understanding of our different roles as librarians.

I learnt a lot from the topics which were presented at the conference, especially sessions on COVID 19. The plenary session by Prof Dr. Rümeyza Kazancıoğlu on 'Medical education during COVID-19 and its future implications' was so interesting. Furthermore, the interactive workshops were also interesting because I learned a lot, especially in the workshop on 'Identifying evidence-based medicine instructional opportunities in health sciences' which was beneficial to me. Also interesting was the topic on 'Scientific integrity, research misconduct and retractions: what can be the role of research libraries?' I learned about different kinds of research misconduct, reasons for retraction and what research libraries can do.

I also found the interactive workshop we had with Dr. Wichor Bramer on 'Comparing search strategies: the effects of our choices' very helpful. From this interactive workshop I learned how to develop research, how to combine search strategies, what terms to use and much more. These lessons will definitely help me in my research work.

During the conference we had an opportunity to see the city of Istanbul though virtually, however it was wonderful, it was like I was present physically. The virtual tour of the Topkapi Palace was really awesome, because we were shown all the four beautiful courts of the palace. It was indeed an amazing experience for me.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the Conference organizers and EAHIL for this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to attending future conferences physically and hopefully meet some of the amazing people I interacted with online. The knowledge gained from the conference will help me in my profession to improve library service delivery at my institution.