

Letter from the President



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Dear EAHIL Colleagues,

With just a few days left of 2021, we can look forward to an exciting 2022 for EAHIL. First and foremost, our first in-person event since 2019. The Local Organising Committee and International Programme Committee, led by Wichor Bramer and Hans Ket, are working hard to make the event in Rotterdam in June a memorable experience. Even though we all long for social networking, no EAHIL event will happen without the professional contributions from all of you in terms of posters, oral presentations and continuing education courses. The inspiring overall theme for the conference is BROADEN THE HORIZONS - diversity, partnership, and innovation with a human touch, with six subthemes. Please check the call for abstracts at <https://eahil2022.nl/> and consider submitting your abstract! And don't forget to apply for a scholarship to attend the conference.

In connection to the preparations for the Rotterdam conference, the question of a Code of conduct for the event has been raised. EAHIL has a Code of Ethics for members (available on our website), approved by the General Assembly in Köln in 2002. The Board has now initiated work on updating this, looking to add diversity and sustainability etc.

Every second year is an election year for EAHIL. This means that in spring 2022, there will be an election for the Board, this time with four open positions: President (2023-2024), one full member (2023-2026) and two co-opted members (2023-2024). Information about the election process will be forthcoming, but it's not too early to start thinking about who you'd like to see on the Board for the coming 2-4 years. Perhaps it is your contribution we need!

During the past months, our member database administrators have been working to clean and update the database. It turns out that there are a considerable number of outdated e-mail addresses on record, which means that we're unable to reach those members. We've also engaged the Council members to help us contact members in their country. Despite all efforts, there are still be several outdated records in the database. These records will be deleted by 1 December to make sure we have an up-to-date database. If your record has been deleted, you will have to apply for membership again on the EAHIL website.

We can also establish the fact that e-mails are a mixed blessing. It's an easy way of communication but has its drawbacks, like overflowing inboxes and spam e-mails. One of the more severe downsides is the increase in phishing attempts. Recently, there have been many phishing e-mails to EAHIL members, looking like they were sent by me and asking for urgent help in an EAHIL (financial) matter. Please be cautious and check the sending e-mail address before replying, or double-check with me if you're not sure. Please note that I would never e-mail an EAHIL member asking for this kind of assistance.

With wishes for a happy and healthy 2022!