
Letter from the President



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Dear EAHIL member,

When this issue is published, September is here, and most of us have returned to our office after what I hope has been a relaxing summer with time for reflection and recuperation. As we're starting up at work again, it's also time to think about next year's EAHIL event, the conference in Riga, Latvia. The conference theme, "Small Step and a Giant Leap: Reorienting Towards a New Environment", captures the need for libraries to adapt and thrive in an ever-evolving landscape and is very inspiring. But no program without a submission from you, the EAHIL members. To help you out when planning your submission, the International Program Committee has formulated five subthemes:

- Shaping the Educational Environment
- Research & Open Science
- Libraries as change agents
- Visibility & Strategic presence
- Technology & Tools

Please check the conference website (<https://eahil2024.rsu.lv/>) for more information on important dates and the theme.

As in previous years, the EAHIL Board will announce the possibility of applying for a scholarship to cover the conference fee in Riga. Don't forget to watch the EAHIL website, e-mail, and social media if you plan to apply.

The above reminds me that we need to secure locations for the EAHIL events from 2025 onwards. Since our yearly events are our Association's main activities, and the planning timeline for an event is approximately two years, time is running short. I invite you to send expressions of interest or proposals to EAHIL-SECR@LIST.ECOMPASS.NL. Please refer to <http://eahil.eu/events/arrange-conference/> for event guidelines, and feel free to contact other Board members or me for discussion and support.

Talking about social media and communication, I encourage you to help our Communications Officer Mala Mann by sending her news and updates from your local health library community that you think would be of interest to the EAHIL membership. For EAHIL to thrive, we need active members!

Looking ahead, I want to remind you that next year is an election year for the EAHIL Executive Board and the Council. Who would you like to see contributing to shaping our association in 2025-2026? If not yourself, perhaps you have a colleague that would be perfect for a Board or Council member role. More information about the election process will follow in early 2024.