

Letter from the President



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Dear EAHIL Colleagues,

As this is the last year of my second and final term as EAHIL President, I've spent some time reflecting on my many years as an active member of EAHIL (and my 30+ years in health libraries). So much has changed in how we spend our days at work. While the essential work in medical libraries remains much the same, the tools have changed. Quite a revolutionary change is how we communicate, making it so much easier to contact colleagues and chat on Zoom or Teams or to collaborate over countries and even continents on projects or on writing an article for publication.

In 2027, EAHIL will celebrate its 40th anniversary. In many ways, EAHIL is run in the same way as in the early days. The EAHIL Statutes were last updated in 2008, and the Rules of Procedure were updated in 2016. To ensure that we have an association that can meet our objectives, I have initiated an open discussion at the next Board meeting about if and how we think the association need to develop. Depending on the outcome of this discussion, it will be on the agenda for the Council meeting and General Assembly in Riga.

Looking into the near future, we have an exciting 2024 ahead of us, with the event in Riga in June and the upcoming elections. During spring, we will elect the President and Board members, and in the autumn, we will elect Council members. We will need several new Board members for this election since 3-7 members could leave their posts. Four of them can be re-elected if they choose to stand for election. Information about the election process will be forthcoming, but start thinking about who you'd like to see on the Board for the next 2-4 years.

We still need to secure locations for the EAHIL events from 2026 onwards. Since our yearly events are our Association's main activities, and the planning timeline for an event is approximately two years, it's time to start considering submitting an expression of interest. It should be sent to EAHIL-SECR@LISTS.EAHIL.EU. 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. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

I hope to see many of you in Riga!