

2024 Update from the Evaluation and Metrics Group

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Purpose of the SIG

The Evaluation and Metrics group brings together and connects all members who are interested in research impact and its measurement.

We would like to develop a framework to share and discuss information, experiences, and practice about science evaluation indicators and resources. Moreover, this group should contribute to improving the networking and collaboration on metrics-related projects and efforts among health librarians and information specialists, and their institutions.

Other aims of the group are to promote the continuing professional development of EAHIL members through metrics-related training courses, and the development of tutorials and materials for researchers and librarians.

Membership update

412 subscribers to the listserv and registered in the group.

Current initiatives

As the SIG prepares for the upcoming 2024 EAHIL Conference on Thursday, June 13th, at 16:00 in Riga, they are also already making supplemental plans for other upcoming engagements. Some of which are directly hosted by the SIG, and some that are heavily influenced by SIG members.

During the conference meeting, there are suggestions and plans to create small groups identifying what single relevant topics are most critical for new librarians, and what topics are more current for librarians of all experience levels in the realm of evaluation and metrics. With 412 members on the list, there is a strong desire to cultivate more engagement in those areas selected as relevant. Examples might include incorporating AI into normal services, a series of short informative videos that demonstrate new perspectives such as how the H-index might be transformed into an impact narrative, and more.

Understanding that conference scheduling might have an impact on attendance for many people, the SIG is also promoting future webinars where members might have impact and see value. Some examples include an EAHIL workshop “Sharing Challenges for Research Assessment Supporting Services within the EAHIL,” or a follow-up discussion and training session that is currently scheduled for June 18th, at 14:00 CEST. Also an already scheduled webinar in September 2024 about how AI is revolutionizing librarianship. The webinar will be hosted by Fabio Di Bello associate professor at CAST (Center for Advanced Studies and Technology), University “G. D’Annunzio” Chieti-Pescara, Chieti – Italy.

Future plans

Members will also be discussing and determining if they would like to opt in for receiving articles of interest on the topics of evaluation, open access, with the idea being to give all members the opportunity to have constant updates.

NEWS FROM EAHIL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

As always, the SIG anticipates reporting of educational events and conferences of interest.

For more information see: <https://eahil.eu/sig-2/special-interest-group-evaluation-metrics/>

We invite all members interested in different types of metrics (Infometrics, Bibliometrics, Altmetrics, etc.) to join us!