

MEMORIES FROM THE IPC MEETING (4-5 December 2025) EAHIL 2026 CONFERENCE 8-12 June 2026 Antalya, Türkiye

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The EAHIL 2026 International Programme Committee (IPC) Meeting was successfully held on December 4-5 2025 at the historic Sultanahmet building of Marmara University, one of Turkey's most established institutions of higher education. We extend our sincere thanks to the IPC team and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) team for their valuable contributions in the inspiring atmosphere of Istanbul's historic peninsula.



Throughout the meeting, the abstracts that will shape the scientific program of the conference were carefully reviewed, and important decisions regarding the structure

of the sessions were finalized. The hybrid format combining both in-person and online participation enabled experts from different countries to actively contribute to the discussions.

This inclusive model strengthened the diverse and collaborative spirit of EAHIL 2026 from the very beginning. Participants engaged in productive exchanges

on the thematic framework of the conference, profiles of invited speakers, workshop concepts, and details of the social program. At the end of the first day, a dinner held in the unique atmosphere of Istanbul's historic peninsula provided an opportunity to discuss various professional collaborations.

The second day of the meeting featured a rich cultural and professional program. The team had the opportunity to experience a variety of library types represented in Türkiye, including the Fuat Sezgin Library an important research and science library; the İstanbul Chamber of Commerce Library, a leading example of an economics and business library; and the Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar Literature Museum Library, which uniquely integrates literary heritage with museum functions. These visits provided valuable insights into the diverse practices, collections,



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and service models within Turkish librarianship, further enriching the delegation's understanding of the national landscape.



The day continued with a guided tour of Topkapı Palace, allowing participants to experience the depth of Ottoman heritage firsthand, followed by a visit to the Blue Mosque to explore the city's architectural and spiritual treasures. This culturally oriented program designed to accommodate both on-site and remote participants added a meaningful social and educational dimension to the academic objectives of the meeting.

Following these meetings and visits, the committee focused on the accommodation details.

Kemer is one of the most popular holiday destinations on the Mediterranean coast, located on the western side of Antalya and approximately 32 km from the city center. With its crystal-clear sea, lush green nature, and the striking landscape where mountains meet the shoreline, Kemer has become one of Türkiye's most attractive destinations.

The region offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit every budget from luxury resorts to boutique hotels. It is an ideal setting not only for a sea-sun-sand holiday but also for historical, cultural, and natural exploration.



For EAHIL 2026, the main conference venue and accommodation partn is Rixos Sungate, one of the largest and most comprehensive resort complexes in Kemer. With its ultra all-inclusive service concept, comfortable rooms, professional meeting facilities, and the enchanting Mediterranean atmosphere, Rixos Sungate aims to provide participants with an unforgettable experience, both academically and socially.

Accommodation for EAHIL 2026 will be provided at the world-renowned and ultra-luxurious Rixos Sungate Legends Hotel in Antalya, one of Turkey's leading tourist destinations. Participants will benefit from an all-inclusive concept, ensuring an unparalleled level of comfort and exclusive services. Scheduled in June, the conference allows attendees to take full advantage of the city's favorable climate and rich cultural offerings. This carefully selected prestigious hotel not only provides top-tier accommodation and services but also uniquely enhances the conference experience by combining professional engagement with a luxurious and memorable stay, setting it apart from typical options.

The early bird registration for EAHIL 2026 is currently open and will remain available until **May 1st**.

Considering the combination of the scientific programme, social events, and outstanding accommodation facilities, Rixos Sungate offers an exceptional conference environment for all EAHIL 2026 participants and guests.

By joining EAHIL2026, you are not only attending a conference, you are also invited to enjoy an unforgettable experience in the heart of the Mediterranean.

For registration details, please visit the [conference website](#).

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