

### Letter from the President



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Dear EAHIL Members, Colleagues

As I write, we are preparing to attend the EAHIL 2026 Congress in Antalya (Turkey), from 9–13 June 2026. By the time you read this letter, the event will have concluded, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Antalya Bilim University and Marmara University for their kind hosting of this congress, to the Scientific Committee, the EAHIL Board, our sponsors, the organizing company Sanatkar Reklam Agency, and to everyone who has contributed to making this event possible.

The 2026 theme was “Bridges to New Horizons: Innovations in Health Information and Medical Libraries”, a very inspiring theme – as we look ahead, our association is approaching a new challenge in exploring different ways of working. We are entering a transformative era, driven by advancements that will fundamentally redefine our profession. Artificial Intelligence is set to change our lives and our jobs as profoundly as the internet did decades ago.

While this technological shift will bring uncertainty in some of us, it also presents an extraordinary opportunity. Librarians will serve as the essential bridge between human expertise and machine intelligence, guiding how knowledge is discovered and utilized.

This will be our next great opportunity. As information professionals, we will guide our students, researchers, and clinicians in navigating this complex new landscape. Our role will be crucial in teaching them how to use these tools with deep critical appraisal.

Our recent experience in Antalya has given us the true power of connection. It reminded us of the immense value of sharing news and ideas with one another. This network allows us to receive wise, practical contributions from colleagues who have already faced these new digital tools and can guide us with their firsthand experience.

To turn these challenges into opportunities, we need your active voice. I invite all of you to share your ideas, insights, and solutions. Please get involved and collaborate with our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) through their activities throughout the year. Your contribution is vital to shaping our collective future.

EAHIL is committed to supporting you through this transition. Together, we will turn this challenge into a powerful evolution for medical libraries worldwide.

In 2027 EAHIL will be led by a new President, and I'd like to wish him to be a visionary leader to navigate the future – he comes from Lodz that means boat as you can remember – with wisdom and dedication, and build at the same time a safe port for the association, we will help him into this goal. I will give you more detailed information on the recent EAHIL election in my next Letter in September.

Thank you for your continued dedication and vision.

Warm regards,

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