

Letter from the President



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As autumn settles in, I find myself still warmed by the energy of our 2026 Congress. It was a real joy to meet so many of you in person, to reconnect with old friends, and to welcome new colleagues into our community. The atmosphere in Antalya captured everything EAHIL stands for: openness, curiosity, and a shared commitment to advancing health information and knowledge.

I want to once again thank our Local Committee for their outstanding work and dedication. Their care and attention to every detail made the congress not just useful, but genuinely inspiring – from the scientific programme to the warmth of the welcome they gave us. It's an experience many of us will carry with us for a long time.

Building on that momentum, I'd like to share a few updates from the Board, and a few ways you can get involved.

A call for collaboration on our financial sustainability

Our Treasurer will shortly share a call for collaboration around the association's financial needs. Times have changed, and many of the activities that keep EAHIL running smoothly – like website management, IT support, and maintaining our member database – now require professional support that volunteer effort alone can't sustain.

This idea was warmly received at the General Assembly, and we hope you'll feel the same. If EAHIL has given you valuable connections and opportunities over the years, we warmly invite you to consider a personal voluntary contribution. Every gift, big or small, helps us sustain and grow the activities that benefit our whole international community.

The Editorial Board of the *Journal of EAHIL*, following the proposal of some EAHIL members and in accordance with the Diamond Open Access standards, is considering a transition from an advertising-based funding to a Subscribe-to-Open model (S2O). An online survey will be sent to all EAHIL members to gather their thoughts on this proposal which will help to increase the sustainability of *JEAHIL* in the future.

Moving our archive to a more sustainable solution

We're also moving our archive from Dropbox to a more cost-effective solution with more storage space. This will let us keep our files secure, reduce ongoing costs, and better support our community as it continues to grow.

Webinars on AI guidelines and the ethical use of AI

Looking ahead, we're planning a series of activities on AI guidelines and the adoption of ALA guidance on the ethical use of AI in health information work. These sessions will be a space to reflect together on the practical, ethical, and organisational sides of AI in our daily practice – and we'd love your voice in shaping them. Please share your thoughts and experiences with us by email (via the EAHIL distribution list), so we can build webinars around the real needs and examples from our community.

Our next chance to meet in person and continue this work will be the Groningen Meeting for EAHIL 2027. We can't wait to build on the connections made in Antalya and welcome even more colleagues into our shared projects.

Council renewal elections – we need you

This autumn, we'll be holding elections to renew our Council, and representation truly matters we want every country in our community reflected in our governance. We warmly encourage national groups and individual members to put forward candidates, to consider standing yourselves, and to take part actively in the vote. A diverse, geographically balanced Council helps us reflect the full richness of who we are as a community – and that starts with your participation.

Looking ahead

The reflections shared after EAHIL 2026 remind us of both the value of human connection and the importance of using new technologies responsibly in our field. As we carry forward the ideas and partnerships born in Antalya, let's keep people at the heart of our work, while embracing innovation with curiosity and care.

Thank you, as always, for your trust, your engagement, and your generosity. I'm truly looking forward to working alongside you in the months ahead – and I hope you'll join us in one, or several, of the ways above.

With warm regards,

Francesca Gualtieri

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