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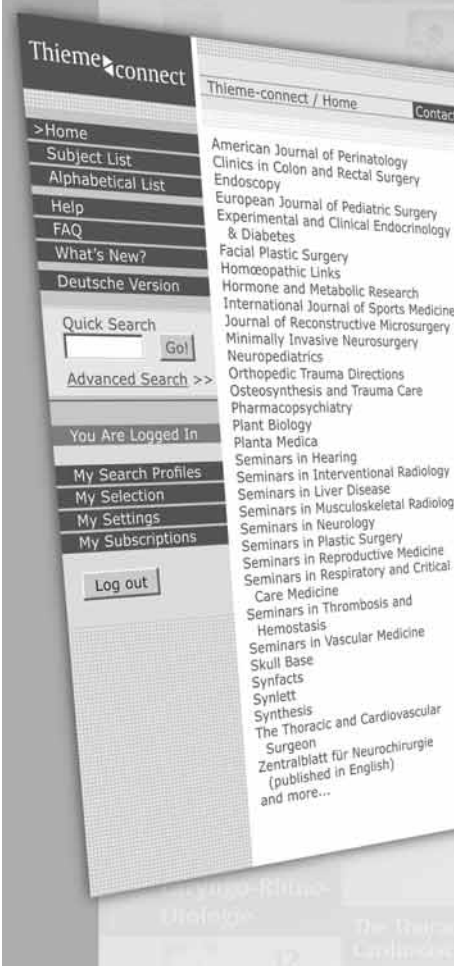
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News from our Association

Sally Wood-Lamont



Editorial: EAHIL 1987-2007

The Origins

The First European Conference of Medical Librarians was held in Brussels 22-25 October 1986. It was attended by 300 participants from 27 countries and everything was written in three languages: English, French and German. But how did it all begin?

Ursula Hausen, 3rd EAHIL President (1989/1990), in the 10th Anniversary issue of the EAHIL Newsletter remembers:

*The International Congress of Medical Librarianship (ICML) first held in 1953 has always served as a starting point for medical library groups on the national level. Thus it happened that the German Arbeitsgemeinschaft was founded after the Third Congress in Amsterdam in 1969. When the Fourth Congress finally was organised more than ten years later, **Valentina Comba** and I met in Belgrade in 1980. And again, after Valentina and her colleagues had become active in Italy, the Italian medical library group was born, as a sub-group of the Italian Library Association in 1982. In 1983, **Gabriella Poppi** of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità Library in Rome attended the Bibliothekskongress of the Deutsche Bibliotheksverband in Hannover. A year later I had started to work in the Library of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva; the three of us were well acquainted and I was invited to the First Conference of Italian Medical Librarians, the Conference honoring the 50th anniversary of the Istituto Superiore di Sanità in Roma, in December 1984. It was during this Conference that Valentina, Gabriella and I sat in Gabriella's living room to discuss ways and possibilities to join together health and medical librarians of all countries of Europe, in a European conference and ultimately in a European association. I have always felt it a pretty good joke that we, twenty-five European librarians attending the Fifth International Congress of Medical Librarianship (ICML) in Tokyo, first got together in this far-eastern place to take the first steps in that direction which later led to the foundation of EAHIL. It was due to the important help of **Ms Takada** of the Japanese ICML Organizing Committee in finding a meeting room for us and the insistence of both Valentina and the German hospital librarian, **Brigitte Pawlik** of Offenbach – while I was serving at the Congress – who made this historic meeting possible. There was, in fact no question at all about whether or not there was interest or a need for joint action of European medical librarians. Somehow, everyone seemed to be ready to go right ahead. And there, **Marc Walckiers** came into the picture immediately volunteering at our meeting to investigate possibilities of a first European Conference of Medical Libraries in Brussels. He fulfilled his promises with skill as we all know.*

The driving force of this conference was indeed **Marc Walckiers**, first EAHIL President (1987-1988), who wrote in 1997:

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*Since 1980, the International Conferences on Medical Librarianship have been held every 5 years. In 1985, the fifth one attracted 600 colleagues in Tokyo, including only 25 from Europe! Worst of all was that they had no other opportunity to meet each other: no meeting of European medical librarians had ever been organised and the next ICML was scheduled for 1990 in New Delhi. Meeting each other at lunch time, these 25 European delegates recognized the need to promote information and cooperation between European medical librarians and agreed to launch themselves with the first European Conference of Medical Libraries to be held in Brussels: **Ursula Hausen** (WHO Library, Geneva), **Christine Deschamps** (Université de Paris) and myself (Université de Louvain in Brussels) agreed to set up and to chair a European Organising Committee, a Programme Committee and a Local Organising Committee. This First European Conference of Medical Libraries received the support of the WHO Bureau thanks to **Beryl Ruff** (Chief of the WHO Library, Geneva) as well as from the European Commission (DGXIII), which was preparing its first programme for the promotion of telecommunications among libraries in Europe. The big surprise was that 300 delegates arrived at the opening of this first European Conference of Medical Libraries on October 22, 1986, in the premises of the European Commission in Brussels (the largest room did not have enough seats for everybody: no European meeting of librarians had ever attracted so many people). This Conference was so successful and the need of such meetings of health librarians in Europe so obvious that all delegates supported a recommendation for similar conferences, preferably every two years, and for setting up a permanent European association for health libraries able to maintain links between colleagues by publications, special meetings, and various projects as well as to represent them in governmental and nongovernmental European institutions.*

Benoit Thirion, currently member of the EAHIL Executive Board and the *JEAHIL* Editorial Board remembers: “If my memory is correct, we were about 300 people gathered in Brussels in 1986 to attend the First European Conference of Medical Libraries. At the end of this conference the creation of EAHIL was decided upon, which was constituted in Brighton, UK, on 18 August 1987. But instead of bringing back some of my personal recollections of this conference, I’d rather let Deborah Avriel “speak” who was at that time the Chief Librarian of the WHO Library in Geneva. Anne Parrical from Lausanne reminded me a few months ago about Deborah’s paper presented in Brussels: *Integration of information and communication technologies into the life of libraries*. The abstract translated into English and reproduced here, evidences, as early as 1986 (!), an extraordinary foresight and insight, an extremely sharp intuition of the times to come and what lay ahead of us.”

The new technologies are revolutionizing our personal, social and professional activities. In the past, libraries were often too slow to integrate themselves and to realize that the new wind of the information market would change the social and economical structures irreversibly. All the information that will have a market value will exist in electronic form. The electronic information will be assembled to build up a mega-library, which is already under way, with its new practices and new professionals. The productive use of information and intelligence technologies can only be implemented through innovative thinking, and not by simply applying

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these technologies to old concepts. How can we tackle a shifting and indeterminate environment with limited resources? We can do this by integrating in a straightforward and, at the same time, a flexible way the technologies concerning staff training, staff communication and activities, associating them to the collective effort to create and establish new services, by which every library will be able to express what it uniquely represents for the community it serves.

Lisa Cristensen, retired EAHIL Council member wrote:

*First of all we are indebted to the team of people from Europe who met in Tokyo, Japan for the 5th International Congress on Medical Librarianship in 1985. They agreed that it was essential to establish a European Association for Medical Librarians. Then came the hard work to make the plans come to fruition. We cannot thank enough the committee-members, who took on this workload: **Ursula Hausen, Marc Walckiers, Christine Deschamps**, and their helpers. Believe me, it cannot have been easy to start from scratch. It must have taken a lot of enthusiasm and dedication to arrange the First European Conference for Medical Libraries in Brussels 1986 and to follow-up and get EAHIL established. And bear in mind: this was before the availability of email!*

The Founding of EAHIL

Reading the abstracts from the First European Conference of Medical Libraries and its description in the 10th EAHIL Anniversary issue of the *EAHIL Newsletter* in 1997, it is obvious that it was a tremendous success. It was here that the first paper on the foundation of a European Association was presented by **Mark Walckiers**: *A European Association of Medical Libraries*. **Monique Cleland**, 4th EAHIL President sums up the author well: “Mark Walckiers stands out as the one among us who had enough of a vision matched by the necessary courage to launch such an endeavour.” This is reflected in his original abstract:

In order to ensure the transfer of increasingly international medical and scientific data, medical libraries have to overcome national and linguistic barriers. A European organization based on the example offered by different other professions is urgently needed to provide effective help.

This professional organization should:

- 1. **inform** medical librarians of everything that concerns them in Europe through publications, meetings, etc., organize on-going training, in particular for the new and evolving technologies, promote mobility, in particular, by means of multilingualism and training abroad;*
- 2. **promote** co-operation between medical libraries by adopting common library science tools and their modernization through the co-ordinated introduction of new technologies;*
- 3. **represent** the medical libraries with respect to other professions that are already organized on the European level (editors, bookshops, etc.);*
- 4. **promote** the scientific, economic, social and cultural library functions with respect to the medical profession, industry, the public agencies, opinion. This will be much more effective through European action than fragmented national action.*

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Therefore, it is possible to create an association with:

- individual membership for medical librarians;
- institutional membership for medical libraries and
- institutional membership for medical library associations.

In order to ensure harmonious co-operation between European medical libraries, organize future meetings, publish and act on the European level, the creation of a dynamic European association of medical libraries that is wide open seems to be absolutely necessary and feasible.

There were over 50 papers presented at this conference and 10 posters were staged. The conference closed with a plenary session led by Christine Deschamps, Marc Walckiers and Ursula Hausen with the title: *Towards a better European medical library cooperation* paving the way for the birth of the EAHIL Association. A small band of dedicated professionals had succeeded in laying down the foundation stone of EAHIL which 21 years later has over 1000 members.

Valentina Comba, 2nd EAHIL President (October 1988-June 1989) recalls:

One of the things I am very proud of is to have been present at some of the most important meetings of the foundation of EAHIL. I would like to tell you about a very small meeting “a trois”, which happened in La Thuile (Aosta) in March 1987. The preparation of the conference was very intensive but really successful: at the end of the Brussels Conference the decision to found the European Association received the approval of all 300 participants. An Association needs a Statute: therefore we started to read Statutes of different associations to draw up a proposal for our EAHIL. In order to discuss the different solutions we needed to meet, not only to send pages and pages of fax to each other. As Marc Walckiers was occasionally in Geneva as consultant to WHO, where Ursula Hausen was also working, I proposed a meeting in La Thuile, which is a nice little skiing resort in the Vallée d’Aoste, quite near to the Mont Blanc tunnel. In order to have a quiet stay without paying for the chalet (March is the most expensive season), I asked from a colleague of mine, Giovanna Di Meglio, the keys of her chalet near La Thuile (which is in the village La Balme, 3 km from La Thuile). Therefore Ursula and I stayed at Giovanna’s chalet and awaited the arrival of Marc and his wife the following day in the La Thuile main square and we spent all of that sunny day of March discussing the articles of the Statute and putting together a draft which was quite successful. The only subject still to be discussed was the status of the Eastern Europe members; this topic was discussed in Brighton before the official foundation of the European Association of Health Information and Libraries, at the IFLA Conference in August. At the Brighton meeting Marc Walckiers was elected first President of the newborn Association and the first Executive Board elected as well. The life of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries was starting.

Alice Norhede from Denmark said in 1997:

When I try to recall the steps towards the foundation of EAHIL as an organization 10 years ago I immediately come to think of our late colleague Anna Nannestad Nicolaysen from Norway. She was the person in Scandinavia with whom I had the opportunity to discuss the

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many complicated issues that evolved from the first attempt to co-operate within a European framework. From the very start we agreed strongly about the goal of the association: close contact, mutual inspiration and cooperation between libraries in the medical sciences all over Europe. Anna actively liaised with our contact people: Marc Walckiers and Ursula Hausen. A matter of great importance to all the founders of the new association was to create both financial and formal opportunities for our colleagues in the Eastern European countries to participate in the forthcoming co-operation between many nations. I know that it would have been a great delight for Anna to witness the strong relationship that now exists between the former eastern and central European countries and EAHIL. When we signed the documents in Brighton it was the fulfilment of mutual visions, intense correspondance with colleagues all over Europe and very hard work. I guess that all the founders of EAHIL felt like myself at this time. This was a new beginning on a long chain of opportunities for improvement of library services for the benefit of both users and staff in European medical libraries.

My thanks to Benoit Thirion, who kindly gave me the original *Programme and List of Participants* from the First European Conference of Medical Libraries in 1986, and also to Manuela Colombi, who sent me her copy of the *EAHIL Newsletter* 10th anniversary issue printed in 1997. All extracts are taken from these documents

For me the reading of these documents listed below in the bibliography were a complete insight into the founding of EAHIL. They demonstrated the motivation, the foresight, the organizing skills and the courage and vision of a few people who, together with the subsequent EAHIL Presidents and Board members, have made EAHIL the force it is now in Europe. It is due to them that we are celebrating twenty years of EAHIL, which is gathering strength every year, widening its horizons to encompass new technology and innovations.

I hope that all of you enjoy this special anniversary issue of the *Journal of EAHIL*.

Congratulations to EAHIL: 1987-2007!

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Letter from the President



Twenty years!! Already 20 years..., or only 20 years; it all depends on the perspectives. We may be proud with the results of 20 years of cooperation between European medical librarians.

The younger generation will probably take it for granted that the association exists and will continue to do so. For them it may seem that EAHIL has always been there. For the older generation, many still active in the profession, some already retired, the 20 years of EAHIL stand for many good memories of meetings, workshops and conferences. The special issue in 1997 memorizing the 10th anniversary includes reflections of 5 Presidents and the many organizers of workshops and conferences. This issue will follow-up on that.

My first participation in an EAHIL event was the 2nd conference in Bologna (1988), where we, a group of Dutch information professionals, had to present a comparative study of Medline CD-ROM systems. That is how it started for me; ever since I have been involved in EAHIL one way or another. Serving EAHIL isn't just altruism or idealism. EAHIL is about friends in the profession; it is about Europe as it is meant to be; it is about cooperation to the benefit of all.

Over the years there have been many supporters to EAHIL, of which I would like to mention the affiliated members, the sponsors and advertisers. For the organization of workshops and conferences the attendance of exhibitors is crucial. Running the *Journal of EAHIL* is much easier with the support of our advertisers. I would like to thank the people of Swets UK for their kind support for this anniversary issue, allowing a full coloured print run. Another long-time supporter should be mentioned here as well. EBSCO Information Services has printed and produced the *EAHIL Newsletter* for many, many years. Thanks to the EBSCO sponsorship we still can afford to mail printed copies of the journal to everyone wishing to receive one.

The EAHIL Board will continue, and where applicable, intensify the close cooperation with the publishers, subscription agents and other parties in the (biomedical) information industry to explore the benefits of new technology and products for a better biomedical information service in health care. The exhibition at the workshop and conference will be *the* opportunity to meet and discuss for all, individual *and* affiliated members.

I look forward to meeting you in September in Krakow, where we will discuss professional developments and the options for EAHIL to facilitate and support our members in their profession, *our* profession.

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News from our Colleagues

Bruce Madge



News from the MLA

This is my first report as the MLA representative to EAHIL and I hope it lives up to the standard set by my illustrious predecessors, Eve-Marie Lacroix and Becky Lyon.

The MLA Conference in Philadelphia ran from May 18th to the 23rd and was entitled *Information Revolution – Change is in the Air*. It was a great success and it was good to be back in Philadelphia again with fine weather and the opportunity to explore what I think is a great city. The conference started with the exhibitor's reception and I am always impressed with the number of companies that are attracted to MLA. This year there were almost 100 exhibitors that ranged from the big companies to the scholarly societies displaying their publications. The conference itself kicked off on Sunday morning with a welcome session followed by a keynote address from Arthur Kaplan, who is a Professor of Bioethics, about peer review in science and medicine which raised many questions about ethical issues in publishing. Although many of the points were well received, some felt that his understanding of the publishing process was not complete. The first MLA Business meeting was a smooth affair and reports showed that MLA was engaged in some new exciting work especially around research. As always there was a good mix of section sessions and technology showcases. I attended a debate on the relationship between publishers and librarians which was interesting but didn't raise any major debate as such. Sunday evening is the evening for the International Visitors Reception which was well attended and included visitors from as far away as South Korea and China.

Monday started with a series of section business meetings and sunrise seminars which seem popular at MLA although I am not sure the idea would go down well at EAHIL! The Janet Doe lecture, which is traditionally given by a Librarian, was given this year by Henry L. Lemkau Jr who has just retired as Director at the University of Miami. He gave a very good and thought provoking talk on the pursuit of purpose. We were then back into section programming and I attended the session on the politics of health information which was another interesting session. Monday is always the MLA Awards Celebration and Luncheon with the highlight, for me, of the first awarding of the T. Mark Hodges International Service Award to celebrate the life and contribution of T. Mark Hodges who many Europeans will know. The award was accepted by Judith Hodges who made an excellent but emotional for many, speech about Mark's life and work. Other awards went to Betsy Humphreys, Deputy Director of the NLM, who was honoured with the Marcia C. Noyes Award which is only awarded for outstanding contribution to the profession and the Honorary Fellows included several known to me such as Sheldon Kotzin from NLM and Nancy Clemmons from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. For me the afternoon was dedicated to International Co-operation Section matters with a meeting of the "Librarians without Borders" Task Force which is looking at the role of information professionals in time of disasters. I was also lucky enough to be invited by Jean Shipman, President of MLA, to her reception aboard the boat "Moshulu" which is moored on the river in Philadelphia. It was a great event with a good live band and excellent food and drink.

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Tuesday morning was very much centred on MLA business and part 2 of the Business meeting included the inaugural for the new President Mark Funk who gave a very amusing speech about the need for social networking as part of MLA's approach to communicating with members. There was also the NLM update which is always required viewing as there is so much going on at the National Library of Medicine. The afternoon was taken up with more section programming and the business meeting of the International Co-operation Section where we discussed the new arrangements for the Cunningham Fellowship which is now of shorter duration, and how the Section could attract more members. I would recommend to any EAHIL member that they consider applying for the Cunningham Fellowship as you will be looked after very well and learn a great deal about health libraries in the US. Tuesday ended with the MLA reception which took the form of "Dancing with the Stars" which I managed to escape having been invited to dinner by the New England Journal of Medicine!

Wednesday was the last day and the highlight was the keynote speech given by Kent Smith, former Deputy Director of the National Library of Medicine, which was excellently illustrated and highlighted the political manoeuvres that had to be carried out to get the NLM off the ground.

I would like to finish by echoing the first ever EAHIL Newsletter report on an MLA conference held in Portland, Oregon in 1987 which reported "In all, a meeting bursting with eager participants, ideology, strategic planning, technology" I couldn't have put it better myself!

Bruce Madge

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Ursula Hausen



Twenty Years Ago in October - EAHIL was Founded!

In the eighties the need of medical librarians in Europe to know each other and to have closer relations and cooperation became more and more evident in day-to-day library practice. Through the contacts we had e.g. at the 4th International Congress on Medical Librarianship, Belgrade, 1980 or at the Biological and Medical Libraries Section meetings at IFLA Congresses – München 1983 and Brighton 1987 – it became obvious what advantages British and American colleagues had with their associations of medical and health libraries already in function.

At a time when biomedical literature searching via databases were developing, when medical personnel had become generally better and more well informed about developments in the biomedical sciences, the complications and delays in the provision of documents caused by an almost total lack of library cooperation across national boundaries had become utterly deplorable.

International Medical Library Conferences – like the 3rd ICML (International Congress on Medical Librarianship) held in Amsterdam in 1969 – had again and again induced activities on the national level and helped in the establishments of national medical library groups. Thus the *German Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Medizinisches Bibliothekswesen* was founded in 1970, the *Bibliothecarii Medicinæ Fenniae* were established in 1980. *The Gruppo di Lavoro sulle Biblioteche Biomediche della Associazione Italiana Biblioteche* started a few years later. Besides, many European countries had one or more parallel establishments devoted to the documentation of biomedical and related literature.

The theme of the First European Conference of Medical Libraries: *Medical Libraries: Cooperation and new Technologies* illustrated the needs that confronted medical librarians in Europe at the time. Eastern European colleagues were present from the start – supported by WHO Geneva – and it was one of them, Maria Benda from Hungary, who strongly supported the idea of a journal publication for medical librarians and health information personnel. How different were those first issues of the Newsletter from the professional journal we now enjoy! The current *Journal of EAHIL* shows the great development the association has taken since those early days. That is what I truly think.

How did it all start? An initial discussion of plans among Valentina Comba, Gabriella Poppi and myself at Gabriella's home during the Conference *Biblioteche e Centri di Documentazione nelle Biomedicine: Realtà e Prospettive*, held in Rome, 12-14 December 1984, constituted the first step towards building a European Association. It was necessary then to find a larger group of supporters for the idea. It struck us as strange that the opportunity for a meeting of some twenty

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European librarians came with the 5th ICML, held in Tokyo 30 September to 4 October 1985. There, the discussion solely concerned the when and where of a first European conference!

The first conference in Brussels was actively supported by the Commission of the European Communities, the World Health Organization and a number of firms and publishing houses. Thanks to Marc Walckiers of the Université Catholique de Louvain – Faculty of Medicine Library, the European Commission graciously offered the conference venue and a team of interpreters. For this event the European Organizing Committee issued a small brochure of brief reports on European library groups and health science library co-operation in existence at the time.

A paper by Marc Walckiers *Une Association Européenne des Bibliothèques Médicales*¹ was discussed and adopted by the 300 European participants at the Conference. The meeting closed with the mandate to prepare the legal papers necessary for what was to be EAHIL. Again, an international congress served as the place and time for the signing into the being of our Association. In August 1987 the IFLA Conference in Brighton gave us that opportunity.

The European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) with its seat in Bruxelles, had been founded.

Ursula Hausen

The First-Vice-President of EAHIL
3rd EAHIL President, 1989-1990

1. Marc Walckiers mentioned the following barriers to medical librarians:

- national boundaries with delays in ILL;
- language barriers;
- the geographic differences;
- local peculiarities.

The objectives for the new association in his view were:

- cooperation of libraries;
- professional development for librarians;
- representation of medical libraries at the European level.

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Elisabeth Husem



EAHIL – 20 Years Old! Happy 20th Anniversary!

It has been ten years since the last great celebration. I can remember that; I was there! In fact, I have

always been there, right from the very beginning. First of all as an inexperienced but enthusiastic ordinary member, then as a Board member and at last as President. Quite a career? Yes, EAHIL has been important to me personally and to my professional development. The years have been full of challenges and important and demanding projects, but also many happy memories, and it has been a time of rich and good apprenticeship.

As a new Board member I often felt confused and helpless, listening to the many endless, but probably necessary, discussions both on the Board and on the Council. I tried to follow all these discussions and look interested, and gradually, as I understood more of what was going on, my understanding became more real and involved.

The first years of EAHIL were years of consolidation within the association. Much work had to be done in establishing rules and procedures. I remember heated discussions on how to define Europe and who could be a full member. The 12 stars in EAHIL's symbol, did they represent EU or the European Council? This discussion engaged many European librarians including us Norwegians. Norway was not, and still is not, a member of the EU, but is a member of the Council of Europe. Some librarians in Norway were very much against the EU and thought of EAHIL as an "EU-club"! And why should there be some

medical librarians from some European countries who could only be associate members without full rights? This question worried also Anne N. Nicolaisen of Oslo, one of the founders of EAHIL. She consulted the SMH (Norwegian Library Association. Section for Medicine and Health) and together with the SMH's board, she wrote comments to the Rules of Procedure, and could afterwards report that some of the suggestions were taken into consideration, and that members without full membership could participate in the Council and the General Assembly with the right to put in a word.

Today all this is history (thank heaven!) and EAHIL welcomes all librarians from all countries in Europe, not to mention worldwide. It is particularly encouraging that EAHIL now has so many new members from Eastern and Central Europe and from Russia.

It is interesting to look at the close relationship between the SMH and EAHIL. As already mentioned, Anne N. Nicolaisen, an SMH member, was one of the founders of EAHIL, and ever since, there has been an SMH member on the EAHIL board! Arne (Jakobsson) is as good a Norwegian as any, even if he did originally come from Sweden.

The medical libraries in Norway have a long tradition of networking both at a national and at an international level. Librarians were early encouraged by the SMH and (some) library leaders to participate and to be active on the international scene. We could participate in conferences and workshops as long as we were willing to contribute in some way: present a paper, prepare a poster, be an active committee member. The SMH also offers good scholarships to medical librarians, which is an added incentive.

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Elisabeth Husem

I personally have been fortunate in being able to participate in all the conferences and workshops, first as a nervous beginner, as I can remember from my first years in EAHIL, and today as a real “oldie”! However, I feel at home with my EAHIL family and always enjoy meeting good friends.

The work of the Nordic-Baltic Association and the SMH Baltic (the SMH’s Baltic Sea Region Cooperation) is a direct continuation of the ideas of EAHIL. It all started in 1994, when the SMH organized the 4th EAHIL Conference in Oslo. One of our goals was to invite as many participants as possible from the Baltic countries and Eastern/Central Europe, and 40 colleagues from these countries were present at the conference in Oslo. From that moment, the Nordic-Baltic cooperation was established and it is still very active today. The SMH acts as a coordinator and takes care of the administration and fundraising.

In 2003 the SMH again organized an EAHIL event in Oslo, this time a workshop in close collaboration with our Baltic colleagues: *Cross Boundaries – Join Forces*.

From 2001, libraries from St. Petersburg were invited to take part in the programme of cooperation and from 2007 librarians from North-West Russia have also been included.

It has also been very interesting to experience the ways in which different presidents have influenced the association. We may all be Europeans, but we do not necessarily belong to the same culture. We are male and female, which also plays a certain role, and makes EAHIL an exciting area.

EAHIL should be a united European association. However the organization should reflect our different personalities and cultures! EAHIL should be a professional association, but remember, our professional levels are different. Some are beginners in the international arena, and we all need support and patience. The same goes for the language. We do not all have English as our mother tongue. Language can be a barrier, but by participating in EAHIL, little by little we can improve our English and our self-confidence.

I am very grateful to the enthusiastic group of European medical librarians who met at the 5th International Congress of Medical Librarianship in Tokyo in 1985 and started planning a European Association. In 1986 the First European Conference of Medical librarians was organized in Brussels, thanks to Marc Walckiers, and during the 57 Annual IFLA Conference in Brighton in 1987 the founding document of EAHIL was signed.

And, while I have here mentioned those who were instigators in starting up EAHIL, I have most definitely not forgotten all those who have come later and put so much energy and time and passion into making EAHIL what it is today – I am so glad that I have been involved! Thank you!

From Norway we send our best wishes to EAHIL for its 20 years anniversary! EAHIL has given us joy, knowledge and useful contacts over the years and we wish the Association and its members many fruitful years in the future! “Gratulerer med 20 års dagen!”

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Once Upon a Time... A Brief Story of My Relationship with EAHIL

Well, I am a little touched but also, let me say, very grateful for this opportunity to spend a few moments with you to talk affectionately about our common work. Yes, just affectionately, because this “enterprise” which was conceived as an answer to our shared needs, has been nourished by a common effort through all members and whose actual result is the creation of a service offered to the whole EAHIL community.

In this respect, 1983 is an important date because it marks the beginning of a novel idea which began to take shape: to identify and aggregate the different realities and institutions operating in the field of scientific and chiefly biomedical information. Then, in 1984 the Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS), to celebrate its 50th anniversary, organised and held the First Congress on Libraries of Documentation Centres in Biomedicine (1) with the participation of international institutions. This Congress, though mainly reflecting the Italian situation, was already the first expression of a powerful international collaboration which was developing both at European level (France, UK, and Germany were among the European countries involved) and international level (with the participation of WHO).

The adventure began in the most informal way in 1984, at tea-time, in the living room of my house in Rome when Valentina Comba, Ursula Hausen and myself were fascinated by the idea of developing an initiative useful to the users and professionals of biomedical information. At that time we did not know exactly in which direction we had to move. Nor were any of the tools used today available, such as these sophisticated tools which improve and facilitate the collaboration and the sharing of common resources among various institutions operating at both national and international level. In the following four years – 1985/1988 – the fruits sown at that friendly chat in my house, ripened.

1985/1986 saw the organisation of the First European Conference of Medical Libraries held on the premises of the European Commission in Brussels on 22-25 October 1986, where biomedical organisations from 27 European countries participated (2). It was really a wonderful goal attained, thanks to the clever and hard work of Marc Walckiers, Ursula Hausen and Christine Deschamps.

On 18 August 1987 in Brighton, on a sunny day under a lucky star, the European medical librarians and documentalists saw a long cherished dream come true: the creation of EAHIL took place. In 1988, the Second European Conference of Medical Libraries was held in Bologna. It hosted the first EAHIL General Assembly (after its constitution) and the European MEDLARS Centres’ Meeting organised by the ISS. Here the WHO/EURO representatives reminded the participants of the Statement of the Regional Target 35 of the WHO Global Strategy for Health for All: “Before 1990, Member States should have health information systems capable of supporting their national strategy” (3). The international attendance at this Conference demonstrated a strong sensitivity towards this subject, which was also attested by the active presence of representatives of over 20 nations from Europe, the USA, Africa and other WHO countries.

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Since 1989, together with the fall of the Berlin Wall, many barriers have been broken and EAHIL has begun to demonstrate its success. In recent years, tremendous progress has occurred in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) field and this has surely been important for EAHIL development which has had an exponential growth in the number of members. Moreover, information professionals and users' needs have had to face new ways of approaching information research through the Internet.

This was meant to be just a concise historical sequence of relevant events, but I would also like to briefly describe my personal role within it. As a librarian of ISS I was deeply involved in all problems concerning the biomedical information in all its aspects. I dedicated a large part of my professional activity in creating and strengthening active links among institutions working in the field, such as WHO/EURO, EAHIL and the ISS, which played the role of the Italian WHO reference point.



This photo taken during the Bologna Congress, showing H. Nakajima the WHO Director General, F. Pocchiari, the Director General of ISS and myself, testifies that a courageous joint purpose, strong decisions and tireless common work are basic elements of success. With regard to this, in fact, I have been actively involved in supporting the constitution of the WHO documentation centres in Italy and in other European countries and I have had the honour to serve EAHIL in the Council and on the Board.

Now, free from professional duties, I can look at EAHIL as an association which does not recognise frontiers and is fully capable of managing all the most recent developments of information technology. I can now say, therefore, that my dream has come true!

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EAHIL Twenty Years, Looking Back, Looking Forward

In 1984 I entered medical librarianship. In those days the major part of my time was dedicated to online information retrieval, by phone and modem connections to host computers, like DIMDI, DataStar or Dialog. Online searching was charged by connection time and by the number of characters and/or references downloaded. Technology was new and of major concern to literature intermediaries. For cost-efficient and effective searching a good command of medical thesauri and an understanding of medical practice was mandatory. Courses were organized both by professional bodies and by the host organizations.

With CD-ROM technology electronic versions of bibliographic databases became available for end-user searching; the librarians organized introductions to CD-ROM searching. By implementing CD-ROM technology in local networks the (medical) library extended beyond its physical walls. Bibliographic database management systems, Internet technology and the wide spread use of personal computers extended the support and training services of the (medical) librarians by including reference management.

Evidence-Based medicine means using the best available knowledge for clinical decision making, preferentially at the point of care. Clinical librarians entered the wards offering their services to the busy clinicians. Technology helped medical librarians to extend their services not only towards the end-users,

but also to facilitate national and international cooperation, including interlibrary loans and fax- or scan-copy transmissions.

In 1991/92 the fax machine was the newest technology to facilitate organizing an international conference. For the preparation of the proceedings we relied on camera-ready copies of paper manuscripts prepared by *copy and paste* with real glue; originals were sent to the publisher. Ten years later it is all e-mail, web application forms and online databases.

The way EAHIL is using new technologies for organizing the Association and communication with its members (web database for membership, web database for abstract submissions, website for proceedings and publication of the journal) in the same way medical librarians will be using web 2.0 technology to communicate with their users. Facilitating web technology for scientific information, documentation and communication will be the next area where (medical) librarians shall extend their services.

Medical librarianship has changed, but the medical librarians are still the intermediaries connecting and relating the information needs of faculty and students to the biomedical information sources. With so much of the job involving technology and with a focus now on finding and sharing information beyond just what is available in books, a new type of librarian is emerging. May EAHIL flourish in bringing together the old tradition of friendship with the new and challenging future for the next generation of European medical librarians.

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Forty Years of Progress and Harmony? A Progress Report at Half Way

RETROSPECTIVE

Looking back on the 17 years I've been involved in EAHIL, two things in particular have caught my attention. The first of these is just how much the development of EAHIL has reflected the world at large – the huge technological, professional and political changes.

Technical

When I joined the Board, the only email system I used regularly, was so cumbersome that there was no practical alternative to printing out each message and treating it like an old-fashioned memo. Fortunately I only received two or three messages each day; online searching was something that needed specialists and that you charged a lot of money for; the web was something that strange physicists got excited and incomprehensible about. I had an address book, used travel agents, went to shops and bought CDs, paid monopoly rates for air travel, wore a tie, and commuted by stagecoach. Maybe I made up the last one. You would have been put quietly to bed with an ice pack if you had suggested that in 20 years the quick reference collection would be practically redundant, students would think that neither librarians nor paper had a role to play in their studies, that paper publications and local archives would be entirely obsolescent, and that researchers and clinicians would no longer visit libraries because journals, books and integrated search services were available everywhere... free!

The way EAHIL ran itself reflected this. Only in the most exceptional cases was Board business conducted outside the twice-yearly meetings. Any urgent matters were dealt with by executive Presidential action, sometimes with the help of the paid, part-time secretariat. The alternative was cumbersome circulation of letters or cumbersome and costly telephoning. This kind of barrier to participation was reflected across the whole of EAHIL's governance structure. The current situation where the Board is in effect in permanent session, using its email list to discuss and decide would have been, if not science fiction then, certainly utopian. The poor old President still finds herself doing most of the actual work, though.

Professional

Over the same period, the profession has changed in a number of significant ways too. It seems to me that medical librarianship is very much less of a separate community than before, and is becoming more and more integrated into the mainstream of research librarianship. In the communities I know best, health libraries are increasingly being linked with university library services or integrated into mainstream health administration and to be on the staff of a medical library is increasingly seen as a stage in a career rather than the career itself. We are also seeing the beginnings of what I see as being fundamental changes in the structure of the profession. I shall be returning to this in more detail in the next section, but we are definitely seeing the reduction in size of large, hierarchical library structures as clerical processes are eliminated and the library itself ceases to be a focus for services.

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The flexibility and freedom provided by EAHIL's new open access structure match this new situation very well, in my view. It is easier for the member, and less of an administrative burden, to accommodate a faster membership turnover than before, and members can take what advantage and benefit they feel appropriate. It may have longer-term implications for the recruitment of new activists for Council and the Board, particularly as Council is growing significantly in size and Councillors have the significant additional burden of assessing membership application, but for the moment this does not seem to be a problem. Last year we had the widest choice I can remember in the Board elections, and candidates for Council also appear to be easier to find than before.

Political

EAHIL was founded in a bygone political era. The former Soviet bloc was still intact and seemingly as permanent as the Alps and the nation state was much more of a watertight reality than it is now. Again, this made the administrative process more time consuming and complicated than now seems plausible. Simply having to allow for a separate currency for each country in which there was an EAHIL member was a nightmare, with the cost and expense of changing money into and out of *Francs Belges* an ever-present reality.

From looking through the archives of the early years, it seems that our founders very sensibly based many aspects of their brainchild on the Medical Library Association - still the very model of a well-managed and successful professional body. There are assumptions about a shared, established pattern of library professionalism and of a basic, fairly high level of library resourcing which were soon to be cast to the wind by the emergence of countries in Central and Eastern Europe which combined the freshness and excitement of youth with in many cases youth's lack of structure and chronic shortage of funds. Within our limited compass, EAHIL has done an excellent job in bringing together different strands and traditions of the health information profession, and this can be seen nowhere more clearly than in the venues for our exhibitions and conferences.

Plus Ça Change, Plus C'Est la Même Chose

Referring back to my initial paragraph and following on from my remarks about our founding group, the second thing that struck me about EAHIL's development over the past 20 years is how well we have been served by the structures that the established. Through all the change and development, the Statutes and the governance structures have remained remarkably intact. We still operate on the original structure of an Executive Board elected by universal suffrage, supported by a Council elected on a national basis and reflecting national membership levels - reporting and subordinate to a general assembly of members meeting at our conference and carrying ultimate responsibility. It worked well in 1987, and still shows no signs of decay or mismatch with reality. Statutes and Rules of Procedure may have been rewritten, clarified and modified as circumstances have changed, but remain recognisably the offspring of the original documents.

PROSPECTIVE

Health Warning

As the title implies, our Editor has asked me to look forward as well as back, to make some projections and predictions about what EAHIL might look like in 2027. I was surprised to be

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asked, because my record for predicting the future of our profession and its institutions is virtually 100%. 100% wrong, that is. My surprise was particularly sharp, because as it happens I wrote an article almost exactly 20 years ago making a set of predictions about where libraries and scholarly communication might be at around this time. Having done what I can to bury and suppress this grossly inaccurate piece of work, I am certainly not going to provide a citation for it now (and it is not on the web, as far as I can tell). However, I can comfort myself that at my present age it is very unlikely indeed that anyone will be interested in calling me to account; and almost as unlikely that I will be in any state to understand them if they do. So here goes.

Futurology

The first thing to say is that the future of the profession and the future of our professional associations, though obviously linked, are not the same thing at all. Partly driven by IT, society in the developed world is changing fundamentally away from collectivism and traditional social structures into a more individualistic and less face-to face approach. More and more of the interactions in our life occur on a distance-independent basis, both socially through lists, chatrooms, 2.0 sites such as facebook.com etc. and in out work. Professional associations are just one category of organisations which have suffered from this growing reluctance to sign up to the traditional style of membership organisation, and throughout the world our professional groups are coping with declining membership and associated financial problems. It was a worrying financial projection that led EAHIL to adopting its radical, and as it turned out, highly successful, adaptation of the open access concept, and many other associations are contemplating or implementing painful and difficult changes in order to secure a sustainable future. Our professional associations and the membership that sustains them are faced with an uncertain and probably an uncomfortable future, and technological and social change challenge, undermine and bypass our comfortable assumptions and the basis of so much of our working lives. We have a lot to offer our users, but it will not be what we have traditionally offered and for many of us the changes will be hard to digest.

Where's the Library Going?

One of the mantras of American management guru Tom Peters, is that organisations need to plan to change every aspect of what they do, and this is certainly true of libraries serving the scientific and medical (STM) communities. Libraries have principally existed to provide a cultural and scientific archive, to manage information scarcity in a fair and open manner, assistance in selection and access to information resources and to provide a safe and congenial place for scholars to work. None of these seems to have an assured future in the digital world:

- For the first time in history, most libraries do not have the knowledge, capacity or the resources to maintain a perpetual archive of the scientific record. With very few exceptions, libraries are choosing to, in effect, outsource their archiving activity either to the publishers themselves, to collaborative organisations such as Portico or to national bodies such as the Koninklijk Bibliotheek's e-Depot archive.
- The need for rationing was inherent in the technology of the printed word, with consequences that have shaped our profession. We built selective collections based on our

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perceptions of user needs. We have developed highly complex processes within our libraries in order to provide a fair and equitable rationing of finite resources. As a profession take for granted our extraordinary (and to many outsiders bizarre) ability to devise byzantine rules supported by forests of decision-trees in order that our users may share fairly in what we offer. Even in the present transitional state of e-publishing this skill is now at least obsolescent: if 150 undergraduates rush out of the lecture theatre in order to read the same *NEJM* paper the technology now means they can, without any outside intervention - and in fact the technology probably means they have no need to rush anywhere.

- Reference support, library training and information literacy generally have been mainstays of the professional librarian's life but this, too, is changing. In my professional lifetime, access to the scientific literature has moved from printed indexes of varying ingenuity and complexity through Medlars, Medline and search engines to the point where Web of Science and Scopus provide extraordinarily sophisticated and flexible access with a negligible learning curve. It may be that these proprietary services are already comparable with a poor-to-average reference librarian (but without the walk across campus and the queuing for service) and our users like them - perhaps more than they like us. Making projections on the basis of past events is always hazardous, but it seems to me very likely that we will (a) see scientific abstracting and indexing services becoming better, easier to use and closer aligned to our users' needs *as they perceive them*, and (b) will become progressively cheaper, more widely available until such time as they are provided *pro bono* by the Wellcome Trust, the NLM or whoever, or even built into Windows 2012 or System XIV. Personally, I feel that the difficulty over information literacy with digital media is at most, temporary. The number of health professionals who think Google is infallible and that everything is free must dwindle in the face of everyday experience of real life. Or am I being naive?
- Academic libraries are still packed with studious youth, and there are many interesting and creative programmes designed to get the student bottom onto the library seat. Provision of coffee is now a commonplace, and we can find widescreen televisions showing sport and MTV, roller-skating reference librarians who can be summoned by SMS, collective workspaces for the groupwork generation and many other features that would send the traditional librarian stereotype onto the psychiatrist's couch (if only there were an evidence base for it). However, we are increasingly dealing with digital natives with at best only a vestigial grasp of the library's centrality to the learning process. Coffee and roller skates may not be enough in a future where net access is ever more universal and portable, and where everything really is "available on the web", even if it is paid for in part by their college or hospital.

Much of the above is an oversimplification, and not everyone and every place is moving to digital at the same speed. However, given that we are considering a 20-year period. It used to be said that in 5 years things will change less than you expect but in 10 years they will change much, much more. Given the ever-accelerating pace of change we might adapt this to 3 years and 7, but

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certainly over 20 years it would be foolish to think that any of the above four pillars of librarianship will have anything more than marginal application and the curiosity value currently accorded to steam trains.

What's the Librarian Doing?

It is not all bleak, however. One of the most interesting features of the networked world is how resilient so many existing structures survive, against all expectation. Why are there still record shops in our cities? Why are we all not using Skype? Libraries and librarians have great buildings and significant budgets, both of which have self-perpetuating survival value. Librarians mostly have significant job security. And so change will probably be gradual and cumulative. However, change there will be and a significant amount of professional thought is going into how we might translate our professional and customer service skills into providing new value for our users and our masters.

With the obvious exception of those library and information professionals who feature in popular television dramas, most of us are possessed of an unusual talent for empathy - for adopting the goals of our users and working hard to facilitate their success. We are also excellent at customer relations, as demonstrated by the number of trained librarians fulfilling this role in publishing and related industries. These are skills that need to be applied more widely.

We will surely remain at the heart of ensuring that our institution and its staff get the best value and the most important resources for the amount of money they are prepared to spend on information. This is likely to be steadily more circumscribed by the constraints of national or regional acquisition agreements, and by the shape of big deal contracts but it would be strange if our employers did not want to retain a voice in this process, and stranger still if it did not rely on us to speak on their behalf. We also have skills that can contribute significantly to our organisation's goals in the management and development of intellectual property (IP). To some extent this can be seen in experiments with institutional repositories, but in my opinion these are something of a blind alley and perhaps in some cases are being developed to satisfy a deep need to build collections whose traditional outlet is being blocked by the ubiquity of web resources in general and big deals in particular. If we are to have a future in IP management and support, we need to be more focused on the organisation's goals in these areas and not regard repositories as a publishing surrogate (although that may indeed prove to be an important and significant side-benefit).

As discussed above, library space is already being put to a variety of innovative uses, but other developments in education and medical practice may give more opportunities to extend this, with interdisciplinary research, distributed teams, and more flexible working and studying all becoming more and more of a feature of our lives. With close links throughout the institution, we are well placed to foster and support the creation of new communities and facilitate new ways of working.

There also seems to be considerable potential for the development of information professions "embedded" in research or clinical teams and providing information and assistance in support of

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individual team goals. Even with the increasing sophistication of search tools, such an arrangement promises improved quality of information and increased productivity for the team as a whole.

IN CONCLUSION, *OR RATHER* IN CONTINUATION (And What Will EAHIL Do?)

Notwithstanding the doom and gloom of the previous sections, the immediate future for EAHIL looks secure and bright. Unusually, we have a sustainable economic model and an interesting and sensible business plan. What I expect to be the increasing fragmentation and loss of structure in the provision of medical information is both a threat and an opportunity for us. On the one hand, we may see the gradual disappearance of any sort of consciousness that information midwifery is a separate, definable professional group at all. But as internal support structures steadily disintegrate, it may be also the case that those involved in information services will be increasingly looking beyond their employer for their professional support, their continuing education and their everyday peer group. In the way we have developed, EAHIL is very well placed to do this and the forthcoming provision of professional certification may play an important part in this.

I am no more going to give a 20 year projection of EAHIL's development than I am going to expose to public ridicule my forecasts of the late 80s. Planning cycles are becoming shorter and shorter in all types of organisations and for many of us anything longer than 2-3 years ahead cannot properly be considered "planning" at all but slips into the realm of "speculation" or "guesswork". What EAHIL has to be to survive is creative and nimble. It has many advantages, not least an impressive generation of activists coming through to take on the mantle of leadership from the increasingly sloped shoulders of us older professionals. In addition to good people and a member community that demonstrates impressive coherence and commitment, EAHIL has much more going for it. Even in its newly expanded state, it is a very manageable size which seems somehow to be a good fit to current technology. Larger organisations have their advantages but attract a clutter of overheads, commitments and distraction; smaller organisations can struggle to find an adequate critical mass talented activists. Like with children, you can never look at a professional association and say "job done". All you can ever say is "so far, so good" and I think we *can* say that about EAHIL.

And finally, why do I refer to *progress and harmony* in the title? Simple. As well as serving on the EAHIL Board I also chair the Council of Trustees for CILIP, the UK's national library association. There is a tradition that at the beginning of each annual cycle of meetings and activity CILIP council stands and drinks a toast to *progress and harmony*, and given the amount of misery in the body of this article, I thought it would be a good sentiment to begin and end with.

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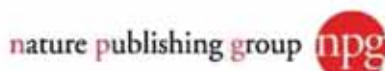
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September 13th, Thursday afternoon

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE! The Role of Professional Librarian Associations

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For all of us, obtaining an initial professional qualification is only the first step in our professional development. As we progress through our careers we need to build on that platform, adding to our skills, extending our knowledge, developing our leadership abilities, and setting ourselves new career objectives. At the same time we need to support our colleagues in pursuing their own professional paths.

Professional associations for librarians can play a vital part in these processes: they offer a framework for education and training at local, national, and international levels, and provide a focal point for policy-making, consensus actions, and problem-sharing.

This Empowerment Session will examine the roles of professional associations and similar groups in our continuing education and development. We shall review a selection of existing organizations - including but not restricted to EAHIL - analysing their activities to illustrate what is possible. We shall try to show how you, as individual librarians, may benefit from the work they do, and also how you can contribute by helping to start, run, or develop an organization for the benefit of others. The session will address the needs of both young and experienced librarians; consider how professional associations function both in those countries with a long-established history of such professional collaborations and in those where such associations are under-developed; and consider how EAHIL itself might be empowered to extend its own role in our professional development.

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13 September 2007 (Thursday)

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II - The Traces of Jewish Culture

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September 12th, Wednesday

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half day morning	A. McKibbon	Statistics for the Statistically Challenged: A Primer for Understanding the Numbers and Statistics in Healthcare Research Reports
	O. Obst G. van den Brekel	Weblogs and Mashups Service
half day	F. Rump	"I didn't know that exist" - Internet Search Tools for Biomedical Librarian
	M. L. Zafron	Making Library Instruction Count: User Education Methods and Techniques
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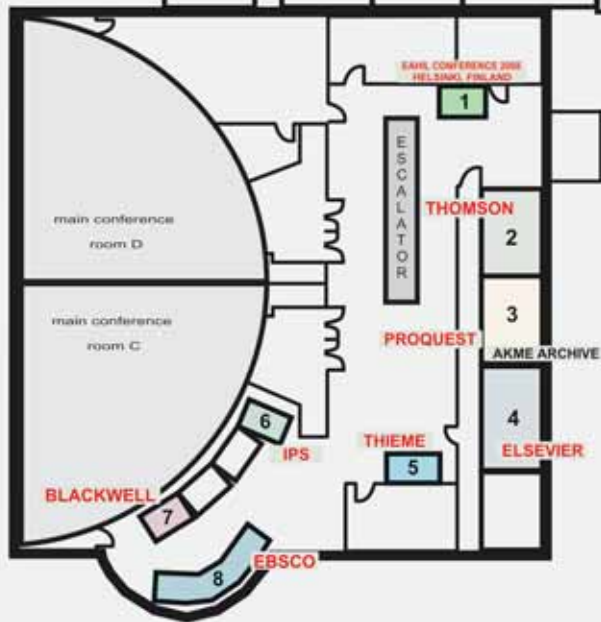
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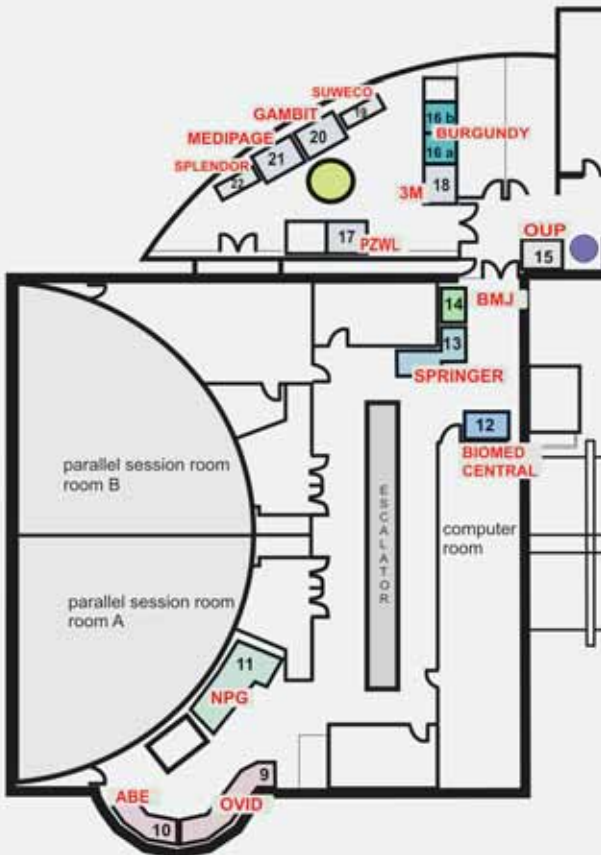
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Sample Record

Title	Blood and urine concentration of promin, diazone, and promizole in the treatment of leprosy
Full Journal Title	International Journal of Leprosy
Journal Title Abstract	INT. J. LEPR., CLEVELAND
ISSN	0148916X
Publication Year	1947
Volume/Issue/Page Range	15/3 (236-245)
Author	Ross H.
Address	Laboratories of the National Leprosarium, Carville, LA
Country of Author	United States
Abstract	It can be assumed that promin is stored in the tissues and liver. No correlation between the blood promin level and the clinical status of the patient could be found. Diazone can be found in the urine after diazone treatment. The urine promizole level greatly exceeds that of diazone or promin in the urine. Formation of stones in the kidneys did not occur even in a promizole, diazone, or promin concentration of the urine up to 800 mgm per cent.
Language of Summary	ENGLISH
Language of Article	ENGLISH
Drug Control Term (keywords)	aldesulfone , glucosulfone , thiazosulfone , <i>unclassified drug</i>
Medical Control Term (keywords)	blood , kidney concentrating capacity , <i>kidney</i> , leprosy , <i>liver</i> , <i>patient</i> , <i>tissue</i> , <i>urine</i>
Item Type	Article

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Linda Lisgarten



Confessions of an EAHIL Enthusiast!

I must confess that when I first joined EAHIL (shortly after the first conference in Brussels in 1987) I had real misgivings about whether it would be any use to me from the professional development and continuing education point of view. Medical librarianship in the UK was well developed with good professional networking possibilities, and as far as I could see (which turned out to be not very far!) Anglo/American influences seemed predominant and sufficient in medical information work anyway. Then, of course there was the potential “all those foreign languages” problem. Like many of my British colleagues, my mastery of any language other than English was just about non-existent, consisting as it did of some extremely rudimentary schoolgirl French and just one year’s worth of German and Latin classes until the languages teacher begged me to give her a break and choose another subject instead. However, a couple of colleagues who had had the chance to go to Brussels for the first conference spoke enthusiastically about it, and told me that the second one was going to be in Bologna in 1988, which sounded great to me. So with the backing of my very supportive employers, I decided to join up and literally to broaden my professional horizons! I had never been “abroad” to a conference before, although I

had attended many all over the UK, and so it was with great excitement and some trepidation that I boarded the plane at Heathrow one chilly November morning and flew off alone into Northern Italy and the unknown!

Five days later, flying back with many happy memories of meeting lots of new, friendly, professionally dynamic and interesting people from many different parts of Europe, and having experienced a packed and extremely informative programme of papers and visits (not to mention the perfect pasta and the prosecco wine in great abundance!), I knew I was hooked.

Since Bologna, I have attended nearly all the conferences and most of the workshops, and I can truly say they have all been professionally rewarding and socially delightful. I am a great believer in the importance of the social programme at conferences, being convinced that informal discussions in a relaxed atmosphere can provide some of the best opportunities for networking and development. And as far as social programmes go, EAHIL ones surely can not be bettered! My friends and I have drunk Russian “champagne” and “Bull’s Blood” sitting on the walls of Buda castle (and some brave souls – not me – also tried the thermal baths in the nude – but that’s another story!). We have drunk Vampire Vodka and been utterly entranced at the Opera in Cluj; we have sailed the fjords at

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midnight in Oslo; we have had a surreal “indoors” outdoors barbeque in Coimbra (how dare it rain!); eaten moules galore in Brussels and quaffed Kolsch galore in Cologne; sunbathed in between the papers in Alghero, (where certain delegates wore their swimsuits all day underneath their proper clothes to make sure they didn’t miss any opportunity!). Plus there have been so many beautiful and sometimes poignant memories: the superb sunsets over the harbour in Palermo and the sandy bays of Sardinia and Santander; the shock of seeing the sheer height and gothic splendour of Cologne cathedral close up for the first time, and the beauty of the Charles bridge and the centre of Prague despite millions of tourists! I also vividly remember the unexpected emotions when the tour guide showing us around Budapest broke down in tears when describing what happened to his city after the 2nd World War. Then there were the surprises and mini-disasters that always make travelling so memorable. I well remember the time I went to Montpellier but my luggage went to Athens! During the conference in Oslo I remember the representative of one of the exhibitors invited some of us to a restaurant one evening. He had asked his secretary back in the UK to pre-book a table. When we all arrived we found out she had booked a table at the branch of the restaurant in Stockholm by mistake. They are probably still waiting for us to turn up... Then there was the time in Prague when we found out the day before we

were due to leave that the accommodation (not prepaid) did not take any type of credit card, only local currency. Panic stations! Rumours abounded of defaulters being rounded up and held in the local jail until bills were paid! Some of us spent an anxious hour or two in the bank and managed to get a money transfer just in time – thank heavens!

By now you are probably wondering whether I was just out and about sightseeing or did I ever go to any of the papers or business sessions? Well, the answer is “Yes, lots of them!” and extremely useful they were too. In fact I think I have learned more about the important issues and subjects of the day at EAHIL meetings than anywhere else. It has been wonderful to hear at first hand the champions and exponents of such topics as Evidence Based Medicine; Information for Patients; Open Access publishing, etc. delivering their papers with passion and commitment, often followed by an insightful debate where delegates with many differing points of view from all over Europe challenged assumptions and pre-conceptions.

I have also had the privilege of serving as a UK Councillor, a Co-Chair of the PHING Special Interest Group and latterly on the EAHIL Board. Once again, it is the talented and inspiring EAHIL people that I have met that have made it such a worthwhile experience. I cannot possibly name them all here but a few who come to mind include several from the northern countries, such as

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Elisabeth Husem, Arne Jakobsson, Liisa Salmi, Pat Flor, and many of their colleagues, who all seem to combine the capacity for clear vision, hard work and effectiveness with personal charm and a caring attitude. Not to mention having brains the size of a planet as well! Moving south, there are just too many people to pick out individuals, but without exception they seem to effortlessly combine elegance, grace and engaging friendliness with inspirational flair, and attending events held in Italy has always been wonderful, likewise with our Spanish, Portuguese and French colleagues (ah – the food in Montpellier!). But of course we have been all over Europe with wonderful hosts in all the countries giving us a true insight into different working cultures and customs, and that is what makes being an EAHIL member so interesting and rewarding. Our last conference, in Romania, was surely one of the best and I am looking forward with eager anticipation to our workshop in Krakow. It is truly a privilege that such eminent librarians as Suzanne in the Netherlands; Ulrich, Oliver and Friedhelm in Germany; Benoit in France; Marta in Hungary; Meile in Lithuania; Manuela and Giovanna in Italy; and Sally and Ioana in Romania have all become friends and colleagues who are only a quick email away. That is the beauty of EAHIL; because even before the breakdown of some of the political barriers between eastern, central and western Europe, we were able to exchange knowledge and help each other to a certain extent, but now with the aid of

modern technology we can and do communicate quickly, painlessly and work together seamlessly despite geography. In particular, the new “Virtual EAHIL” concept has worked out brilliantly – our numbers have increased and our horizons widened once again, without losing the best features that have developed over the years (such as the EAHIL Journal; our programme of meetings; our commitment to professional development and excellence) and I am sure EAHIL will continue to go from strength to strength.

I have just one mini-confession left: I have never liked the name *The European Association for Health Information and Libraries*. My quibble is that the title seems to emphasize the physical and impersonal in referring to “health information” and to “libraries”. In my view, our association is both for and about **people**, from those founding members who were around over 20 years ago with the foresight and vision to set up the Association so successfully, to all the truly talented people ever since who have given their expertise and energy and to make it grow and succeed for the benefit of us all as professionals and the undoubted benefit of medical information provision throughout Europe and beyond.

Thank you, EAHIL people.

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Times past – 2nd Conference at Bologna, November, 1988

This was the first EAHIL meeting that I attended, although I do recall being crammed into a hotel room in Brighton in 1986 (I know what you are thinking and it was very respectable!) with a crowd of Health Library Group members to hear about the foundation of EAHIL and the Brussels meeting proposed for the following year. The Instituto Rizzoli's new conference centre was delightfully situated above the town, whence we travelled daily by bus from our hotels. People attended from England, Hungary, Ireland, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Italy of course, as well as Australia and the USA (Lois Ann Colianni gave an impromptu talk at the pre-conference Medlars Centres Study day).

I think the organisation was still learning about how to manage such a large conference and sometimes the programme overran which meant hasty re-arrangements. The conference centre had only three female loos and as the majority of the participants were women we tended to spend all the breaks in the programme queuing up to 'spend a penny'. We also took our buffet meals standing up which meant the formal conference sessions were a good opportunity to sit down. However the food was very good! This was a time when simultaneous translation of papers between English, French and – in this case Italian – was provided. I realized for the first time that it takes longer to say something in Italian than it does in English and that clarity in giving a paper is essential.

My personal memory of this time in Bologna is that I developed a very heavy cold and Ernest Hochland, a very great supporter of EAHIL in its early days, very kindly walked me round the shops in the town centre to get some fresh air. I can still visualise the counters of the small shops and delicatessens heaped up with crystallized fruit and Ernest's purchase of Parma ham to take back to Manchester.

...oh yes I did attend the conference sessions as well and have my notes to prove it! This was clearly a time when European countries were at different stages of development in terms of health information services and all were working hard to overcome language barriers, lack of hard currency or funds in general and the need for better database coverage of locally produced medical literature.

It is good to see more and more health information professionals from a wider spectrum of countries have been able to attend, both to listen and to present their papers and posters. I'm certain that EAHIL has played a great part in stimulating the development of information and library services in its member countries and in motivating its members through its annual meetings and workshops. Long may it continue!

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John Rylands University Library of Manchester, 1986-2000

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Ten Years of Publications and New Products: 1997 – 2007

In October 1997 I took over the position from Beatrice Wilhelm as Editor of the Publications Section of the *EAHIL Newsletter*. I was very proud of this and now, after ten years of writing the column *Publications and New Products and Forthcoming Events*, I have all the more reason to be proud: the Editor-in-Chief has asked me to write an article in this special number dedicated to the 20th anniversary of EAHIL!

Reading my comments starting from 1997, I have tried to outline the subjects published and discussed in the literature over these ten years. This “rereading” has resulted in a “picture” of the evolution particularly on three topics: access to published information, the impact of Internet, and consequently the metamorphosis of libraries and librarians and information services. Many things have changed in ten years, but the major changes will be in the coming years with the “Web 2.0 age”, which will emphasize social interaction, personalization and sharing data, and with users embracing the tagging and the tools.

Access to published information

In 1997 the academic libraries started to protest against high prices in scientific publications. Several Dutch scientific research libraries (1) and a Coalition of Library Consortia, 42 groups representing more than 5000 libraries (2), added their voices to hold down prices for electronic journals. The US Association of Research Libraries calculated that its 114 member libraries spent 142 per cent more on journals in 1997 than ten years before, but ordered six per cent fewer titles (3).

In 1999 Harold Varmus, Director of the National Institutes of Health, proposed a bold solution to these problems, and decide to accelerate matters and push ahead a US free website for life-science paper and its European counterpart, E-Biosci, was planned to be launched by the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) (4).

The new millennium arrived but the librarians and information professional’s problems were still there: library costs and quality of health information. Shifting resources from handling paper, cataloguing and shelving journals to the electronic journals seemed to be the future. In response to free online archives for life science papers, publishers planned to cooperate and to link up their journals and protect their revenues (5). The Association of Research Libraries protested against the concentration of ownership of academic journals (6), and research libraries had to trim subscriptions by 6%, while spending 170% more on titles (7).

In 2001 PubMed Central encouraged a wider participation of publishers, offering publishers the option of depositing material for archival purposes without making the full text viewable. Searches

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for this material at Pubmed Central led users to the full-text articles at the publisher's site (8). Almost two-thirds of scientific journals were available both electronically and in print, and there were more than 1000 electronically-only peer-reviewed journals (9) but in 2002 e-books still failed to make inroads into academia. Users preferred traditional print to e-books and only 18 per cent used it (10).

In 2003 the Governments of 176 countries signed a landmark international agreement that explicitly supported open access. In the action plan the governments pledged to encourage initiative to facilitate access to journals and archives for scientific information and promote electronic publishing (11) and in 2004 the European Commission announced it was investigating economic and technical trends in the scientific publishing market (12).

Two more open digital archives appeared in 2006, one in the UK, which was already accessible, the UK-PubMed Central and another in project: *The Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research* (DRIVER) funded by the European Commission (13). In 2007 an online petition signed by almost 14,000 researchers and 500 research organizations in the European Union asked the European Commission to take action on open access (14).

The impact of Internet

In 1997 there was uncertainty on how online scientific papers would look (15). In 1998 the Internet was defined as "a source not just of information but of misinformation" and the author asked if it did improve the way physicians learn and whether it did make better-informed health care decisions (16). Surprisingly the analysis of the coverage of the major World Wide Web search engine showed that it was very limited (17). In the same year someone tried to estimate where the Net was heading and predicted that the spurt had peaked, and growth would level off by 2003 (18) and more and more papers would be published on quality of information. Quality of medical information on the Internet was extremely variable. Key criteria, standards and/or quality indicators were suggested to evaluate health related websites (19).

In 1999 an interesting paper stated that about 85% of users used search engines to locate information but search engines were not indexing new pages for months and no engine indexed more than about 16% of the web (20). The discussion on the Internet publishing continued. "Unreliable" was the word used to debate the role of scientific publication online (21).

To improve the quality of health information on the Internet, in 2000, the World Health Organization proposed to sponsor a new top level domain called "dot-health" (22) but it was rejected by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (23). In 2002 the *British Medical Journal* dedicated an issue to the quality and the accuracy of health information on the

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Internet, but it was demonstrated that almost 100 million American adults regularly went online for information about health care (24).

In 2005 Google and Wikipedia were changing the habits of users. Google Scholar led more visitors to many biomedical journal websites than PubMed did (25) and a study published in *Nature* stated that Wikipedia came close to Encyclopaedia Britannica in terms of its accuracy of its science entries (26). We are now on the Web 2.0 and RSS is the new radar (27).

The metamorphose of libraries and information services

In 1999-2000, two special issues of *Health Libraries Review* were dedicated to the role of professional associations on continuing professional development for librarians and information professionals (28) and the metamorphose of libraries and information services (29). Distance learning opportunities, career development kits, mentoring and qualification processes (fellowship) were the proposals of the Medical Library Association (MLA), the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and the Library Association (LA) (29).

In France the “Grande Ecole de l’ Internet” was created. Two-year programme teaching courses in fields from computer science to electronic commerce (30) and a new profession appeared as *The Informationist*. The informationists must have “a clear and solid understanding of both information science and essential clinical works... working skills of retrieving, synthesizing, and presenting medical information...” (31). Moreover an article in *Clinical Librarianship* argued for the inclusion of clinically trained librarians in health care teams (32).

A study on position advertising in American Libraries traced the development of the “Electronic Resources Librarian” and identified a set of characteristics needed to be successful in this type of position. “Although the library landscape may shift a great deal, the electronic resources librarian position does not represent something new and revolutionary, but an evolutionary continuum of public service in libraries” (33). New names but same skills! However the Guest Editorial of the *Health Information Libraries Journal* pointed out the role of the librarians in the 21st century healthcare and foresaw radical changes (34). Blogging was becoming part of library life and was a new way to communicate with each other and spread messages to a wider base (35). In the fight for survival many libraries were reinventing themselves physically to meet changing needs. Flexible learning space, mix of quiet study, group work, ICT facilities, and desk areas slimmed down or disappeared (36). The Web 2.0 shifted to the library. Now we are speaking of the Medical Librarian 2.0! (37)

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Pharmaceutical Information Group



The Pharmaceutical Information Group: celebrating the past, planning the future

To all the members of EAHIL, congratulations on our 20th Anniversary and we raise our glasses to another 20 years and more!



Treatment with drugs is the most frequent medical intervention and this together with changes to EU law and an increased interest in herbal medicines means that all health information professionals have an interest in pharmacy information. As a result PHING has always been open to all members of EAHIL – you don't have to work in pharmaceutical industry, although many of our members do. As of June 2007 over 200 members of



EAHIL have joined PHING, from all types of libraries and all sectors – universities, hospitals, government organisations etc.

Formed in 1994, and approved by the EAHIL Executive Board in 1995, PHING has engaged with its members in numerous ways. There have been business meetings, social sessions (for which many thanks to Swets for sponsorship on numerous occasions), visits to sites of pharmaceutical interest, a whole issue of the *EAHIL Newsletter* dedicated to pharmacy and pharmacy sessions at EAHIL conferences. We also have an email list and a set of web pages that contains a wealth of

information, including free e-journals and databases - http://www.eahil.net/pharmaceutical_information_group.htm. Benoit Thirion, EAHIL Webmaster, has helped us enormously with these web pages.

New for 2007 was the creation of a PHING Scholarship of 500 Euros, to enable an EAHIL member to attend this year's Workshop.

Joining PHING is easy – just go to the EAHIL Membership database at <http://www.eahil.uio.no/>, select Userinfo from the left hand side of the page, then select Userinfo from the top of the page and finally tick Pharmaceutical Information Group.

We will be having a meeting at the Krakow Workshop on Thursday 13th September, after the afternoon coffee break. Do join us if you can. We always aim to combine pleasure with business, in a very friendly environment. We have 20 years of international collaboration to celebrate and an opportunity to plan our future. Many thanks to all our members for the contributions they have made to PHING. We aim to increase the support we offer those who work with pharmaceutical information and extend a welcoming hand to all. Our future is in the hands of the EAHIL members – help us to build on our success, to meet your needs. Contact us via our email addresses below, via the PHING email list, or join us in Krakow.

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The European Veterinary Libraries Group within EAHIL – its History, Aims and Achievements

The European Veterinary Libraries Group was founded at the Fourth European Conference of

Medical and Health Libraries held in Oslo (Norway) in 1994. The idea goes back further. In early 1990 the late Linda Warden, then Head Librarian of the Royal Veterinary College, London had contacted a colleague, the Head Librarian of the Veterinary Medicine Library in Columbia, Missouri, to exchange views and information. Following their correspondence the idea of having a world conference for veterinary librarians gradually took shape, and indeed the First International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists was held at Reading University in Reading, UK from July 16th to 19th 1992. It was there that some veterinary librarians, notably Vicki Croft, Head Librarian of the Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library, Washington State University, Washington State University, Mitsuko Williams, then Head Librarian of the veterinary Medicine Library of the University of Urbana-Champaign and the aforementioned late Linda Warden and Trenton Boyd were seriously thinking of setting up a veterinary librarians' group for Europe. With so much American participation in this project the protagonists' leaning towards the model of the VMLS (Veterinary Medicals Library Section) within MLA is not surprising. Consequently the idea was nursed further and presented at the Oslo conference where it was welcomed by the veterinary participants. An EVLG-board consisting of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer was elected, the first chairman being

Paul van Olm, librarian of the library of the Institute for Animal Science and Health (ID-DLO), Lelystad, The Netherlands, Secretary Marta Prosbova, Library and Institute of Scientific Information, University of Veterinary Medicine, Kosice, Slovakia and treasurer Friedhelm Rump, library of the Veterinary School of Hannover, Germany. The Board election was approved by the Board of EAHIL.

The goals of the EVLG were described thus:

- to unite all those who are interested and or employed in the animal health information field;
- to develop and encourage cooperation between veterinary medical libraries;
- to present a forum to exchange ideas and to discuss mutual problems;
- to maintain the link with other international organizations in the field such as the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA).

In addition to that it was maintained that: the European Veterinary Libraries Group will act as a section of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL).

During the next meeting of the group, at the EAHIL Workshop in Prague, September 20th to 21st, 1995 it was discussed at length, how to work effectively for the veterinary librarians' community. It was then agreed that a newsletter should be published semi-annually in which relevant news from libraries and, already having gained relative significance by that time, also Internet pages related to veterinary science should be featured. In order to achieve that task two editors were

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appointed: the late Linda Warden and Rosemary Warner then Librarian at the Veterinary Medicine Library of University College Dublin, Ireland. During the time that followed there was an almost ardent enthusiasm among members to contribute to the journal. There were case-studies, perspective articles repeated comparative assessments of the different libraries' situations and conditions, news from different countries – in short the journal and the communal conscience of being part of a greater roof organisation was unnoticeable in the membership. This was still the case, when Anna Eslau Larsen of the Danish Veterinary and Agricultural Library, Copenhagen, Denmark, who had already succeeded Marta Prosbova as secretary took over Linda Warden's responsibilities as an editor, after Linda's health had not allowed her continue the work she had done so well.

In the meantime changes were happening and more to come. Paul van Olm was transferred to a different department of his organisation and could no longer travel to conferences of EAHIL. This, of course, was the technical end of his chairmanship. In a group big enough this would not disturb the functionality very much, and it did not, even in the EVLG at first. However, in the years to follow changes in the libraries where the officials of EVLG worked resulted in their shifting positions within the respective departments or leaving them altogether. Consequently there was such a great fluctuation within the EVLG board. Chair persons to succeed Paul van Olm were Gerdien de Jonge of the library of the faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht, The Netherlands, and Tom Roper, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, UK. The *EVLG Newsletter* lost two editors again, Rosemary and Anna Eslau Larsen. A last number of the *Newsletter* was edited by Anna

Eslau Larsen and Friedhelm Rump, and then there were not enough contributions anymore to keep the journal alive.

Gradually the group ran short of candidates to replace the ones gone. Paying tribute to this fact, it was agreed at the group's meeting at the 9th EAHIL Conference in Santander, Spain, 20-25 September 2004 to keep a loose group alive with no membership-fees to be collected and no board, but just a spokesperson. The spokesman became Friedhelm Rump for lack of other volunteers. The group's small capital of 700€ approximately was given to EAHIL to be used as scholarship for needy delegates to the 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 11th-16th of September 2006.

The EVLG-listserv is no longer maintained, because the international VELIB-L is more popular with veterinary librarians, due to its wider reach. However, the website: <http://elib.tiho-hannover.de/virtlib/evlg/> is still being updated.

The group once lived through mutual assistance which again had its roots in many personal friendships. Most of these still exist, but not all of us have the funds to attend conferences anymore and thus veterinary library delegates to EAHIL are less nowadays. So it has become harder to function as a group. New members, new ideas and more commitment would certainly help revive the European Veterinary Libraries Group.

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The Public Health Information Special Interest Group of EAHIL (PHISIG)

Dear EAHIL,

We wish you many happy returns on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary!

You are young, strong and healthy, vibrant with ideas; still old enough as an Association to be well established, to be acknowledged as an invaluable forum for our professional development as well as an inexhaustible source for life-long friendships. We hope that, within the coming years, you will grow even stronger, keep your attraction and will inspire and empower the young generation of our profession.



On our origin and mission

We, the Public Health Information Special Interest Group of EAHIL (PHISIG), are the youngest EAHIL subgroup: we came into being at the 9th *EAHIL Conference* in Santander in September 2004 as the **World Health Organization Documentation Centres Special Interest Group**. All the delegates of WHO Documentation Centres in Europe attending the Open WHO Information Session at the Conference agreed that there was a need to intensify networking and “formalize” the collaboration of WHO Documentation Centres with EAHIL. In this way, our Group owes its origin to the informal network set up by the WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO EURO) to get national support for the new WHO health information policy and strategy in Europe after the fall of the Berlin wall in October 1989. In fact, WHO Documentation Centres have featured in many EAHIL Conferences and Workshops with special sessions and meetings organized informally in collaboration with WHO EURO and WHO Headquarters, especially since the “Converge on London”, ICML in 2000.

The Group was officially adopted by the EAHIL Board in January 2005. Our original aims were to:

- enhance communication between the WHO Documentation Centres;
- facilitate networking between the WHO DCs as well as WHO EURO and WHO HQ;
- facilitate sharing experiences in managing WHO information.

However, at our second Open WHO Information Session and Business Meeting at the 10th *EAHIL Conference in Cluj* in September 2006 when discussing the aims we realized that it was time to extend the Group’s mission, and that we should relaunch our Group as the Public Health Information Special Interest Group. The EAHIL Board officially accepted this change in February 2007.

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Public Health Information Special Interest Group

Our mission, agreed by the representatives of WHO Headquarters, WHO EURO and WHO Documentation Centres, encompasses aims such as:

- promoting equitable access to public health information for all communities;
- enhancing communication and facilitating networking between public health libraries and information centers;
- facilitating the sharing of experiences and best practice in managing public health information;
- developing networking and collaborative practices for the World Health Organization documentation Centers in the WHO European Region, and facilitating communication between these centers and the World Health Organization;
- working in collaboration with all organizations in Europe involved in public health information.

Message to our members

Public health librarians and information specialists, you can count on us - the Public Health Information Special Interest Group of EAHIL (PHISIG). But we are also counting on you: we need your commitment to turn our mission into actions.

Join EAHIL, join our Public Health Information Special Interest Group of EAHIL (PHISIG) to work together on these diverse public health information issues. Together, we have an excellent capacity to work on these challenging information issues to improve public health and also strengthen the WHO information network in Europe now and in the future.

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Take a Look!

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The goal of this section is to have a look at references from non-medical librarian journals, but interesting for medical librarians (for lists and TOC's alerts from medical librarian journals, see: <http://www.chu-rouen.fr/documed/eahil67.html>)

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Podcasts

Podcast is short for “iPod Broadcasting”, because it all started with the iPod from Apple Computers. Podcasting is nothing but MP3 files broadcasted to the public. Meanwhile, it's common for big journal publishers and press agencies to offer information in the form of audio or video files. Radio or television stations use podcasts to offer their programmes around the clock, that one can enjoy them whenever he or she likes to.

Subject podcasts

From among the scientific podcasts, the most well-known are the ones from *Nature* on the fields Chemistry, Genetics, Heredity, Neuroscience, and Nature itself (<http://www.nature.com/nature/podcast/index.html>). Quite a few universities and medical schools use podcasts for promotional and educational purposes as well, top examples worth mentioning are the John Hopkins University *health podcast*, “a lively discussion of the week’s medical news and how it may affect you” (<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/mediaII/Podcastsinstructions.html>) or the *Medical Edge podcasts* of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, “making the daily audio and weekly video health news more convenient and accessible than ever before, and feature general health and people-focused stories covering medical breakthroughs and compelling health information” (<http://www.mayoclinic.org/podcasts/>). The medical subject specific podcast could cover a range as broad as continuing education video courses for paradontologists (University of Münster), the American Heart Association’s podcast for the general public “on ways to lower your risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke” (<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3037153>) or the *Rheumatology Radio* “the very first Rheumatology PodCast over the Internet” (<http://rheumatologyradio.blogspot.com/>). An extensive and updated list of podcasts in the field medicine is offered by Krafty Librarian at <http://www.kraftylibrarian.com/podcasts2.doc>.

Library podcasts

Medical Libraries have also come across this new medium and tried to examine the benefits. So did the Health Sciences Library of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, which offers podcasts “that summarize highlights of library workshops and orientations that students can view in about 5 minutes or less. Podcasts include information on health information resources, database search strategies, literature and resource guides, Internet safety tips, general orientation to the library, and more. New library podcasts will be posted each month.” (<http://library.utmem.edu/media/podcasting/Podcast/Podcast.html>).

The Central Medical Library of the University of Münster, Germany, uses a podcast called *Wochenrückblick* (review of the week) to provide an continuous stream of news and information to its clients. The podcast summarizes what happened in the library in the latter weeks, which new

e-books, e-journals, and databases are on the shelves or which budget constraints the library has to cope with. Introduction courses on how to search medical literature or how to use the library are planned. The podcast episodes can be subscribed – as everything in the Web 2.0 – via a news or RSS feed (<http://medbib.klinikum.uni-muenster.de/mp3/podcast.xml>). The weekly reviews can be supplemented by any material which you think is of benefit to your customers. For instance, training sessions or conference presentations can be recorded and broadcasted instantly. For me, a personal digital assistant (PDA) put on my talking desk worked quite satisfactorily for recording speeches.

Podcast Feeds

New versions of the browsers Firefox or Internet Explorer recognize RSS Feeds automatically, and therefore also Podcasts. With common stand alone newsreaders such as Bloglines or Feeddemon you can subscribe podcasts like any other news feed. However, only with dedicated podcasts clients, called Podcatcher, you can download and manage podcasts really comfortable (you may find a list at <http://wiki.podcast.de/Podcatcher>). They enable easy subscription, announcement, playing, burning, and synchronization with a MP3-Player. The most well-known Podcatcher in town is *iTunes* from Apple.

What do you need technically to create your own podcast? There are surprisingly few gears needed:

Hardware

As explained above, you can start with the built-in microphone on a laptop or a PDA or a MP3 player. However, for a better quality you have to buy external microphones or computer headsets. On the other hand of the price range I would like to suggest a dedicated mobile device such as the *Edirol R-09* from Roland (http://www.thomann.de/de/edirol_r09.htm) (which I use with an external Sennheiser microphone by that way). As a free application for recording and editing WAV files I use Audacity (<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>), which is available both for Windows and Mac. Audacity is able to export audio files as MP3s if you add a free MP3 encoder such as the *LAME Encoder* (http://www.free-codecs.com/Lame_Encoder_download.htm). iTunes can also convert recordings to MP3.

Software

There are various software applications specialized in producing Podcasts. You may find a suitable list at Podcasting Software (http://www.podcastingnews.com/topics/Podcasting_Software.html).

Here is a selection of software: Podcast Maker (Mac, <http://www.lemonzdream.com/>), MAGIX Podcast Maker (<http://site.magix.net/deutsch/startseite/musik-produkte/podcast-maker-e-version/>), Jvw Podcast creator (<http://www.jvwinc.com/podcast-creator.php>), Open Source Podcast Generator – (<http://podcastgen.sourceforge.net/>).

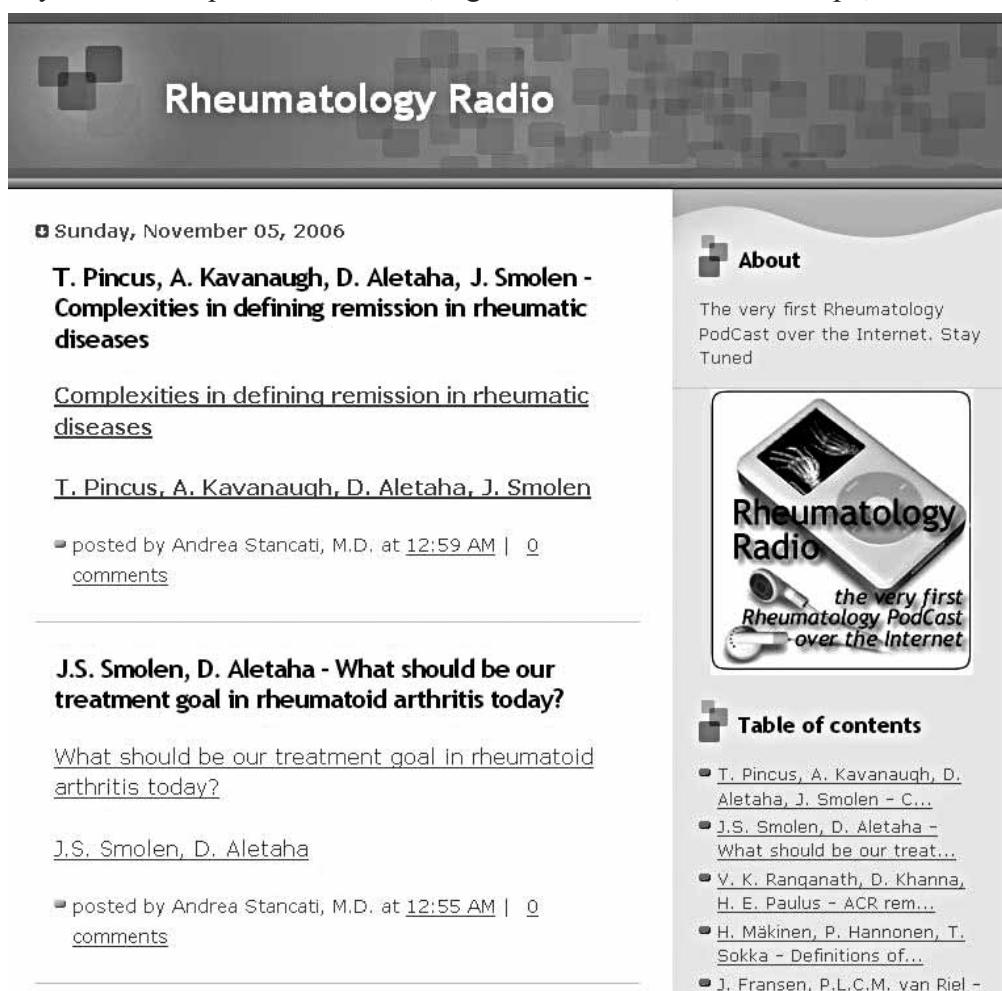
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Finally the feed

When you have your podcasts recorded successfully, the only thing which is left to do is to upload the MP3 files on a server and then offer them as a feed by an XML file. Put simply, Podcast are MP3 files offered via a RSS Feed. To create Podcast Feeds you can use one of the Podcast Makers mentioned above or a dedicated software like Podcast RSS creator (<http://www.softpedia.com/get/IPOD-TOOLS/Podcast/podcast-RSS-creator.shtml>).

Even easier to start from scratch are web sites, where you simply fill out fields that are used to generate the RSS file in need. Examples are Podcastblaster (<http://www.podcastblaster.com/>) or Podcast RSS Feed Generator (http://www.tdscrip.com/webmaster_utilities/podcast-generator.php). At some sites you can set up an account, to go back and add new MP3 files. Or you add new episodes by simply text editing the generated XML file. All you need to do is to duplicate the text bordered by the <item> tags and manually enter the required information, e.g. Review Nr. 03, woche03.mp3, and so on – that's it!



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Dear Colleagues,

Web 2.0 has shifted to the library; now we are talking about Medical Librarian 2.0! The social environment has profound implications for how librarians will work, collaborate and deliver content (E. Connor, *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 2007, 26 (1), 1). First the Web site and now the blogs are responsible for a continuous and ongoing explosion of new data. The RSS is coming to the rescue (D. Tebbutt. *Information World Review*, 2007, Issue 234, 16)

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JOURNAL ISSUES

Since May 2007, the following journal issue of *Health Information and Libraries Journal* has been received: Vol. 24, 2007, n. 2

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K. Davies. The information-seeking behaviour of doctors: a review of the evidence. p. 78 - 94.
This paper provides a narrative review on the information-seeking behaviours of doctors considering three themes: information needs, information seeking and information sources used.

R. Jackson, W. Baird, L. Davis-Reynolds, C. Smith, S. Blackburn, J. Allsebrook. The information requirements and information-seeking behaviours of health and social care professionals providing care to children with health care needs: a pilot study. p. 95 - 102.
The objectives of this work were to identify the sources of information currently received, information seeking behaviours, and information requirements and preferences amongst health and social care professionals.

A. Eisinga, N. Siegfried, M. Clarke. The sensitivity and precision of search terms in Phases I, II and III of the Cochrane highly sensitive search strategy for identifying reports of randomized trials in Medline in a specific area of health care – HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment interventions. p. 103 - 109.

The aim of this study was to detect terms that retain high sensitivity but improve precision in retrieving reports of trials in the PubMed version of Medline.

P. Blagden. The role of an NHS library service in the UK; the perceptions of clinical managers in Portsmouth, UK. p. 110 - 117.

The study suggests areas where there might be scope to raise awareness of the library contribution among clinical managers.

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BOOKS REVIEW

A. Craig and S. Corral. Making a difference? Measuring the impact of an information literacy programme for pre-registration nursing students in the UK. p. 118 - 127.

The objective of this study was to investigate whether an information literacy programme for pre-registration nursing students at the UK higher education institution is effective in developing their skills and confidence.

D. Lorence. Examining online chat within a domain of uncertainty: the case of Asperger's syndrome. p. 128 - 136.

This study, using a grounded-theory approach, seeks to identify recurring themes of peer-based interaction, without the ongoing management of clinical experts, in a domain of frequent clinical uncertainty and treatments as the Asperger's syndrome.

BOOKS REVIEW

A scientist's guide to talking with the media. Practical advice from the Union of Concerned Scientists. Eds. R. Hayes and D. Grossman. Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, N.J. 2006. \$ 18.95 ISBN 9780813538587; p. 228. This book is a guide for scientists through the process of talking to the public through the media.

Electronic resources in medical libraries. Issues and solutions. 2007. Eds. E. Connor and S. Wood. The Haworth Information Press, Binghamton, N.Y. USA 2007. \$90.00 hard, ISBN-13: 978-0-7890-3513-4; pp. 230. This book is a guide to the challenges of acquiring, licensing, and managing the electronic access and use of books and journals.

NEWS FROM EUROPE

The EU's High Level Expert Group on Digital Libraries - which includes, inter alia, stakeholders from the British Library, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, the Federation of European Publishers and Google - has presented an advisory report on copyright issues to the European Commission. In addition, the group has discussed how to ensure more open access to scientific research and how to improve public-private cooperation. The group points to four governing principles for copyright holders: copyright and related rights, digitalization, online availability, and copyright clearance.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=3366

PAPERS REVIEW

Medical Librarian 2.0

Connor E. Medical Reference Services Quarterly 2007; 26:1-15

RSS is the new radar

Tebbutt D. Information World Review 2007; 234:16

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Creating the first MedlinePlus “Go Local” Service: lessons and recommendations from the evaluation of NC Health Info

Silbajoris C *et al.* Medical Reference Services Quarterly 2007; 26:75

Assessing online use: Are statistics from web-based online journal lists representative?

Ralston R. Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries 2007; 4: 51

INFORMATION SOURCES... WEB BASED

The Congenital Heart Disease portal is a new NHS website which allows parents of children with congenital heart disease to compare performance of UK specialists. It has been developed by The Information Centre for Health and Social Care, using information collected by its Central Cardiac Audit Database (CCAD). <http://www.ccad.org.uk/congenital>

AIDStruth.org The website was created by research scientists and community advocates engaged in the worldwide struggle against HIV/AIDS. This website presents the scientific evidence that HIV is the cause of AIDS and its purpose is to expose the denialist propaganda campaign for what it is, in order to prevent further harm being done to individual and public health.

<http://www.aidstruth.org/>

EDID. EDID has been elaborated within the special Project of ISS *Endocrine Disrupters*. The EDCs Diet Interaction Database is a database on the studies present in the international literature, either on experimental systems and on animal population and humans, easy to consult and periodically updated. <http://www.iss.it/inte/edid/cont.php?id=110&lang=2&tipo=17>

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Scirus Library Partners The new program enables the easy integration of the Scirus search engine with library link resolvers. Librarians can optimize the usage of their holdings and provide faster access to full text articles. <http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/librarypartners/>

Scopus announced that the h-index will be incorporated into Scopus and will include visual aids to assist in interpreting consistency and relevance. The h-index, considers the publication records of an individual, the number of papers published over n years and the number of citations for each paper. The result is a single number, the “h-index”.

<http://www.scopus.com>

Reed Elsevier has announced that it will no longer take part in organising arm fairs. The defence shows was no longer compatible with Reed Elsevier's position as a leading publisher of scientific, medical, legal and business content.

<http://www.reed-elsevier.com/index.cfm?articleid=2084>

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For further information: <http://www.hb.se/colis/>

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Pathways to New Roles: The Education, Training and Continuing Development of the Health Library & Information Workforce

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For further information: <http://www.bm.cm-uj.krakow.pl/eahil/index.php>

14-18 September 2007, Aegean Island of Lesvos, Greece

Libraries Without Walls 7: Exploring anytime, anywhere delivery of library services

CERLIM - The Centre for Research in Library and Information Management

For further information: <http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/lww7/>

16-21 September, Budapest, Hungary

ECDL 2007

11th European Conference on Research and Advanced Technology for Digital Libraries

For further information: <http://www.ecdl2007.org/index.php>

8-9 October 2007, London, UK

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For further information: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/index.shtml>

24-26 October 2007, Copenhagen, Denmark

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11-14 November 2007, Athens, Greece

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