

News from EAHIL

Letter from the President



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Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to begin this letter with a thanks to Sally Wood-Lamont, who with this issue of Journal of EAHIL, announces her resignation as Chief Editor. Sally has been instrumental in shaping the Journal and its growth from a newsletter - she has had wonderful vision, creativity, energy and impressive powers of logistical coordination. Sally will be giving more time to work with the Paralympic teams - they are exceptionally lucky to have her leadership, and we wish Sally and the teams every success. On behalf of all EAHIL members, I thank you, Sally! We will miss you very much!

With this issue we also welcome to new Councillors for the term 2015-2018. From January 2015, new Councillors will be added to the website and also email distribution list at eahil-council@list.ecompass.nl. The Council is an advisory group for the EAHIL Board and acts as a link between the members in their country and the Association. Council members also have an important role in publicising EAHIL and recruiting new members. The Council usually meets formally once a year at the time of the annual EAHIL conference or workshop.

Unfortunately, in this Council election, there were several vacancies for which there were no candidates. If you are not a Council member but would like to observe a meeting to get a feel for the work of the group to see if you would like to stand in future elections, it would be welcome - just contact the secretariat so that you can be sent the details of the meeting (eahil-secr@list.ecompass.nl).

As I write this letter, my mind is full of planning for the 2015 workshop. This week we had a very busy and fruitful International Programme Committee meeting here in Edinburgh. I'm delighted that EAHIL is closely collaborating with the International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists and also the International Clinical Librarian Conference.

We ran a consultative survey on a 'menu' of possible workshop session topics to get feedback on how interesting the topics would be to members. With 111 responses, we got lots of very useful feedback and suggestions for session topics, all of which were considered in the IPC meeting. We are now working to finalise arrangements and are following up on IPC decisions with those who proposed workshops. The 2015 workshop is intended to be a participative, challenging and thought-provoking event, in the same mould as the very inspiring Stockholm Workshop in 2013 - we hope you will love it!

Looking further ahead, I am delighted to report that the Board has accepted excellent applications to host future events: Veronica Juan Quilis, Laura Munoz Gonzalez and colleagues submitted a successful application to host the 2016 Conference in Seville, Spain; Louise Farragher, Aoife Lawton and colleagues submitted a successful application to host the 2017 Workshop in Dublin, Ireland. Dates and more details will be announced in due course, but I'm sure you're as thrilled as I am with the prospect of spending time with EAHIL colleagues in these cities.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very pleasant and joyful holiday season and the very best of good luck, good health and good fun for 2015.

All best wishes
Marshall