

NEWS FROM EAHIL

Letter from the President



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Dear EAHIL colleagues,

Here I am again, at our usual *rendezvous* on the pages of *JEAHIL*, after the summer holidays, which I hope were spent in the best way for all of you.

This was the first year in which, due to the COVID-19 emergency, it was not possible to meet in person during our annual meeting. I missed a lot this opportunity, as I would have been very happy to meet EAHIL colleagues, and especially the Polish ones, who worked so hard for organizing the Łódź Conference, but I am sure that there will be more future face-to-face meetings, as we all wish. Nevertheless, the life of our association has continued with the usual commitment. The Executive Board met online several times, on a regular basis, to address the new needs caused by the pandemic and to better carry out all pending activities.

Results of the Elections for President and Board

Voting for the EAHIL President and Executive Board positions from 2021 took place in June 2020. There was one candidate standing for President, and ten candidates standing for four executive positions (plus two co-opted members) in the EAHIL Board.

I have the pleasure of informing you that Lotta Haglund from Sweden (who has been the vice-President in the last four years) was elected as the new EAHIL President for 2021-2022. I am looking forward to collaborating with Lotta in the next two years in the role of Past President. Best wishes, Lotta, and congratulations on your new assignment within EAHIL.

Lotta Haglund will be able to rely on the valid collaboration of the four colleagues elected for 2021-2024, within the Executive Board, namely:

- Alicia Fatima Gomez Sanchez (Spain)
- Witold Kozakiewicz (Poland)
- Aoife Lawton (Ireland)
- Francesca Gualtieri (Italy)

The Executive Board has decided to co-opt for 2021-2022 the following colleagues, who, I am sure, will bring their valuable contribution as well:

- Petra Wallgren Björk (Sweden)
- Astrid Kilvik (Norway)

As EAHIL is legally registered in The Netherlands, Marion Heymans (Netherlands) was offered an administrative position to act as a liaison person between the association and Dutch institutions such as banks and Chambre of Commerce.

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I wish to express my thanks to all the colleagues who were willing to give their time and effort to support EAHIL on the Board, including those who were not elected. We were very happy to have a healthy number of candidates for this election! I offer my congratulations to all new and re-elected colleagues. Welcome to the Board and best wishes for your activity.

Elections for Council members

The election process for Council members for each country where there will be vacancies from 2021 will start shortly – please look out for emails calling for candidates. The new Councillors will begin their terms in January 2021. You are strongly encouraged to consider becoming a Councillor for your country or suggesting possible candidates among your colleagues. Please consult the EAHIL website and social media for more updated information.

17th EAHIL 2020 Conference in Łódź, Poland – Registration open

All of you are probably aware, from the EAHIL website and from EAHIL social media, that the Local Organising Committee for the 17th EAHIL Conference in Łódź, Poland, decided to deliver the Conference as an **online event**. The virtual EAHIL 2020 Conference will take place on **16-18 November 2020** and will replace the Conference that was going to be held by the Information and Library Center of the Medical University of Łódź in Vienna House Andel's Łódź conference hotel. Both EAHIL Board and Council meetings will be online, while remote participation and voting for the General Assembly will be organized concurrently with the Conference in November. It will be possible to take part in the different sessions **via the Zoom platform**.

All information about the virtual Conference can be found here:

<https://eahil2020.com/>

The Conference programme is available here: <https://eahil2020.com/schedule/>. The abstracts of the presentations and posters will soon be uploaded to the same website.

The main theme of the 17th conference is Open Science, with a focus on topics such as **open access, professional collaboration, and innovation**.

A big thank you to the Local Organizing Committee for their great efforts in allowing us to follow the virtual conference.



Fig. 1. EAHIL Board meeting online in June 2020.

I really hope to have the opportunity to meet you online in November

Maurella