

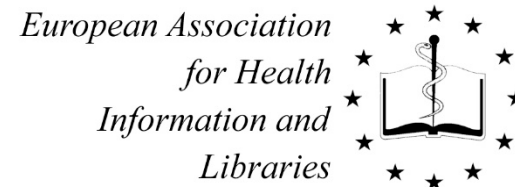


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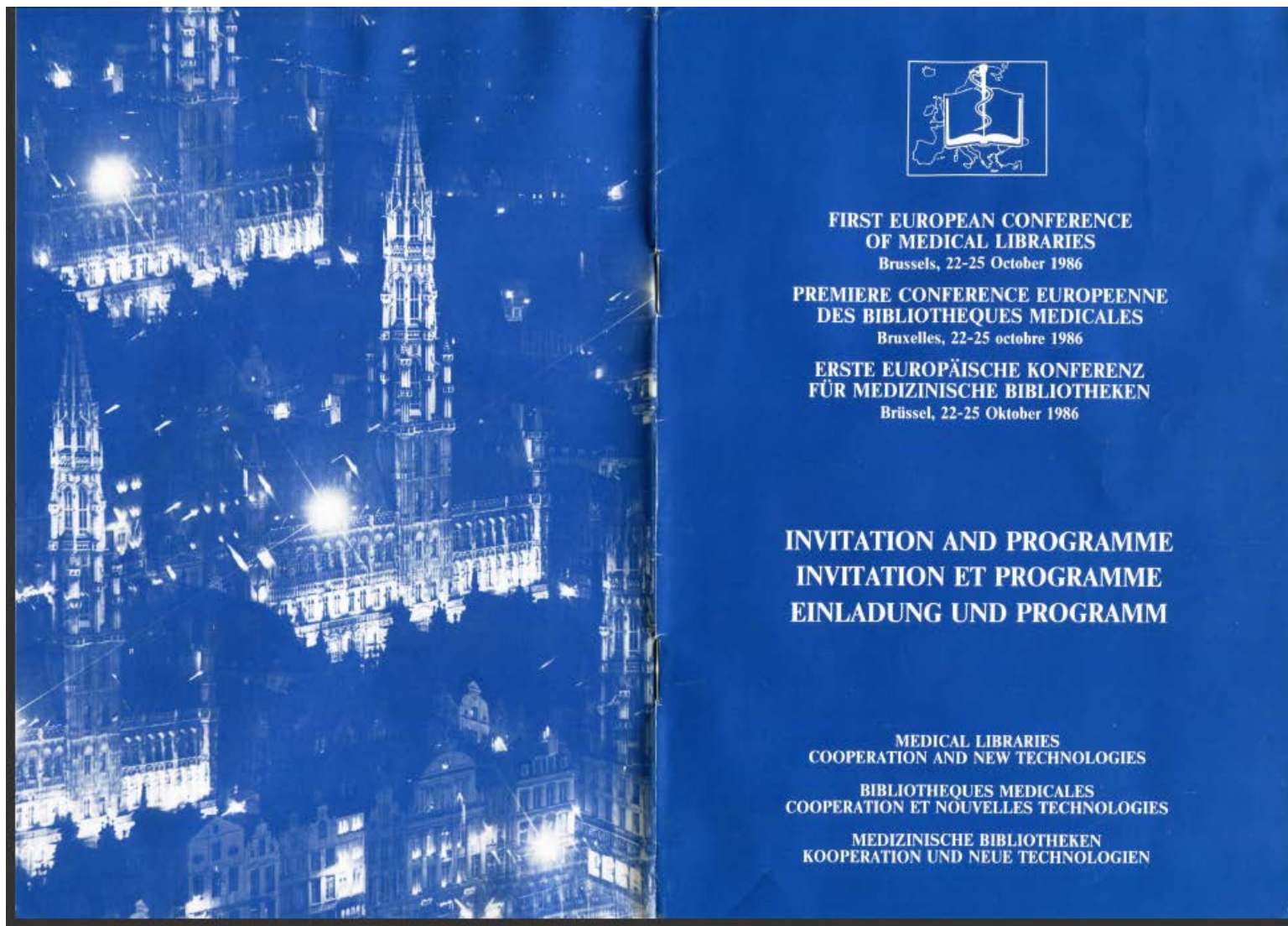
Maurella Della Seta  
EAHIL President  
Italian National Institute of Health



# About EAHIL

- Born in **1987** – 30<sup>o</sup> anniversary last year
- Website [www.eahil.eu](http://www.eahil.eu)
- The Association counts about **1700** members from about **30** European countries plus other countries for a total of more than **60** countries
- Yearly meeting in the form of a **workshop** or a **conference**
- 7 Subgroups: Veterinary; MeSH, Public Health, CAM, Pharmaceutical + two new Subgroups **Evaluation and Altmetrics; Training, Education and Development**

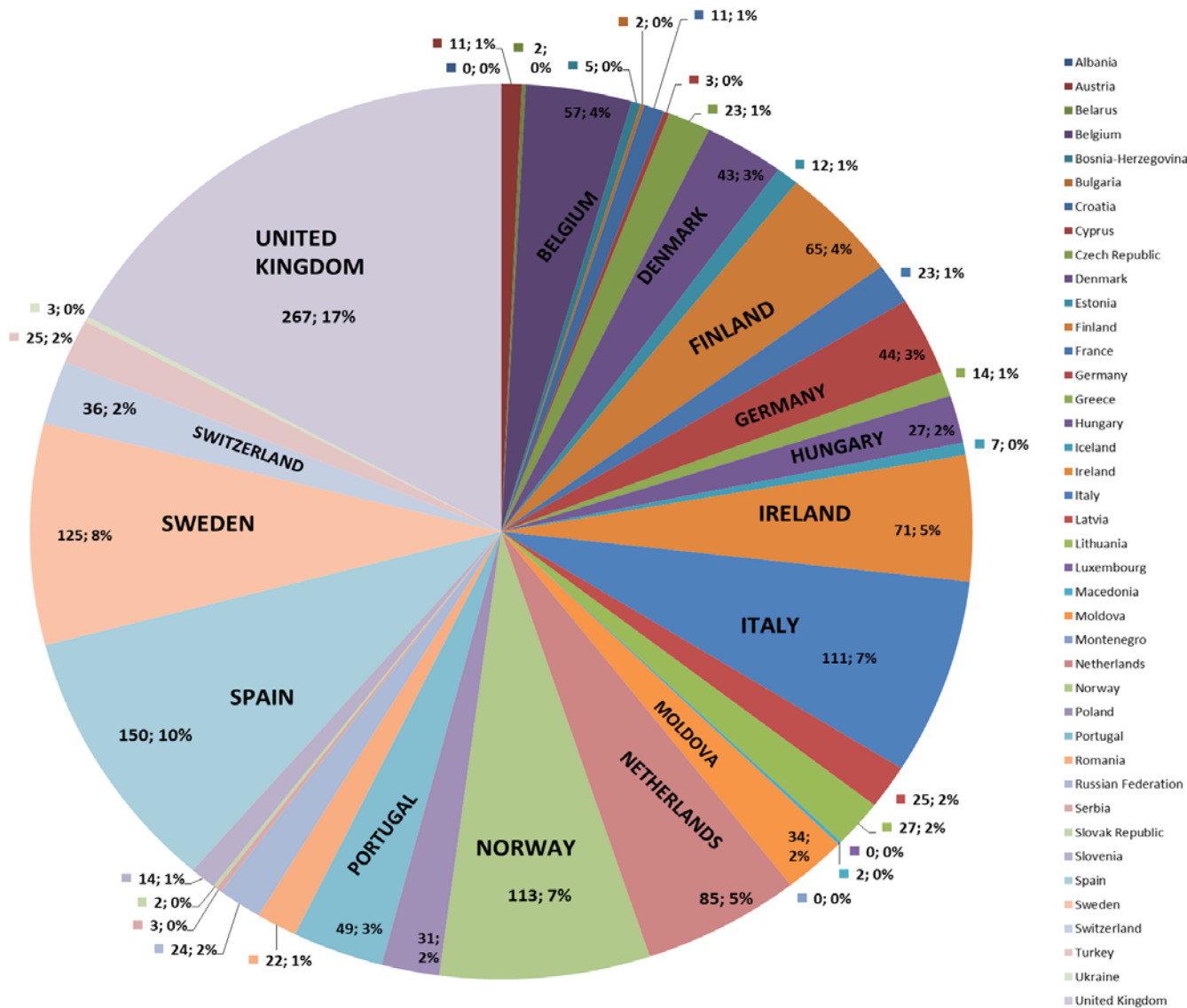
# 1st EAHIL Conference Programme



# Aims and Objectives of EAHIL

- Improve co-operation amongst health care libraries throughout Europe
- Raise standards of provision and practice in health care and medical research libraries
- Keep health librarians and information officers professionally informed
- Encourage mobility and continuing education, especially in regard to new technologies
- Represent health librarians at European level, in particular at European institutions and at WHO

EAHIL MEMBERS BY COUNTRY



# EAHIL Executive Board meeting in Cardiff – July 2018



# EAHIL ACTIVITIES

- What does EAHIL do?
  - Journal
  - Conferences and workshops
  - Special Interest Groups (SIG)
  - Continuing education programs including Webinars
  - Mailing lists
  - Website & Social media
- How does EAHIL operate?
- Practical issues



www.eahil.eu

# Journal of EAHIL

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# EAHIL Organisation



## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of EAHIL consists of The President, Past President, Vice President, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary...

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## THE COUNCIL

The Council is an advisory group for the Board and acts as a link between the members in their country and the Association. Council...

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## JEAHIL EDITORIAL BOARD

The Editorial Board is responsible for the content of the Journal of EAHIL.

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## EVENTS

Local  
Organising  
Committee  
(LOC)

International  
Programme  
Committee (IPC)



# ALL EAHIL MEMBERS

# Special Interest Groups



## TRAINING, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Competencies framework, post-graduate programmes, continuing professional development

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## EVALUATION AND METRICS GROUP

Bring together and connect all members who are interested in on research impact and its measurement.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION GROUP

PHIG is a forum for information professionals in libraries interested in public health issues in Europe

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## PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION GROUP

EAHIL-Pharma brings together information professionals from across Europe and beyond with an interest in drug information



## MESH INFORMATION GROUP

Members responsible for MeSH translations are invited to join, also open to professionals using MeSH in various applications



## EUROPEAN VETERINARY LIBRARIES GROUP

The aim of the EVLG is to unite all those who are interested in and/or employed in the animal health information field

# EAHIL Events 1988-2019



# EAHIL Workshops and Conferences

Usually preceded by two days of Continuing Education Courses

- 2017 (Dublin) themes  
(combined EAHIL workshop & ICML\* conference)
  - Leadership
  - Consumer Health
  - Technology
  - Integration
  - Research & EBLIP  
(evidence-based library and information practice)
  - Education & Learning
- 2018 Cardiff Conference
  - Impact and value
  - Innovation
  - Information for the public and consumer health
  - Arts, health and wellbeing
  - Global health

# June 2019 – Together in Basel



[@EAHIL2019](https://eahil2019.net)

**2020 Conference Aódz,  
Poland**

# Practical matters

- Membership fee 0 €
  - Join <http://eahil.eu/join-eahil/>
- Conference or workshop fee about 400 €
  - Each year scholarships are awarded  
<http://eahil.eu/get-involved/scholarships/>
- The language of the EAHIL event is English. Some Continuing Education Courses can be organised in the language of the local host

# What is the impact of attending EAHIL events?

- Reflect on your professional activity
- Be inspired by the best practices
- Learn to communicate
- Open new communication channels
- Initiate new collaborations
- Gain confidence in the importance of our profession

# Council member Valeria Scotti interview

- <http://eahil.eu/interview-valeria-scotti/>
- **what does EAHIL represent for you?**
- *Each time I am lucky enough to participate in an EAHIL event, the feeling that arises in my soul can be expressed by a simple, but truthful, word: inspiration*
- **Why do you see participating in EAHIL conferences and workshops as important?**
- *We are all there to learn and share, and it is from sharing that inspiration comes: I participate in workshops and presentations of my colleagues, and discover new software, new approaches to training, new methods to new methods to do a search... and my imagination starts a journey through “I wish I could” thoughts, trying to figure out how to put all those suggestions and ideas into practice in my everyday work.*

# Being an active EAHIL member

- **How?**

There are plenty of ways in how to get more out of your EAHIL membership than attending conferences. Have you considered:

- Writing an article for [the Journal](#)?
- Representing the members of your country in [the council](#)?
- [Arranging a conference or a workshop](#)?
- Being active within a special field of interest in a [Sub Group of EAHIL](#)?
- Helping out with our social media accounts or the website? [Contact our communications coordinator](#).

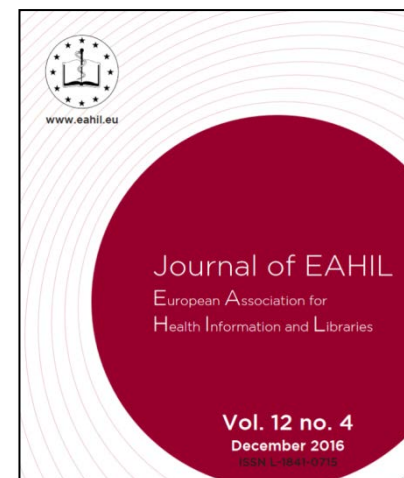
# Education and Training



- Education is a growing-importance issue in all professions
- No specific education program in Europe for medical librarians
- On-the-job training in many countries
- Generally a scientific background and a postgraduate course in Librarianship
- Specialists skills are acquired by short, intensive courses on particular topics
- Combination of education and experience

# JEAHIL issue devoted to Medical Librarian's education

- 2016, vol 12



**Issue 4** Education and training for medical librarians with  
supplementary material

- <http://eahil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/journal-4-2016-ok-web-with-supplementary-material-1.pdf>

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# Continuing Professional Development

- Since its first conference in Brussels in 1986, EAHIL has been paying lot of attention to educational issues and Continuing Professional Development
- Topics such as roles of medical librarians in supporting their institutions, new information technologies, access to information, cooperation, user education are still up-to-date
- Every Conference has a continuing education program
- Interactive Workshops: active involvement of participants

# 2015 Edinburgh Interactive Workshop

<https://eahil2015.wordpress.com/programme/>

- Courses were incorporated in the interactive workshop format
- Theme of the Workshop: *Research-Minded: understanding, supporting, conducting research*
- WORKSHOP MAIN TRACKS:
  - ✓ Communication skills
  - ✓ Qualitative methods
  - ✓ Quantitative methods
  - ✓ Research Data Management
  - ✓ Systematic reviews

# 2016 Seville Conference – Continuing Education Program

## 2016 Seville

Searching Clinical Trials.gov, the WHO portal and other trials registers and regulatory sources to improve the reliability of systematic reviews

Improving efficiency and confidence in systematic searching

From Bibliometrics to Altmetrics: a new concept of impact

More appeal to systematic searching: a middle way to satisfy library directors, library clients and the search theory

Community Managers tools for health science libraries

Rigour, results and relevance- What there is to know about critical appraisal!

Mendeley: using reference manager software to help organizing the institutional scientific research

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The inevitability of Open Access. Why librarians have to foster it

Increasing the visibility and impact of health science librarians & libraries

Carol Lefebvre

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Valeria Scotti

Maurizio Grilli

Elena Pastor

Mala Mann

Silvia Lopes

Alicia F. Gomez

Pilar Toro

Aoife Lawton

# New distance learning program

- EAHIL has recently set up a webinar-based pilot continuing education program, open to all EAHIL members
- 3 webinars until now:
- **Fifty Shades of Review** - 12 October 2016, Andrew Booth
- **10 things you may not know about the Cochrane Library** - 12 January 2017, Carol Lefebvre
- **Search Filters - What are they good for?** - 7 March 2017, Julie Glanville

# About Medical Librarianship

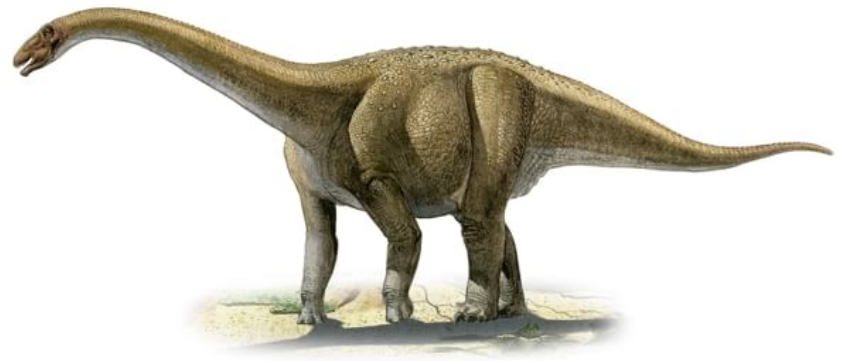
- Is there a future for medical librarians?
- Which will be their role in a changing scenario?
- Which are the main challenges in librarian education?



① 'Having a library within walking distance of home was a way for a young girl from a poor background to access the same breadth of reading material as anyone else.' Photograph: Getty Images

# And what about Libraries?

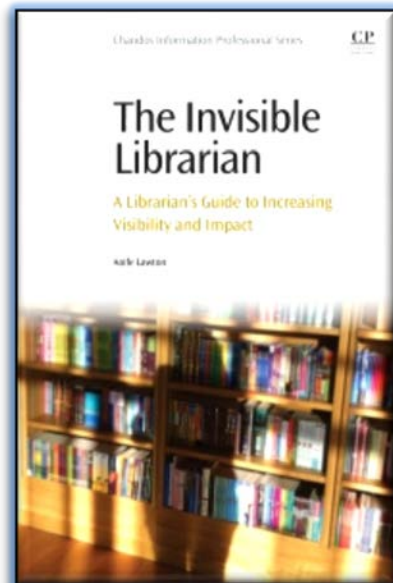
- Many works will disappear or change dramatically: taxi drivers, accountants, travel agents, translators....librarians?



# Take-home message (1)

## The Invisible Librarian: a Librarian's Guide to Increasing Visibility and Impact

Aoife Lawton  
1<sup>st</sup> edition 2015



- Try to be more visible to users, stakeholders and society
- Be more active in promoting yourself
- Inform users about the services you provide
- Adopt strategies to increase your visibility

## Take-home message (2)

- Drive the change, which in the near future will be extremely rapid
- Be ready to lifelong learning, to keep pace with innovation
- Explore non-traditional ways of delivering information, exploiting opportunities offered by social media
- Improve your communication and managerial skills
- Be in touch with your users
- Be curious, creative, and above all enjoy your profession

Thank you for your attention!  
¡Gracias por sus atención!  
Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!  
Merci pour votre attention!  
Дякую за увагу!  
感謝您的關注！  
Köszönöm a figyelmet!  
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