WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?
Our relationship — both professional and social — has developed through the years of attending EAHIL Conferences and Workshops together.
In this poster we make visible and share some of the fruits EAHIL has cultivated for us.

IN OUR EXPERIENCE
EAHIL is a powerful community for connecting and inspiring health information professionals internationally.

Keywords: cooperation, networking, professional development, sharing, collaboration.

METHOD
Benchmarking and networking are crucial for libraries and information professionals when establishing new services, learning new technologies, finding new ways to work => keeping up with professional development!
Our own workplaces play a significant role: the organizational culture is open minded and positive for supporting international cooperation and networking. We have picked out some of the most recent activities we have been involved in.

ACTIVITIES

SPEAKER INVITATION
∆ CILIP Cymru Wales Conference (2019)
∆ The Bezmiâlem Foundation University, Istanbul, Turkey (2018)
∆ The 30th Medical and Health Library Association of the Philippines (MAHLAP) Conference (2018)

STUDY VISITS & WORKSHOPS
Terko Health Hub at the University of Helsinki:
∆ Oslo University Medical Library (2019)
∆ University of South-Eastern Norway (2018)
∆ The University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) (2017) (vice versa study trips, we visited 2015)

BCIT:
∆ Workshop on publishing strategies (based on an idea from EAHIL 2018)

ENCOURAGING EAHIL COLLEAGUES
∆ Mentoring systematic information retrieval (Erasmus exchange)
∆ Promoting and organizing international Staff Exchange Week (ISEW)

CONSULTING AND SHARING IDEAS
∆ Continuously in our daily work exchanging emails, messaging, Skyping, etc. => together figuring out solutions and best practices

COOPERATION WITH OUR VENDORS
∆ Fruitful dialogue and cooperation — e.g. for our teaching sessions, we get study tools such as EBM clinical cases

LESSONS LEARNED FROM ATTENDING EAHIL
EAHIL spurs us to keep up with the developing trends and technologies: in the community you are not alone!

- Library services are for the users => helping customers in their work flows
- Library as a living and open center for learning, research and knowledge sharing
- Importance of engaging our stakeholders
- “To be en expert, your expertise needs to be shown.”

INSPIRING QUOTES FROM EAHIL SPEAKERS
“Hearing the experience of other librarians, getting some of their ideas—it generates ideas and better ways of doing things.”
by Denise Koufogiannakis [EAHIL Brussels, 2012]

“We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.”
T. S. Eliot (quoted by Dr. Liz Grant, the closing plenary speaker at the EAHIL Edinburgh, 2015.)

“When it comes to Community Building, well done is better than well said.”
“Silos is where smart people go to do dumb things. Community is where ordinary people go to do amazing things.”
by Cormac Russell (Keynote Speaker, EAHIL Cardiff, 2018)

CONCLUSION
EAHIL does make a difference!

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