

Nomination for National Representative: New Zealand

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To Whom It May Concern

I attended my first EACH Conference in Verona in 2010, and found it to be a very stimulating and valuable event. I learned a great deal and developed ongoing relationships with a number of other attendees. Since then I have been interested to see the way EACH has developed into a more formal multi-faceted organisation that supports and encourages democratic networking and sharing of high quality information and resources relating to both research and teaching. This is an ethos I share and strongly relate to myself.

I am by now a longstanding member of EACH, and especially welcome the increasingly international focus of the organisation. This makes it much more feasible than was the case previously for academics and practitioners in New Zealand to become meaningfully involved, alongside our nearest neighbours in Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia.

I have served two terms as a NZ National Representative and member of the Advisory Committee, with a particular interest in encouraging the internationalization of EACH and reviewing the terms of reference and process of the AC along with my colleagues on that committee. I also acted as interviewer for the selection of EACH president in 2018 and was part of a group that submitted a climate change response proposal to the EACH Executive in 2019. Since 2010 I have also contributed to several ICCH conferences via review of abstracts, judging poster competitions, facilitating networking events, acting as a senior colleague for 'pairing' programmes, participating in SIGs, and chairing conference sessions and symposia (most recently at the online conference in September 2020). My name has recently been put forward to join the selection committee for the Joziens Bensing Research Award.

I am keen to continue to support the work of the AC and EACH more widely, with a view especially to building a closer collaboration in the Pacific region with my Australian colleagues in the first instance, and continuing to promote EACH and membership of EACH to colleagues and other interested people here in New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,

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