

Statement Burr president:

I am willing to stand for the role of EADH President because the role would allow me to work for the good of the EADH, an association for which I care a lot, from a position where I can think through not only the actually ongoing discussions but can also consider the broader picture, taking the necessary time to find out whether advice, different scenarios or perspectives are needed and bring them in when they have matured in my mind.

I joined the ALLC in 1990 and served on its committee first as co-opted member (1998-2001) and then as voting member (2001-2010). I was member of the joint workgroup ADHOC, established by ACH and ALLC in July 2002 which paved the way for the foundation of ADHO in 2005. I was appointed chair of the newly founded Standing Committee on Multi-Lingualism & Multi-Culturalism of ADHO in 2005 and directed it until **2014. From 2006 to 2012 I served as voting member on ADHO's Steering Committee** and in 2015 I was elected to serve as voting member on the executive committee of EADH.

In 2012 I was elected member of the Steering Committee of the newly founded Association Digital Humanities in German speaking regions (DHd). I am also a member of its working group on publications, was host of its 3rd international congress celebrated in Leipzig in 2016 with 470 participants and am at present chair of its scientific programme committee for the next DHd conference in Bern (2017).

Apart from serving and having served on various scientific consulting and evaluation bodies (EU, DARIAH-DE etc.) I am also the director of the European Summer University **in Digital Humanities "Culture & Technology", which I founded in 2009 and which is now at its 7th edition.** In this framework I constructed a fruitful collaboration with CLARIN-D and lately also with PARTHENOS.

With my long standing experience with the history of the ALLC / EADH and ADHO, of the journal Literary and Linguistic Computing / The Journal of Digital Scholarship in the Humanities, with governance on many different levels and involvement in various (programme) committees, my standing in the regional and global community, and finding **myself at the stage of career I am, I feel fit for being an "elder stateswoman" and take on** the charges the role of president entails.

I understand this role not only as one of an advisor, mediator and diplomat, but also as one of a public representative of EADH. I am sure that the personal and academic reputation I have gained not only on a local but also on a European and global level can **add weight to EADH's voice and will enable me to further EADH's goals and interests.**

As my perspective is very much a European and international one and as I do not let myself be governed by national sensitivities but try to see and understand incidents and developments in a historical and social perspective and have, furthermore, intensive insights into the needs and expectations of young(er) and very diverse scholars worldwide, I am sure that I can also be an advisor, mediator and diplomat in the debates the culturally and linguistically very rich Steering Committee of EADH will conduct in the future, debates which will foreseeably turn around questions of diversity, outreach and inclusivity, around the future of the journal and a balanced cooperation and integration of the regional and global representations of the DH community. I will do my best to foster the perspective of a unity in diversity.