

Statement Eide chair:

The last years have been a period of significant growth and development for EADH. In this phase it is important that we keep our focus on the aims of the organisation: to take part in the development of digital humanities as a research and teaching discipline in Europe, connected to practical work in the area. EADH is a tool we use in our work towards such goals and we must keep our scholarly focus in mind.

In order to fulfil its scholarly vision EADH needs a chair to continue the building of the organisation, with a focus on areas in Europe with little organised DH activity as well as on further development of areas with existing organisations. Both existing and new Associate Organisations are important. We must further develop flexible means of cooperation reflecting the diverse needs we find in different regions and groups in Europe. In this development we must take issues of economy, class, gender, language, and culture seriously in order to support equal opportunities and avoid discrimination within our organisations.

EADH's role in the international world of DH must also be further developed. We must develop our international organisations based on respect for each other views and interests. We have to keep our members' best interests in mind and engage in international cooperation based on long term scholarly visions for our discipline.

If I am chosen to be the next chair of EADH I will work towards fulfilling our scholarly goals. In order to do that the organisation has to be further developed. Based on my scholarly standing and my experience in EADH as well as in a number of other organisations, including chairing the ADHO Awards Committee for five years, I believe I have the necessary understanding and network. The further development of EADH must happen in close cooperation with the other officers, the Executive Committee, the Associate Organisations, as well as other cooperation partners, and based on the best interests of our members as they are expressed in elections and votes. I am willing to make the necessary investments in time and energy to fill this role.