

EDITORIAL



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Dear EAHIL friends,

I find myself very touched while writing this Editorial, not because I haven't written for these pages before, but because it is the first time that I am addressing you all in my new role of Editor in Chief (EiC).

This past December Sally, after numerous years acting as the soul and fundaments of this journal, announced that she would be stepping down as EiC in order to dedicate more time to her fantastic work with Paralympians.

I have had the pleasure to work closely with Sally these past years, initially as a member of the Editorial Board, then as Assistant Editor. We worked together on the finding and editing of articles to publish, and with the Editorial Board who were always very active. I shall miss you Sally!

I am looking forward to this coming year, and am counting on the help of the Editorial Board and of all EAHIL members to stand by me in this undertaking.

I also wanted to thank Giovanna Miranda who recently retired and left the Board. Her columns "Publications and new products" and "Forthcoming events" have been an incredible source of updates for all EAHIL readers. Thank you Giovanna and thank you also to Letizia Sampaolo who has agreed to continue these columns.

We are living in times of great transformations in the health information professions and in science editing. The scenarios change frequently, and so do our work and communication habits. As a scientific journal we too must renew ourselves and grow to become evermore an up-to-date point of reference for all librarians and health information professionals.

In this context, Oliver Obst and Katri Larmo have prepared a questionnaire that has been sent to all members of EAHIL, and whose results are reported in this issue. Please do not forget to read them carefully. The data collected shows many interesting factors, but mostly shows how the journal has been read with interest, and is considered a precious source of information on the association's activities and as a means to keep abreast of any professional updates. Thanks to all those who took time to fill it in. Phrases like "please keep up the good work", "thanks for the great job you do!" and "I enjoy the journal" show the affection with which the EAHIL members look upon the journal.

As you can see, the journal's layout has been slightly "modernised". A more contemporary font was chosen and a larger variety of colours were implanted throughout the pages. It will be lighter and colourful. We didn't want to disorientate our readers and have kept the general settings of the journal – with the exception of the cover – therefore the feature articles are followed by the news from EAHIL with the Letter from the EAHIL President Marshall Dozier and the usual columns. In addition to the News from MLA by Carol Lefebvre, Dianne Babski and Ioana Robu have promised to keep us informed on a regular basis on News from NLM and News from IFLA respectively.

It would be nice to publish new columns that address matters of interest to our profession. Whoever is interested in collaborating is most welcome! Please send me your proposals.

The access to the online journal will be greatly improved. We are studying the use of a system created specifically for the management of scientific journals with open access (OJS). The journal will continue in its paper format, for the time being, for the joy of those who still believe in the importance of a tangible journal vs its online format. Our gratitude goes to Suzanne Bakker who made this possible.

This number contains six feature articles, all of great interest. The centre fold pages revolve around the presentation of the Workshop that will be held in Edinburgh, 10-12 June 2015.

JEAHIL next issues:

2015	Theme	Deadline
June	Mobile technologies	5 May 2015
September	Memories from the Edinburgh Workshop	5 August 2015
December	Marketing and impact of libraries	5 November 2015
2016		
March	No-theme issue	5 February 2016

The monographs on “Mobile technologies” and on “Marketing and impact of libraries” will be edited by Oliver Obst and Michelle Wake respectively. Please contact them if you would like to contribute with your paper.

The current Editorial Board is shown below. Do not hesitate to contact us, we will be delighted to hear from you (e-mails in the colophon):

- Federica Napolitani Cheyne Rome, Italy (Editor in Chief)
- Petra Wallgren-Bjork, Stockholm, Sweden
- Fiona Brown, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- Katri Larmo Terkko, Helsinki, Finland
- Oliver Obst, Muenster, Germany
- Michelle Wake, London, United Kingdom

Last but not least, I would like to inform you all that *JEAHIL* offered two scholarships for the 2015 Edinburgh Workshop for the best articles submitted in 2014. The evaluation committee has declared that the winners are:

1. Jane Blumenthal with her paper “The library of the future is present” and
2. Anthea Sutton and Andrew Booth with the paper “The librarian as a leader: development of leadership in the library and information profession” .

Congratulations to the winners and to you all...

... a lovely start to spring!

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