

Editorial



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Hello Everyone,

The 14th EAHIL Conference in Rome was a great success in all aspects, scientific and social and our last issue's content is witness to this. The reports of the Rome Conference Continuing Education Courses are presented in this issue and make very interesting reading. Also we have information regarding the EAHIL workshop in Edinburgh in June 2015 which I am sure everyone will be pleased to have. At the same time the new EAHIL Scholarship Award Scheme procedure for 2015 with a revised eligibility and evaluation criteria devised by the EAHIL Executive Board will be announced.

The theme of this issue is *The Librarian of the Future* a fitting theme for the end of 2014. We have some excellent articles on this subject and I would like to thank Oliver Obst for commissioning most of these articles and also the authors who have submitted these articles. Oliver has also devised a survey in order to assess the use and usefulness of the Journal of EAHIL, please go to: <http://www.formdesk.com/eahil/JEAHIL-survey2014>.

The last survey was about ten years ago and we agreed that with the changing times and the online preference for many associations it was the time to see what the EAHIL members wanted.

It also leads me on to saying that after 15 years as Chief Editor of first the EAHIL Newsletter and then the Journal of EAHIL I have finally decided to retire. I retired from medical libraries last year and I think it is time to hand over to the very capable hands of Federica Napolitana, our Assistant Editor. She will guide the Journal onto new pathways with the help of a very efficient Editorial Board. I have enjoyed my time very much as Editor of the JEAHIL and also attending the many EAHIL workshops and conferences but my time is increasingly being taken up with my other career in paralympic sport, both as President of the National Paralympic Committee, Romania as well as Chair Europe of the International Blind Sports Association (IBSA). In 2015 we have the IBSA World Games in Seoul, Korea and in 2016 the Paralympic Games will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I think I shall be kept very occupied!

I have so enjoyed my correspondence with all the contributors to the Journal and I shall miss the many friends I have made over these years but I hope to keep in touch with you all online. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Sally