



# The new JEAHIL website: remembering the past, imagining the future

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Memories are the bricks on which we base our present and build our future. When we look back on times, we are forced to move away from the present; this allows us to distance ourselves from it and see it more clearly and with unbiased eyes. This is why, from time to time, it is necessary to let ourselves go and look behind us.

Now, you might be wondering why I am talking about memories in the opening of this Editorial. It is mainly for two good reasons.

The first is that this issue is another small brick laid down in the building of EAHIL's history. As for all the issues of *JEAHIL* published in September, it is meant to collect and preserve the many Memories from the most recent EAHIL event. In this case, the 16th EAHIL Conference, which took place in Cardiff, Wales, UK on 9th-13th July 2018. The Cardiff Conference was a great success, and was "Inspiring, Involving and Informing" for all participants, as you will see in the following pages, in the Report by Sue Thomas and in the memories from the scholarship recipients.

The second reason, I am glad to inform you, is that if you wish to go back in time in EAHIL history, and discover the first years of life of the Association and how it developed from 1987 to the present time, you can now easily do it. Just connect to the brand new *JEAHIL* website

Yes, we finally made it! As Editor in Chief of the Journal, I had the pleasure of officially launching the new *JEAHIL* website at the General Assembly in Cardiff, last July (see also *JEAHIL* News July 2018). It took a little more time and effort than expected, but with the help and dedication of many colleagues from both the Executive and the Editorial Boards, we managed to pull through and finally take this big step forwards. Let me just name a few of them: Suzanne Bakker, Marshall Dozier, Fiona Brown and their colleagues from Edinburgh (Roza Dimitrellou to name one), Tuulevi Ovaska and many others. Thank you all!

The Journal website is now based on the platform called Open Journal System (OJS) which is used by many scholarly journals worldwide in accordance with the principles of open access. OJS for *JEAHIL* is hosted by the University of Edinburgh. At the beginning of 2018, I had informed you about the termination of the printed copies and the frenetic work that was going on for OJS (see the March issue editorial). Most of the work has now been done and the new website is available for you to explore. PDFs of single papers are available for our most recent issues, and all past issues from 2005 to present have been uploaded with their respective covers. Furthermore, Google Analytics statistics are available, sponsors may now advertise on the Journal's homepage, and the agreement with CrossRef has been signed so feature articles are going to have a DOI. Authors will also soon be able to submit their papers online.

In the new website you will also find the old EAHIL Newsletter. The *Newsletter* issues, patiently digitized by Suzanne Bakker, are there for you to discover and enjoy, the collection from 1987 to 2003 is complete but a few issues still to be put online. OJS is therefore serving as a repository for both the *Newsletter* and the Journal. I am sure that those of you who've been in EAHIL for many years will enjoy opening these *Newsletter* pdfs and be reminded of faces, places, events and activities; and that younger EAHIL members will surely be interested in discovering more about the birth and the first years of the Association's path. The first number of the *Newsletter* was published in 1987, the same year of the foundation of EAHIL, after the First European

Conference of Medical Libraries held in Brussels in 1986.

Issue n 67 of the *Newsletter* published in 2004 is of particular importance for me as this is the first issue in which I published a paper on Peer review in biomedical publishing. That was my very first step in the publication and it started a strict and friendly collaboration with Sally Wood-Lamont, who's been the Editor in Chief for many years. I joined the Board as a member in 2005, when the *Newsletter* became a *Journal* with a different cover and structure, then became Assistant Editor in 2007 and, when Sally retired in 2015 took over as Editor in Chief.

In retrieving those issues online, I was overcome with a little moment of happiness as I fondly recalled many memories accumulated over this past decade.

I hope it will be the same for you.

Now let's leave the past and get back to current events. In the "News from EAHIL" section, be sure not to miss the Letter from our President and the Call for nomination for EAHIL Council. You will find the list of Council vacancies as well as a nomination form to complete and submit before the 12 of October.

Also, I am grateful to Lotta Haglund for starting, in this issue, the section titled "Council Members Corner" with a report on the Council Meeting she chaired in Cardiff in July. To all other Council Members, I say: we would love to hear from you!

At Cardiff, the Editorial Board held its annual meeting where a dense agenda was discussed and many ideas were put in focus for the *Journal*. New theme issues were approved and I am very grateful to Maria-Inti Metzendorf, Information Scientist at the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf, Germany, for accepting to guest edit an issue on "Embracing failure" (see table below). This is such an important and authentic theme as, contrary to what many think, I believe that failures are the key to success.

Before I conclude this Editorial, I cannot but thank each member of the Editorial Board for the wonderful job done during the whole year and in Cardiff. I would like to name them all here: Petra Wallgren Björk, Gerhard Bissels, Fiona Brown, Katri Larmo, Letizia Sampaolo, Michelle Wake.

Please find a list of the next issues of *JEAHIL* and their content in the table below.

<b><i>JEAHIL future issues</i></b>		
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
2018		
4	Re-imaging libraries: partnership with businesses large and small (edited by Michelle Wake)	5 November
2019		
1	No-theme issue	5 February
2	Embracing failures	5 May
3	Memories from Basel EAHIL Workshop	5 August

*May the Autumn colours bring you warmth and joy!*

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