



## It's election time at EAHIL!

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Dear EAHIL members

I wonder how you might be reading this Editorial. The majority of you are probably staring at one of the many screens that fill our environments and days, others, perhaps, have opted to print it out and read it as one did, on paper and in front of a cup of coffee. No matter the medium, what truly matters at the end of the day is not where the words are printed or shown, but rather that they are being read, and that they are being seen.

As you all know, our December issue was the last to be formally printed and sent out. One thing which will be news to most – and I am so very excited to let you know about this – is that we have finally reached an agreement to host the *Journal of EAHIL* on an OJS installation supported by the University of Edinburgh Library. OJS is the abbreviation for Open Journal System, a platform used by many scholarly journals worldwide in accordance with the principles of open access. A lot of work has been done to reach this decision and finalize the technical details of the agreement and I cannot but thank Marshall Dozier, former President of EAHIL, for presenting this brilliant proposal, and her colleagues, Angela Laurins and Roza Dimitrellou for replying to my many inquiries and requests. Fiona Brown, member of the Editorial Board working in the same University Library, has volunteered to manage the migration process and upload the back issues. Thank you Fiona! We couldn't do without you.

On another note, this is an important time for EAHIL: it is time for elections. The EAHIL President and Board elections are in fact underway. The deadline for nominations is the 20th of April 2018. Voting will be open from the 1st to the 31st of May 2018. All information, as well as the election form can be found in this issue, right after the Letter from the President by Maurella Della Seta.

The March issue is usually a no-theme issue and I am happy to introduce to you three excellent multidisciplinary papers. In the first, by Margaret Foster *et al.*, we read “Libraries are facing an increasing number of client requests for collaboration in conducting systematic reviews”, and since these methods are continually evolving, librarians need training. The authors illustrate how to plan, develop and evaluate systematic reviews training for librarians.

The second paper is from our Finnish colleagues from Kuopio, Arja Halkoaho *et al.* The results of the survey they conducted at the University Hospital clearly demonstrate that hospitals do need “professional level academic library and information services and cannot rely only on digital resources on a self-service basis”. The third paper by Heidi Buysse *et al.* from Ghent University (Belgium) proposes a new model for information literacy in health sciences education. There is an increasing demand of different expertise, integrated abilities and collaboration between experts in different fields. In a word: a multi-perspectivism setting is needed.

Don't miss the different News, Reports and Columns in this issue by our wonderful column editors. They are all highly appreciated!

To all Council members reading this Editorial: I would like to open the "Council Member Corner" column in the next issue (June). If anyone might be interested in sending some news/story/experience related to the profession in her/his own country, please do contact me. I would love to hear from you.

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

### **2018 *JEAHIL* issues**

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| 3 Memories from the 16th EAHIL Conference, Cardiff, Wales, UK                                    | 5 August        |
| 4 Re-imaging libraries: partnership with businesses large and small<br>(edited by Michelle Wake) | 5 November      |

As you can see, the June issue will host a monographic section on Clinical librarianship. For the first time ever a guest editor outside the Editorial Board has been invited to accomplish this task and I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Tom Roper, Clinical Librarian working in the Library of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, UK, for accepting the role. I am sure it will be an extraordinary issue!

Please contact him if you wish to contribute to this coming issue: [Tom.Roper@bsuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Tom.Roper@bsuh.nhs.uk).

*Keep reading (and enjoying) the journal*  
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