

Editorial



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We are approaching the conclusion of 2018 and what better time to express our good wishes and reflections? I am conscious it is something we do year after year, and as with many other actions, the more it is repeated the easier it can be for it to lose its original meaning. Greetings and reflections can become void of their initial luster, but let us not make this the case. I remember that during my school years I used to live in trepidation those last days of December, waiting for that fateful first of January as if it were the first page of a book yet to be written. I'll try and do the same this time.

This end-of-year issue pushes us in this direction with its brief monographic section "Re-imagining libraries: partnerships with businesses large and small" edited by Michelle Wake, member of EAHIL Editorial Board. I invite you, therefore, to read the interesting professional experiences of Anu Ojaranta (Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland) entitled "Never say never: how I became an entrepreneur in the library and information field", and Deena Maggs (The King's Fund, London, UK) entitled "Working in partnership and building relationships as a specialist information service". A big thank you to Michelle and the authors for collaborating on this December issue.

I am sure that these contributions will be of inspiration to librarians and information specialists who have had similar experiences in other libraries and who now have the opportunity to share such experiences, presenting their contributions by February 5th next year. The first issue of 2019 will in fact be a no-theme issue, and will be dedicated to original articles on different topics. Do feel free to write to me at any time if you were to need more information or advice. I will be happy to clarify or help. Don't miss this opportunity!

Going forward in this journal issue, you will find the pages dedicated to the next EAHIL Workshop (17-20 June, Basel, Switzerland) with updates on the Programme, venues and dates and the Letter from the President Maurella Della Seta who keeps us constantly updated on the many activities of the association and on the profession worldwide. Although in this issue there are no updates from our Special Interest Groups leaders, I am happy to say that the "Council Members' Corner" after a first article signed by Lotta Haglund published in the September issue, is enriched with a contribution by Luc Hourlay (Belgian Health Care Knowledge Center), Bruxelles, Belgium who tells us about the situation in his country "Health Libraries: a rapid Belgium situation's overview". I wish to thank Luc for accepting, during the Cardiff Council Meeting, the invitation to cooperate. We hope that, in the next issues, other Council members will send their own annotations and thoughts. Do not be shy. This is a space entirely dedicated to you!

As you have certainly understood by now, I am convinced that the editors of the different columns that appear on these pages carry out a task of great importance because they allow us all to keep ourselves constantly informed. In this issue Dianne Babski describes the implementations to the strategic plan of the National Library of Medicine "Do you want an easy way to find journal articles with associated data sets? New search filters in PubMed Central (PMC) and PubMed provide options for finding citations or journal articles with data information". She also illustrates the extraordinary NLM Digital Collection.

We also received from IFLA, thanks to Octavia-Luciana Madge (Associate Professor at the University of Bucharest, Romania), the news about the 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August 2018.

Unfortunately, Benoit Thirion (Chief Librarian at the University Hospital, Rouen, France) has informed me that he can no longer continue his "Take a look" column which has been an inspiration for all of us over the years. I wish to thank him wholeheartedly on behalf of all the members of the Editorial Board and, I am sure, of all readers of the journal for his invaluable contribution. Thanks Benoit! Let's now rely on Letizia Sampaolo (Italian National Institute of Health, Rome, Italy), who is already in charge of the excellent column entitled "Publications and new products", to carry on this wonderful legacy of information.

In 2019 the members of the Editorial Board will discuss new developments for *JEAHIL*, in particular the possibility of indexing the journal in bibliographic databases. I wish to name and thank each of them for their help throughout the year: Petra Wallgren Björk (Sweden), Gerhard Bissels (Switzerland), Fiona Brown (Scotland, UK), Katri Larmo (Finland), Letizia Sampaolo (Italy) and Michelle Wake (UK).

Hoping that the readers find amongst these pages the inspiration to embark in new ideas and research, or simply the push to continue on their line of work with newfound interest, I wish everyone a peaceful and joyful celebration.

Happy New Year

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