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I am very grateful to Maria-Inti Metzendorf of the Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf, Germany for having accepted to be a Guest editor of this thematic section of *JEAHIL*. I hope you will all read with interest the Preface she wrote to present such a delicate theme: “Embracing failures”. I also thank Elinor Harriss, Tom Roper and Gerhard Bissels for responding to the Editor’s invitation and contributing with their excellent papers which I am sure you will find useful and inspiring to you all.

This issue of *JEAHIL* deals with a topic that has become quite popular at the moment, on which numerous books have been published and which concerns both our professional and private spheres. How many times in our career have been faced by a failure! The question is: have we managed to turn it into a successes? Indeed, failures can, and should, be turned into success.

The etymology of the word should make us think and perhaps each of us can hazard a personal interpretation. Failing comes from the Latin “*fallere*” which means “to deceive”. And perhaps it is precisely the discovery of this “deception” and its revelation as a failure that allows us to adjust the shot, to move forward, to grow and, finally, to reach our goals.

In a time of great transformation and uncertainties in librarians' work activities, being ready to face failures is essential to survive.

If in the following months, perhaps thinking about the subject, you will feel inspired to write about this topic, I will be delighted to hear from you.

In the Letter from the President, Maurella Della Seta tells us about the annual Workshop of the Italian Association of Information Specialists working in the Pharmaceutical Industry and in Medical Research Institutes (GIDIF-RBM), which, this year, focused on Communication. A letter full of interesting information! Carol Lefebvre gives us lots of news on the recently concluded MLA Conference in Chicago and Dianne Babski on a series of important news at NLM. Letizia Sampaolo is, as usual, a mine of information, links, news and events and finally more news about Basel in the central pages of this issue.

*JEAHIL* Editorial Board will soon meet in Basel for its annual meeting, on the occasion of the EAHIL 2019 Workshop. As always, we will discuss how to improve this journal, which topics to consider in future issues. If you wish to see special themes on these pages, please let us know, we will be happy to take them into consideration.

*Meet you in Basel*  
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