

## Editorial

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This *JEAHIL* issue published in March welcomes contributions on diverse topics in the areas of interest of the journal. This time, three excellent original articles are published by EAHIL members who wished to share their knowledge, experience, and advice. I hope other members will follow their example and submit a paper to publish in the next issues of the journal. The benefits of collaboration and connection among members are immense, especially in our rapidly evolving world.

The first article by Heli Vilja-Sarromaa starts with a practical question: How can the library improve students' information retrieval skills? While reporting the experience of the LUT Academic Library, Finland, the Author describes the different kind of services provided by the library to strengthen the students' skills, from the use of specific guides (LibGuides) – the latest one being the Information retrieval toolkit – to the constructive cooperation between teaching professors and the library staff. As information seekers, are the students in your own library like “Susan Superhero, Susan Struggler or Susan Survivor”? Read the paper to know more about these information seeker characters created through service design.

The second article is by Maria Alessandra Falcone, Ornella Ferrari, Paola Ferrari, Donatella Gentili and Maria Salvatorina Graziani, members of the Working Group of the Rare Book Collection in the Library at the Italian National Institute of Health, Italy. They lead us to discover the treasures of this important collection owned by the Institute and consisting of over 1,200 scientific printed volumes published between the XVI and the XIX century. Among the different roles of librarians is certainly the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage.

The third paper is by Abigail Heath and Michelle Wake and describes the work of the UCL School of Pharmacy in supporting the School's 180th anniversary celebrations, whilst reflecting on the challenges and opportunities the library has faced over the years. Space, collection management, information literacy, non-traditional support, post-COVID developments and AI have all developed and made an impact.

While browsing this March issue, please don't miss the Letter from the President and the other columns!

I would now like to give you some news about changes that occurred last year (2022) in the Editorial Board and in the Journal. News that will be included in the Annual Report to be presented at the EAHIL Executive Board meeting and at the Annual General Assembly during the EAHIL 2023 Workshop “Radical Positive Change Agents”, 12-16 June 2023, Trondheim, Norway.

During the summer 2022 Letizia Sampaolo left the Editorial Board and Annarita Barbaro, who works in the Library at the same Institute, took her place as member of the Board and editor of the column on Publication and new Products (as announced in my previous [Editorial](#)). During the year, Petra Wallgren-Björk announced that she would leave the Board in December and Maria-Inti Metzendorf (Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf), has joined it in January 2023. Along with the whole Editorial Board I wish to thank Petra

Wallgren-Björk for all her work and dedication for the journal and I am delighted to give a big welcome to Maria-Inti Metzendorf. Maria-Inti attended her first EAHIL workshop in Stockholm in 2013 with a scholarship from EBSCO. She is an Information Scientist based at the Institute of General Practice at the Medical Faculty of the University of Düsseldorf, Germany. Her interests include information retrieval methods for evidence synthesis production as well as teaching search methods to medical students, physicians, researchers, and information specialists. She is also an Associate Editor of *BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine*.

*JEAHIL* Editorial Board now comprises:

- Federica Napolitani Cheyne, Rome, Italy (Editor in Chief)
- Annarita Barbaro, Rome Italy
- Gerhard Bissels, Goldau, Switzerland
- Fiona Brown, Edinburgh, Scotland
- Katri Larmo, Helsinki, Finland
- Maria-Inti Metzendorf, Düsseldorf, Germany
- Michelle Wake, London, UK

The Board met online several times in 2022 with the aim to better define the roles of each member in the publication process and lighten the burden of the future EiC, as well as to discuss and meet possible candidates interested in taking the role. A call for a new EiC was put [online](#) and disseminated as far as possible. I wish to thank Petra and each member of the Editorial Board for their commitment to this specific task.

One last thing, the June issue will be dedicated to the theme: “A look to the future. How do medical librarians view the future” (deadline 5 May). If you have any thoughts about this delicate and interesting subject, please contact me or any other member of the Board.

*Best wishes to you all*  
*Federica*

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