

United we inform(ed)... in Rome



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First of all I would like to thank Sally, the Editor in Chief of *JEAHIL*, for inviting me to write the Editorial of this issue which is entirely dedicated to the 14th EAHIL Conference. The Conference took place in Rome from the 11-13 June 2014, was organized by the Italian National Institute of Health and hosted by the National Central Library. It is a pleasure for me to introduce these pages that I really hope you will enjoy reading.

The issue opens with the paper from Ben Skinner, winner of the award for the best oral presentation. His contribution *KnowledgeShare: a web-based tool to connect people with evidence and to connect people with people* is about the importance of sharing, a perfect theme for a conference which goes under the title *Divided we fall, united we inform - Building alliances for a new European cooperation*. The second paper *Hunting zebra: retrieval of rare disease clinical guidelines* is by Jan Manson *et al.* winner of the award for the best first-timer oral presentation. Here the authors present their work carried out to identify existing sources of rare diseases guidelines: such a delicate and relevant topic nowadays. Also on the importance of guidelines is the paper by Breffni Smith and Gethin White, Irish health science *Librarians supporting national clinical guideline development* winners of the award for best poster. The paper by Bea Winkler and Melissa Bándi entitled *Veterinary science and open access*, describes the award winning poster from a first-timer. Four original and captivating papers, all very useful for the profession of librarians and information specialists. Congratulations to them all!

In the central part of this issue, you will find *Memories from the Conference* and some nice photographs as well. As many of you will remember, it was hot in Rome! Just during the week of the EAHIL Conference, the weather decided to test the resistance of the delegates (especially of those coming from northern countries), but at least it wasn't pouring with rain as it did in the following week. Despite the heat, I am sure that the participants enjoyed their glimpse into the "Great beauty" of the eternal city. For those of you who were there, reading these pages will be a nice occasion to remember, while for others it will be a way to keep in touch with colleagues and friends from the Association.



Fig. 1. EAHIL Editorial Board at the Rome Conference

Through the reminiscences of the scholarship recipients, readers will perceive EAHIL from the perspective of a new comer and these words full of enthusiasm and appreciation are but a strong incentive which encourages everyone to do better and better, "working SMARTer not harder" (as in the presentation by T.D. Halling and C. Pepper), to defend and develop the profession. Don't miss the *Letter from EAHIL President Marshall Dozier* announcing the next EAHIL Workshop

which will be held in Edinburgh on 10-12 June 2015 or the Special Interest Groups reports following the meetings held during the Conference and the always very stimulating columns by Oliver Obst, Benoit Thirion and Giovanna Miranda. It is a wonderful way to keep you updated on what is going on in the profession. Finally some news for you from the *JEAHIL* Editorial Board that met on Thursday the 12th of June in the cafeteria of the National Central Library (Figure 1)

First news: we have a new member! Welcome Katri Larmo from all of us! The *JEAHIL* Editorial Board now comprises:

- Sally Wood-Lamont (Editor in Chief)
- Federica Napolitani (Assistant Editor)
- Petra Wallgren Björk
- Fiona Brown
- Katri Larmo
- Giovanna F. Miranda
- Oliver Obst
- Michelle Wake

To diversify the content of the journal it was decided to open the so called “theme issues”(centred on a given topic) to multidisciplinary contributions. This means that if you wish to submit a paper that does not match the topic on the list below, you do not have to wait for the February issue (usually a “no theme issue”) to be published. The Board also agreed to nominate Guest editors, those who work in collaboration with the Editor in Chief to organize the theme issues. They will contact potential authors and ensure that the papers will match the deadline for publication. Oliver Obst kindly agreed to guest edit the June 2015 issue and Michelle Wake the December 2015 edition. Please check the table below and start writing! Also, a new copyright licence will be soon available for *JEAHIL* as agreed by the General Assembly, in accordance with the open access policies.

2014	THEME
December	The librarian of the future: (What) education, skills, expectations (deadline 5th November)

2015	THEME
March	No theme. Papers on different subjects are welcome
June	Mobile technologies (Guest Editor Oliver Obst)
September	Memories from the Edinburgh Workshop
December	Marketing and impact of libraries (Guest Editor Michelle Wake)

As reported in the cover, this issue of *JEAHIL* contains the nominees for the Council elections 2015-2018. You will be able to vote online in October 2014. Make sure that you have updated your email address in the membership database (<https://fd8.formdesk.com/EAHIL/membership>).

Don't forget to vote!

Along with Sally, I wish to give a big thanks to all those who sent their papers, reports, photographs, impressions and memories to be published in this issue! Enjoy reading it.