

Editorial



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Dear EAHIL friends

the first issue of each year is usually a "no-theme" issue because it is meant to publish papers on different subjects and not related to a particular topic which is usually selected beforehand by the Editorial Board members and assigned to guest-editors. However, by chance, we received two excellent papers which are somewhat related and which we decided to publish in this issue. I'm happy to introduce them here for you.

The first is by Tuulevi Ovaska who informs us about the events that were organized at the University of Eastern Finland (UEF, Kuopio) during the Open Access week in October 2021. The author explains how workshops, cafés, prizes and postings were designed, marketed and conducted at UEF in order to contribute to sustain open access practices and promote open science principles. This paper can be a source of inspiration for other libraries, organizations and institutions wishing to celebrate the Open Access week next year.

The second article is by Annarita Barbaro (Italian National Institute of Health) who warns us against falling into the trap of the so-called predatory publishers, who take advantage of the open access model in order to make a profit. She gives us some practical and useful suggestions on how to identify them and on how to recognize their false and misleading information and unethical practices: "To recognize them is to avoid them" as we read in the title of the paper. Recent initiatives and currently available tools are thoroughly discussed and this can certainly help us in developing a personal strategy to identify the fraudulent practice of predatory publishers.

The News from EAHIL section published in the pages of *JEAHIL* usually keeps the members updated on the works of the association. This time, this section of the journal is particularly important: it is election time again at EAHIL! That is why I invite you all to read carefully the Letter from the President, Lotta Haglund, and the Call for nominations for EAHIL President and Board by Maurella Della Seta (EAHIL Past-President) who gives us essential details on the nomination and voting processes, on the deadlines and on the roles of the Board members. In this same section, dedicated to EAHIL, you will be able to read the report from the Public Health Information Group (PHIG) which is about the EAHIL PHIG Collaborative Webinar held on December 2021 on the WHO COVID-19 Research Database. I invite the other EAHIL Special Interest Group representatives to send their reports for publication in the coming months.

Library associations after the pandemic: it is all "rebuilding, rethinking and readjusting" at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), as Dianne Babski reports in her News from NLM. While at the Health Libraries Australia (HLA), a new website and a new Journal *JoHILA* (the Journal of Health Information and Libraries Australasia) were recently launched among other innovations, as Daniel McDonald informs us in his report

from HLA. From the Taiwan Medical Library Association (TMLA), Li-Chuan Liu kindly reports, in detail, about the TMLA Annual Conference which was held on 22 October 2021. I wish to thank the authors for these interesting reports which enforce the relationship between EAHIL and the sister organizations.

A very rich column on new products and new publications closes this issue and I wish to thank Letizia Sampaolo, member of the Editorial Board, and column editor for her research work and dedication.

I wish to remind you all that the June issue of *JEAHIL* will be edited by Fiona Brown (f.brown@ed.ac.uk), and Petra Björk (petra.bjork@ki.se), and will be dedicated to "Open education". The deadline for submission of papers is the 5th of May. Please start thinking about contributing and contact one of the editors for more information.

May this Spring bring us peace
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