

Editorial



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Dear EAHIL friends

The EAHIL 2022 Conference is behind us and this *JEAHIL* September issue is here to preserve its memories, for the readers of today and tomorrow. This journal is, in fact, not only a valuable tool to keep librarians and information specialists updated, but also a precious repository of EAHIL memories, where the most significant moments in the history of the Association are stored and safeguarded. Information on projects and studies, but also the memories of people and places as well as photographs of past events dating back from the very first steps in EAHIL activities are preserved in *JEAHIL* pages, and grow with the publication of each new issue. I invite you to browse the journal and the *Newsletter* to retrieve them all, since, as you probably remember, the Editorial Board completed the digitization of the old issues sometime ago.

I am grateful to the Chair of the Local Organising Committee of EAHIL 2022, Wichor Braemer, for accepting the invitation of the Editorial Board and writing the report "Organising EAHIL's first hybrid conference: challenges and opportunities of a pandemic". The EAHIL 2022 Conference, held in Rotterdam on 1-3 June 2022, was the first conference organised in presence in the two years of the pandemic (after two virtual events: EAHIL 2021 from Istanbul, Turkey, on 5-8 July and EAHIL 2020 from Łódź, Poland, on 16-18 November) and it was the first to be structured as a hybrid conference. I can just imagine how many difficulties the organisers encountered in its preparation and facilitation, also considering the uncertainties and disruptions still caused by the pandemic in the European air traffic network, with cancellations of thousands of flights. Three hundred delegates participated, in presence or online, and this is a proof of its success and of the incredible efforts of the organisers.

As EAHIL members recall, during the Conference, four prizes were awarded for best overall oral and poster presentations and for the best oral and poster presentations by first-timers. The projects and studies which were presented at the Conference are reported in this issue of the journal in the form of feature articles and I am sure the readers will find them interesting and inspiring.

In the "News from EAHIL" section of this issue, Lotta Haglund, in her Letter from the President, is giving members important information on the life of the association on its values and on its future; while Maurella Della Seta (past President) informs us on the EAHIL Council Elections 2022 – Call for Nominations. The voting will be from 17 to 31 October 2022. Read the report for more details and don't forget to participate!

Some changes are occurring at Editorial Board level. As you may have heard at the General Assembly in Istanbul, I announced that it was time for me to step down from my role as Editor in Chief (EiC), after covering this position for many years. A call for a new EiC has been posted [online](#). I'm sure that a dedicated and passionate librarian with some experience in the publication process will be attracted by this challenging and much rewarding task.

Along with the members of *JEAHIL* Editorial Board I would like to express our grateful thanks to Letizia Sampaolo who has edited for several years the column "Publications and new products", usually published at the end of each issue. I am sure the readers of this column appreciated not only the information and the updates

she regularly provided but also the personal touch that each time she was capable of giving to this section of the journal. Thank you Letizia, we wish you all the best for your future commitments. In the meantime, I'm very happy to announce that Annarita Barbaro, distinguished librarian at the Italian National Institute of Health, where both Letizia and myself work, has agreed to taking care of this relevant section of *JEAHIL* and to become member of the Editorial Board. Annarita is not new to the Journal since she was already a member of the Editorial Board when Sally Wood-Lamont was Editor in Chief. Therefore, welcome back Annarita!

The Table below shows the themes of the future *JEAHIL* issues and the respective deadlines. As you can see, the December issue will be devoted to the "post-COVID world". Maybe it is too soon to think that we are completely out of the woods, but it is certainly interesting to know how libraries in different countries have adjusted to this new reality, what has actually changed, what has remained and, ultimately, has it been an opportunity for positive changes?

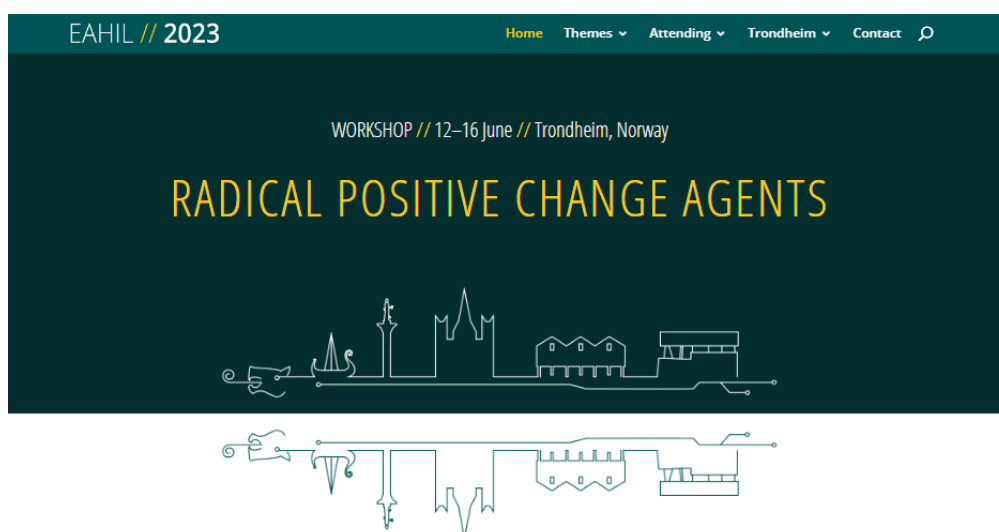
Future *JEAHIL* issues

Issue	Theme	Deadline
2022		
4 (December)	Libraries in the "post-covid" world*	5 November 2022
2023		
1 (March)	No-theme issue	5 February 2023
2 (June)	"A look to the future" How do medical librarians view the future?*	5 May 2023

* *Provisional title*

The theme of the June issue is somehow provocative and I hope many of you will share their thoughts about the future of medical librarians. "Broaden the horizons - diversity, partnership and innovation with a human touch" was the title of the Conference in Rotterdam and "Radical positive change agents" is that of EAHIL 2023 in Trondheim. The key words, in my opinion, are all there!

See you in Trondheim! The Call for papers is opening now, check online at [https://eahil2023.org/!](https://eahil2023.org/)



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