

EDITORS' NOTE

A New Start



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The Romanian Library Association started publishing *Revista Română de Biblioteconomie și Știința Informării / Romanian Journal of Library and Information Science (RRBSI)* in 2005, as a quarterly journal, with thematic issues. Since then, *RRBSI* has been one of the main academic journals in the field of library and information science, in the Romanian publishing landscape. Looking to extend its addressability and to increase the number of potential readers, in 2010 *RRBSI* became bilingual, all articles being published both in Romanian and English. The editorial board was also extended, including specialists from other countries.

With this issue, the first of 2017, the *Romanian Journal of Library and Information Science* enters a new era. There are some major changes that we want to share to our readers.

Firstly, *RRBSI* will no longer appear in print, as a subscription-based journal. For economical reasons, but also in order to open the access to the papers published in our journal, from now on it will be free to read by all those interested. To this end, we are using Open Journal Systems as solution for providing our content in electronic format and to facilitate the papers' quality assessment through the peer review process. Also, the archive of the journal from the first issue till now has been made available on its new website, at <http://www.rrbsi.ro>.

Another major change is that we will publish articles in English only.

The number of journal's issues will remain the same (four per year), but we will publish thematic issues only in exceptional occasions. We will seek to publish up-to-date, high-quality and original research papers on all aspects of library and

information science, but also review articles, perspectives, opinions, commentaries and book reviews, without trying by all means to circumscribe them to one particular topic.

Given the similarities regarding the history and development of South-East European libraries, the journal will focus on publishing studies regarding the theory and practice of librarianship in the countries pertaining to this geographical area. In order to support this new direction, the Editorial Board now includes professors and specialists in our field of interest from Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Moldavia, Turkey, but also from France and Spain. However, this approach centred on South-East European experiences is not exclusive and other topics may be covered.

Another goal we have set is to continually increase the quality of our journal and by doing so, to determine its indexing in well-known scientific databases. At this time, *RRBSI* is indexed only in the EBSCO Library & Information Science Source database (starting with iss. 4, 2010).

We kindly invite you, our contributors and readers from Romania and from all over the world to continue to stay close to us. Also, we invite the specialists in the field to register at <http://www.rrbsi.ro/index.php/rrbsi/user/register> and even to submit their papers or to act as reviewers, thus bringing their input to the development and success of our journal.

Best wishes and thank you in advance for your contribution to the *Romanian Journal of Library and Information Science* in this new format.