

## Editors

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In September 2022, BETH celebrated its 50th anniversary in Rolduc, the Netherlands. Having been the cooperative organisation of European theological libraries for five decades was something to celebrate. The jubilee seminar was held in the historic monastic milieu of Rolduc Abbey, where attendees heard many interesting presentations about the future of theological libraries and theological librarianship. At the General Meeting, members accepted a proposal to publish a new BETH Yearbook which would include, among other topics, articles based on the presentations delivered at the conference. We two Board members – Jussi Hyvärinen and Hannie Riley – were elected editors. Since the word ‘yearbook’ sounds perhaps unnecessarily staid and official, the board later decided to call this publication the ‘BETH Bulletin’.

The core of the Bulletin is therefore articles which have been written following presentations given at Rolduc Abbey, and heard by those celebrating the anniversary with us then. These articles share perspectives on the future of theological libraries, the librarian’s work at the era of electronic publishing, and other open access-related issues. In addition to expanding on and reporting member libraries’ presentations made at the 2022 conference, this publication includes art, poetry, and also a short story. We thank everyone who has been willing to share their words and images with the whole community.

In this preface, we must also thank the outgoing President and Vice-President. Geert Harmanny, who has led BETH for the past five years, has been a skilled organiser and networker. Vice-President Matti Myllykoski has been an open-minded debater rich in ideas, whose education as a researcher in theology has brought new perspectives to the board’s work. At the same time, we wish the new Chairman, Hanne Storm Ofteland, and the Vice-Chairman, Stefano Malaspina, the very best in the tasks which await them during their tenure at the helm of BETH.

Finally, we also wish to thank UB Tübingen, which has kindly agreed to host this digitally published open access publication. We hope that both members and non-members alike enjoy what we have pulled together to represent this last year as an organisation, and we look forward to seeing another Bulletin next year – as well as the next jubilee!