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Editorial

Hello and a warm welcome to the March 2010 issue of the newsletter. I begin my editorial with a plea – the HLG Newsletter needs you! The contributions from readers are crucial to each issue of the newsletter; whether it's a report on a recent meeting/conference/study day you've attended or an article detailing a new initiative in your library service or a review of a recent book. We are particularly always looking to receive original articles; writing for the newsletter can be a stepping stone to writing for a peer-reviewed journal such as the Health Information and Libraries Journal. Perhaps your New Years resolution was to focus on your continuing professional development? In which case, developing a submission for the newsletter could be an excellent element of that. So, get writing and send it in to me! I look forward to hearing from you.

Continuing the theme of professional development – the HLG conference is now open for booking. The conference, to be held in Manchester on the 19th and 20th July, has the theme of "Keeping information centre stage amid changing scenery." For details of how to book your place, see the Spotlight column in this issue.

Also, CILIP's Gazette journal is starting two new series to kick off the New Year - and is seeking contributors. One is called 'Library Heroes'. Everyone likes to read good news, especially something celebrating our choice of career. So if somebody has inspired you in your job, or even prompted you to enter the information profession, why not share it with others. The other one is called 'Informed Ideas', in which readers offer small ideas that could make a big difference to working lives: practical, simple steps such as cutting out and passing on useful articles from Gazette. Read the first two installments in the first Gazette of the year, 14 January. Get in touch or send your articles (up to 400 words for the heroes piece). Contact Gazette Editor Debby Raven at: debbyraven@btconnect.com

I hope you find this issue of the newsletter useful, informative and enjoyable. See you next issue!

Elise Collins, Editor, HLG Newsletter

Please make sure you have registered your email address with Cilip via the website otherwise you could be missing out on important HLG announcements.

It is not enough to have given your email address when renewing your Cilip subscription. You need to register via the Cilip website:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/aboutcilip/welcome>

Group news

Health Information and Libraries Journal

'Writing for Publication' Workshop, 20th July 2010

For those of you lucky enough to attend this years Health Libraries Group conference in Salford, there'll be an opportunity to start working on that paper you've always planned to write at the HILJ 'Writing for Publication' workshop. The workshop will be led by HILJ Editor Maria Grant together with Andrew Booth, Feature Editor of the popular HILJ regular 'Using Evidence in Practice'. More details will be available via the conference web site shortly: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/special-interest-groups/health/events/conferences/Pages/conference-2010.aspx>

New Layout Means a One-Page Summary

HILJ has been working with its production team to improve the layout of its articles. From the March 2010 issue the front page of every article will contain the contact details of the primary author, the article abstract and a table of key points and will act as a self-contained summary sheet for the article.

HILJ Strategic Plan 2010-2014

2010 represents the launch of the HILJ four-year strategic plan, a plan that will be instrumental in informing the future direction of the journal. Top amongst our priorities are maintaining the high quality of HILJ, building on our already strong relationship with the Health Libraries Group, and finding new ways to engage with the HILJ readers and writers.

RSS Feed

For those of you who haven't done so already, consider signing up to the HILJ RSS feed to receive up-to-date information on the activities and outputs of HILJ: <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=1471-1834&site=1>

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Scenario planning : a tool for academic health sciences libraries.
L Ludwig, J Giesecke, & L Walton

Pharmacists' utilization and interest in usage of personal digital assistants in their professional responsibilities. A Dasgupta, S S Sangsiry, J T Sherer, D Wallace, & S Sikri

An Information behaviour investigation of the community pharmacists in Greece for developing library and information services, P Kostsgiolas, K D Baraktaris & D Niakas

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Sub-Group News

IFM Healthcare

AGM

IFMH held its AGM, deferred from October, on Monday 25th January 2010, in Sheffield. The minutes are available at

<http://www.ifmh.org.uk/archive/agminutes2001.doc>

Get involved

We are currently looking for a joint Study Day Co-ordinator and a joint editor of INFORM, our newsletter. Two people cover each of these roles, so you'll be supported while you learn how to organise a study day or publish a newsletter; it also means the workload is also shared. For more information on these excellent CPD opportunities, please contact Richard Bridgen – richard.bridgen@ulh.nhs.uk

Commissioning Study Day

IFMH held a study day on commissioning on February 4th at York Hospital. Twenty-one people attended the day to hear speakers talk about commissioning and the role librarians can play in supporting their information requirements. Feedback was very positive.

Speakers included Martin McShane, a commissioner from NHS Lincolnshire, Richard Crookes, a librarian from NHS Nottingham City, Linda Ward from East Midlands Specialist Commissioning Group and Carly Cox from the King's Fund. The speakers will be writing up their presentations for INFORM and making them available at <http://www.ifmh.org.uk/studydays.html>

HLG 2010

IFMH will be at the HLG Conference in Manchester, 19-20 July 2010. This year we have the plenary session on 20th July with Mark Salmon from NHS Evidence as speaker.

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The theme of this edition will be Commissioning, and will contain articles from the speakers at our recent Commissioning Study Day. It will also include your usual regulars: IFMH News and Committee Meeting Digest; Surf's Up; Sidelines; NLH Update; NLH Specialist Collection News and Hot Topic; e-Library Scotland Update. Kieran Lamb will continue his regular feature on Web 2.0 technologies.

Why not write for INFORM?

You can contribute to Inform in one of two ways. You could either write a one-off article for the journal, or if you see yourself as a budding thought-leader and commentator, you could write a short regular column/opinion piece for us. Publishing articles is good evidence of CPD and shows a willingness to engage with the profession. While we cannot promise you a pay-rise as a result of an article in Inform, a list of publications always look good at the end of a c.v.!

Email Alan Lovell alan.lovell@bazian.com or Kathleen Irvine k.y.irvine@stir.ac.uk if you're interested in contributing a one-off or regular article for INFORM.

IFMH Members Discussion List

Our discussion list has moved to JISCMail. To post to the list members just need to email ifmh-members@jiscmail.ac.uk The purpose of the list is to provide a safe and supportive environment in which you, our members, can share information, questions and thoughts with your fellow members and us, the IFMH committee. So, if you have a burning question you've always wanted to know the answer to, have a resource you wish to share, or if you'd just like us to know what you're thinking, now's the time! Visit <http://www.ifmh.org.uk/discussion.html> for details.

Richard Bridgen, IFM Healthcare. Email: richard.bridgen@ulh.nhs.uk

Libraries for Nursing (LfN)

Bulletin

We are just about to publish the first issue of the bulletin for 2010. Articles, current awareness items and reviews are welcomed. Please contact our bulletin editor if you would like to contribute – Sarah Kevill s.j.kevill@stir.ac.uk

Committee

Phillip Barlow has joined Julia Abell in overseeing the LfN website and marketing. Sarah Thompson has recently taken over as our study day organiser, but we would like someone to assist her in this role. We are also looking to fill the positions of membership administrator and secretary and also for a second person to become our bulletin editor.

Core Collection for Nursing

Work is progressing well on the Nursing and Midwifery Core Collection. Contact us if you would like more information on this project.

Mailing list

There is a JISC mailing list 'lis-nursing' (lis-nursing@jiscmail.ac.uk) which is useful for those working in nursing, midwifery and health library and information services.

Study day

We held a successful study day in late November 2009 on Web 2.0. A report will be available in our next bulletin. We will have a presence at HLG conference in July and then hope to have a study day in the autumn, possibly in York.

Membership

If you wish to subscribe or renew your subscription to the LfN bulletin for 2010 (you receive copies of our bulletin and get reduced rates at study days) please contact us. Contact myself or a committee member – details on our website:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/lfn>

Jane Shelley, Chair, Libraries for Nursing. Email: j.shelley@anglia.ac.uk

HLG Wales

No news this session

Lori Havard, Chair, HLG Wales. Email: L.D.Havard@swan.ac.uk

Spotlight

Booking for the HLG Conference 2010 **Keeping information centre stage amid changing scenery** (The Lowry, Salford Quays, 19th and 20th July) is now open.

You can book online on this web page: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/hlg2010>

Conference

2010 will be a very important year for health librarians of all sectors. The conference will seek to understand how, amid a background of constant change, we can keep libraries, librarians and most importantly of all, quality information at the centre of what we do and at the centre of our organisations.

Keynote speakers will include Gillian Leng (Deputy Chief Executive of the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence) and Professor Tony Warne (Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Salford).

We can also announce that the conference dinner will be held on the evening of Monday 19th July, at the Palace Hotel in Manchester: <http://www.palace-hotel-manchester.co.uk>

Future announcements

To be announced shortly:

- The publication of the finalised conference programme.
- The conference dinner entertainment.

Further information

Remember to keep up-to-date on the conference news via the conference blog: <http://hlg2010.blogspot.com>

Internet sites of interest

Disaster resources

The dreadful earthquake in Haiti on 12 January this year demonstrates something of the terrible power of nature, but has also shown something of how people can work together for each other.

A few days after the earthquake, I began to see messages on the US based MEDLIB-L discussion list about information resources that might be of use to health professionals working in Haiti or preparing to travel there. One posting drew my attention to the existence of the separate DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB list, maintained at the NLM. I started to gather a list of resources together, and blogged about this, in the hope that my blog post would be picked up by interested parties. Very quickly the NLM drew together a page of resources which is much more comprehensive than anything I could do.

Some of these resources are from libraries, and others from health professionals or publishers. This column is devoted to those resources, for several reasons. Firstly, you may know someone who is in Haiti or planning to go there, and the things listed here may be useful to them. Secondly, this is an example of how librarians can be involved in useful things in aid of humanity. And last of all, it is at least a partial record of what has been done in this particular situation.

[All links were checked on 11th February 2010]

Health Resources for Haiti – from the Disasters Information Management Research Center at the NLM

<http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html>,
<http://disaster.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/haitiearthquake.html>

You can put this widget:



on your webpage, to link to the NLM page. The widget is available from <http://disaster.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/widgetdimrc.html>

This comprehensive page lists resources covering earthquakes and health, US federal agency pages, free resources from publishers, including passwords for trial access (courtesy of Ebsco) to GIDEON and DynaMed, a long list of resources in Haitian Creole and French, and details of some organisations that are using Twitter.

Cochrane Evidence Aid

<http://www.cochrane.org/evidenceaid/haiti/index.html>

Cochrane systematic reviews of relevance, with some material in French. Updated daily.

Emergency Access Initiative - NLM

<http://eai.nlm.nih.gov/>

This scheme involves the NLM, the NNLM and publishers, and was new to me, I have to confess. It provides free access to full text to health professionals, libraries and the public in the USA in the event of a disaster, and has been activated for people working in Haiti. There is more detail of how the scheme works at <http://eai.nlm.nih.gov/public/faqs.htm> and the EAI site explains how to get access to the materials.

Joint Languages University

<http://jlu.wbtrain.com/>

An initiative of US federal government agencies and academic institutions, which includes learning objects to help you learn Haitian Creole.

Mobile MedlinePlus

<http://m.medlineplus.gov/>

I plan to cover mobile applications of interest to health librarians in a future column, but Mobile MedlinePlus is one that has useful resources in this context.

It does seem trivial in the wider scheme of things, but among the buildings destroyed have been some library buildings, and collections have of course been affected. Bibliothèques sans Frontières, <http://www.bibliosansfrontieres.org/index.php>, has more information, in (as you might suspect) French. It does make the point that helping those affected is the priority, but that the long term future of the country must include rebuilding cultural institutions.

See the MEDLIB-L archives and join the list at <http://list.uvm.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A0=MEDLIB-L>. See the DISASTR-OUTREACH-LIB list archives and join at <http://disaster.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dimrclistserv.html>. My now very inadequate blog post is on <http://browsing.blogspot.com>.

As always, suggestions for future columns welcome, and, indeed, columns themselves. If you have an idea for a future column, or would like to contribute an actual list of resources for a future column, please contact me.

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Meeting reports

NHS/HE Conference, Baden-Powell House, South Kensington, London 26th November 2009

Health librarians and information professionals gathered at the annual NHS/HE Partnership conference on 26th November 2009 at Baden-Powell House, South Kensington, with e-learning and Web 2.0 technologies the conference theme. As one of the 10 non-London librarians to attend this event I enjoyed the opportunity to link up with former colleagues in the south-east from my inaugural days as a librarian in the late mid-1990s.

Richard Osborn, Strategic Library Services Development Manager, NHS London, welcomed delegates and thanked, EBSCO, Proquest, NHS Evidence, BMJ Group, and Elsevier for their generous sponsorship of the day's events.

The conference proper began with a three-part presentation on the development of three Academic Health Science Centres (ACHSC) across London, with speakers from KCL, Imperial and UCL espousing the merits of joined-up-working between the NHS Trusts and the HE institutions, ostensibly to improve the health of the population. Outside of London an additional two ACHSCs have been established in Cambridge and Manchester. Delegates were also informed of the imminent announcement of the Health Innovation Education Clusters (HIECs) in December 2009, at least one of which will be in London.

Mark Salmon, Programme Director of NHS Evidence then updated delegates on progress with the Lord-Darzi inspired-portal, with a reminder that NHS Evidence is still a work in progress. Following the October launch of the customisable content via MyEvidence, other imminent developments include a search toolbar (from December 2009) and the inclusion of care pathways (including Map of Medicine from January 2010). Plans are also underway to develop "Evidence Centres" on Public Health and Commissioning, to supersede the specialist collections inherited from the National Library for Health (NLH). Users of the service were also encouraged to use the new contact feature on the health information resources pages to feedback on the site regarding any issues with the portal and Mark Salmon welcomed any future contributors to its development.

An update on developments within NHS London by Richard Osborn, including references to future funding of library and information services, was followed by lunchtime viewing of poster presentations, with first prize ultimately going to the highly-topical Twitter contribution.

Nicky Whitsed, Director of Library Services at the Open University then delivered an informative and innovative presentation entitled "My Digital Life" in which she focused on the impact of Web 2.0 technologies on the library services provided, with an in-house video demonstrating the changing approach to reaching students. She also highlighted the burgeoning use of mobile technologies, citing the popularity of the iPhone and its associated applications.

The remainder of the afternoon focused on two parallel sessions on “*HE and eLearning Repositories*” and “*Using Mobile Technologies, Web 2.0 Technologies and Social Networking in the NHS and HE*”. Despite personal interest in the latter sessions, I attended the elearning sessions on behalf of the East Midlands Library Trainers’ Forum (EMLTF).

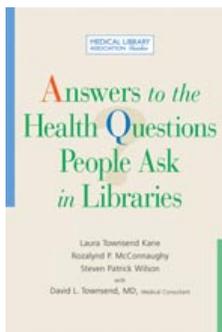
Gareth Frith from the Leeds Institute of Medical Education gave a brief overview of e-learning at the institute, before Kate Lomax, eLearning Repository Project Manager at the London Deanery, presented an excellent overview of the NHS eLearning Repository, despite technical problems with her laptop! Following the emergence of NHS Evidence the eLearning repository, a search and discovery platform for training resources, migrated to a standalone website following its initial development under the NLH. Users can access various materials, including complete modules, via Athens NHS authentication and can also sign-up as contributors, to edit and upload resources. Alternatively, you can search for a designated contributor from within your region.

Following the parallel sessions, all delegates reconvened in the main hall for a presentation by Dr Tony Yao, Lead Associate Dean on the Frontier Project, who spoke about his pioneering work on SAS (Staff Grade and Associate Specialist Doctors) Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Dr Yao identified the need for the CPD among London doctors, through surveys, and with the support of the London Deanery, has developed a popular web-based, e-learning tool to meet this need.

The conference concluded with the presentation of awards for the best poster by Richard Obsborn. Despite the London-focus on the conference, there was enough in it to make the hike from Nottingham worthwhile, and it was good to link up with past and present colleagues.

Richard Crookes, Resource Centre Manager, NHS Nottingham City

Book review



Kane LP et al. *Answers to the Health Questions People Ask in Libraries*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers Inc, 2008. ISBN: 9781555706425. 278 pages. £58.50 (\$65)

Answers to the Health Questions People Ask in Libraries is one in a series of guides produced by the Medical Library Association (MLA). The authors saw a need for a “one-stop shop” book for frequently asked health questions. The book is aimed at the general public – the health care consumer - but intended for use in libraries, doctors’ surgeries, health clinics and anywhere else that individuals might ask questions about their health.

The authors selected their questions from those that occurred most often in response to an online survey completed by over 270 librarians representing public, academic, hospital, school and special libraries from all over the United States. To ensure accuracy, the answers were written in collaboration with a medical doctor.

The book is organised into six main chapters: major health concerns, family health, nutrition and fitness, complementary and alternative medicine, drug information and miscellaneous. The chapters move from the broad to the specific with the miscellaneous chapter including a rather eclectic collection of queries and facts such as “*What is porphyria, and is it really the origin of the vampire and werewolf myths?*”. A useful design feature is the ‘Ask the Experts’ pages that list the job titles of the health care professionals associated with the questions in that chapter. These are then listed in a Glossary of Experts at the back of the book, which gives information about each profession and its related professional bodies, directories and websites. This would work as a stand-alone quick look-up reference as well as connected to the main text chapters.

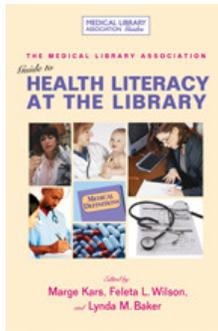
Each question is used as an introduction for a wider exploration of the topics behind the question, becoming a complete health information article in its own right. For example, the question: “*Is it better to work out in the morning or at night?*” discusses the conflicting advice and experts’ opinions before concluding that there is no acknowledged consensus only pros and cons. Leaving that issue unresolved, however, the answer continues: “*A better question may be how to exercise*” and provides an answer to this question followed by the references. The full answer to both questions takes less than a page and a half: concise, evidence-based, readable and practical – just what the reference desk needs!

Open the book at any page and it is engaging and easy to read. Would I advocate the use of this book for health enquiry work in the UK? No, probably not, as it has two main drawbacks: it is a book and it is American. I agree that books still have a place in health enquiry work, but *Answers to the Health Questions People Ask in Libraries* has all the currency problems of a reference book, compounded by the range of questions it answers. It might be useful, but could not be trusted as a single resource for some of the questions it answers. For UK health librarians, however, the biggest problem is that this book is American from its terminology (HRT becomes MHT) to its references, organisations and approach to healthcare services. Many of the questions are universal “*Can massage therapy reduce stress?*” or “*Is it really possible to be allergic to alcohol?*” but around a quarter of all the questions, would not be applicable to a UK population and may cause confusion. It may well have a

place, however, in the UK consumer health library due to the range of very ordinary and popular questions it answers.

Would I use it instead of NHS Choices, Patient UK or another reputable UK consumer health website? No, but I might take a look if I couldn't find the answer in one of the more usual resources.

Gill Foster, Librarian, NHS Direct North East



Kars M, Baker LM and Wilson FL (eds.). *The Medical Library Association Guide to Health Literacy*. New York: Neal-Schuman, 2008. ISBN: 9781555706258. 303 pages. £63.95.

This book is part of the respected US Medical Library Association Guides series. The aim of the contributors is to educate librarians about health literacy and to inspire them to take an active role in promoting it within and beyond their organisations. To this end the book is full of real-life examples of health literacy initiatives in which librarians have been involved. The intended readership is librarians in all types of libraries, although the book is more obviously relevant to librarians working in public libraries, in specialist consumer health information units for the public, and to NHS librarians working in partnership with public libraries.

Health literacy is a specific aspect of information literacy, but is much less well documented than information literacy in general. As such this book makes a valuable contribution. The authors argue for the multiplicity of definitions of health literacy – from the lack of the ability to read itself to a lack of knowledge of how to find information and to interpret it and a lack of critical appraisal of material found on the Internet.

Variables which have an impact on and relationship with health literacy are also well documented such as cultural differences, age, disability, lack of education and literacy problems for those whose first language is not English. Authors also illustrate the physical and cognitive barriers among some disadvantaged groups or those living in rural areas which can prevent them from asking librarians and health professionals for support. The contributors therefore present a convincing argument that health literacy is a wide-ranging and complex problem which encompasses much more than just the ability to read.

However, while health literacy is a subset of information literacy, the authors show that it is a unique problem because its consequences can be so serious. Potential consequences from patients' lack of understanding of specific diagnoses or general guidance on how to stay healthy include more use of emergency services, more medication errors, longer hospital stays and generally poorer health outcomes. The editors argue that health literacy is also a unique aspect of information literacy because there is an emotional aspect – sometimes individuals with medical conditions actively do not want information about their problem because having such information increases their anxiety levels.

As well as extensive theoretical exploration of the scope of health literacy, much of the book is taken up with practical tips for how librarians can combat health literacy, for example, by helping to write literature for patients in clear, plain language and stressing to other professionals the need to provide information in formats other than the written word. Tips and examples are given for how to elicit helpful responses in the health reference interview (the mechanism by which to gather an individual's information need).

Several contributors also stress the particular importance of community outreach activities in teaching consumers to critically evaluate and appraise medical information they find on the Internet. They argue for the need for librarians to cooperate with other professional groups and with community organisations in partnerships to improve health literacy among the local populations.

Generally I would recommend this book to other librarians. As an American book the guide has a US and Canadian bias so some aspects are not applicable in the UK. Likewise, UK initiatives to widen patient access to health information such as the INSPIRE scheme are not mentioned. Nevertheless, the book provided many interesting and applicable examples and it stimulated my interest in health literacy.

Rachel Steele, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust

Current literature

Academic writing

Fallon, H. (2010) Supporting Health Sciences Librarians to publish: The Dublin EAHIL Academic Writing Workshop. **Journal of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries**. [Internet] 6(1), pp 3-7.

http://www.eahil.net/journal/journal_2010_vol6_n1.pdf (OA)

Helen Fallon reports on the academic writing workshop she led at the last European Association for Health Information and Libraries conference in Dublin. Through a series of fifteen tasks, she provides novice writers with useful and structured advice.

ANLTCwriters: <http://www.anltcwriters.blogspot.com>

Bibliotherapy

Allen, C. (2010) The healing power of books should be taken as read. **The Guardian**. [Internet] 6 January.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/jan/06/mental-health-its-my-life> (OA)

Clare Allen, the author of 'Poppy Shakespeare', has a regular column in The Guardian where she talks about mental health issues. In this particular article, she firmly supports bibliotherapy and particularly the Get into Reading initiatives.

Clare Allen: <http://www.clareallan.co.uk>

Library spaces

Todd, H. (2009) Library spaces – new theatres of learning: a case study. **Journal of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries**. [Internet] 5(4), pp6-12.

http://www.eahil.net/journal/journal_2009_vol5_n4.pdf (OA)

Following the refurbishment of the University of Queensland Library in Brisbane, a series of surveys were run to find out what users thought of the new space and their use of it. The article contains a particularly interesting table on the evolution of library spaces as well as creative way to use YouTube during information skills sessions.

Buildings need to inspire

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/librariesunleashed/story/0,,2274826,00.html>

inhabitat:

<http://www.inhabitat.com/2009/08/27/big-unveil-massive-mobius-strip-library-for-kazakhstan>

New technologies

Giustini, D., Hooker, D. & Cho, A. (2009) Social cataloguing: an overview for health librarians. **Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association**. [Internet] 30, pp133-138.

<http://article.pubs.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/RPAS/rpv?hm=Hlnit&calyLang=eng&journal=jchla&volume=30&afpf=c09-039.pdf> (OA)

This is a relevant article for health librarians wishing to enhance their library's OPAC and know more about social cataloguing. There are some very useful sites and examples in Appendixes A and B.

Kamel Boulos et al (2009) The University of Plymouth sexual health SIM experience in Second Life ®: evaluation and reflections after 1 year. **Health Information and Libraries Journal**. 26, pp 279-288.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122455355/abstract> (Link to abstract)

More from the University of Plymouth on their experience and evaluation of Second Life. The authors review here a new sexual health education programme aimed at members of the public.

Information needs

Davies, K. (2009) Quantifying the information needs of doctors in the UK using clinical librarians. **Health Information and Libraries Journal**. 26, pp 289-297.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122617971/abstract> (Link to abstract)

This is the first data gathering exercise in the UK on the information needs of doctors in clinical settings. The research has been conducted in an acute environment and is the synthesis of all requests received by the clinical librarians involved in the project.

Public health

Tržan-Herman, N. & Rožić. (2010) Public libraries for public health: the continuation of an innovative project in Slovenia. **Journal of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries**. [Internet] 6(1), pp 8-10.

http://www.eahil.net/journal/journal_2010_vol6_n1.pdf (OA)

The authors present in this article a new service offered at the Central Public Library in Celje (Slovenia) to support better health information needs in the community. In addition to books on prescription, a health professional advisor scheme is being piloted as part of the new strategic role of public libraries in developing public health awareness.

Fabienne Michaud, The Royal Society of Medicine
Contributions should be sent to Fabienne.Michaud@rsm.ac.uk or Library Services,
The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

Diary of events

10 March 2010

Knowledge Management – Getting started & building skills
Cilip, London

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/special-interest-groups/health/events/pages/knowledge-management-health.aspx>

£65 (HLG Members only – subsidised event)

17 March 2010

Current Awareness & Alerting Service for Health (CASH) Study Day
Riverside Centre, Derby

<http://www.events.eastmidlands.nhs.uk/2127>

No price detailed

29-31 March 2010

How to Practice EBHC (Evidence-Based Health Care)
St Hugh's College, Oxford University, Oxford

<http://www.cebm.net/index.aspx?o=4676>

£850

29-31 March 2010

LILAC 2010

Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick, Ireland

<http://www.lilacconference.com/dw/>

Full delegate: £352.50 including VAT

Day delegate – Monday (half day): £117.50 including VAT

Day delegate – Tuesday (half day): £176.25 including VAT

Day delegate – Wednesday (half day): £117.50 including VAT

22 April 2010

Managing outreach in health service libraries
CILIP, London

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/jobs-careers/training/pages/managing-outreach-health-service-libraries.aspx>

£240+VAT (CILIP personal member); £290+VAT (CILIP organisation member);

£340+VAT (non-members)

30 April 2010

Online searching (MEDLINE Plus) – basic
BMA House, London

http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBOnlineSearchingCourses.jsp

£160+VAT (members); £320+VAT (non-members). Lunch included.

18-21 May 2010

The Nottingham Systematic Review Course
University of Nottingham, Nottingham

<http://szg.cochrane.org/en/events.html>

£675 (Discounts available for internal applicants and group bookings)

21 May 2010

Basic critical appraisal skills workshop (in association with SchARR - the School of Health and Related Research)

BMA House, London

http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBCASWorkshops.jsp

£140 Lunch included

21-26 May 2010

MLA 2010 Annual Meeting and Exhibition

Hilton Washington, Washington, D.C.

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2010/index.html>

Early-bird rate registration by 21 April 2010

Range of package options

6-9 June 2010

HTAi 2010: Maximising the Value of HTA

RDS, Dublin, Ireland

<http://www.htai2010.org/site>

Deadline for early registration: 30 April 2010

Range of package options

7-11 June 2010

CHLA/ABSC Conference 2010

Four Points Sheraton, Kingston, Ontario

<http://www.chla-absc.ca/2010/index.html>

Range of package options

14-18 June 2010

EAHIL 2010

Estoril Congress Centre, Lisbon, Portugal

Pre-conference sessions June 14-15 2010, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian

<http://www.eahil2010.org/en/index.php>

Early registration (Before 31 March 2010) 380 EUR

Late registration (After 31 March 2010) 430 EUR

9 July 2010

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BMA House, London

http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBOnlineSearchingCourses.jsp

£160+VAT (members); £320+VAT (non-members). Lunch included.

19-20 July 2010

HLG Conference 2010: Keeping information centre stage amongst changing scenery

The Lowry, Salford Quays, Manchester

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/hlg2010>

<http://hlg2010.blogspot.com/>

Early- bird registration available until 30 April 2010

Full Conference Delegate:

HLG Member £195+VAT (*after April 2010 £230+VAT*), Non Member £225+VAT

(*after April 2010 £275+VAT*), Student Rate £150+VAT

Daily Delegate:

HLG Members £95+VAT, Non Members £120+VAT, Student Rate £80+VAT

10-15 August 2010

World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden

<http://www.ifla.org/en/annual-conference>

Online registration begins 1 March 2010

Early-bird registration until 7 May 2010

Range of package options

24 September 2010

Online searching (MEDLINE Plus) – basic

BMA House, London

http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBOnlineSearchingCourses.jsp

£160+VAT (members); £320+VAT (non-members). Lunch included.

15 October 2010

Basic critical appraisal skills workshop (in association with SchARR - the School of Health and Related Research)

BMA House, London

http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBCASWorkshops.jsp

£140 Lunch included

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