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The Chair's Perspective

I hope that by now you are thinking about what to pack for your upcoming trip to Quebec! The Section is planning two very interesting sessions so please make sure you have these marked in your calendar. You are also welcome to attend the section committee meetings – check the IFLA website for details.

I have just returned from attending the European Health Librarians conference and found it very stimulating. There were a range of interesting papers and it is always interesting to find out what is happening in others areas of the world – On a personal note I have made a long list of ideas that I have taken away from the conference and am gradually working my way through this list with my colleagues at work.

The Committee has a packed program at the upcoming IFLA conference and hope that many of you will take advantage of it – so far we have over 50 people registered for the Satellite Session (full details are



Heather Todd, Chair

in the newsletter) but there will be room for you in case you have forgotten to register. You don't have to register for the open session just turn up!

Many of you will know that the section is involved in the International Congress of Medical Librarians (ICML). The next ICML – the 10th - will be held in 2009 in Brisbane, Australia. The call for papers was recently released and I urge you to submit an abstract. Details of the

call for papers are detailed in the newsletter. One of the tasks of the committee at the Quebec meeting is to discuss ICML 11! We will be discussing when this should be held and if it should be held in conjunction with another major health related conference.

2008 Health and Biosciences Standing Committee Business Meetings: Draft Agendas

1. First Business Meeting: Saturday, 9th August

Venue: Centre de Formation continue at the Universite Laval in Quebec. meeting will be held in the Auditorium following the end of the satellite session <http://www.fc.ulaval.ca/sgc/site/fc/pid/6604> .

Agenda

- Attendance and Apologies
- Notes of last meeting and business arising
- Review of satellite session
- Budget
- Agenda items for 2nd business meeting
- Other business

2. Second Business Meeting, Friday, 15th August

Venue: Convention Centre (exact venue tba) 11.00-13.50

Agenda

- Attendance and Apologies
- Business arising from first business meeting
- Review of open session
- Report from IFLA Officers meetings
- Next ICML– where and when?
- Planning for IFLA 2009 in Milan
- Planning for IFLA 2010 in Brisbane
- Membership and finances
- Other business

News Flashes

Attention MLA Members Planning to Attend IFLA 2008

There will be the annual MLA dutch treat dinner at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) conference! Please email MLA Executive Director [Carla J. Funk](#), CAE, as soon as possible if you plan to attend IFLA 2008, August 10-14, in Quebec City, QC, Canada, and was to attend the dutch treat. This year, MLA members will have a joint dinner with members of CHLA/ABSC.

MLA and CHLA/ABSC, along with ALISE, are also jointly sponsoring an exhibit booth at IFLA this year. For those of you who would like to volunteer to be at the joint exhibit booth, exhibit hours are:

12:45pm - 6:00 pm Sunday, August 10

8:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday, August 11 and Tuesday, August 12

8:00 am - 2:30 pm Wednesday, August 13

Please let Carla know if you would be willing to volunteer at the booth. She will get back directly to everyone who responds to this inquiry. Thank you. [from Carla Funk per CG]

Membership in the Health Biosciences Libraries Section

The updated membership of the IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section (s28) shows stable numbers according to Lidia Putziger, Membership Officer of IFLA Headquarters. The Section has about 60 institutional members plus eleven personal affiliates from a total of 32 countries around the world.

Regarding the registration figures for the 2008 conference compared to last year, as of July 1st:

July 2007 s28 had 64 members registered

July 2008 s28 has 61 members registered

The total number of registrations vary per Section. We have sections such as MLAS with 143, s08 with 282 and s48 with 35 registrations. Submitted by Carole Gall

Google Health Advisory Council Established

On the global front, Google has established the Google Health Advisory Council that is made up of healthcare experts from provider organisations, consumer and disease-based groups, physician organisations, research institutions, policy foundations, and other fields. More details about this group are available from:

<http://www.googleblog.blogspot.com/2007/06/new-advisory-group-on-health.html> . By Heather

Todd

Medical Humanities at IFLA Quebec

Medical Humanities at IFLA Quebec City, Tuesday 12 August at 16.00-18.00

<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/Programme2008.htm>

- Do the humanities have a role in medical education or patient care?
- If the humanities has a position in medical education, what is its role?
- Or why should humanities have any role at all in medical education?
- And what are the implications on the collection policies of medical and health libraries?

These are questions that the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section session *“The role of medical humanities in medical education and patient care”* will attempt to answer.

Five presentations from Europe (United Kingdom and Romania), Nigeria, South Africa, and two from India will explore the issues related to medical humanities.

Nigeria,

[Humanities in the medical education and patient care: lessons from some colleges of medicine in the Nigeria Universities](#) jointly authored by **Adefunke Olanike Alabi**, **Taiwo Oladele Ogunyade** and **Yetunde Abosede Zaid**, University of Lagos, presents the results of a survey on the need for humanities in medical education conducted in six medical colleges in Nigeria.

South Africa,

[Using citation analysis to determine the use of information sources in the humanities by postgraduate students in the health and biomedical sciences: a case study](#)

by **Adriaan Swanepoel** is based on study conducted in Tshwane University of Technology in Pretoria and concludes that citation analysis is a valid method to find out use of information sources in humanities.

India,

[Development and use of humanities collection in hospital libraries in Hyderabad: a survey](#) by **V. Vishwa Mohan** and **Vahideh Zarea Gavgani**, Department of Library and Information Science, Osmania University, Hyderabad; and

[Medical humanities collection development: policy guidelines for Indian hospital libraries](#) by **Medha V. Joshi**, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, give results of surveys conducted in hospital libraries in Hyderabad and in Mumbai to find out the need of humanities literature for patients and physicians and conclude with a call for guidelines for building medical humanities collection.

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Europe,

[The art of medicine – visualising medicine from Vesalius to MRI](#) co-authored by **Bruce Madge**, the President of Cilip, the London Upright MRI Centre, London, UK, and **Octavia-Luciana Porumbeanu**, University of Bucharest, Romania, addresses the question on medical students' ability to appreciate visual arts - and the need to have such an ability.

This paper also gives an introduction to 'medical humanities' based on the definition used by the New York University School of Medicine:

'Medical humanities' may be considered "*an interdisciplinary field of humanities (literature, philosophy, ethics, history and religion), social science (anthropology, cultural studies, psychology, sociology), and the arts (literature, theater, film, and visual arts) and their application to medical education and practice.*" Furthermore they also say "*The humanities and arts provide insight into the human condition, suffering, personhood, our responsibility to each other, and offer a historical perspective on medical practice. Attention to literature and the arts help to develop and nurture skills of observation, analysis, empathy, and self-reflection -- skills that are essential for humane medical care.*" (<http://medhum.med.nyu.edu/>).

Päivi Pekkarinen, National Library of Health Sciences, Finland



Health & Biosciences Section Satellite Session
 World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council "Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding" 10-14 August 2008, Québec, Canada

The Role of Evidence Based Research in Medical Libraries

Saturday, 9 August 2008
 Le Centre de formation continue
 de l'Université Laval
 Québec

- 8:30 Coffee
 8:45 Welcome and Introductions
 Heather Todd, Chair, Health & Biosciences Section
 Tom Richardson, NEJM

Library Efforts in Support of Evidence-based Research Bruce Madge, Moderator

9:00 **Being evidence-based: the shoemaker's daughter gets roller blades**

Ann McKibbin, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, McMaster University, Canada

Ann's current interests are in knowledge translation, medical/health informatics, and information retrieval. Specifically she is interested in how health professionals use electronic information resources, the results they get, and how identified information is used in practice.

9:30 **Development of an information skills training delivered to staff of the Centre of Health and Social Services of the Grand Littoral**

Dominique Caron, Spécialiste en ressources documentaires – santé, Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval, Canada

Dominique Caron has completed a Master Degree in Information Science at the Université de Montréal. Dominique was awarded a Bachelors degree in medicine in 2001. She is currently employed as a Medical Librarian by the Science Library of Université Laval

9:45 **Calgary Health Information Network: Measuring the Success of a New Partnership**

Elizabeth Aitkin, Librarian, Rockyview General Hospital Knowledge Centre, Calgary, Canada, Renee Reaume, Health Information Network Calgary

Elizabeth Aitken joined the University of Calgary in 2006 as the librarian responsible for the management of the Rockyview General Hospital Knowledge Centre including reference, education, collection development and outreach services to meet the information needs of health professionals, patients, their families, and consumers. The Knowledge Centre is part of the Health Information Network which provides health information services to all Calgary Health Region staff and patients.

Renee Reaume is the Head, Health Information Network Calgary. The Health Information Network provides library service and access to the Calgary Health Region and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre staff and patients. Renee is responsible for monitoring performance of the network and measuring service outcomes. Renee has been with the University of Calgary since 2006.

- 10:00 **Supporting evidence-based education and research via the e-learning platform: a curriculum-integrated approach**
Julia Chan Yu Chun Keung Medical Library, University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong

Julia L.Y. Chan is working currently in the University of Hong Kong as the Medical Librarian and Team Leader of the Branch Libraries Services Team. Prior to this, she has taken responsibilities in various post including Dental Librarian, Reader Services Librarian and Collection Development Librarian in the University of Hong Kong. She was awarded the Fellow of the Hong Kong Library Association and Distinguished Member of the Medical Library Association (U.S.), Academy of Health Information Professionals

- 10:15 **Where do I start... Training non-medical librarians and technicians in the how and what of medical resources and evidence**
Mindy Thuna, University of Toronto Mississauga Library, Canada

Mindy Thuna began working at the University of Toronto Mississauga Library in 2005 as the AstraZeneca Science Liaison librarian. Prior to librarianship, Mindy completed her BSc. in Palaeontology and her MSc. in Vertebrate Morphology. As well, she has worked as an educator in a variety of eclectic locations, including The National Museum of Kenya in Nairobi, Kenya.

- 10:30 **The medical librarian's role in the promotion the evidence: a Cuban experience**
Ania Torres Pombert, National Coordinator Centre of Clinical Trials (CENCEC)
Cuba

Ania Torres Pombert has received a Graduate in Information Management on Health, Infomed, in 2002 and a Master in Information Sciences, University of Havana in 2007. Ania is presently Instructor Professor of the University of Havana, and Researcher of CENCEC (National Coordinator Centre of Clinical Trials)

Note: This presentation will be presented in Spanish by the Lic.Bárbara Lazo Rodriguez, Director of the National Medical Library as Ms Pombert is unable to attend

- 10:45 **Break**

- 11:00 **Personal Collaboration: Improving Your Community's Health Literacy**
Ysabel R. Bertolucci, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Oakland, CA, USA

Ms Bertolucci has 35 years of experience as a hospital librarian for Kaiser Permanente a California based health maintenance organization. She is a past member and chair of the IFLA Standing Committee for Health and Biosciences Libraries and currently chair elect of the Consumer and Health Information Section of MLA.

- 11:15 **An approach to teaching skills required for an informationist role in evidence-based clinical and public health practice**
Wenju Zhang, Youxiang Zhan, Yan Li, Na Li, Yu Zhang, Medical Library of Chinese People's Liberation Army, Beijing, China

Mr. Zhang, was originally trained as a public librarian, receiving a BA in the early 1980s. He then studied medicine in a medical school in Beijing, then worked for a number of years as a medical librarian in a hospital library specialising in medical information science and has an MSc in information science.. He was appointed the Director of Database Research and Development Section in Medical Library of Chinese People's Liberation Army and he is in the post for many years. He designed and implemented a successful hospital-based knowledge base of the library materials, and created highly effective drug systems, including quick and thorough indexing, filing and storage, resulting in easy access to critical information. He is now the Editor in Chief of Chinese Journal of Medical Library and Information Science. Mr. Zhang is the Secretary General of China Hospital Library Association and a Member of Council of Library Society of China. In 2005, he began to be a Standing Committee Member of IFLA Health Section.

11:30 **Making the case for librarian-mediated searching in academic health libraries**

Suzanne Maranda, Bracken Health Sciences Library, Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

After 20 years as a health sciences librarian, Suzanne Maranda became the Head of the Bracken Health Sciences Library in 2005 where she leads a team of dedicated librarians who have embraced evidence-based principles in teaching, learning and professionally

11:45 **3-Step Plan to Review and Renew Evidence-based Information-Seeking Skills**

Ulrike Dieterle, Distance Services and Outreach Coordinator, School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin- Health Sciences Learning Center, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

Ulrike has 20 years of experience in libraries and 10 years of experience in distance learning, a previous career in teaching, and knowledge in the assessment /application of instructional technologies. She has developed successful training programs for diverse groups and organizations.

12:00 **Promoting Evidence Based Librarianship: In The Context of Indian Health Science Libraries**

Raj Kumar, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh
India

Dr Raj Kumar is working as Sr Library & Information Officer at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India since May 2001. My educational qualification is MA (History) (Public Administration) M .Lib. Science. L L B., Dip in PM & LW and Ph.D in Library and information science from Panjab University, Chandigarh. He has contributed 14 papers 6 for the international conferences and 9 for the national conferences. Presently he is the Secretary of Medical Library Association of India.

12:15 Questions and Answers

12:30 **Lunch**

Research Conducted by Health Science Librarians

J. Michael Homan, Moderator

1:30 A word from our sponsor - Tom Richardson, Director, Institution Sales & Service New England Journal of Medicine

Tom is responsible for institutional sales and library relations around the world. He has been at the *Journal* for over 16 years in a variety of marketing, business management, product management, and product development roles. Tom led the development of the NEJM Weekly CME Program and co-led the development of the *Journal's* site license program.

Tom is a long time member of the Society for Scholarly Publishing, currently serving on the Education Committee. A frequent speaker at library and publishing industry events, Tom also serves on the editorial board of the scholarly journal *Learned Publishing*. In addition, Tom is a member of the international librarian rock band, The Bearded Pigs (<http://beardedpigs.org>).

1:45 **Information Overload and Information Poverty: Do they impair healthcare services managers' effectiveness?**

Jackie MacDonald, Library & Knowledge Management Services

Annapolis Valley Health, South Shore Health, South West Health & Dalhousie School of Nursing - Yarmouth Site, Yarmouth NS CANADA

Jackie MacDonald has been working in western Nova Scotia healthcare services since 1995. Previous work experience 1981-1995 includes positions in health sciences or science libraries at Acadia University, Dalhousie University, and University of Saskatchewan.

2:00 **Public Health Practitioners Information Access & Use: Conjoint Analysis as a Tool for Determining Information Preferences**

Claire Twose, Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University

Claire Twose is Associate Director for Public Health and Basic Science Liaison Services, Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University.

2:15 **Information use behavior of clinicians of Evidence based medicine (EBM) process in Thailand**

Somrux Sahapong, Lampang Manmart, Dusadee Ayuvat, Somkiat Potisat Thailand

Somrux Sahapong is a Medical Librarian at Mahidol University and PhD candidate., Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Lampang Manmart is Associate Professor. Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Dusadee Ayuvat is Associate Professor. Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Somkiat Potisat is Director. Department of Medical Service, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand

2:30 **Break**

3:00 **Distinguished users: an experience of the Information literacy on the health system**

Manuel Delgado Pérez, Cuba

Manuel Delgado Pérez, graduated in Education at VillaClara's Pedagogical Institute in 1979. He later graduated in Scientific Information and Bibliothecology at Marta Abreu University in Villa Clara in 2005. Master of Sciences in Pedagogical Sciences. He is currently, Director of the Medical Science Information Center in Villa Clara Province; Philosophy Professor at VillaClara's Medical University and Coordinator of the Information and Knowledge Management Department of VillaClara's Medical University.

3:15 Questions and Answers

3:30 – 4:30 **Meeting of the IFLA Health and Biosciences Standing Committee** (all welcome to attend)

Apologies:

Giriraj G. Halkar, Assistant Librarian, NDC, NIHFW, New Delhi, India has advised that he is unable to attend but will submit his paper **Comparative Evaluation Of Medical Databases On Hiv/Aids Research In India : An Analytical Study.**

Michael Bailou Huang (Health Sciences Library, Stony Brook University, NY, USA), Lu Ma (Capital Medical University Library, Beijing, China), and Aijun Cheng (Capital Medical University Library, Beijing, China) have advised that they are unable to attend. However, their paper **Evidence-Based Research in Medical Libraries in China** is available on the website.

End

Host Country - Australia

Australia's landscape is a picture of amazing diversity, contrasts and natural wonder. From ancient Uluru (Ayers Rock) to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia's Red Centre reaches out to a magnificent azure coastline. The world's smallest continent and largest island, Australia is like nowhere else on earth. It is as big as mainland United States but has only 20 million people. It is adventurous, stylish and friendly, has unique flora and fauna and a fantastic climate. Aussies (as the locals are called) enjoy sport, beaches, music, performing arts, outdoor cafes, pubs, multicultural restaurants and good friends. A rich cultural blend of fashion, languages and cuisine colours the streets of Australia's major cities.

Further information about Australia can be found at www.australia.com or subscribe to the ICML Blog at <http://icml2009.blogspot.com/>

Host City - Brisbane

Brisbane, capital of Queensland, Australia's 'Sunshine State', is a modern, dynamic and sophisticated city that greets visitors with a warm and friendly welcome. Brisbane's mild and pleasant winters delivers a outdoor and subtropical lifestyle.

Brisbane's surrounding regions boast a feast of spectacular experiences. Refresh in World Heritage listed rainforest, laze on sun-drenched beaches, explore the untouched charm of country towns, head south to the Gold Coast or north to the Sunshine Coast (home to the Irwin's Australia Zoo), cuddle koalas or hand feed dolphins in the wild... all within an hour's reach of the city. Convenient access to a complete range of Queensland destinations makes Brisbane the perfect launch pad to a host of other world-renowned attractions including the Daintree rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef.

The Venue

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is part of the South Bank Corporation complex, which includes an Art Gallery, Museum, Performing Arts Complex and the Conservatorium of Music. The Centre is only a five minute walk away from South Bank Parklands, where there are beautiful gardens, tourist activities, shopping, food outlets and museums. Just across the Brisbane River, downtown Brisbane has an excellent range of shopping and restaurants, along with many hotels all within safe walking distance of the Centre.



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