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The Chair's Perspective

It is an honour and a privilege to be the Chair of our section and would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruce Madge and Rowena Cullen for all their work and I look forward to working with Kate Oliver in the next couple of years. One of our goals is to increase the number of people who attend our sessions and to try and increase the membership of our section.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. On a personal note I was born in London, England and moved to Australia in my early 20's. It was in Australia that I first worked in libraries with my first professional position as the Medical Librarian for the Department of Defence - in the days when you had to attend a week long training course to be able to use



Heather Todd, Chair

Medline. I am not sure what these days were called – maybe Library -0.5? My current position involves the overall management of the science, engineering and health libraries managed by The University of Queensland Library. I have been involved in a range of professional activities and am currently convenor of the Australian

Health Libraries Group and one of the convenors of the 10th ICML (International Congress on Medical Librarianship that will be held in my home town of Brisbane, Queensland in September 2009. For those of you are not familiar with this event please visit the conference website (<http://www.icml2009.com>) Regarding (cont.)

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our Section at IFLA 2007, both the Satellite Session and the Open Session in Durban were very successful and work is well underway for our sessions in Quebec. The theme for the 2008 Satellite Session will be **Role of Evidence-based Research in Medical Libraries**", which is a one day session with two sub-themes:

1. Library efforts in support of evidence-based research.
2. Research conducted by health science libraries and librarians.

The Open Session, *The Role of Humanities in Medical Education and Patient Care*", will explore the role of humanities in medical education and patient care and its implications for health sciences libraries.

I hope to see you in Quebec and please take the opportunity to attend one of the meetings of the Standing Committee – once we have the times and dates we will let you know.

Heather Todd

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News Flashes

Jill Mayer Elected Chair of the IFLA Science and Technology Section

Jill Mayer says that plans are underway for the [World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council](#) to be held in *Québec, Canada, 10-15 August 2008*. The Science and Technology Section's program theme is "Science across Libraries: Provision of science and technology information resources and services in diverse settings". See < <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/call-scie-en.htm>> for details. Jill is fourth from the left. Photo of the ST Section leadership is by Ray Schwartz.



Google Health Advisory Council Established

On the global front, Google has established the Google Health Advisory Council that is made up of health-care 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

IFLA 2007, Durban, South Africa

The 73rd IFLA General Conference & Council was held August 19-23, 2007 in Durban, South Africa. The opening ceremony was narrated by Gcina Mhlophe who took us on a journey “through the Heart Beat, the Dance, and the Voice of Africa.” It was a fabulous presentation of music and dance as well as knowledge. IFLA President Alex Byrne delivered the opening address and introduced the keynote speaker, Justice Albie Sachs, a Judge on the Bench of Constitutional Court of South Africa. There were several social events including a Beach Party on the shore of the Indian Ocean and the “Cultures of Africa” were presented in song and dance at the Cultural Gala. Written by Jill Mayer.



**Bruce Madge opening the Section's program at IFLA 2007.
Photo by Heather Todd.**

IFLA 2007, Durban, South Africa



Section Business Meeting August 24th: attendees in the picture from right to left: Bruce Madge, Päivi Pekkarinen, Pascal Mouhouelo, Claudine Nahayo, Heather Todd (Chair), Kate Oliver (Secretary), Michael Homan, and Margo Lundy (W. Australia).



Agnes Chicinzo, Zimbabwe, preparing for the Africa Session with the assistance of Sagren Moodley, Library of University of Kwa-Zulu Natal Medical School and a colleague (Agnes is in the middle). Photo by Päivi Pekkarinen.

Call for Papers Extended

The call for papers for the satellite session has been extended to mid-February.

“Role of Evidence-based Research in Medical Libraries”

IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section

Call for Papers for the Satellite Session

Saturday, 9 August 2008

Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

This satellite session precedes IFLA in Quebec City, 10-14 August 2008. The one day session will have two sub-themes:

1. Library efforts in support of evidence-based research.
2. Research conducted by health science libraries and librarians.

The audience of this session likely is health care professionals, educators, researchers and librarians

You are invited to submit an abstract for one of the two themes. It is hoped that papers will cover a wide range of areas – for example:

- How libraries train library staff and library users in using the evidence
- Partnerships and Collaborations that support evidence based research
- Research that has made a difference to library services
- The librarians’ role in critical appraisal of the evidence
- Clinical librarians – walking the talk
- Tools to support evidence based medicine
- Research methods
- Promoting the evidence

It is anticipated that presentations be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions. Speakers to date include:



Dr. Ann McKibbon, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, McMaster University.
http://www-fhs.mcmaster.ca/ceb/faculty_member_mckibbon.htm

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2. Jessie McGowan, Senior Information Scientist at the Institute of Population Health in Ottawa.. To read more about Ms McGowan, see <http://library.queensu.ca/webir/canlibqual/carl-workshop-2007.htm>

3. Margaret Haines, University Librarian, Carleton University, Ottawa. To read more about Ms Haines search Google using, Margaret Haines MacOdrum.



Margaret Haines, Carleton
University Librarian

Important dates:

February 15th 2008: Deadline for submission of abstract

February 29th 2008: Notification of acceptance/rejection

May 1st 2008: Deadline for submission of text.

Submission Guidelines

The proposals must be submitted in an electronic format and must contain:

- Title of paper
- Summary of paper (250 – 350 words maximum)
- Speaker's name, address, telephone and fax numbers, professional affiliation, email address and biographical note (40 words)
- Submissions are to be submitted before February 15th 2008– preferably by email to:
Heather Todd
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St Lucia campus
St Lucia, Queensland 4072
Email: h.todd@library.uq.edu.au

Regrettably IFLA's Sections do not have funds available to pay for speakers' expenses, including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation, although there may be limited funding available through other IFLA channels, especially for people from developing countries. <http://www.ifla.org/III/members/grants.htm>

* Photos from Google Images 28 December 2007

Call for Papers

"The Role of Humanities in Medical Education and Patient Care"

IFLA's Health and Biosciences Section (<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s28/index.htm>) invites you to submit an abstract for a presentation on this theme for its Open Session at the World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council to be held 10-14 August 2008, Québec City, Canada (<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>)

Aim and Scope of the Session

The purpose of the Session is to explore the role humanities in medical education and patient care and their implications for health sciences libraries. The audience of this Session is likely to include health care professionals, educators, researchers and librarians.

The presentations that address the following issues are particularly welcome:

- does literature, art, music, and philosophy in the context of patient care improve communications skills, human understanding, and patient satisfaction care?
- examples of integration of humanities into medical curricula
- collection development and use of a humanities collection in a medical library
- practicalities in building a humanities in medicine collection in a medical library
- library support of humanities in medicine education
- existing programs to address these issues.

Presentations are to be 20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions. The written version of the presentation should be made available prior to the session and these may be published on IFLANET.

Submission Guidelines

The proposals must be submitted in an electronic format and must contain

- Title of paper
- Authors of the paper
- Abstract or summary of the paper (200-400 maximum words)
- Speaker's name, address, professional affiliation, email, biographical note (40 words)

Important Dates:

January 30th 2008: Deadline for submission of abstracts

March 1st 2008: Notification of acceptance by the Review Committee of the Section

May 1st 2008 Deadline for submission of full text of the paper (4000 words maximum).

Please send an abstract of 200-400 words in your proposed paper, full contact details and a short CV to Päivi Pekkarinen paivi.pekkarinen@helsinki.fi and copies to Kate Oliver koliver@jhmi.edu and to Heather Todd h.todd@library.uq.edu.au by **January 30th 2008**. For further information, please contact any of the above.

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African singers at on of the cultural events at IFLA 2007 Durban S. Africa.. Photo by Heather Todd

