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The Chair's Perspective

First of all a belated Happy New Year to all the readers of our Newsletter. You will notice the new format and the fact that we have a new Editor, Carole Gall, who I know will do a great job in persuading people to contribute stories and photographs – who knows we may even win the prize for best IFLA Newsletter!

Of course, a million thanks go to her predecessor (see page 7), the incredible Lucretia McClure, who did a sterling job for many years and who will be a hard act to follow!

Last year's congress in Oslo was one to remember, with an excellent satellite session on Open Access ably organised by EAHIL President Arne Jacobsson (see page 8). The session was very well attended and we were treated to some great speakers, an excellent reception and some wonderful Norwegian music. The Congress itself must have been the best I have been to in my short time as Chair. From the excellent opening session to the thought provoking speakers and the thoroughly entertaining social events, it was an event to remember. One of the highlights for me was Alex Byrne's session on indigenous knowledge, an area of personal interest especially around traditional medicine. We will be reflecting this with a satellite session in Seoul this year on access to traditional medical information resources (see page 13).

Bruce Madge, Chair. Photo and biography on page 2.

Get to Know Your Standing Committee Leadership

The Global Connections Newsletter is a perfect way to acquaint the 150 active members with each other and the mission of the IFLA Section of Health and Biosciences Libraries. Actually this is a major objective of Global Connections.

Photographs and brief biographies follow for many of the Section's Standing Committee, which is Chaired for 2005-2006 by Bruce Madge. Want to learn more about the Section's leadership? Read on.

Standing Committee Chair, Bruce Madge

Bruce is senior information professional with 29 years experience in the health sector. He has also worked extensively in the area of health informatics for a number of years and due to this experience, is currently serving, on a voluntary basis, as one of the Directors of the Board for the UK Council for Health Informatics Professions (UKCHIP).

Before coming to his current, temporary, post at the British Medical Association Library he was involved for 2 years as Assistant Director for Patient Information at the newly established National Patient Safety Agency. In 1995 he was appointed as Head of Healthcare Information at the British Library which is the national library of the United Kingdom where he managed the production of the AMED database as well as the UK indexing for Medline. Whilst at the British Library, he chaired the Health Libraries Group of the Library Association. Prior to that he spent several years working at various positions within the UK's National Health Service (NHS).

His international experience consists of being the current Chair of the Health and Biosciences Libraries Committee of IFLA, a member of EAHIL Council and a past Chair of the International Co-operation Section of MLA. In 2004 he accepted a role as a Steering Group member for the Global Review of access to health information in developing countries, an area in which he is particularly interested and a topic on which he is planning to start his PhD in 2005.

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Standing Committee: J. Michael Homan

Mr. Homan is Director of Libraries for the Mayo Clinic and Mayo Foundation (1994-) and Assistant Professor of Medical Informatics, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota. He was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Enterprise in northeastern Oregon. His BA degree is from Lewis and Clark College in Portland and his MA degree is from the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago. A post-masters internship was spent at the University of California, Los Angeles Biomedical Library. Previous library positions have included the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library, Biomedical Library, at the University of California, Los Angeles, The Upjohn Company (now Pfizer) Corporate Technical Library & Central Technical Documents in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and the University of California, Irvine in Irvine, California.

Mr. Homan served as President of the Medical Library Association (MLA) from 2000-2001 and was a member of MLA's Board of Directors from 1999-2002. He served previously on the MLA Board of Directors from 1986-88 and on the Board of Directors of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) from 1991-94. Mr. Homan was elected President of AAHSL in 2003 and served as president-elect in 2003-2004 and president in 2004-2005. He served as Editor of MLA's peer reviewed journal, *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association* (now *Journal of the Medical Library Association*) from October 1996 until April 2000. He was Managing Editor of Books for MLA from 1990-1996. Mr. Homan chaired the Global Initiatives Task Force for MLA from 2003-2005 and was elected a member of IFLA's Health and Biosciences Section in 2003. He served on the PubMed Central National Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health and National Library of Medicine (2000-2003) and currently serves on the editorial board of *Academic Medicine*, official journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). He holds a distinguished level membership in MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals and was elected a Fellow of the Medical Library Association in 2003.

Other memberships include the Special Libraries Association, American Library Association, Association of College & Research Libraries, Library Administration and Management Association, and American Medical Informatics Association. Mr. Homan is the Mayo Clinic institutional representative for the Group on Information Resources of AAMC, the institutional representative for the Coalition for Networked Information, and the institutional representative for AAHSL.



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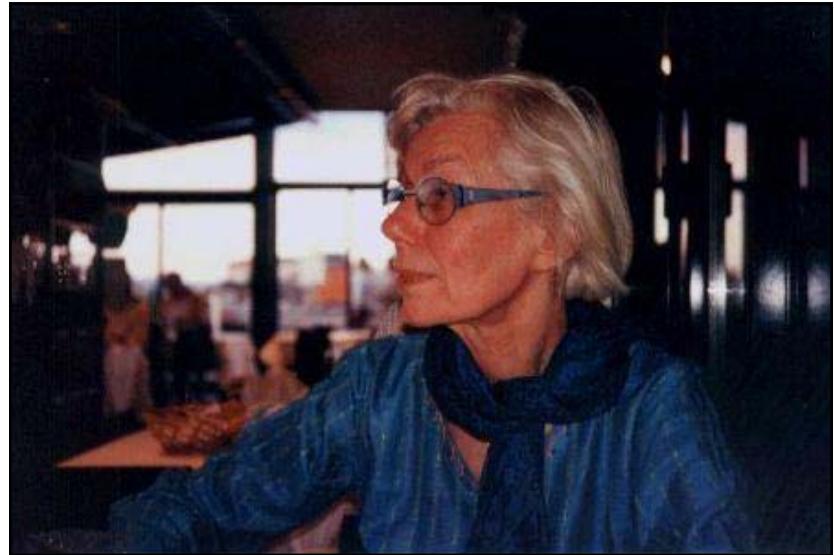
Standing Committee: Päivi Pekkarinen

For more than twenty years, I have been based at the National Library of Health Sciences, Helsinki, which is the main medical and health sciences library of the University of Helsinki and the University Hospital, and which also functions as the national resource library in medicine and health sciences as well as the WHO Information Service Centre in Finland (<http://www.terkko.helsinki.fi/who/>).

My major responsibilities have been the management of the organization of library materials and information products, the collection development, and, in recent years, the collection services coordination. Since the early 1990s I have also been in charge of the WHO Information Service Centre, including active participation in the European network of the WHO Documentation Centres. In addition, I have been involved in coordinating the FinMeSH vocabulary project: the utilization of the Finnish version of MeSH, translated and produced by the Finnish Medical Society Duodecim. This process has even given me a chance to explore the Unified Medical Language System UMLS with its components of the Metathesaurus and Semantic Network (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/access.html>) and the related research areas of 'ontologies'.

On reflection, my library career began at the British Museum Round Reading Room in my early student years when I was writing there my master's thesis on Dylan Thomas's poetry. I was served by an Indian librarian who not only helped me to have access to Thomas's manuscripts but also introduced me into the field of international librarianship. When I, in those pre-Web days, expressed him my appreciation for his invaluable prompt service he referred to Ranganathan's laws as the principles of universal library service. I was tempted find out more about Ranganathan. So, this temptation took me to a library school and later on made me acquainted with Ranganathan's school of librarianship at University College London, now known as the SLAIS - (<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/SLAIS/>) "...a leading centre for research in information science, archives and records management, especially in the areas of health informatics ...".

And indeed, I have enjoyed the international dimension of our profession: e.g. participating in and making contributions to conferences and consultations, workshops and seminars in the context of EA-HIL, ICML, MLA, WHO and IFLA has not only been challenging but really rewarding.



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Kathleen Burr Oliver, MSLS, MPH, holds a faculty appointment in the Johns Hopkins Division of Health Sciences Informatics and serves as Associate Director of the Welch Library. She is responsible for the Welch Library's communication and liaison programs.

Before coming to Hopkins in 1998, Ms. Oliver managed a number of small scientific and medical libraries including those of NIAID Rocky Mountain Laboratory, American College of Cardiology and AMA Washington Office as well as serving as reference librarian and search analyst at the NIH Library, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association, and UCLA's Biomedical Library. She also served project director for Georgetown University's Public Services Laboratory conducting a literature review of a cost of illness study, and, with funding from NSF, developed science web resource pages for the public radio documentary group, Soundprint.

Her public health training at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health focused on maternal and child health policy, planning and evaluation. Her undergraduate degree is in biology and chemistry.



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Standing Committee: Carole Gall

Carole Gall is the Gift Development Officer for the Medical Library of Indiana University School of Medicine, and has the Certificate in Fundraising Management from the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy. Her grant awards total over \$650,000, including collaborative efforts among academic, public, and high school libraries in Indianapolis, for which she received *The Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund Leadership Award* in recognition of "exemplary volunteer service mentoring library staff in Marion County, and advancing access for Marion county residents to quality information resources."

As part of the Library's Collection Development Team, she created a method for identifying journal subscriptions low in use in relation to their subscription cost, and manages the journal subscriptions to control inflationary spikes and curriculum changes. She regularly presents workshops on citation management software and external funding databases. She is a Distinguished Member of the Medical Library Association, Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Internationally, she established a library for an eye hospital in one of the poorest areas of the Dominican Republic, and assisted the hospital to apply for the World Health Organization Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI) for low cost online access to over 2000 of the major journals in the biomedical and related sciences. During her December 2005 trip to the eye hospital, she focused on training and awareness of HINARI and other quality, free medical resources on the internet.

She is past chair of Medical Library Association International Cooperation Section. She served the International Federation of Library Associations as reviewer for the Task Force on Fellowships for Developing Countries, and currently is a member of the Standing Committee for Health and Bioscience.



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**Lucretia McClure,
Retired Editor *Global Connections***

Greetings and Appreciation

Being an editor is an interesting experience. The rewards are many along with a few frustrations. When one has responsibility for an ongoing publication, the content of the next issue is always at the back of one's mind. How will I fill the space? What will be of interest to readers? Many of you have contributed items for the Section newsletter over the years and I deeply appreciate your contributions.

When I became the editor of the Section newsletter in 1994, it was a print publication. Part of my job was to keep a mailing list and make sure the issues were mailed. Because we have members in many countries, correct postage was essential—but there was no guarantee that the issues reached everyone.

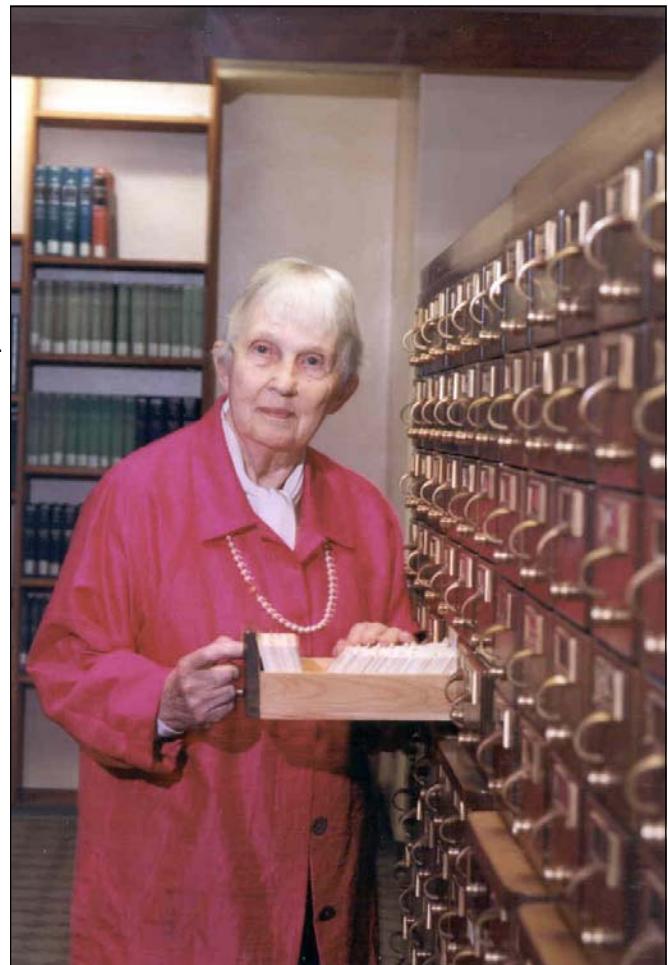
In June, 2001, we became electronic with the name *Global Connections*. This mode of delivery is far more satisfactory for it is available, not only to members of the Section of Health and Biosciences Libraries, but to everyone who accesses the IFLA website. And it is much easier than mailing the hard copy!

I have enjoyed being the editor. The great worth of IFLA conferences is meeting colleagues from around the world, seeing different countries and cultures. We all learn from each other and membership in the Section has enriched us. The time has come to turn this responsibility to another and I am delighted to know that Carole Gall will be the editor of *Global Connections* in the future. I also wish to express appreciation to Sophie Felfoldi at IFLA Headquarters for her assistance in mounting the issues on the website.

I ask you to welcome Carole to the Section and give her support in this responsibility. I look forward to reading about your activities and issues.

My thanks to all.

Lucretia McClure



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News Item: Open Access Study Funded

By Kate Oliver

At the August 2005 IFLA meeting held in Oslo, Norway, the Standing Committee on Health and Bioscience (SCH&B) co-sponsored a full-day Open Access session. This informative session addressed the scope of scholarly publishing. David Prossner of SPARC Europe emphasized in his presentation the strategic link between Institutional Repositories (IRs) and Open Access Journals, describing the four functions of scholarly publishing as: F1) Registration, F2) Certification, F3) Awareness and F4) Archiving. He stated that in the print environment, journals integrate these functions. In an electronic environment, the Budapest Open Access Initiative proposes two complementary strategies: self archiving and open access journals. He defined the essential attributes of institutional repositories open archives as R1) institutionally defined, R2) scholarly in content, R3) cumulative & perpetual in nature, and R4) interoperable and openly accessible. IRs address publishing functions F1, F3 and F4. Open Access Journals address function F2, certification. The program with linked presentations ("Proceedings") can be found at the following URL.

http://www.ub.uio.no/ifla/IFLA_open_access/index.htm

Building on this premise and following some discussion of institutional repositories and their role in open access in the life sciences, the SCH&B agreed to 1) explore the development of a world-wide online directory of institutional repositories and 2) to seek out collaboration with other sections (Science and Technology, IT, and Knowledge Management) in that effort. The directory was seen as the first step in reporting on the development of IR's world-wide and their role in relation to open access journals. The Committee also sees a directory as assisting in the identification of strategic issues in the development and impact of institutional repositories, leading to conference program development and publications that address these. The discussion included identifying representatives from the other sections who could serve on the working group and locations for hosting the directory, should one be found to be necessary. Bruce Madge, Chair, on the recommendation of members, subsequently funded a study to identify existing directories to establish whether there is a need for further efforts to establish an online directory.

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Medical Humanities Gaining Ground in Finland

By Päivi Pekkarinen

The building process of 'Lux Humana', a special collection in humanities for medical education, research, and clinical work, at the National Library of Health Sciences, Finland

With the acceleration of technology and its impact on medicine and health services, the need for integrating arts and humanities in medical education, research and practice has become more and more pronounced, particularly within the past five years or so. In the late 1990s, there has been a revival of the Medical Humanities of the early 1960s in the USA as well as in the UK. The humanities in medicine movement has also reached the Nordic countries, e.g., the [Karolinska Institute](#) and its [Library](#) in Stockholm, and it is also reflected in the medical education in Finland: a programme "*how to make medical students grow into physicians*" was launched by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Helsinki in the late 1990s. As a result, voluntary courses on literature have been offered to medical students in the context of the programme by the Department of the Public Health General Practice Unit of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Helsinki.

Inspired by the projects of the Karolinska Institute Library, '[Camera Obscura](#)' and '[Laterna Magica](#)', in September 2003, the [National Library of Health Sciences](#) and the [Department of Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine](#) at the University of Helsinki decided to join their forces in the efforts to enhance arts and humanities in medical education, research and clinical work and build a special collection of medical humanities at the National Library of Health Sciences.

First, A 'Humaniora' Working Group was set up,

consisting of two physicians of general practice with teaching experience from the Department of Public Health and of three librarians from the National Library of Health Sciences, including the coordinators of the customer and collection services.

Second, The supporting organizations were identified.

The [Faculty of Medicine](#), the Medical Societies – the [Finnish Medical Society Duodecim](#) and the [Swedish Medical Society Finska Läkaresällskapet](#) - the [Finnish Medical Association](#) and some [private medical foundations](#) were contacted and applications for the funds of collection building budget were drawn.

Third, The purpose of the collection was defined as follows:

The primary aim of the collection is to serve medical students, teachers, researchers, practitioners, clinical workers, as well as health care personnel in general by giving ideas and providing materials for medical teachers for planning their courses on "*the growing into physicians programme*" and by encouraging medical students to take up such courses on literature; by reminding general practitioners and researchers of the *art* of medicine as the necessary balance of the *science* of medicine.

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Medical Humanities gaining ground in Finland cont.

Fourth, The collection selection criteria and coverage principles were formulated.

* The works of the collection shall be of high quality fiction (poetry, drama, essays, memoirs, epics) or non-fiction in the area of philosophy, including ethics, history of philosophy, philosophy of science; psychology; religions, mythologies; history, including history of culture, history of ideas, history of medicine; anthropology; ethnology, folk medicine and folklore; sociology and social politics; art therapy; cinema; music; fine arts; literary criticism; language of medicine.

Particular preference is given to works, both fiction and non-fiction, dealing with medicine in literature, physicians in literature, physician-patient relations, human attitudes to and experiences of health and disease, illness and death.

* The works of the collection shall contribute to the aims and purpose of the collection, i.e.: help medical students, teachers, researchers, general practitioners to balance the *art* of medicine and the *science* of medicine, to develop their communication skills, their ethical thinking, their capacity for empathy to meet and treat their patients as unique individuals.

* The collection will be built as a special unit and will be separate from the general collection of medicine of the Library; i.e. it will cover works which would not be acquired by the criteria of the general collection policy of the Library.

* The basic collection will cover c. 1000 titles of printed books, of which two thirds will be fiction, and one third non-fiction. In the first phase, Finnish and Swedish language versions will be given priority, if the work has been published in several languages; later on, works in the original languages will be included.

New titles will be continuously added to the collection; both classics of world literature and new works will focused on in the acquisition policy.

* Experts in medical humanities among physicians, philosophers, and literary researchers, critics and reviewers will be consulted in the selection process.

Fifth, From the collection building principles to practice.

We requested physicians with expertise in Medical Humanities and literary researchers and critics, including a professor of Nordic literature who has experience of running courses on Medical Humanities in Finland and Sweden, to give their lists of recommendations, and we received them from eleven experts.

We decided to use one half of the acquisition budget (5000 euro) for those titles we received from the experts, the other half (5000 euro) for those we, the Humaniora Working Group, considered relevant. The overall funding used for building the collection was 12 000 euro, containing the costs of the acquisition of the books and the organization of the collection. The most generous funding source has been the Faculty of Medicine with 6000 euro. We hope the Faculty of Medicine will continue to support the collection in the future, even if the major funding is planned to be part of the general acquisition budget of the Library.

The present collection covers c. 1000 titles, of which c. 650 are fiction and the rest c. 350 non-fiction organized according to Library of Congress Classification categories with slight modifications. The collection has also a web site: <http://www.terkko.helsinki.fi/lux/> which gives access to electronic materials and provides links to related resources.

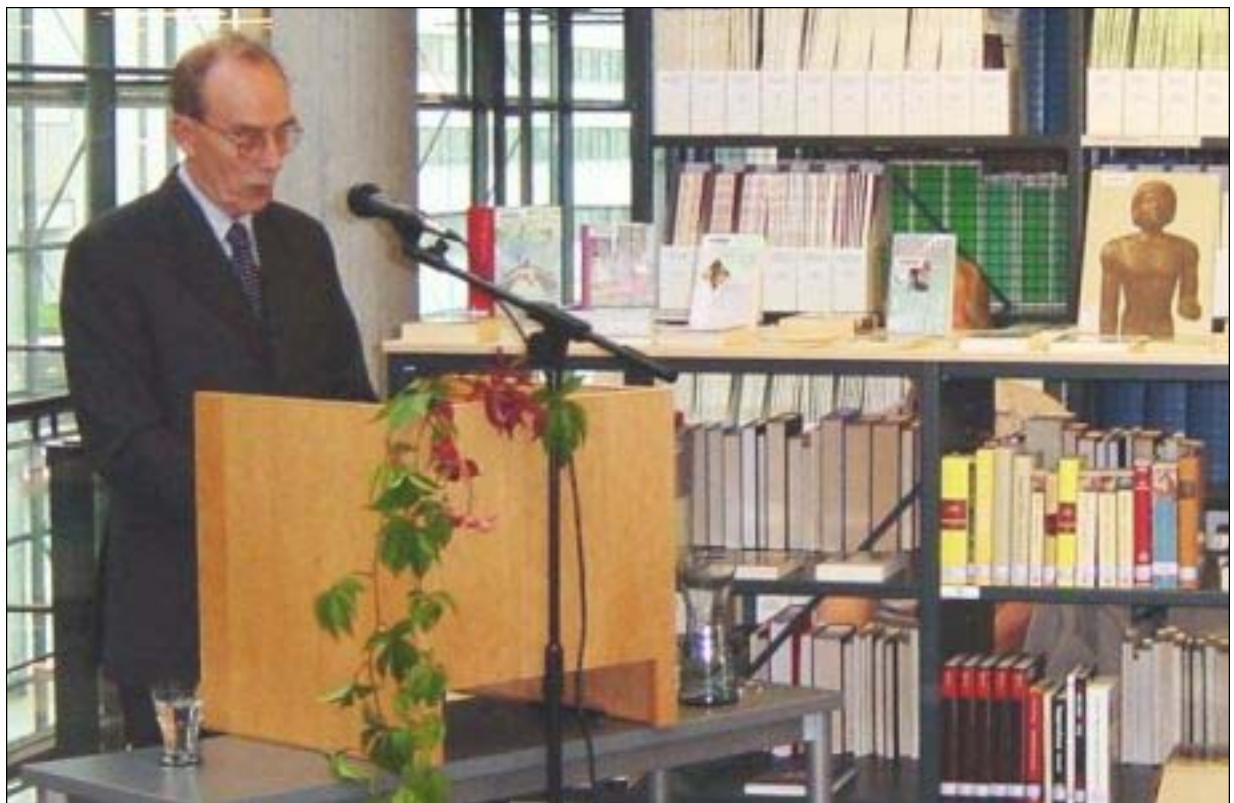
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Sixth, Opening of the collection.

After two years of intensive and enjoyable team work and cooperation we were able to present the result:

'Lux Humana', a special collection in humanities for medical education, research and clinical work, was ceremonially opened to the public on the 15th of September 2005 by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and the opening address was held by the Archiater, the 'Chief' Physician of the Medical Profession in Finland.



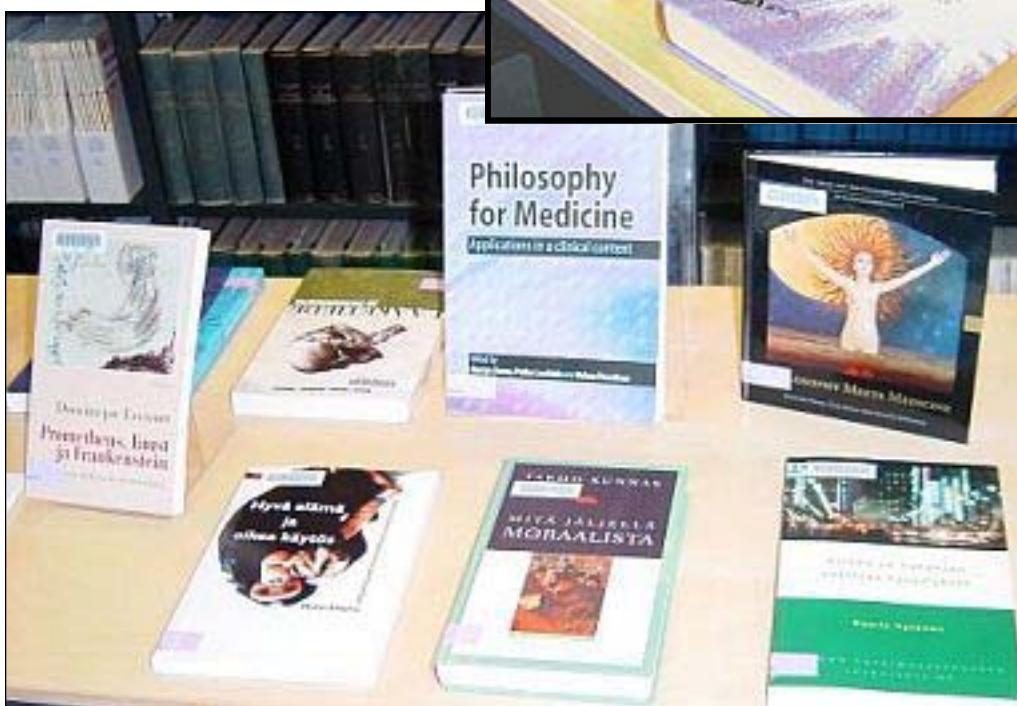
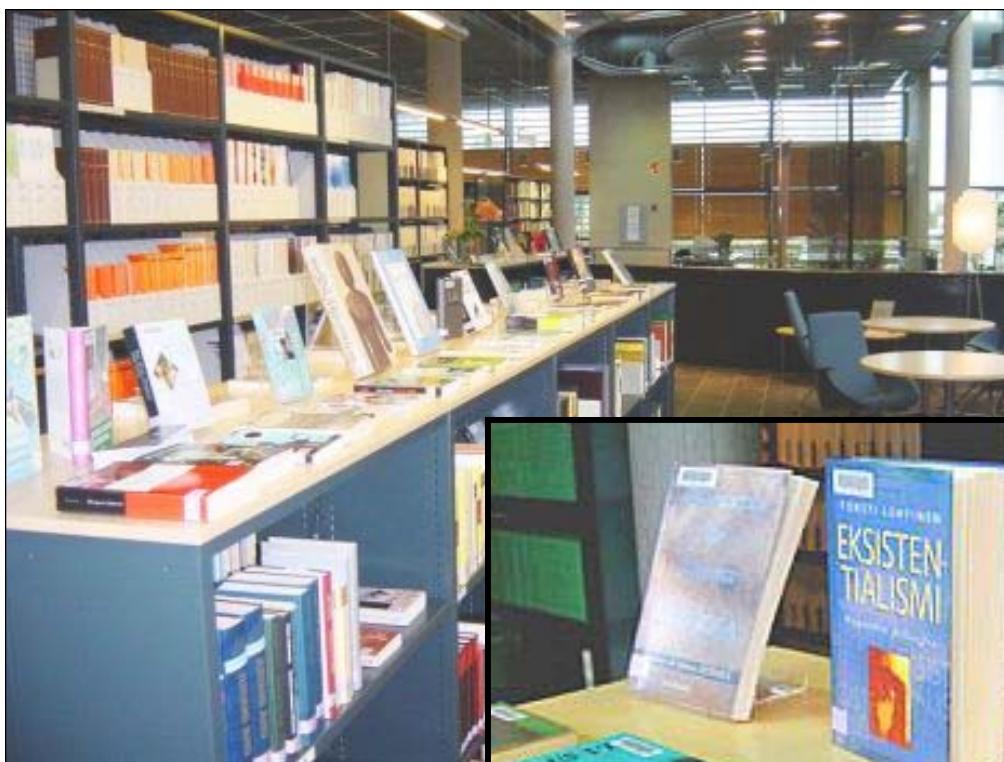
Archiater Risto Pelkonen

Our 'Lux Humana' collection has been of great interest to our Library users: 10% of the titles went on loan within the first four weeks after the opening. It would be of great interest for us to find out if the books of the collection have an impact on the behaviour of medical students – our future general practitioners and medical researchers. See photographs on next page. Cont.

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Medical Humanities gaining ground in Finland cont.



Call for Papers for the IFLA Preconference Satellite Meeting

Information Resources in Traditional Medicine

The IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Committee invites the submission of proposals for papers to be given at the Pre-conference Meeting on Saturday, August 19th, 2006 at Kyung-hee University in Seoul.

Topics should address issues such as:

- * improving access to traditional medical resources
- * issues related to the digitization of traditional medical texts;
- * preservation of indigenous medical knowledge
- * production of bibliographic material on traditional medicine
- * issues around western vs traditional medicine
- * outreach and user studies.

An abstract of no longer than 200 words should be submitted by March 31st, 2006. Papers must be original; written in English, or with an English translation attached; and between 3000 and 6000 words in length. The submission deadline for papers is June 1st, 2006. Presentations should be made in English, and should not exceed 20 minutes in length. The Preconference Planning Committee, in consultation with RSCAO, KLA, and KERIS, will select the best papers in April 2006. Successful applicants will be sent a formal letter of invitation by mid-May 2006.

Abstracts and papers should be sent by email or fax to:

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Call for Participation: 2006 IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries

Call: The Health and Biosciences Libraries Committee invites librarians, health informaticians, knowledge managers, educators, researchers, clinical staff and others to submit proposals for papers, to be given in a 2 hour session as part of the program of the WLIC, which provide insight and experience of the role of new technologies in supporting access and delivery of health and health information. **Theme:** What is new in technology for health information?

Proposal: Proposals for papers should deal with the use of new technology to improve access to health information for both patients, the public and healthcare professionals. Those looking to improve access in developing countries are particularly welcome. Proposals, in English, and abstracts of 200 words should be sent by 31 January, 2006. Final papers should not exceed 15 pages double-spaced and should be submitted by the 1st of May; the presentations should not exceed twenty minutes in length.

Proposals may be sent via email to:

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