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The Chair's Perspective

What a great event the World Library and Information Congress in Seoul was. It was well organised, the Koreans were very friendly and efficient and apart from having to walk a couple of miles between sessions, it was a truly great event. Our three sessions worked well and were well attended. The satellite day on "Information Resources in Traditional Medicine" was excellent with some great speakers and a very appreciative audience. The keynote for the day was Professor Il-Moo Chang of the Natural Products Institute in Seoul, who started us off looking at the problems with indexing of multiple herbal formulations in MeSH, so very relevant to our audience. The next two speakers addressed Korean medical history, which was fascinating, and we found out about an evidence based medicine practitioner working in the 17th century in Korea. Rowena spoke about Maori health and the afternoon session was equally as interesting with presentations on Arctic health, Chinese medicine and the problems of taxonomy and traditional medical systems. I am still hoping that we will



Bruce Madge, BMA Librarian

publish the proceedings later in the year.

The section also had two other sessions as part of the conference itself, the first was a lively panel discussion on the emerging concept of the Informationist presented by Jean Shipman, Kate Oliver and Tony McSean, ably moderated by Michael Holman. A second session on new technology brought together

speakers from Korea, China, the US and Lithuania and was thoroughly informative and entertaining.

The two business sessions for the Committee were lively and provided much discussion about goals and areas of concern. We also began planning for next year's conference, which is being held in

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IFLA 2006 Satellite Session at Kyunghee University, Seoul S. Korea



From left to right: Zhiping Xia, Jeong-Wook Seo, Wenju Zhang, Rowena Cullen, attendee, Bruce Madge, attendee, Kyung-Ryun Park, Mr. Ahn (EBSCO), Il Moo Chang, Marcia Zeng, and Eduoard Jacob.

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 Durban, South Africa. Currently we have 2 sessions planned and are co-sponsoring a third. We are running a satellite session again in Durban on "Library Frontiers, Disasters, emergency preparedness and emerging diseases. The Call for Papers has gone out, so please come and contribute, the open session will be on the role of open access in the developing world and we are talking now about co-sponsoring the FAIFE session on HIV/AIDS information. It looks like it's going to be another winner!

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Jo Anne Boorkman: Standing Committee Member

Jo Anne Boorkman became involved with the IFLA Standing Committee on Health and Biosciences in 2002 when Ysabel Bertolucci appointed her as a Special Advisor to the Standing Committee. During the Glasgow (2002) and Berlin (2003) meetings, she served as interim Secretary for the business meetings. She became an Special Libraries Association (SLA) representative to the Standing Committee in 2004 with the Buenos Aires meeting.

An active member of SLA, Jo Anne chaired the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (BLDS), represented BLSD to Medical Library Association (MLA) and chaired the SLA Sierra Nevada Chapter becoming its representative to MLA. She also served as the SLA Sierra Nevada Chapter's representative to the Coalition Council working for the enactment of the Library of California legislation. In the distant past, she was active in the North Carolina Chapter of SLA. She became a Fellow of SLA in 2000.

Jo Anne Boorkman also has been active in MLA since the early 1970's and has served on various national committees and task forces. She was elected to the MLA Board of Directors in 1988. She became a Fellow of MLA in 1999. She has been active in local chapter activities in southern California, mid-Atlantic and most recently in the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group, where she was given the NCNMLG Award for Professional Excellence in 1996.



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Her first position was as a MEDLARS Search Analyst in the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library Service (PSRMLS), during the days before searching was online. She worked in the Biomed Reference Department from 1973-1977. After a sojourn at the Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she was Head of Public Services and Reference and then Head of Collection Development, she returned to California in 1985 to become head of Public Services at the Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California, Davis. She has been head of that library since 1988. She began a long collaboration with Fred Roper with the publication of *Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences* in 1980. She served as the lead editor/compiler with Fred Roper and Jeffrey Huber on the 4th edition (Neal Schuman, 2004).

Rowena Cullen: Standing Committee Member

Rowena Cullen

is an Associate Professor in the School of Information Management at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Rowena joined the faculty at Victoria in 1990 after many years at the University of Otago library. She currently teaches in the Master of Library and Information Studies and Master of Information Management programmes.

In the MLIS, Rowena has for many years taught a course on Health Information, which is designed for health librarians and public librarians with responsibility for consumer health information. The course covers consumer and clinical information needs, searching health databases, evidence based health care, critical appraisal and health informatics.

In her research in the health sector she has investigated the information sources used by family physicians, and the impact of teaching information retrieval and appraisal skills to medical students. She is a member of the Health SIG of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa, and the Health Informatics Association of New Zealand.

Rowena has published in both the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* and *Health Information and Libraries Journal (HILJ)* formerly *Health Libraries Review* (most recently articles on Evaluating digital libraries in the health sector, and Genetic research and genetic information: a health information professional's perspective on the benefits and risks.) Recently she accepted the appointment as Regional Associate Editor for Australasia for *HILJ*. She is also editor of a special issue of *HILJ* for 2007, on the impact of health information services, for which a call for papers will shortly be going out.

Rowena recently published a monograph *Health Information on the Internet* with Praeger, and co-edited and contributed several chapters to the recently published *Comparative Perspectives on E-government* with Peter Hernon. She is on the Editorial Boards of *Performance Measurement and Metrics*, the *Journal of E-Government* (now renamed the *Journal of IT and Politics*), *Health Information and Libraries Journal*, *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, *Education for Information*, and *LibRes: Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal*.



Rowena Cullen

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Heather Todd

Heather Todd was born in London, England and moved to Australia in her early 20's as 'it seemed a good idea at the time'. She settled in Canberra (the capital of Australia) and it was there that she began working in libraries. Her first professional position was Medical Library for the Department of Defence. Since then she has maintained a strong interest in medical librarianship. She has worked in both academic and government libraries for over 25 years. Her current position is at the University of Queensland Library is Executive Manager, Biological and Health Sciences Library Service. Her main duties involve responsibility for the leadership and management of 60+ staff and information service delivery to 3 of the 7 faculties through 6 branch libraries and 2 rural service points as well participating in the overall management of the Library.

Heather has been a member of various ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) executive committees is presently convener of the 10th ICML (International Congress of Medical Librarianship) that will be held in Brisbane, Australia in August/September 2009.

On a personal note Heather is married and has two teenage daughters. Her favourites include:

Favourite food: *Mangoes*

Favourite drink: *Very weak Earl Grey tea*

Favourite TV show: *Little Britain*

Favourite book: *Any mystery novel (preferably set in the UK)*

International Congress of Medical Librarianship



News Flashes

Madge President-Elect of CILIP

Bruce Madge, chair of the Health and Biosciences Libraries IFLA Section, has been elected President-Elect for CILIP, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. With 23,000 members CILIP is the leading professional body for librarians, information specialists and knowledge managers. Bruce explains that CLIP is "...the UK equivalent of American Library Association." His presidency begins April 2008.

Health Libraries Australia

Heather Todd with the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section will be Convener of the HLA (Health Libraries Australia) Group <http://alia.org.au/groups/healthnat/> in 2007. "This will provide an excellent opportunity to link ICML2009 with what is happening in Australia."

Finnish Medical Society Duodecim

The Finnish Medical Society Duodecim was awarded for the new Medical Humanities Collection 'Lux Humana' of the National Library of Health Sciences, Helsinki. (See Connections, Jan. 2006 <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s28/nd1/global-connections01-2006.pdf> article 'Medical humanities gaining ground in Finland.') The Medical Humanities Collection five member working group, of which Päivi Pekkarinen of the Health and Biosciences Libraries Standing Committee is a member, was awarded by the Finnish Medical Society on the Society's 125th Anniversary (<http://www.duodecim.fi/>). According to the Society's rules the award is given for 'a considerable contribution to further understanding of the interconnection between health, disease and culture'. The award was presented in a Cultural Forum 'Health, Disease and Culture' on the 16th November 2006.

MLA Nominating Committee Candidate

Jill Mayer, a Health and Biosciences Libraries Standing Committee member, is currently on the MLA ballot to be one of nine to form next year's MLA Nominating Committee. Jill from North Carolina is representing the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of MLA.

New Medical Library

Jo Anne Boorkman of the Health and Biosciences Libraries Standing Committee announces that the University of California, Davis will be opening a new library on the Sacramento campus. The F. William Blaisdell Medical Library will open in December 2006 when the library moves from temporary quarters on the medical center campus to occupy the first floor of the new Education Building. The Carlson Health Sciences Library on the Davis campus will continue to house the larger research collection. Staffing of the two libraries will remain the same, with shared services between the two libraries.

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News Flashes

MLA Presidential web page features Health and Biosciences Libraries panel

The Jean Shipman Medical Library Association President web page http://www.mlanet.org/about/leaders/president_06-07/jps_frontiers.html summarizes the IFLA Section of Health and Biosciences Libraries' panel on *The Emerging Informationist: Wired and Ready?*, which was chaired by Bruce Madge. Panelists were:

1. JEAN SHIPMAN, (MLA Pres) The Concept of the Informationist
2. KATE OLIVER, Case Study: Working Toward the Informationist at Johns Hopkins
3. TONY MCSEAN, (Elsevier): Respondent/Discussant.

IFLA 2006 and Tour of the Korean Demarcation Line

The MLA International Cooperation Section newsletter for summer 2006 <http://www.ics.mlanet.org/publications.htm> describes the IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries events at the 2006 IFLA in Seoul. The feature article with photographs by Carole Gall, also, tells of her day-trip 35 miles north of Seoul South Korea to the Demilitarized Zone.

Directory of Open Access Repositories (OpenDOAR)

Kate Oliver, of Johns Hopkins and a Health and Biosciences Libraries Standing Committee member, referred in her IFLA presentation in Seoul to the Directory of Open Access Repositories (Open DOAR). OpenDOAR recently announced the release of a trial search service for researchers around the world. See: www.opendoar.org/search.php It provides a global Directory of freely available open access repositories of research materials and is powered by the Google innovative Custom Search Engine, which allows OpenDOAR to search on the Directory holdings.

OpenDOAR project staff tested each candidate site and found a quarter of the sites broken, empty, and out of scope, which creates higher quality to the listings than results gathered by just automatic harvesting. For more information on the quality of OpenDOAR see the Johns Hopkins survey paper at: http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/papers/151-Oliver_Swain-en.pdf.



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Call for papers

IFLA Satellite Session

Library Frontiers: Disasters, Emergency Preparedness and Emerging Diseases

IFLA's Health and Biosciences Section invites you to submit an abstract for a presentation on this theme for its Satellite session at The Congress 2007.

The audience is likely to include health care professionals and librarians from around the world.

We are particularly interested in presentations on the following topics although other topics will also be considered

- the information professionals role in responding to natural disasters and new diseases
- case studies in responses to both disasters e.g. Hurricane Katrina and emerging or re-emerging diseases e.g. bird flu
- existing programs to address these issues

We hope to have a mix of presentations from around the world The delivery of each presentation should last 15-20 minutes which should include a Q&A session. The written version of the presentation should be made available prior to the session and these may be published on IFLANET or as a separate publication. Full papers will be due by 15 April 2007 to allow time for review of papers. Presentations, as well as papers, will be delivered in English as a first preference.

Please send an abstract (maximum 400 words) of your proposed paper, full contact details and a short CV to Paivi Pekkarinen (Paivi.Pekkarinen@Helsinki.FI) by 15th November 2006. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the review panel by 31st January 2007.

Regrettably IFLA's Sections do not have funds available to pay for speakers' expenses, although there may be limited funding available through other IFLA channels, especially for people from developing countries.



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<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s28/>

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2006 IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Satellite Preconference Session. From left to right: Eduardo Jacob, Dr. Young Mee Han—family physician, Mrs. Jacob, Jeong-Wook Seo, and Kathy Murray. Photo by Päivi Pekkariinen.

