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The Chair's Perspective



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I write this my last piece as Chair of the Health and Biosciences Libraries with mixed feelings. There's some relief at not having to think of new things to say although there is so much going on in health librarianship that it was never a problem. There's some sadness at stepping down as Chair of such a great Committee that were always willing to take on new ideas and run with them and who worked tirelessly to ensure that delegates from our field would always have sessions that were informative and enjoyable. There's a huge optimism that I will be handing over to new Officers who will all have their own ideas and directions that they think we should follow. Still, I am not going far as Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP), my professional body, has seen fit to put me forward for another five years with the Section although I cannot be Chair again. On the subject of CILIP, I am to be President for them from January 2008 and that will be a major call on my time (and funds) so I am happy to be

handing over the reins.

Looking forward to Durban, we have a great Satellite session on the challenges facing the information professional around natural disasters and emerging diseases, which I hope will attract delegates from outside of the health arena. That will be held at the University of Kwa-Zulu on Saturday 18th August and many thanks go to the organising team from the

Committee, Paivi Pekkarinen, Kate Oliver and Becky Lyon as well as the local team ably organised by Glenda Myers. Our session at the World Congress focuses on open access as a follow up to the Satellite at Oslo and will concentrate on what it means for developing countries. I am also looking forward to helping strengthen ties between the Medical Library cont. p. 4

NEW NATIONAL LICENSING MODEL FOR Australia

Following the 2003 recommendations of the Parliament of Australia's *Senate Inquiry into the Role of Libraries in the Online Environment*, work began to develop an Australian national licensing initiative that will provide all Australians with access to a variety of trusted information sources which will cultivate a knowledgeable and engaged society.

Launched on May 9th 2007 the Electronic Resources Australia (ERA) will facilitate free end-user access to key online general reference, Australian news and business, and **health information** resources and stands to significantly enhance the professional and political status of Australian libraries. It enables libraries to be placed at the forefront of lifelong learning, inspiring creativity and creating possibilities for a vibrant and creative Australia.

Libraries will be able to select and subscribe to electronic resources from a product panel and provide free access to their clients, regardless of their location.

In the health area the first products to be made available include:

- Consumer Health Complete from Ebsco
- Health & Wellness Resource Centre from Thomson
Gale
- Health Reference Center Academic from Thomson
Gale

Libraries will be able to request a free trial to evaluate the products and will then have up to the end of July to decide if they want to participate in the scheme.

There are no membership fees to be part of this initiative and existing consortiums may convert their subscriptions to the ERA scheme.

For more information about ERA visit their website:
<http://era.nla.gov.au> . Submitted by Heather Todd



Electronic Resources Australia

News Flashes

Health and Biosciences Librarians Presenting in Durban

IFLA programme <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla73/Programme2007.htm> for Monday, August 20, 2007, includes:

13.45-15.45, Monday

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Open Access: a panacea for developing countries

a.. Open Access and development: physician, heal thyself!

ALEX BYRNE (University of Technology Library, Sydney, Australia)

b.. Is HINARI Open Access?

BARBARA ARONSON (World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland)

c.. Open Access - Dreams & Realities

MARK FUNK (Weill Medical College, New York, USA)

Mouhouelo's Exchange Experience at Yale

Pascal Mouhouelo from the Republic of Congo shares his experiences this past Fall 2006 as a visiting librarian at the Yale Medical Library. Pascal is Reference Librarian for the World Health Organization Regional Office of Africa.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/irrt/irrtcommittees/irrtintlexc/mouhouelo.htm>

Elsevier Foundation Approves Two New Grants

The Elsevier Foundation strives to enrich and improve the quality of life for people worldwide by supporting the advancement of, and access to, scientific, technical and medical knowledge. The Foundation makes grants to institutions around the world, with a focus on support for the world's libraries and for scholars in the early stages of their careers. Through gift-matching, the Foundation also supports the efforts of Elsevier employees to play a positive role in their local and global communities. The Elsevier Foundation is funded by Elsevier, the leading global publisher of scientific, technical and medical information.

The Board of The Elsevier Foundation has approved two new grant programs that may be of interest to the academic and library communities:

The *Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries program* will make grants to improve the capacity of developing world libraries through training, infrastructure, technology, digitization and preservation of STM information. The Foundation will focus in particular on supporting partnerships in these areas between libraries in the developing countries and institutions in the developed countries.

The *New Scholars program* is designed to encourage the participation of women in academic science and technology through programs that address the challenges associated with managing career and family responsibilities. We are focusing in particular on supporting the efforts of academic institutions and scholarly societies to help scientists with family responsibilities attend conferences and meetings that are important to establishing a career in science.

For further information: visit the Elsevier booth at the IFLA Library and Information Congress in Durban (August 2007) or go to www.elsevierfoundation.org. Submitted by Sjoerd Koopman

News Flashes

Oliver Selected as ARL's Research Libraries Leadership Fellow

Health and Biosciences Libraries Standing Committee member Kate Oliver, Associate Director of Information Services Research, Development and Communication at Johns Hopkins' Welch Medical Library, has been selected to be a participant in ARL's Research Libraries Leadership Fellows (RLLF) Program, class of 2007-8. RLLF is an executive leadership program jointly designed and sponsored by ARL member libraries. This round of the program is sponsored by six ARL member libraries: University of California, Berkeley and the California Digital Library; Harvard University; University of Minnesota; North Carolina State University; Pennsylvania State University; and the University of Toronto. The program offers an opportunity for development of future senior level leaders in large research libraries. For more information about the Research Libraries Leadership Fellows Program, see <http://www.arl.org/leadership/rllf/>. Submitted by Kate Oliver.

South African National Health Information Partnership (SANHIP)

The South African National Health Information Partnership (SANHIP) was formed in 2002 as a result of the need to purchase clinical medical books and journals collectively. Most universities were forming various consortia to purchase material at the time, but as there are only 8 academic medical schools in South Africa, the needs of the clinical medical community were being overlooked in the various information packages that were being purchased. South Africa does not fall within the HINARI publishing initiative, but it also cannot afford costly material, and certainly cannot afford to duplicate too many print or electronic subscriptions. There is no National Library of Medicine in South Africa, nor is there any mechanism for doctors working in the private sector, or at hospitals that are not affiliated to the academic teaching hospitals, to access information.

SANHIP thus began as a small group of concerned academic librarians, and found that this annual meeting rapidly evolved into a forum not only for collective purchasing, but also enabled us to meet colleagues face-to-face, to network, to benchmark services, and most importantly to share information and expertise, and to practice continuing professional education. A one-day meeting in 2002 has evolved into a four day meeting in 2007, with the inclusion of the IFLA Bio-medical and Health Libraries' Satellite event on the preceding Saturday. The rest of the time will be spent assessing the various products that vendors are keen to showcase, and in discussing a more formal structure that will incorporate other medical libraries, such as hospital libraries or libraries associated with the various laboratory services and research councils in South Africa.

Of course there will still be time to party, and we're looking forward to meeting our IFLA colleagues from around the world!

(Dr) Glenda Myers, Chair, SANHIP

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Association in the US and the South African health librarians as I believe it will be mutually beneficial.

So, in conclusion, I am wishing the new Committee all the best and I will be there to keep an eye on them! I am also keen to get more involved with the International Congress on Medical Librarianship which is to be held in

Brisbane in 2009 and to see who bids for 2013? And then I am looking forward to attending IFLA in Quebec City, Canada, in 2008 as President of my professional body!

Wishing you all a great meeting in Durban – I can't wait!

Bruce Madge, Chair
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**International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)
World Library and Information Congress
73rd IFLA Annual Conference and Council**

18th August 2007, Satellite Meeting

Durban, South Africa

Free Registration

IFLA's Health and Biosciences Section invites participation in their Satellite Meeting, "Library Frontiers: Disasters, Emergency Preparedness and Emerging Diseases", Saturday, August 18, 2007, which will be held at University of Kwa-Zulu Natal Medical School, Durban, South Africa.

The Satellite Meeting is free, but you are requested to register by July 31st

<http://www.ais.up.ac.za/vet/ifla/iflareg.htm> .

The Satellite Meeting sessions will explore:

- The information professionals role in responding to natural disasters and new diseases
- Case studies in responses to both disasters e.g. natural disasters, like hurricane Mitch, and emerging or re-emerging diseases e.g. SARS and bird flu
- Existing programs to address these issues

Speakers include experienced experts from four continents.

For program registration, see: <http://www.ais.up.ac.za/vet/ifla/iflaprog.htm> or contact:

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Health and Biosciences Satellite Meeting

Library Frontiers:

Disasters, Emergency Preparedness and Emerging Diseases

Program—August 18, 2007



Time	Title	Presenters
9:30 – 10:00	Registration	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome	
10:10 – 11:20	Local and Global Challenges	
10:10-10:30	Librarians Without Borders: an MLA Global Initiative	Jill Byerly Mayer, et al., Librarians without Borders Task Force, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA
10:30-10:50	The Librarian's Role in Disaster Preparedness and Response	Wenju Zhang, Youxiang Zhan, Yanrong Yang, Na Li, Medical Library of Chinese People's Liberation Army, Beijing, China
10:50-11:10	The Role of Information Specialists in Disaster Situations	Yarda Rodriguez Luis, Guillermo Mesa Ridel, Ada Maria Leyva Acuna, Vivian Maria Cespedes Mora, Latin American Center for Disaster Medicine, Cuba
11:10-11:20	Discussion	
11:20-11:40	Break / Refreshments / Coffee	
11:40-13:00	Local and global responses	
11:40-12:10	The Latin American Network for disaster information: building local capacities in information management for disaster reduction	Isabel Lopez, Pan American Health Organization, Costa Rica, Stacey Arnesen, US National Library of Medicine, USA, et al.
12:10-12:30	Learning from SARS and Planning for a Bird-flu Pandemic	A.W. Ferguson, University of Hong Kong Library, Hong Kong
12:30-12:50	Australian hospital case	Rolf Schafer (Heather Todd)
12:50-13:00	Discussion	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:40	National Strategies	
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14:00-14:20	The Role of Libraries and Information Services in the National Strategies For Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza and Pandemic Situation: the case of Romania	Gherge Buluta, Crina Milailescu, Octavia-Luciana Porumbeanu, Central Library of the "Carol Davida" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania
14:20-14:40	The Effect of Avian Influenza on the Information Service of the National Public Health Institute of Finland	Katja Hilska, National Public Health Institute of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
14:40-14:50	Discussion	
14:50-15:00	Break / Refreshments / Coffee	
15:00-16:20	Looking at Africa	
15:00-15:20	Providing information support for diseases of animal origin: epidemic and endemic: the role of the ARC-Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute Library	David Swanepoel, ARC-Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, South Africa
15:20-15:40	Disasters and Diseases in Africa: Information Support for Animal and Human Health	Tertia Coetsee, Antoinette Lourens, Marguerite Nel and Erica van der Weshuizen, Veterinary Science Library, University of Pretoria, South Africa
15:40-16:00	Librarians and the use of Information Communication Technologies in Provision of Information on HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries	Agnes Chikonzo, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
16:00-16:20	The WHO AFRO Library and Partnerships for Delivering Health Information on Emerging Diseases	Pascal Mouhouelo and Marie-Paule Kabore, WHO Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Congo Comments by Christine Wamunyima Kanyengo, Zambia
16:20-16:30	Discussion	
16:30-16:45	Summing up	



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We are on the web!

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

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Johannesburg librarian, Glenda Myers, with the local medical/health library group SANHIP, welcomes IFLA attendees to sunny South Africa.

