Guest Editorial

Whilst it might be traditional to regard a new year as a time to seize new opportunities and embrace new challenges, 2011 is likely to be unprecedented. Though I would hate to stagnate and would describe myself as a person who enjoys development and change and can cope with lack of certainty, I am coming to a deeper understanding of the Chinese curse “May you live in interesting times.” Reviewing services with a view to making improvements or achieving greater efficiency is fine. Even asking fundamental questions about what services we should provide and what our priorities should be, although scary, can lead to creative and progressive innovation and service development. But changing too much too fast, I fear, will lead to serious unintended consequences from which it will be difficult to recover.

Our profession is seeing changes across all sectors due to financial cutbacks. Horror stories about public library cuts abound in the media. CILIP has been looking at the future direction of the profession with its work on Defining Our Professional Future. However, as an organisation it is not immune from financial problems and is likely to have to make some tough decisions which could affect special interest groups like HLG. We are after all, part of CILIP.

In an environment where nothing is sacred, it is a reasonable question to ask “Why belong to HLG?” “What does HLG offer that no one else can?” The research report which HLG recently commissioned explored the professional development needs of members and came up with a range of recommendations, in no small part thanks to the contributions received from members themselves. I don’t need to tell you as health information professionals that the real challenge is going to be putting the evidence into practice and implementing at least some of the recommendations of the report.

The HLG Committee has worked hard to develop a business plan for 2011 which starts to do just that, establishing priorities and building on our strengths, improving the services and benefits we offer and at the same time being realistic about the capacity that we can bring to the project.

We really do appreciate feedback from our members and welcome your suggestions about what we are doing well and how we could improve. Even better, you could consider getting more involved with HLG. You might find that this provides an excellent CPD opportunity to develop a range of skills – planning, organising, negotiating, influencing and more. When people are under increasing pressure in the workplace, I realise this could be a big ask, but the potential benefits for your professional development are high and the costs are low.
HLG will change in 2011 and beyond. No doubt, some of the changes will be the result of external factors, foreseen or entirely unpredicted, but I hope that we have established a clear evidence based direction of travel and that implementing our business plan will bring real benefits to our members and offer them value for money.

Pauline Blagden, Chair of the Health Libraries Group

Added note from the Editor:

I would just like to say thank you to Kate Boddy for being our Book Reviews column editor for the last few years, she has done a brilliant job. Unfortunately she is moving on but this means we have an exciting opportunity for someone to join the Newsletter team. Read the Book Reviews column to get more details of how to apply!

We are always looking for people to get involved – particularly writing an article for the Newsletter. With so much going on within our profession at the moment, I am sure there is plenty to write about. If you would like to get involved or have ideas for columns/developments or if you would like to write a short piece (1000-1500 words) for the Newsletter then do please get in touch with me.

I hope you find this issue of the Newsletter useful, informative and enjoyable. See you next issue!

Elise Collins, Editor, HLG Newsletter

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Please make sure you have registered your email address with Cilip via the website otherwise you could be missing out on important HLG announcements.

It is not enough to have given your email address when renewing your Cilip subscription. You need to register via the Cilip website: http://www.cilip.org.uk/aboutcilip/welcome
Group news

Health Information and Libraries Journal

HILJ Web Site
HILJ is now accessible via the Wiley Online Library at http://wileyonlinelibrary.com/journals/hilj Please update your bookmarks.

Virtual Issue: Clinical Information
Following the success of the inaugural virtual issue (VI) of HILJ in 2010, a second VI will be published this summer on Clinical Information/Librarianship. Further details will be disseminated via the HILJ web site and editor’s twitter account (@MariaJGrant) shortly.

Calling All HILJ Peer Reviewers
Thank you to everyone who answered the request to update their profile on ScholarOne Manuscripts (S1M) in December enabling us to more accurately and speedily assign manuscripts for peer review. If you haven’t updated your profile yet, there is no time limit, and updates can be undertaken at your convenience. Simply log onto S1M (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hilj) and click on ‘Edit Account’. If you have any problems in accessing or updating your account, please contact Seb Atay in the Editorial Office on satay@wiley.com

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Sub-Group News

IFM Healthcare

INFORM 21(2) – Spring 2011
Featured articles in the latest edition of IFMH INFORM include:

- Kristen O’Leary presents NHS Evidence’s QIPP Collection.
- Mahmood Adil from the NHS Institute presents ‘The evidence base information for Cost & Quality - what is needed?’
- Ray Foley presents a case study of local service improvement at Derby Foundation Hospitals NHS Trust

plus your usual regulars: IFMH News and Committee Meeting Digest; Surf's Up; Sidelines; NLH Update; NLH Health Management Specialist Library News and Key Topic; e-Library Scotland Update.

Study Days
IFMH held a Study Day on “Doing More For Less” on 24 February at Derby Royal Hospital. Kristen O'Leary from NHS Evidence, Mahmood Adil from the NHS Institute and Ray Foley from Derby Foundation Hospitals NHS Trust presented. After lunch a workshop on useful resources for QIPP and a group discussion about supporting library and information service users in meeting these challenges were held. Presentations will be available from the IFMH website www.ifmh.org.uk soon.

Why not write for INFORM?
You can contribute to Inform in one of two ways. You could either write a one-off article for the journal, or if you see yourself as a budding thought-leader and commentator, you could write a short regular column/opinion piece for us. Publishing articles is good evidence of CPD and show a willingness to engage with the profession. While we cannot promise you a pay-rise as a result of an article in Inform, a list of publications always look good at the end of a C.V.! Email Jane Surtees Jane.Surtees@derbyhospitals.nhs.uk or Catherine Ebenezer catherine.ebenezer@tewv.nhs.uk if you’re interested in contributing a one-off or regular article for INFORM.

IFMH Members Discussion List
Our discussion list has moved to JISCmail. To post to the list members just need to email ifmh-members@jiscmail.ac.uk The purpose of the list is to provide a safe and supportive environment in which you, our members, can share information,
questions and thoughts with your fellow members and us, the IFMH committee. So, if you have a burning question you’ve always wanted to know the answer to, have a resource you wish to share, or if you’d just like us to know what you’re thinking, now’s the time! Visit http://www.ifmh.org.uk/discussion.html for details.

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**Libraries for Nursing (LfN)**

**Committee**
We have recently welcomed the following new members to the committee: Clare Boucher, Lorrie Farrall, Marie Houseman and Jodie Knight. This year the committee will be focussing on providing web 2.0 resources for our members.

**Study Days**
We are in the process of planning our Study Day for 2011- watch this space for further details. Don't forget LfN Members get discounted rates for our events.

**Mailing List**
There is a JISC mailing list ‘lis-nursing’ (lis-nursing@jiscmail.ac.uk) which is helpful for those working in nursing, midwifery and health library and information services.

**Web 2.0**
We have recently set up an account on Diigo http://www.diigo.com/user/libs4nursing in order to build a collection of websites we feel may be of interest to our members. If you have any suggestions for sites you would like to see in our Library please send the details to librariesfornursing@yahoo.co.uk

**Bulletin**
The next edition of our Bulletin will be out in the Spring. Please contact our bulletin editor if you would like to contribute – Sarah Kevill s.j.kevill@stir.ac.uk

**Membership**
If you wish to subscribe or renew your subscription to the LfN bulletin for 2011 (you get copies of our bulletin and reduced rates at study days) please contact Alison Paul – details are on our website: www.cilip.org.uk/lfn or email: librariesfornursing@cilip.org.uk

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**HLG Wales**

No news this session

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Internet sites of interest

Open access – an update

This is an update of the column published in September 2007. Open access is a field that has moved quickly, and so I hope you will feel, with me, that an update is needed!

What is open access? Open access publishing and open access archiving can be distinguished. Open access publishing is a publication model in which neither the reader, nor the reader’s institution, pays to access the material. The authors may pay a fee (which they may be able to pay from a research grant), or there may be no fee.

Open access is unconnected to copyright, in that some open access journals publish articles under a Creative Commons licence, which allows non commercial re-use with acknowledgement, and other open access material may be subject to the usual sort of copyright restrictions. Open access does not imply that the material has not been peer reviewed. Material published in an open access journal will be peer reviewed. Material in an open access archive may also have been peer reviewed, although it is worth determining exactly what it is that you are reading – is it a pre-peer review version of a published article, or a version that has been peer reviewed but not copy edited, for example.

Here are some websites that might help answer those questions.

General information on open access

Mark Funk: Open access – a primer
Will help unravel the various open access alternatives - this version is from October 2007.

Peter Suber: Open access overview
http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm

SPARC Open Access Newsletter
http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/newsletter/archive.htm
A regular publication, produced by Peter Suber. The archive includes all issues to date.

SHERPA
http://www.sherpa.ac.uk
SHERPA (“Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access”) started as a JISC funded project, and continues as one of the major support mechanisms for repositories, and therefore one of the major sources of information and advocacy material for open access archiving.
Open access publishing

Open access archiving

Who has an open access repository? There are two major directories which will help you to find out, and give statistics on content.

OpenDOAR
http://www.opendoar.org/
Maintained by the SHERPA Project (see above)

ROAR (Registry of Open Access Repositories)
http://roar.eprints.org/

Searching the contents of open access repositories

Google indexes repositories and other open access material, and other search engines may do as well. But if you want a search targeted to open access material, so you know that the links to full text will work, here are some specialist tools:

BASE
http://www.base-search.net/index.php?q=b
BASE is produced at Bielefeld University (Germany) and indexes scholarly internet resources available at that University. Some of the material found through BASE is therefore only available to members of Bielefeld University. But, BASE indexes much open access material, available in full for free, and indexes a large number of institutional repositories.

INTUTE Repository Search
http://irs.ukoln.ac.uk/
IRS searches across 76 UK academic repositories, including The Depot (http://www.depot.edina.ac.uk/), which is a repository for use by academics whose institution does not have its own repository.

OAIster
http://www.oaister.org/
OAIster is a union catalogue of digital resources and is a major source for open access material available in full for free. It currently includes almost 13 million records from around 850 sources, including institutional and subject repositories. A list of sources is available at http://www.oaister.org/viewcolls.html.

OpenDOAR Search
http://www.opendoar.org/search.php
A trial service, using Google’s Custom Search technology, which searches repositories listed in OpenDOAR.

Scientific Commons
http://en.scientificcommons.org/
Scientific Commons currently indexes 13 million items, from open access repositories. It enables you to see who is working with who, as well as giving links to the full item in its home repository.
SHERPA UK Repositories Search
http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/repositories/sherpasearchalluk.html
Another trial service, using Google’s Custom Search, which searches the contents of UK repositories.

Open access archiving: which publishers allow it?

Authors can sign away a lot of rights in their work when it is accepted for publication (and perhaps not all authors realise that), and need to check if they are allowed to archive a version of their article. Many publishers will allow archiving, but perhaps not immediately, and perhaps not the archiving of the final published PDF file. Instead, they may allow the final draft (the authors’ manuscript after peer review and acceptance for publication, but before copy editing and the application of publisher’s style guidelines). I have had discussions with academics and researchers about referencing final drafts (although many people, I think, reference the published article even if they have read the final draft), and about circumstances where the final draft might not be the same as the final version. The major source of information about who allows what is:

ROMEO
http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php

Grant awarding bodies and open access

When I first covered this topic, some grant awarding bodies were making open access publication or archiving a condition of receiving an award. This has continued and the major source of information about who requires what and whether they can offer help with it is:

JULIET
http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/juliet/index.php
Another SHERPA project.

Subject repositories

In addition to institutional repositories, containing work from one institution, there are also subject repositories. The arXiv e print archive (http://arxiv.org/) is a long standing subject repository covering certain areas of physics, and there are others. OpenDOAR and ROAR will help you locate them, but UK PubMed Central is the one that affects medicine and health the most. Many health and medical funders mandate authors to deposit their work in UKPMC.

PubMed Central
http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/
PubMed Central, maintained by the National Library of Medicine, is an archive of backfiles of biomedicine journals, with full text available free. There are links to this from PubMed. But it also contains authors’ manuscripts of papers funded by bodies that mandate them to make their work available on open access, as mentioned above. See http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/about/authorms.html for details of this.

UK PubMed Central
http://ukpmc.ac.uk/
Contains author manuscripts of papers published by UKPMC funded researchers, who mandate deposit in UKPMC.
More information

A regularly updated bibliography is

**Charles Bailey’s Scholarly Electronic Publishing Bibliography**

'http://www.digital-scholarship.org/sepb/sepb.html'

Section 7 covers publishing models (including open access), and section 9 repositories.

*The column editor writes…*

I have little contact with allied health professions (except for operating department practice), and almost none with the NHS. Can you help stop this column being just a reflection of my own interests? If you are able to help the column reflect the interests of HLG as a whole by contributing lists of resources or suggestions for future columns, please contact me, and thanks!

Reproduction of the contents of this column, with acknowledgement to Health Libraries Group Newsletter, is absolutely fine – please do!

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Meeting reports

I last attended the American Medical Library Association meeting when it was held in Florida in 2001 and found it to be one of the most useful professional meetings that I had ever attended. I was therefore very excited to have the opportunity to attend the 2010 meeting in Washington DC.

Many of the key themes/hot topics from the 2001 meeting seem to be largely of historical interest these days (remember IPAQs anyone? I’m sure that we’ve still got one in a drawer somewhere in the office…). However, it was interesting on my 2010 trip to see how several topics in their relative infancy back then have evolved and continue to be pressing - for example the development of the Informationist concept which is in essence a supercharged clinical librarian. It was also very useful to see examples of support for new areas – such as support for bioinformatics – which seem to be barely on the radar of library services here in the UK. A novel approach for the meeting was the inclusion of a conference book, Daniel H Pink’s A Whole New Mind with a keynote presentation by the author himself.

The theme of this year’s meeting was fairly all encompassing – ““Reflect & Connect”. In her opening address Corine Schardt the outgoing MLA President reiterated the theme, noting it was an opportunity to, “reflect on the past, the present and the future of the profession and the association. Giving us time to renew existing connections as well as the opportunity to make new connections”. Key strands she stressed included electronic medical records, expert searching, consumer health information, leadership skills, health care reform (a “yea” from the platform) and e-resources.

She noted the contrast between the key themes that gripped our profession way back at her first MLA in 1980 with today – comparing the first glimmerings of the shift from print to e-publishing and the start of the end of the gatekeeper role, to the current environment where a colleague can be seriously asked, “what can you possibly learn from a doctor that you can’t learn from the Internet”? Her question to the floor was – is what we are offering still of value in this age of information abundance? Her response was largely positive tying into some of Pink’s thoughts on the need for information to be evaluated and contextualized before it can be useful.

Ms Schardt also flagged key activities that she had set up over the last year to better connect the MLA with its membership, including a new online “boot camp” for professionals new to healthcare, intended to provide a core curriculum of professional competencies required of healthcare librarians. Something to emulate here in the UK perhaps?

I must admit that despite my best intentions, my copy of A Whole New Mind lay largely unread on my arrival in DC. However, the plenary presentation by Daniel Pink was a fascinating overview on left and right brain thinking in the new economy and his book is now my dedicated bedtime reading. www.danpink.com/

The second major plenary of the meeting was an overview of education for health information professionals by Ana Cleaveland. Dr Cleaveland framed this in the context of “four roads”: what it means to be information professionals; the changing context and environment in which we work; the philosophical foundations of our profession and our professional education; and her own teaching philosophy -
teaching as partnership. An interesting presentation, published as a paper in the January 2011 issue of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*.

However, interesting as the key notes were, for me the real meat of the meeting was in the smaller parallel sessions and the lightening poster presentations where one got an opportunity to hear and ask questions about hand-on nuts and bolts services and initiatives. And of course, the chance conversations held in special interest group meetings, in meal queues, in poster sessions and by vendors’ stands were invaluable.

Lack of space precludes a detailed outline of every session attended but several strands and speakers particularly stood out:

- **Lightening poster sessions** (essentially five minute show and tells) on a wide range of topics.
- **Support for Translational Medicine** – for example in support of medical research institutions, funded through Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA). There were lots of speakers and posters on this topic. Standout speakers for me included:
  - Marisa Conte on her work as a clinical and translational science liaison librarian at the University of Michigan. Her role includes support for a faculty profiling and publication tacking system; bioinformatics (e.g. supporting grant writing, training and data curation); and embedded support in a lab based environment - two hours a week actually in the lab providing a range of services in support of a research team. [http://www.lib.umich.edu/users/meese](http://www.lib.umich.edu/users/meese)
  - Kiristi Holmes and Michelle Tennant on librarian support for VIVO. VIVO is an open source semantic web based research support content management package originally developed by Cornell but which has now gone international ([http://www.vivoweb.org/](http://www.vivoweb.org/)).
- **A half day seminar on embedded support/Clinical Librarians/Informationists**. This covered a wide range of contexts such as Blair Anton on her work supporting staff in the clinical environment at Johns Hopkins; Medha Bhagwat on her work providing bioinformatics training at the NIH; Kristi Holmes (Washington University in St Louis) and David Osterbur (Harvard) on the in-depth bioinformatics support they offer to their research communities; and a useful session on evaluation from speakers at trailblazing institutions such as the NIH Library and the Eskind Biomedical Library. Unfortunately none of these presentations are publicly available on the Web, but presentations by Medha and others on the theme of “The Informationist” from a meeting earlier in the year sponsored by Elsevier are available at [http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/librarianshome.librarians/LCPresentations#Presentations_in_USA_2010](http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/librarianshome.librarians/LCPresentations#Presentations_in_USA_2010)
- **A (very early) meeting of the MLA Molecular Biology and Genomics Special Interest Group to get a taste of some of the innovative work being carried out by members of this group.**

Key messages for me from the above and from other parts of the meeting included how much deeper and wider ranging the support that we as a professional group in the UK could potentially offer; the importance of recruiting the right individuals to support researchers (the right personality obviously, but many of the speakers also had degrees and/or hands on experience in their subject areas e.g. a Masters in
Public Health or post-doc experience in a lab) ; and of course the importance of being there – having some formal space and/or time in the users workspace.

The evaluation strand of the Informationist seminar was particularly useful. For example, David Shumaker, author of a recent study on embedded librarianship (http://www.sla.org/pdfs/EmbeddedLibrarianshipFinalRptRev.pdf), flagged the vital importance of evaluating these types of programmes in ways that are relevant to the goals of our organisations and of communicating the results to the relevant bosses and decisions makers. A message that struck me as being very pertinent to all of us at the present time, NHS or HE.

I was also very impressed by the sheer range of training opportunities that seem to be available to our colleagues in the US in these areas. Examples being the late (and obviously lamented) NIH NAWBIS programme (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Class/NAWBIS/) and the BioMedical Informatics course run by The Marine Biological Laboratory (http://www.mbl.edu/education/courses/special_topics/med.html).

An added bonus of the 2010 meeting was the fact that pretty much all of the sessions were recorded and are available to attendees via the conference website (although not available free to others unfortunately). I have to say that these have been a fixture on my MP3 player and PC for the last few months both as aide memoir to the sessions that I attended and also as an extremely useful way of catching up with those sessions that I had to miss. A model for future HLG meetings perhaps?

This was a fascinating meeting – providing me with a useful overview of current trends and developments in the US many of which have direct parallels in the UK. For example the support offered for CTSA centres and translation medicine maps very directly on to the current UK set up of AHSCs and NHIR units and centres.

It was also enlightening to see examples of in-depth support for areas where library support in the UK is limited at best at best. For example, library support for bioinformatics and lab based researchers at many leading US medical schools is far in advance of anything that I’ve come across in the UK. There’s no UK equivalent of the Becker Research Pod that I’m aware of (http://becker.wustl.edu/services/researchpod.html) and we’re just not providing any in-depth training on a systematic basis in the areas that are covered in (for example) the workshop programme at the Health Sciences Library at the University of Pittsburgh - http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/molbio Please do let me know if I’m wrong! I’d be keen to come and talk to you....

And of course, how could I forget the sight (and sounds) of our own Bruce “the mighty” Madge on stage with the Bearded Pigs (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u95ctbbEvuM)?

The 2011 MLA will be held in May in Minneapolis, Minnesota and if your training budget will stretch to it (sadly mine won’t), I highly recommend that you attend. Partial funding for my attendance at the MLA Meeting and associated visits to a number of US biomedical libraries was generously provided by the HLG and the John Campbell Trust.

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Book review


This book, part of the Health, Technology and Society series, takes a sociological approach to concepts including patient-centred healthcare, shared decision making and patient empowerment. It engages with models of consumer health information provision, and examines the shift from the healthcare provider as expert to the ‘expert patient’ and a narrative of personal responsibility. It will be of particular interest to people involved in e-health, the provision of patient information and self-care initiatives, or to anyone studying health information and information-seeking behaviours.

Contributions to the book were originally presented at a conference in Canada, and focus on healthcare provision in the UK, USA and Canada. As the book concentrates on e-health, there is an international flavour to its discussion of the use of the internet to provide health information. The editors work in health information research in Canada and the Netherlands, and each chapter is written by academic researchers from the field. The book is split into four parts; the first explores the historical context of health information provision and policy, while the second concentrates on the effect of e-health initiatives and internet provision of health information. Changes in healthcare policy, emphasising self-care, are analysed in part three, with the final section of the book examining how the internet can enable and enforce this shift towards self-care. Empirical research, mainly using qualitative data, is used to support the complex theoretical ideas in the book. Examples of subjects covered include online general health information sites such as NHS Choices; midwifery; dietetics, nutrition and obesity; sleep disorders; breast cancer charities; and the use of ‘crowd-sourcing’ or the encouragement to provide feedback on healthcare services.

While the book deals with highly theoretical concepts, it is well-structured, easy to follow with accessible examples from healthcare provision, and comprehensively referenced. The final chapter ties together the strands in the book, and carefully connects the concepts with literature previously written in the field of health sociology. The book examines the implications of portraying health as a civic, individual responsibility. While public health campaigns promoting healthy living may inform and empower people to take care of their own health, they also place the burden of responsibility on the consumer/patient. The shifts in UK healthcare policy away from a paternalistic stance to a narrative emphasising individual responsibility, information and choice are explored via discussions of the ‘expert patient’ programme and the use of Information and Communication Technologies.

The authors engage with the idea of ‘health(y) citizenship’ and note that while information is integral to healthcare, the provision of health information does not
automatically lead to changes in behaviour. The book ends with calls for a changed focus, to a more holistic model of healthcare, in which services are involved with caring for the whole person. The book provides a timely overview of concepts such as the perceived ‘marketisation’ of healthcare, which is especially relevant in the current context of the changes in the NHS. Overall, the book provides a comprehensive analysis of health literacy and a well-defined critical perspective on self-care and e-health. While the book presumes a certain familiarity with theoretical standpoints such as Foucauldian ideas, it is still open and engaging, grounding these theoretical perspectives with practical examples and evidence.

_Liz Brewster, Information School, University of Sheffield_

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HLG Book Review Editor Post

The HLG newsletter is looking for an editor for the book review column. This is an interesting role that keeps you up to date with trends in health information. The reviewers’ role entails allocating review books to suitable reviewers and collating and editing the reviews.

See the current newsletter for an example of the book review column: [http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgroups/bysubject/health/newsletter](http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgroups/bysubject/health/newsletter)

The role:

- Sourcing books for review by browsing publishers catalogues etc
- Contacting publishers for review copies
- Organizing the allocation of review copies to interested reviewers
- Editing the completed reviews for publication in the newsletter.
- Requires a few hours of work over the course of a quarter cycle of the publication

Benefits:

- Increasing your CPD profile.
- Keeping up to date with health information trends
- Excellent experience for your CV

To apply:

Please e-mail [Kate.Boddy@pms.ac.uk](mailto:Kate.Boddy@pms.ac.uk) with a paragraph about why you would like the role and what relevant experience you would bring to it, by 25th March 2011
Current literature

Global librarianship


As part of a programme to improve dramatically the number of Ethiopian post-graduate students in medicine, Kendall and a group of academics from the University of Toronto, travelled to Addis Ababa University. She reports on the project, on her assessment and support to the development of relevant library resources at the Black Lion Hospital.


Toronto Addis Ababa Psychiatry Project [http://www.utoronto.ca/ethiopia](http://www.utoronto.ca/ethiopia)


Is an Indian librarian’s wish list for future medical students so different from yours?

Information needs


[http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016665](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016665) (OA)

This is a short article on the results of an online questionnaire given to American, Canadian and British medical doctors about their information needs and hindrances as well as their knowledge and use of technology to find EBM resources.

Survey questions are available online (Appendix) [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016665](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016665)

Changing libraries


A very timely article which will resonate with many UK health librarians.

Useful bibliography available online (Appendix) [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016656](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3016656)
Classification


(OA)

This is the genesis of the Bellevue Classification system. Created in the 1930s for nursing material, it established for the first time nursing as a professional and academic subject.

Evidence-based healthcare


(Link to abstract)

Maden-Jenkins investigates, through a questionnaire and a series of interviews, the knowledge and relevance of health librarians in the delivery of critical appraisal skills.


(OA)

An interesting viewpoint on EBM teaching from two paediatric academics from the University of Illinois in Chicago who recognise the importance of ‘clinical informationists’.

Fabienne Michaud, The Royal Society of Medicine

Contributions should be sent to Fabienne.Michaud@rsm.ac.uk or Library Services, The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

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Diary of events

17 March 2011 (&13 May 2011, 14 July 2011, 7 October 2011)
Basic critical appraisal skills workshop (BMA and Trent RDSU)
BMA House, London
http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBCASWorkshops.jsp
£140 Lunch included

25 March 2011 (& 16 September 2011)
Online searching (MEDLINE Plus) – basic
BMA House, London
http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBOnlineSearchingCourses.jsp
£160 VAT (£188) (members); £320 VAT (£376) (non-members). Lunch included.

4-6 April 2011
How to Practice EBHC (Evidence-Based Health Care)
St Hugh’s College, Oxford University, Oxford
http://www.cebm.net/index.aspx?o=5717
£850

18-20 April 2011
LILAC 2011
British Library, London
http://lilacconference.com/WP/
Range of package options

11-13 May 2011
3rd International m-libraries Conference
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia
http://www.usq.edu.au/m-libraries
Early bird registration 1 December 2010 – 11 March 2011. Range of package options

13 May 2011 (14 July 2011, 7 October 2011)
Basic critical appraisal skills workshop (BMA and Trent RDSU)
BMA House, London
http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBCASWorkshops.jsp
£140 Lunch included

13-18 May 2011
MLA’11 rethink (Medical Library Association 2011 Annual Meeting and Exhibition)
Minneapolis, MN
http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2011/about/index.html
Early bird registration until 13 April 2011. Range of package options

19 May 2011
Managing outreach in health service libraries
CILIP, London
CILIP personal member: £240 + VAT, □CILIP organisation member: £290 + VAT,
□ Non members: £340 + VAT
20 May 2011 (& 25 November 2011)
Online searching course (advanced)
BMA House, London
http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBSeekEvidenceMedline.jsp
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26-30 May 2011
CHLA/ABSC Conference 2011
Calgary, AB
http://www.chla-absc.ca/2011/
Early bird registration ends 25th April 2011. Range of package options

7-10 June 2011
The Nottingham Systematic Review Course 2011
University of Nottingham, Nottingham
http://szg.cochrane.org/workshops-and-events
£849 (Discounts available for internal applicants and group bookings)

25-29 June 2011
Pre-conference 25-26 June, Conference 27-29 June
HTAi 2011: HTA for Health Systems Sustainability
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
http://www.htai2011.org/
Early bird registration until 30 April 2011. Range of package options

27-30 June 2011
6th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP6)
Conference
University of Salford, Greater Manchester
http://www.eblip6.salford.ac.uk
Early bird registration until 15 April. Early bird rate £350. Full fee after 15 April £400.
Day rate £150

5-8 July 2011
EAHIL 2011
Istanbul, Turkey
Registration 325 EUR; Late registration (After 2 May 2011) 375 EUR

12-13 July 2011
Umbrella 2011
University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield
Early bird registration until 28 April 2011. Range of package options

14 July 2011 (& 7 October 2011)
Basic critical appraisal skills workshop (BMA and Trent RDSU)
BMA House, London
http://www.bma.org.uk/whats_on/library_courses/LIBCASWorkshops.jsp
£140 Lunch included
13-18 August 2011
World Library and Information Congress: 77th IFLA General Conference and
Assembly
San Juan, Puerto Rico
http://www.ifla.org/en/ifla77
Early bird registration until 6th May 2011. Range of package options

14 September 2011
Critical appraisal skills for healthcare librarians: building on the basics
CILIP, London
http://www.cilip.org.uk/jobs-careers/training/pages/critical-appraisal-skills-
building-on-the-basics.aspx#dates
CILIP personal member: £220 + VAT  CILIP organisation member: £265 + VAT
Non members: £310 + VAT

16 September 2011
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