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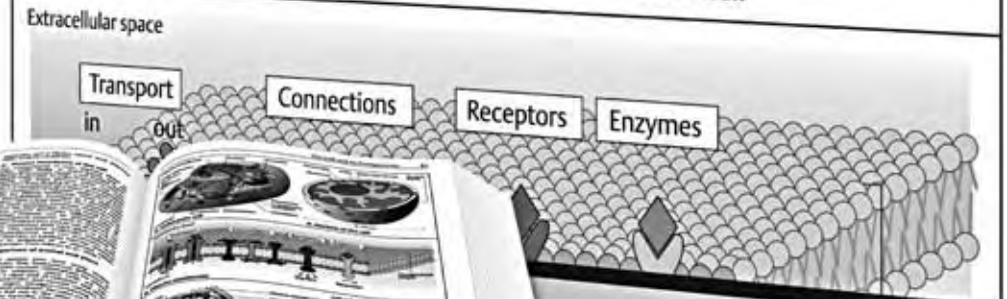
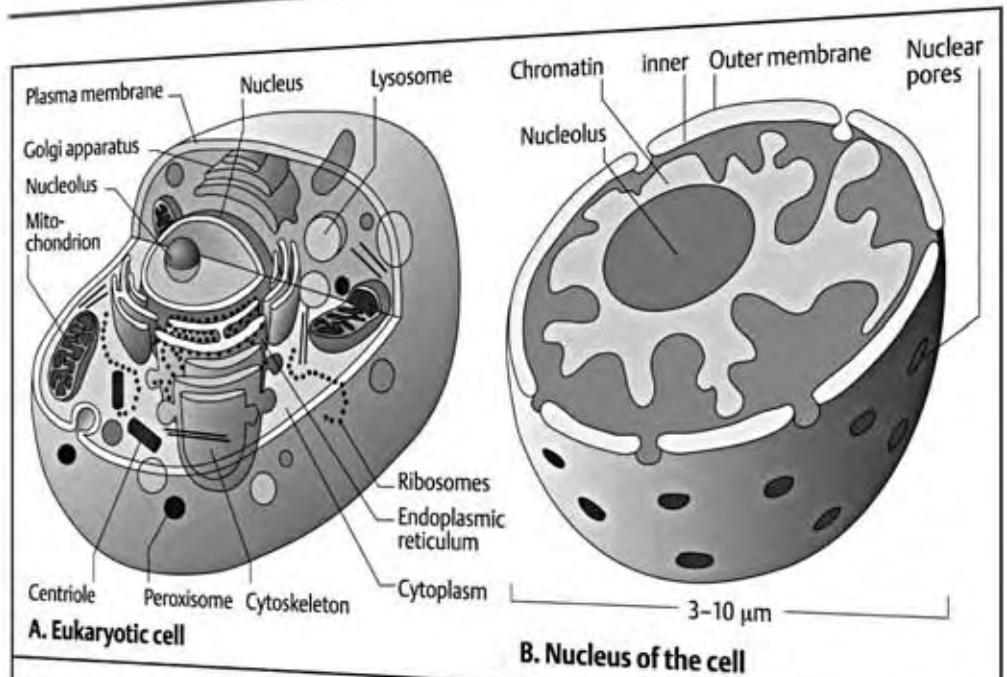
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Editorial

Hello Everyone

The 10th EAHIL Conference is over and I, Ioana, Cristina and the rest of the Local Organizing Committee have now time to relax. We would like to personally thank our UK team who helped us so much during the Conference. The Conference Administration Room was taken in hand by Paul whose quiet and efficient organization ensured that everyone's scientific presentation was not only where it should be, but also working perfectly. Aileen and Susan managed the Registration and Information Desk and our relatively inexperienced Romanian team, and also provided the nucleus of the whole Conference. No question was too difficult - an answer was found for everyone - everything performed with smiling faces and a ready smile - the essence of good librarianship! Eve Hollis as the Communications Officer took over, single-handed, the production of the *Transylvanian EAHIL Echo* and she did a wonderful job. This left Ioana, Benoit and myself to do the other 101 things that form a large conference and it worked perfectly. Yes we were stressed - Ioana especially over Robert Kiley's live broadcasting of his plenary speech over the internet from London: I worried about the transport, the opera, the weather, the catering, the performing artists etc while Benoit remained his usual calm self. There were a number of new features that we initiated at this Conference - namely the First-Timers Welcome Buffet and the Empowerment Sessions both of which were a tremendous success. Eva Alopaeus and Patricia Flor masterminded the Empowerment Sessions which attracted 90+ participants and also the Continuing Education Courses offering excellent training at reasonable prices which made them accessible to 120 people. We also changed the structure of the Conference regarding the timetable so that the scientific programme finished on the Friday and offered three full day Saturday tours which were enjoyed by 240 people. Yes indeed...all the hard work was worth it...to see everything go so well - to see how our young librarians and in fact all Romanians benefited from attending a truly international conference. Our thanks go to everyone who joined us in Cluj. For us it was a memorable experience and we hope it was for you too!

We must now say farewell to **Eve-Marie Lacroix** as the MLA Representative for EAHIL and the Editorial Board thanks her for her regular contribution to the JEAHIL and also wishes her a long and happy retirement. In her place we welcome **Becky Lyon** who writes her first column in this issue. Another new columnist is **Oliver Obst**, who held a splendid Empowerment Session at the Cluj Conference and who has agreed to keep EAHIL members informed about new developments in Web 2.0.

The Editorial Board held its annual meeting in Cluj and decided the themes for the four issues in 2007. I welcome articles on the following themes:

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February	The Changing of the User's Environment	15 th January 2007
May	Clinical Information Services	15 th April 2007
August	The 20 th Anniversary of EAHIL	15 th July 2007
November	The Krakow Workshop	15 th October 2007

Finally as this is the last issue of the year I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

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News from our Association

Letter from the President



Outstanding - Superb!

To really describe the success of the 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj you need more superlatives than there are available, even in the English language. I limit myself to outstanding - superb! I hope Sally, Ioana, Benoit and the Local Committee who helped organize the Conference received all superlatives they surely deserved from the Conference delegates. The 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj succeeded in attracting many participants from Romania and neighbouring countries. More than 300 health information professionals from 36 countries from all over the world, including 120 first-timers, met in Cluj. The theme of the conference was *Europe as an Open*

Book. The organizers also succeeded in opening our hearts to Cluj and Romania.

The overall quality of the scientific programme was excellent. It is very promising for the future that the quality is getting better and better with each succeeding conference. New successful ideas were introduced in Cluj. The reception for first-timers was a huge success and so were the Empowerment Sessions where we could go into depth on one theme. Hopefully they will continue in the future.

The Social Programme was outstanding. Opera, gala dinner and sightseeing tours! The organizers had left no stone unturned. They even dragged down a string quartet into the salt mines, I visited. The accoustics were fantastic.

On behalf of the EAHIL Board and all EAHIL members I wish to thank everyone who helped with organizing the 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj. It was outstanding - superb!

Handing over

This is my last presidential column, since I leave office at the end of the year. I will continue on the Board as Past-President. It will give me great pleasure to hand over to my successor Suzanne Bakker. Suzanne is an experienced Board member, the EAHIL secretariat supervisor and conference organizer. Congratulations Suzanne! EAHIL will be in good hands. I would also like to congratulate Tony McSeán on being re-elected to the Board after serving as Past-President for 4 years, Pirjo Rajakiili as a new Board member, Benoit Thirion as 1st co-opted member and Meile Kretaviciene as 2nd co-opted member.

I send my good wishes to Marta Viragos who is leaving the Board after serving as a Board member 2001-2004 and co-opted Board member 2005-2006. Marta has been a very valuable and hard working Board member. Her reports from the Board Meetings in the *JEAHIL* have been excellent. She has also been EAHIL representative to *HILJ* International Editorial Advisory Board. Thank you, Marta for your excellent contributions.

I would also like to thank all EAHIL members for their support and brave decisions during my presidency.

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News from our Association

Arne Jakobsson

EAHIL Council Election 2006 for the period 2007-2010

The Council is an advisory group for the Board and acts as a link between the members in their country and the Association. The Council members have an important role in publicizing EAHIL, recruiting new members and recommending applications for EAHIL membership (approving membership applications in the membership database). The Council usually meets formally once a year at the time of the annual EAHIL conference or workshop. Each member state of the Council of Europe (http://www.coe.int/T/E/Com/About_Coe/Member_states/default.asp) (or group of states, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure) can elect one Council member if there are at least five voting members and one additional delegate for each state for each further block of twenty-five (25) voting members up to a maximum of three delegates per country.

The number of Council delegates per country:

- less than 5 voting members = 0 delegates
- 5-29 voting members = 1 delegate
- 30-54 voting members = 2 delegates
- 55 and over = 3 delegates

Delegates of member states are elected for a term of four years by the voting EAHIL members resident in their country. They may be re-elected once, after which they are not eligible for re-election until they have been absent from the Council for two years.

For many councillors their term ends in 2006. Also, because of the increase in EAHIL membership, more countries are entitled to nominate and elect additional Council members. The list on page 7-9 gives full details regarding the situation for each country.

Procedure for nominating Council members:

The nomination form is also available on the EAHIL web site http://www.eahil.net/elect-form_2006_11.doc (About EAHIL). Any two members can nominate a Council member from their own country

Please send the properly and fully completed form NOT LATER THAN **December 1, 2006**, extended from november the 15th to the EAHIL Election Committee (address is on the form). After the nomination period we will set up secure electronic elections through the EAHIL membership database. The election period will be one month. To be able to participate in the Council election, please make sure that you have your userID and password to the membership database.

Please encourage members to stand for the Council election! On behalf of the Election Committee,

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EAHIL

European Association for Health Information and Libraries

NOMINATION FOR EAHIL Councillor (4-year term 2007-2010) 2006 elections

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EAHIL member

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City:
Country:
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Date:

Signature:

I,
EAHIL member

Address:

City:
Country:
E-mail:

Date:

Signature:

hereby nominate as candidate for the EAHIL Council for the 2006 EAHIL elections:

Candidate for EAHIL Councillor for (country)

Name:

Function:

Institutional address:

City & Country:

Phone:

Fax:

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Candidate's agreement:

I agree to be a candidate in the 2006 elections and I am willing and able to serve as EAHIL Councillor 2007-2010.

Date: Signed (by candidate):

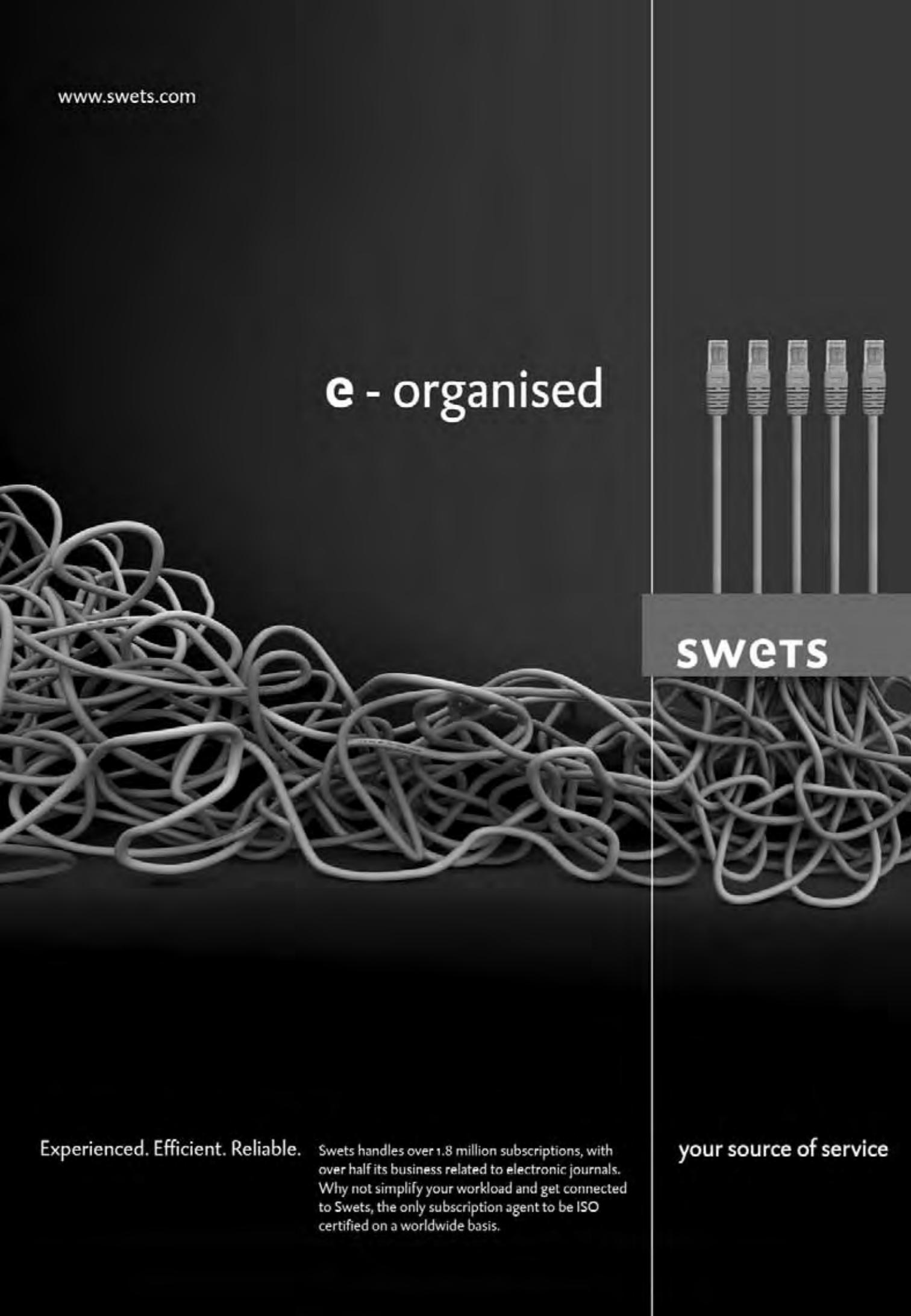
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List of Countries with the New Allocation of Council Members

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Albania

1 member - 0 Council members

Austria

7 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Belgium

39 members - is entitled to 2 Council members

René Mertens (2003-2006 2nd term) cannot be re-elected

Françoise Pasleau (2003-2006 2nd term) cannot be re-elected

Bulgaria

1 member - 0 Council members

Croatia

4 members - 0 Council members

Cyprus

1 member - 0 Council members

Czech Republic

15 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Dana Zdenkova (2005-2008 1st term)

Denmark

36 members - is entitled to 2 Council members

Conni Skrubbeltrang (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Estonia

3 members - 0 Council members

Keiu Saarniit (2002-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Finland

41 members - is entitled to 2 Council members.

Katri Larmo (2007-2010)

Jouni Leinonen (2007-2010)

Pirjo Rajakiili (2003-2006 2nd term) cannot be re-elected (Board member from 2007-2010)

France

34 members - is entitled to 2 Council members

Benoit Thirion (2003-2006 1st term) cannot be elected

because he is now a co-opted Board member

List of Countries with the New Allocation of Council Members

Germany

41 members - is entitled to 2 Council members
Friedhelm Rump (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Greece

5 members - is entitled to 1 Council member
Litsa Lappa (2004-2007 2nd term) cannot be re-elected

Hungary

16 members - is entitled to 1 Council member.
Livia Vasas (2005-2008 2nd term)

Iceland

3 members - 0 Council members

Ireland

45 members - is entitled to 2 Council members
Muriel Haire (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Italy

61 members - is entitled to 3 Council members
Maurella Della Seta (2005-2008 2nd term)
Chiara Bassi (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected
Laura Tei (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Latvia

35 members - is entitled to 2 Council members

Lithuania

7 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Macedonia

1 member - 0 Council members

Moldova

6 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Netherlands

55 members - is entitled to 3 Council members
Rikie Deurenberg (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Norway

73 members - is entitled to 3 Council members
Patricia Flor (2003-2006 2nd term) cannot be re-elected
Hilde Strømme (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

List of Countries with the New Allocation of Council Members

Poland

11 members - is entitled to 1 Council member.
Barbara Niedzwiedzka (2005-2008)

Portugal

19 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Romania

13 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Russian Federation

13 members - is entitled to 1 Council member

Slovak Republic

1 member - no Council members

Slovenia

13 members - is entitled to 1 Council member
Annamarija Rozic (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Spain

40 members - is entitled to 2 Council members
Fanny Ribes Cot (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Sweden

63 members - is entitled to 3 Council members.
Eva Alopeaus (2007-2010)
Birgitta Stevinger (2005-2008)
Ingrid Harnemo (2007-2010)

Switzerland

27 members - is entitled to 1 Council member.
Minielle Brasey (2005-2008)

Turkey

3 members - 0 Council members

UK

205 members - is entitled to 3 Council members
Peter Morgan (2003-2006 2nd term) cannot be re-elected
Bruce Madge (2003-2006 1st term) can be re-elected

Special Interest Group Reports

Michelle Wake



Pharmaceutical Information Group (PHING) Inclusive and Outreaching

The Pharmaceutical Information Group enjoyed a relaxed but fruitful business meeting in a pleasant courtyard at the 10th EAHIL Conference venue. In many ways Cluj-Napoca was a very appropriate city for PHING to meet - the City has a Faculty of Pharmacy and a long history of making medicines, as beautifully illustrated by the Cluj Pharmacy Museum, which some members of the Group were privileged to be able to visit (a report of this visit by Peter Morgan can be found in this issue of the Journal).

The meeting was preceded by a lunchtime reception generously sponsored by Swets Information Services. Traditional Romanian food was served, which together with the hospitality of our Romanian hosts, made for a truly welcoming start to a fantastic Conference.

At the business meeting, suggested updates to the content of the Group's web pages (http://www.eahil.net/pharmaceutical_information_group.htm) were made, and thus in the very near future, additional information on free databases will be added to our pages. The importance of evaluating databases specifically for pharmacy information was discussed, and a bibliography of relevant articles will soon be posted on the web pages. We will be continually updating this site and so any suggestions for additions or alterations are most welcome - please send them to michelle.wake@pharmacy.ac.uk.

The Group hopes to host a parallel session at the 2007 EAHIL Workshop in Krakow, and plans to provide a special PHING Scholarship for a deserving candidate to attend. More details will follow shortly.

Several members of PHING were involved in presenting papers and chairing sessions in Cluj, including Jean-Pierre Lardy, Bruce Madge and the PHING Co-Chairs Linda Lisgarten and Giovanna Miranda. Coming from a wide range of institutions and covering a variety of topics, this ably demonstrates how inclusive PHING is - the Group is for everyone with an interest in drug information, so please do add PHING to your record on the EAHIL Membership Database!

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Special Interest Group Reports

Public Health Special Interest Group



New Public Health Special Interest Group formed at the Cluj Conference

All members of EAHIL interested or involved in public health are invited to join the newly formed Public Health Special Interest Group.

This group was originally established as a World Health Organization Documentation Centre Special Interest Group at the 2004 Santander Conference. Delegates in Cluj, along with the EAHIL President Mr Arne Jakobsson, Marina Ghitoc from the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe and Tomas Allen from the World Health Organization Headquarters Library unanimously agreed that this group should be extended to cover the whole area of public health.



The group has agreed a broad mission *to be a forum for information professionals in public health libraries and information centres and all those working in public health organisations in Europe.*

Specific aims include:

- promote equitable access to public health information for all communities;
- enhance communication and facilitate networking between public health libraries and information centres;
- facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practice in managing public health information;
- develop networking and collaborative practices for the World Health Organization Documentation Centre in the WHO European Region, and facilitate communication between these centres and the World Health Organization;
- work in collaboration with all organisations in Europe involved in public health information;
- meet the need of its membership by providing and or supporting continuing professional development.

EAHIL will be supporting the group in the development of its web pages and an e-mail discussion list. These will be key tools for exchanging ideas, best practice and benchmarking for all public health library and information services.

Main themes from the two public health business meetings and a special session held at the Cluj Conference, 12th and 15th September, included:

- overwhelming support for the establishment of the Public Health Special Interest Group;

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Paivi Pekkarinen

Sue Thomas

- growing demands on all services for access to health information, as the basis of decision making by policy makers and professionals;
- the need for library and information services to build resource collections to meet their country or institution's specific requirements;
- marketing and promotion of specialist services such as being a World Health Organization Documentation Centre;
- training both at regional and local level of users and information professionals making it easier for all to find and use public health knowledge;
- provision of information electronically which is designed exclusively for the web, not hosting documents designed for print on web sites.

A full copy of the notes from the two meetings held in Cluj will be provided on the Public Health Group's web pages.

Following this successful meeting, plans are already in hand for a more interactive public health session at the EAHIL Krakow workshop in 2007. In line with the key themes for this workshop, it is intended that this will be a *Train the Trainers* session where experts from WHO Geneva, and the WHO Documentation Centres will offer expert tips, and hands on searching for public health information. The Krakow workshop will also be the key to the planning of the public health parallel session for the EAHIL Conference in Helsinki 2008.

We already have a core group working to establish the public health special interest group, and with the joint support of EAHIL and WHO, we want to make public health one of the major themes for future EAHIL workshops and conferences.

We welcome all EAHIL members to this new group, and ask you to send us any comments, ideas or suggestions on the way forward. Please pass this information on to any colleagues who you think may be interested in these developments.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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News from our Association

EAHIL Award of Merit 2005 & 2006

EAHIL AWARD OF MERIT 2005



Photo by Paul Fairlamb

Arne Jakobsson had this to say “The Board is happy to announce the Award of Merit for 2005 is being given to **Gabriella Poppi**. Although Gabriella recently retired, we are very happy that she can join us today. Gabriella has contributed hugely to the work of EAHIL over many years. She has been involved in the organization of several EAHIL events and she has served on the Council and the Board. She has been particularly active in encouraging all her Italian colleagues and staff to join EAHIL and has been tireless in promoting the work and importance of the WHO libraries. Everything she does has grace, charm and purpose. Thank you Gabriella and we wish you a long and happy retirement”.

EAHIL AWARD OF MERIT 2006



Photo by Patricia Flor

Arne Jakobsson said this about **Eva Alopaeus** who received the 2006 EAHIL Award of Merit: “Eva has been an active member of EAHIL since 1988. She has served on many Programme and Continuing Education Course committees. Eva is creative and innovative - the *Walk & Talk Sessions* at the Oslo workshop was her idea as were the *Empowerment Sessions* at this Conference, both of which were incredibly successful. Eva also served on the committee developing the Code of Ethics for EAHIL members. She has been an EAHIL Council member for Sweden and she is also active in the Nordic-Baltic Association. Eva has a strong belief in the importance of quality in our profession and is an advocate for Evidence-Based librarianship. This is apparent in the work she has done for us over the years. She has made a great contribution to EAHIL”.

News from our Association

Lise N. Christensen



Musings of a Retired Medical Librarian: Some Reflections About International Cooperation

On July 1st 2006, I retired from my job at the Medical Library, Aalborg Hospital, Denmark after nearly 25 years. In spite of my retirement I decided to take part in the EAHIL Conference in Cluj because it would be a fine opportunity to say goodbye to so many of the librarians I have met and worked with during all these years.

The *medical* world has always been “international”. Consequently this is also essential for the *medical library* world. From the European point of view the common language in medicine used to be Latin. Up to the end of World War I German was the dominating language in physics, chemistry and medicine. But after World War II the Anglo-American influence made English the common language of communication.

The Cunningham Fellowship experience

I have always been interested in international cooperation and in 1984/85 I was fortunate to be selected as the Cunningham Fellow by MLA. I spent 6 months in some of the best American medical libraries from Los Angeles on the West coast to Boston on the East coast and with time in New Mexico, Cleveland, National Library of Medicine, Washington DC. It was a fantastic experience and I learnt a lot, saw a lot, and met a lot of very interesting librarians many of whom became friends that I have continued to meet frequently in USA or in Denmark. What I was able to introduce in our library has been very much influenced by this MLA experience which took part just when the “technological revolution” and computers entered the library world.

Danish and Nordic cooperation

In the 1980's, Danish medical librarians cooperated via a “Coffee-club” started by some hospital librarians in Copenhagen. We made connections with Scandinavian colleagues and met for Scandinavian conferences. But when EAHIL was founded we joined and the Board of the Nordic group now coordinates their meetings alongside the EAHIL conferences and workshops.

In 2000 Norway took the initiative to make a workshop “*Transfer of Knowledge*” with medical librarians from the Baltic states. It took place in Kaunas, Lithuania, and Meile Kretaviciene was the person who organised it locally. I was one of the teachers, team-teaching with Conni Skrubbeltrang (my colleague) and in this way I was fortunate to meet Baltic colleagues in 2000 and again in 2002 and for the evaluation in 2004. It has been very interesting to see the way medical librarianship has developed during that period, how cooperation has resulted in the *Nordic-Baltic Association for Medical and Health Information* and to meet many of the Baltic librarians in the EAHIL setting.

Using “Friendship-cities” for cooperation

Tulcea, Romania, is a “friendship-city” of Aalborg. In spring 1991 a delegation from Aalborg visited Tulcea and we succeeded in sending duplicate English-language core journals to a hospital in Tulcea.

In 1990 the *Danish Medical Journal* published an article about visiting doctors from Latvia who complained about the lack of medical literature. So I contacted the Danish Cultural Institute in Riga to find out if there would be medical libraries interested in receiving duplicate medical journals etc. So we had the

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Musings of a Retired Medical Librarian

first contact with Velta Poznaka from *Medicinas Biblioteka* in Riga. In 1991 a Danish delegation of business-people was going by charterplane to Riga and we persuaded them to take 100 kg journals as personal luggage to be picked up by the director of the Cultural Institute and a librarian in Riga airport. There were last-minute problems with customs and declarations but in the end the operation was successful.

In May 1992 a Danish group of students went on a bus-trip to Riga to tell about evening-school projects for voluntary education for adults. They took several boxes of medical literature wanted by *Medicinas Biblioteka* with them in the bus. Nowadays such efforts seem so outdated! The computers have made sharing resources much easier. But the future also needs people who can solve the problems that still exist in sharing essential medical information for instance with 3rd world countries. These problems have been pointed out by WHO.

EAHIL

In October 1986 I took part in the 1st European conference for medical librarians in Brussels. This conference led to the establishment of EAHIL the following year. I have been fortunate to participate in many of the conferences and workshops and for several periods I have been the Danish member of the council, first as a substitute for Alice Nørhede, later as a Council member. So I have been able to have an "inside"-feeling of the development of EAHIL during all these years. It is not easy to make such an organisation work: the members have very different backgrounds: the educational, cultural and social systems are different, and there are language-problems to overcome.

I think EAHIL has come a long way during the first 20 years. Many people have worked very enthusiastically to make this happen, and it is significant that so many of them have been members since the very beginning.

Why is it important to go to EAHIL conferences/workshops?

One could say that you could just stay at home and read articles instead of listening to the presentation of a paper. But it is the whole environment that counts: all the librarians gathered, the courses, exhibitions, the posters - the different attitudes and settings. Well, I can only speak for myself: I have learnt a lot from participating. You see countries you may not have visited before; you can enjoy all the efforts made by local committees to give an impression of their specific culture. It all helps you to get a much more nuanced view of the Europe that has to cooperate. You can find colleagues to network with - something you can use in your own library when you need specific information they may be able to provide. Finding these people very often happens in the breaks: at lunch, on excursions when you sit next to people you have not met before. In my experience medical librarians are quite enthusiastic about their jobs and like to discuss and share ideas. And don't forget: it is also great FUN!

I will end these personal reflections with my kindest regards to all the people I have met and worked with and with my very best wishes for the future of EAHIL and a fruitful cooperation among its members.

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News from our Association

Márta Virágos



Report of the Meeting of the EAHIL General Assembly on 15 September 2006 at 15.30 in the Conference Hall, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Quorum: Tellers reported that more than 80 members were present and thus the meeting was declared quorate.

President's Opening Remarks: Arne Jakobsson welcomed members to the meeting, where there were several matters that would need the formal approval of the General Assembly (GA) to facilitate the future development of EAHIL.

Greetings from MLA: Becky Lyon, the new Medical Library Association's representative to EAHIL introduced herself to those present and sent fraternal greetings from the MLA. Eve Marie Lacroix retired from this position in August 2006. EAHIL President Arne Jakobsson thanked Eve-Marie for her valuable contribution to EAHIL over the past years and presented a gift to her, for her enthusiastic contribution, via Becky. Becky announced that MLA had established a new Task Force for Excellence which was published in the Annual report. She sent an invitation on behalf of the Association to the next MLA meeting in Philadelphia.

Notes of the the GA meeting (non quorate) held on 24 June 2005 in Palermo and Minutes of the GA meeting (quorate) held on 24th September 2004 in Santander were agreed upon as a correct record, and there were no matters arising not otherwise covered by the Agenda.

The President's Report: Arne Jakobsson, in order to save time, had previously published his report on the web. The President informed the Assembly that the final report would be published at the end of February, 2007.

The Treasurer's Report: Manuela Colombi presented the financial outcomes for the previous two years, stating that the Association was in a very healthy financial situation with a balance of 110,000 Euros at the end of 2005. She reported that, although the annual membership fee from 2006 was abolished for individual, institutional and student members resident in Europe, EAHIL is able to maintain a balance between expenses and revenues. At the request of the Board she prepared the budget for the next three years (2006, 2007, 2008). The General Assembly accepted and approved the Treasurer's report.

The Secretariat Supervisor's Report: Suzanne Bakker reported that the number of EAHIL members by the end of 2005 was 418. In January 2006 EAHIL commenced free membership for all European medical librarians and all colleagues in related areas of the profession. 554 colleagues have registered since January 2006 and by the time of the Conference the total number of members surpassed 900. One important source of income for EAHIL is the membership fee from affiliated members. Owing to the fact that the number of membership invoices to send out

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has much reduced the workload for the NVB Bureau for EAHIL, Secretariat activities have also become very much reduced. Due to staff changes and a few months period of sick leave, the NVB bureau was understaffed for the first half of the year in 2006. Owing to the reduced services required by EAHIL, this situation did not seriously affect the EAHIL administration.

Suzanne reported that the Nomination and Election committee organized the elections for EAHIL President and Board. The count of votes took place at René Marten's office at Janssen Pharmaceutica in Beerse Belgium on August 11th 2006.

Journal of EAHIL (*JEAHIL*), Sally Wood-Lamont reported in her written report that in 2005 the journal had had two colour middle page spreads in issues 1 and 3. These were very successful, so much so that in 2006 she increased it to three colour spreads from 8-12 pages. These were financed by the advertisers who are now buying colour advertising space. It can be now said that the *JEAHIL* is totally self-financing. The Editor is confident that it is possible to continue with the printed version of the journal in the foreseeable future because it continues to make an overall profit. Starting from 2006, articles in *JEAHIL* have been peer-reviewed.

EAHIL Elections: The 2006 elections for EAHIL President and for two Executive Board members were closed on August 1st. The Nomination Committee (Eva Alopaeus from North, Bruce Madge from the West, Sally Wood-Lamont from the East and Luise Fruttini from South) and individual EAHIL members have worked hard to seek out and encourage active EAHIL members to stand for President and Board membership. The nomination form was published in *JEAHIL*, vol. 2. No 1. The nomination was closed on March 31st 2006. Two candidates had been nominated as President and 9 candidates had been nominated for the EAHIL Board. The voting papers were sent by ordinary mail to all EAHIL members with voting privileges. All candidates for Board and President were presented in the *JEAHIL*. They were sent by ordinary mail to the EAHIL Secretariat. The Election Committee members, Françoise Pasleau and René Martens met on 11 August to count the ballots. Françoise Pasleau reported the election results:

For the President:

Suzanne Bakker collected 189 votes and Manuela Colombi received 113.
Two bulletins were blank and 4 others were invalid.

For the Board members:

307 bulletins containing 1059 votes in total and the votes are divided as follows:

Tony McSeán 170 votes (elected)	Friedhelm Rump 96 votes
Pirjo Rajakiili 164 votes (elected)	Ioana Robu 92 votes
Benoit Thirion 164 votes (1 st co-opted member)	Marta Viragos 64 votes
Meile Kretaviciene 146 votes (2 nd co-opted member)	Joanna Venieri 60 votes.
Enrica Veronesi 103 votes	

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The General Assembly formally approved the election results. Arne Jakobsson congratulated Suzanne Bakker, the new EAHIL President from 2007, and also thanked the Election Committee for their work. Suzanne Bakker made a short speech on behalf of all EAHIL members thanking Arne for his enormous hard work as EAHIL President and congratulating him on all he had achieved. She presented him with a specially engraved plaque. She also presented a gift to Márta Virágos who is now stepping down from the Board and thanked her for her excellent contribution over the years.

Proposed changes in the EAHIL Statutes: Tony McSeán presented the reasons for changing the Statutes. The number of EAHIL members has increased from 400 to 1000 and hopefully will continue to increase. According to the old Statutes, one Council delegate was elected for each member state of the Council of Europe with at least five voting members and one additional delegate for each state for each further block of twenty-five (25) voting members. With the increasing number of EAHIL members, the numbers of Councillors would explode to an unmanageable number under this system. To reduce the number of Councillors for the respective countries, the Board proposed that the General Assembly change paragraph 10.5.2 in the Statutes. All the proposed new versions, together with the old versions, were published in the August issue of the *JEAHIL*.

The General Assembly then voted to accept the revised Statutes and **all new versions of the Statutes were approved by those present.**

Election Committee Officers: President Arne Jakobsson proposed to elect members to the Election Committee: Françoise Pasleau (Belgium), Simone Bouzidi (Switzerland) and Maurella Della Seta (Italy).

EAHIL Conference: President Arne Jakobsson announced that the EAHIL Board is now looking for candidates to organize the EAHIL 2010 conference, especially from South and from Central Europe. A letter of intent should be sent by next January.

The Board also would like to celebrate the EAHIL 20th Anniversary in a proper way. EAHIL members were asked to notify the Board of any ideas they had as soon as possible.

There being no other business, the General Assembly was closed by Arne Jakobsson at 16.45pm.

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Obituary - Linda Dorrington 1949-2006



Linda Dorrington 1949-2006

With Linda Dorrington's sudden death medical librarianship in the UK and across Europe has lost one of its best, and best-known, practitioners. At the time of her death she was Faculty Team Leader for Medicine at Imperial College Library in London.

Linda received her professional education at the School of Librarianship, the Polytechnic of North London (now London Metropolitan University), gaining her Library Association qualifications in 1970 and being elected an Associate of the Library Association in 1973.

Building on her pre-library school experience in the library of the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, Linda's first post-qualification post was as an assistant librarian at the John Radcliffe Infirmary's Postgraduate Medical Library in Oxford, starting work in February 1971. Within a month of her arrival, the library was burned to the ground, a sequence of events she always ascribed to coincidence rather than cause and effect. Terrible though the fire was, the subsequent rebuilding of the library and its collections brought out in Linda two traits which were to be a hallmark throughout her professional career - a gift for organisation and project management and an enormous capacity for hard work. When the renamed Cairns Library relocated into the new John Radcliffe Hospital, it was Linda who was given a lead role in setting up the new library management system. And in 1975, when the Cairns Library established an online search service reaching out into the libraries in the Oxford health service region, it was Linda who took on the responsibility for making a success of the, then, very new technology.

Her flair for becoming involved in everything, which led colleagues to nickname her *Radar* after the character in the TV series M.A.S.H., made it inevitable that she would also begin to take an active part in professional activities outside Oxford. By 1977 her reputation was such that she was invited to present a paper on online searching to the LA Medical Section meeting forming part of the LA's centenary conference in London, alongside four already-eminent members of the profession - Leslie Morton, John Thornton, Jean Farmer and Fiona Picken. In 1979 she was promoted to be Deputy Librarian, a post she held until she left Oxford. Linda returned to London in 1985 as Librarian at the Cardiothoracic Institute, which in 1988 was retitled the National Heart and Lung Institute. She was responsible for developing an integrated service across three separate sites, while at the same time being charged with planning a single, merged service point and working through the detail of commissioning the new library.

One of several mergers within London's universities, NHLI became part of Imperial College in 1995 and Linda was quick to take advantage of what this new, wider network had to offer her library's users, merging her technical and housekeeping operations with Imperial's integrated

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Peter Morgan, Maureen Forrest, Lindsay Curtis,
Tony McSeán

library management system. Two years later, a further reorganisation of Imperial College's medical resources led to NHLI becoming incorporated with the Imperial College School of Medicine. On the merger, Linda became Life Sciences and Medicine Librarian and in 2002 she was promoted to the demanding position of Faculty Team Leader for Medicine. With her usual energy and determination, she successfully addressed the professional and managerial issues involved in unifying the staffs and services of six very different medical libraries on six different sites.

From her earliest days as a librarian, Linda appreciated the importance of becoming involved in professional activities beyond the boundaries of her own workplace. Her record in this area is one of exemplary commitment and considerable achievement. She served for many years on the committee of the Medical, Health and Welfare Group of the Library Association (now the Health Libraries Group), including a spell from 1994 as group councillor. Her work with online searching led to her editing the proceedings of the UK Online User Group's 1986 conference¹. Linda was also active in the University Medical School Librarians Group committee, including a term as chair ending in 2005. Many fellow-professionals will know her best from the most public aspect of her UMSLG work - acting as list owner for a range of discussions lists of which one, *lis-medical*, has long been the leading online discussion forum for the health library community in the UK and beyond.

As an eminent member of her profession, Linda served with distinction on many advisory and policy bodies, and her contributions always carried weight. Her committee "honours" included the UK Online User Group (of which she was sometime Chair), the Librarians of London University Medical Schools, the LA Health Libraries Group (as secretary), the SCONUL Advisory Committee on Health Services, and the HE/NHS Forum Content Group. She also authored many written papers in the course of her career. Her latest article was published in the Spring 2006 issue of *Library Trends*².

Most pertinent for this *Journal* Linda was a committed and long-time member of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries. She was a regular attendee and contributor to EAHIL conferences and workshops. In the saddest of ironies, she appeared on the programme for the 2006 Cluj conference, scheduled to present a paper with the subtitle *Planning for the Future*.

Away from work, Linda was completely committed to her responsibility, often onerous, for caring for her ailing and housebound mother. Juggling her time between her deeply-felt filial duty and the requirements of a demanding and senior job meant that for many years her personal priorities and interests were given a lower priority than many of us would find comfortable. Linda accepted the situation without complaint, despite having considerable gifts and interests in activities as disparate as dressmaking and auto mechanics.

In the context of an all too brief obituary it is impossible to do justice to the professional and personal accomplishments of Linda Dorrington. EAHIL, Health Libraries Group and other professional groups will never be quite the same without her professional and social contribution.

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News from the MLA

Good wine improves and becomes more valuable as time passes, and the same was certainly true of Linda in recent years as, freed from onerous family responsibilities, she was able to participate more fully and easily in professional life. Linda will be remembered for a lifetime of real achievement, but the lingering sad memory for those closest to her is that of a close and valued friend whose best was definitely still to come.

**Peter Morgan
Maureen Forrest
Lindsay Curtis
Tony McSeán**

*Linda Frances DORRINGTON, born March 5th 1949,
died, aged 57, on July 27th 2006
of a pulmonary embolism following routine surgery.*

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News from the MLA Librarians Without Borders Update

The MLA Task Force on Librarians without Borders has developed a new MLA Award for International Service. The award, in memory of T. Mark Hodges, will be presented to Mark posthumously at the 2007 MLA annual meeting in Philadelphia. Mark's widow, Judith, will accept the award. Beginning in 2008, this award will join the ranks of other competitive annual MLA awards.

MLA '06

MLA '06: Transformations A-Z was a hot meeting, not only resulting from the triple-digit temperatures in Phoenix, AZ. The John P. McGovern keynote address shone with a presentation by the truly cutting-edge Atul Gawande, who challenged attendees to examine what we do and find ways to do it better to improve health care. Dr. Gawande was recently named a 2006 MacArthur Fellow. The panel session on Integrating Reference Information into the Electronic Health Record: Practice and Standards radiated with interest from a full house.

An MLA '06 electronic poster and bibliography of libraries and disaster preparedness and recovery by Darcel Bryant, AHIP, is posted on MLA's Medical Libraries and Hurricane Katrina Website.

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Becky J. Lyon

If you want to share the excitement of the meeting, you can order the 2-CD set from MLA's Online Store; MLA member price is \$89.00; nonmember, \$133.00. The set includes both audio files and electronic presentations of most featured speakers, section programming, Open Forums, and business meetings.

MLA '07: Information Revolution

Call for Participation

You are invited to join MLA members at the 2007 MLA Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are many international flights directly to the Philadelphia international airport. The city of our Founding Fathers is conveniently located in the northeast corridor of the US, between New York City and Washington, DC. The 2007 National Program Committee (NPC) invites abstracts for contributed papers or electronic/print poster presentations at MLA '07, May 19-23, 2007, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The NPC encourages papers and posters that highlight the vision, the struggle, and the means by which health sciences librarians can harness today's powerful information environment to promote access to health care information. Visit the MLA '07 website for more information. The submission deadline is **Monday, November 6, 2006**.

MLA to Participate in Google Health Co-op

The MLA Board of Directors recently approved MLA's participation in Google Health, a project sponsored by Google to "tag" health content for quality. MLA's Consumer and Patient Health Information Section (CAPHIS), under the leadership of Howard Fuller, Stanford Health Library, Palo Alto, CA, will spearhead the project. Howard is currently participating in the project as part of Stanford's involvement. MLA/CAPHIS will tag, label, and annotate Websites in order to help people find high-quality information faster. Multiple authorities choosing the same resource provides more validity for the resource. In the future, a Google user will be able to subscribe or opt-in to receive links from specific organizations.

Redeveloped website Explores the Potential for Scholarly Exchange

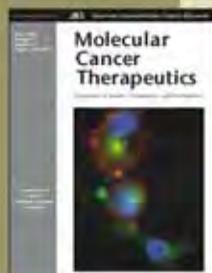
The Create Change Website, a resource on scholarly communication issues, has been updated to provide faculty with current information, perspectives, and tools that enable them to play an active role in advancing scholarly information exchange in the networked environment. The new Create Change Website is based on the idea that the ways faculty share and use academic research results are changing rapidly and irreversibly. The Website includes sections on digital scholarship and new modes of communication, examples of change in diverse fields, and ways to stay informed about new developments.

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AN EVENING AT THE OPERA



The Cluj opera house was the venue for the Conference party and what a superb evening it was! This beautiful *bijou* baroque theatre must be one of the finest in Europe and is at present undergoing renovation and repair. I felt very *Edwardian* sitting in the box on my little bentwood chair. It was reminiscent of an earlier age of elegance when young girls under the eyes of their parents, would flirt with young men in the audience, and an evening at the opera was a regular occurrence. The orchestra of the Romanian Opera of Cluj conducted by Radu Moraru started the proceedings with a lively

rendition of the overture to *Die Fledermaus* (The Bat). How very appropriate in Transylvania! This was followed by selections from various operas displaying the fine talents of the opera company, finishing with Brindisi from *La Traviata*. The buffet supper was beautifully arranged in several locations on the upper floor and the wine flowed freely. For many people this was the first time at an opera house and it was for most a very pleasant evening. Comments suggest that this evening's entertainment was one of the finest laid on by any EAHIL organizing committee.

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Taken from the *Transylvanian EAHIL Echo* (2)

I have to say I am a Friend of Covent Garden and regularly attend opera performances, but I have never enjoyed an evening at the opera as much as the one you laid on for us. Stefania Barz was particularly wonderful. It was a dream!

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ON VISITING THE OPEN AIR MUSEUM IN CLUJ-NAPOCA



Thursday dawned fine and sunny and it was a real treat to drive out of Cluj to the open air museum situated at the top of a hill overlooking the town.

Two coach-loads of conference attendees and accompanying persons arrived at the beautifully carved gateway into the park-like museum. We were split into groups each with a guide and led down a narrow path to be met at the first buildings by a pair of mounted guides.

The gentlemen on horseback in traditional Romanian costume, welcomed us to the park and hoped that we would enjoy the afternoon. The guides explained that the museum comprised historical houses and other ancient buildings from all over Romania, which have been rebuilt in this sylvan setting, and the object of the park was to retain and display the culture, styles and skills of the region.

These buildings were traditional houses and workshops for country folk. The single storey houses were mostly made of wood, and had a mixture of thatched, shingled and tiled roofs. The bare wooden walls were sometimes painted in bright colours and the sleeping areas were covered with woven blankets and cushions predominantly in red.

There were numerous workshops including a wine press, a bakery, a pottery and various mills. A small church, roofed in highly ornate wooden shingles was beautifully decorated with paintings of the saints. Further along the walkway there were examples of whole farmyards with a thatched cottage for the farmer, thatched barns, pens, styes and stables and even thatched fences! Each farmyard had a carved wooden gated entrance, similar to the one at the main entrance to the park.

The sun shone brightly as we explored the houses or watched the farmers making hay and collecting it onto an anachronistic vehicle. One expected to see a horse and wagon, not a vehicle with an internal combustion engine.

Soon the sound of music drew us to the far end of the park where, in a circular wooden pavilion, a group of traditionally dressed folks had begun some lively dancing. This team of dancers had recently returned from the Llangollen Eisteddfod, in Wales, where they had gained several medals. We were royally entertained to several dances and a couple of songs as we sat on the grass watching the fun. Some of the visitors even joined in!

The park closes at 5pm so eventually we had to leave and return to the coaches for the drive back to Cluj.

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VISIT TO THE PHARMACY MUSEUM IN CLUJ

A small group of conference delegates enjoyed the privilege of a private visit to the Pharmacy Museum, where we were given a guided tour by the curator, Dr. Christian Barsu. The Museum is located in Hintz House on the north corner of Unirii Square. The building itself is of historical significance, having been the first chemist's shop in Cluj. It opened at this location in 1573 and remained in use, under the name of St. George Pharmacy, until as recently as 1949 when private chemists' shops were nationalized. The Museum, which forms part of the Natural History Museum of Transylvania, has been developed around the collection compiled by Professor Iuliu Orient (1869-1940) to illustrate the history of pharmacy. The Museum, which is open to the public, is laid out in five rooms, four on the ground floor and one in the basement reached by a wooden staircase



with steps of an unusual design. Each of the rooms occupied by the old pharmacy contains a collection of items illustrating its particular role as a storeroom, office, or - in the case of the basement - as a laboratory. The office retains original frescoes on the ceiling from the 18th Century depicting pharmaceutical symbols, and has a number of exhibition cases displaying pharmaceutical implements from the 17th to 19th centuries, together with a desk containing drugs and old documents such as receipts. In the storeroom some of the old pharmacy's original furniture has been preserved, together with a large collection of pharmaceutical materials, all with yellowing labels which identified them and denoted their actual or supposed attributes. In the basement laboratory, we were shown an impressive array of equipment such as scales, mortars, and weights, made from iron, marble and bronze. This windowless lab with its cold rough walls was very atmospheric and it was easy to imagine a 16th Century apothecary at his work. Our visit was enlivened by Dr. Barsu's enthusiastic commentary and his obvious pride in the riches of the Museum's collection, and gave us a remarkable insight into the science and art of Transylvanian pharmaceutical practice over three centuries.

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VISIT TO TURDA SALT MINE

I have never thought it would be a pleasure to be buried alive. That was my feeling when walking down the seemingly endless 500m tunnel from the warm and sunny afternoon outside, to the dark and cold mine whose walls were black, wet and seemed to consist of mud or dark brown stone. Suddenly our Romanian guide shone his flashlight directly at the surface of this stone and you can imagine my surprise when it turned out to be



opaque, shining, white salt, with a thin covering of mud. Reading a historical account of the mine on the coach had given us the background to our destination.

The salt deposits were laid down approximately 13 million years ago in isolated marine deposits and subsequent tectonic evolution revealed the diamond shaped mounds. Although there are other deposits in the area, those at Turda are the largest with an estimated reserve supply of over 37 million tons. The first recorded document about Turda and its salt mine was issued in 1075 by the Hungarian Chancery and by 1552 it was referred to as the most important in Transylvania. Following the transfer of the mines to the Hapsburgs in the 17th century the different chambers within the mine were named according to members of the Austrian Royal Family. Mining continued during successive centuries until 1932. During the World War II it was used as an anti-aircraft shelter and after that as a cheese warehouse, eventually being reopened as a tourist site in 1992.



We followed our guide to a chamber 90m below ground where he turned off his flashlight. Once our eyes were accustomed to the darkness, we could recognize a dim light, which actually came from a small opening 90m above. The guide then threw a handful of fine salt into the opening and suddenly the cave was illuminated by the reflection of the

few light beams onto the surface of the grains. He also demonstrated the remarkable acoustics of the chamber by giving a shout which produced at least 16 or more echoes.

The next chamber contained the original wooden construction for transportation to the surface of the 50kg blocks of pure salt on a buffalo skin. It took eight horses to drive the gigantic wheel for the transportation cable, looked after by children, who also looked after the workmen's tools. The work below ground was extremely demanding, working by candlelight in the cold and in circumstances we can scarcely imagine today. Then, suddenly we were standing on a wooden gallery surrounding a huge cathedral-like space, over 100m long. This was an incredible feeling, looking at what appeared to be ants on the ground below but were actually people.



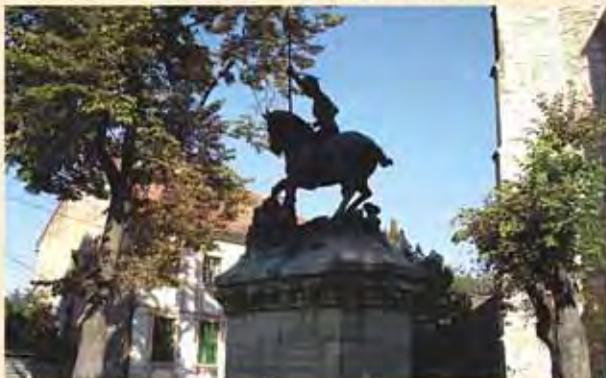
Making our way down the 120 step wooden staircase, we suddenly realised that the miniature tableau we had seen far below was a string quartet, placed there for our pleasure and playing heavenly classical music which filled every corner of the chamber. What impressed me most were the years engraved into the salt walls of this largest chamber, indicating the dates when the workers reached a new level in their never-ending digging; starting with 1864 at the entrance and finishing with 1932 at the lower level. This left me with the profound feeling of time passing over the centuries during the mining process, while in the world above battles were fought, kingdoms were destroyed, and new countries created. We found the visit very interesting and enjoyable as well as a great personal experience, so many thanks to those who organised it.

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A WALKING TOUR OF CLUJ

If you enjoyed the wonderful EAHIL experience in September you will know already that Cluj is the cultural capital city of the region known as Transylvania. For fans of Gothic novels of course this name evokes the vampire myth enshrined in the memorable story by Bram Stoker. However on a day blessed with blue sky and sunshine we were able to enjoy the sights of this beautiful Roman city with not a bat in sight. In Roman times Cluj was called Napoca and it was an important economic and commercial centre. The city tour reflected the complex and changing history of the region - during the Turkish rule of the 16th and 17th centuries it was an autonomous principality before becoming part of the Austro-Hungarian empire (1867 - 1918) and being united with Romania in 1918. The Walking Tour was led by a young and very well informed guide, who clearly loved and knew the art and architecture of her city. Memorable sights for me were Taylor's Fort, part of the defensive



walls enclosing the town in the 15th century and the National Theatre and Opera House, a Baroque- Rococo building, (which seems to me eminently the right style for opera!) built very early in the 20th century. My other highlights were the lovely statue of a very young-looking St George killing the Dragon, a copy of the famous equestrian statue in Prague, which was carved by two sculptors from Cluj. This stands in front of the very fine Reformed Church (begun 1486 and finished 1510) so called as it was originally used by Jesuits and was later given to Protestants. It is a unique monument and one of the largest churches in South Eastern Europe. The 2 hour tour stretched to 3 hours in the end so you will have to imagine how many other fine buildings and sights we saw on this interesting walk; or book up and visit Cluj yourself if you were not there last month!

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A WALKING TOUR OF CLUJ (2)

On Thursday afternoon we were invited to choose between three different tours of Cluj as part of the conference's excellent social programme: we chose the Walking Tour of Cluj. Eva, a very knowledgeable student of medieval art history, was the charming guide of one of the walking tours. She took us through the streets and into churches and other buildings in the old and new parts of the town, all the time explaining and answering questions about Romania and Cluj in the past and present.

The trip opened our eyes to places and details that we would probably otherwise have overlooked. We were shown monuments and buildings ranging from Roman ruins to modern Communist architecture. Together with the visits to the different churches they were all good illustrations as to how several cultures have contributed to the shaping of this town.

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VISITING ALBA IULIA AND RÂMETI MONASTERY: A SATURDAY IN AN ANCIENT TOWN AND THEN VERY MUCH OUT-OF-TOWN

At nine o'clock on the warm, sunny morning of Saturday, 16 September a group of more than 40 EAHIL participants tried to find seats on a bus a little bit too small for all of us, to start a tour to Alba Iulia. At quarter past nine, a minibus arrived for eight of us who could not fit in, and on we went, following the bigger bus, out of Cluj-Napoca heading South. After stopping for a



coffee break, we arrived at Alba Iulia, which is a historical town, founded by the Romans as Apulum in second century A.D. First, we visited shortly the fortress from the 18th century, and watched a changing of the guard by soldiers dressed in old-fashioned uniform from the era of the Austrian-Hungarian period of ascendancy in Transylvania.

Then we had a very interesting guided tour in the National Museum of Unification where we had a chance to travel in time through the two millennia of the history of Alba Iulia. Having been destroyed by the Tartars in 1241 the town grew again to be the seat of the Princes of Transylvania in the 16th and 17th centuries, and from 1599 to 1601 it was the capital of the united principalities of Walachia, Transylvania, and Moldavia.

In 1918 Alba Iulia was the site of proclamation of the union between Romania and Transylvania. In 1922 King Ferdinand and Queen Mary were crowned in Alba Iulia's Reunification Cathedral which we also visited, and had a chance to see many beautiful brides and bridegrooms. Saturday seemed to be a busy wedding day!



After having a very nice lunch, we began our return to Cluj, but first of all we visited the Râmetsi retreat and monastery. Râmetsi is only twenty kilometers from Alba Iulia but the journey took quite a long time as the

little road to this remote area was narrow and full of potholes. It was worth every hump as it followed a nice little river and we had a wonderful chance to see authentic Romanian country life. When we finally reached Râmetsi, it was evident that the trip was definitely worthwhile:

a tranquil and undisturbed site surrounded by the Carpathian Mountains. We visited the beautifully restored 11th century chapel, the monastery museum, the new church, and also the carpet weaving mill where we were able to admire the hand woven carpets made by the nuns themselves. Though the way back to Cluj took much longer than expected, and we reached the city 90 minutes behind schedule, I think none of us were complaining, as the day had been full of great attractions and unforgettable experiences.



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THE TRIP TO HUNEDOARA



Travelling through the rolling Transylvanian countryside dotted with conical haystacks, flocks of sheep, people picking potatoes or scything and raking hay, and horsedrawn carts trotting serenely alongside the motorised traffic, we reached first of all the city of Alba Iulia. A brief stop for coffee and sandwiches included a quick look at the splendidly austere Catholic Cathedral, burial place of many Transylvanian princes, and the Orthodox Cathedral built for the coronation of King Ferdinand I and Queen Marie in 1922.

scarred by the ugly and derelict remains of the Communist industrial era when steel production here was at its height; 20th century brutalism at its worst. Hunedoara castle was a complete contrast - set on a crag overlooking the town and reached only by much manouevering by our coach drivers.

As we approached the drawbridge, we were welcomed by a flight of arrows from the battlements. Inside, a troop of players in Renaissance costume greeted us. As we were guided round the castle they entertained us with short scenarios of life at the time of Iancu-Voda of Hunedoara who enlarged the original castle in 1426 as a defence against the Turkish invaders. These plays included a mock duel, a game of chess on the loggia, dances in the courtyard with lute and rebec, the lady of the house sitting at her embroidery in the Knights' Hall and then in her parlour having her portrait painted. There was also an enactment (with pictures) of the life of Ioan Corvin of Hunedoara (Huniade in Hungarian) and the story of how the raven and the ring became the heraldic device of the Corvinus dynasty.



We travelled on, passing the abandoned and overgrown ironstone mineworkings of Communist times, to a lovely lunch spot at the Motel on Lake Cincis. There we relaxed under the sun umbrellas with a good Romanian lunch before setting off to return to Cluj. For all of us this was a memorable day with which to end a wonderful conference.

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BIERTAN & SIGHISOARA



In the sunshine of the morning after the night before, we staggered back to the conference venue one more time to catch the coach for our excursion to Biertan and Sighisoara.

The coach trip took us through the contrasting scenery of Romania from the quaint but impoverished rural villages, through urban centres dominated by concrete blocks and heavy industries left over from a former era.

The scenery became more rural as we approached the South of Transylvania: first stop Biertan. The village is a kind of Central European Lavenham. It appears trapped in a previous time, the village surrounding the elevated and fortified church.

Climbing the covered stairs to the Church is like entering a Disney cartoon kingdom. At the top, spectacular views were accompanied by the sounds of the children rehearsing a play in the Church. Walking around the village afterwards, the Church dominated the village, but life goes on around it in a simple rural routine.



From Biertan, we returned to our coaches for the short journey to Sighisoara. Stereotyped for ever in the British Gothic imagination as the alleged birthplace of Vlad the Impaler (*aka* Dracula), this town is the most extraordinarily complete medieval town centre with many beautiful buildings, but the whole, being so much greater than the individual parts. Walking through the streets is truly a journey in time. The Romanian love of yellow is dominant with many buildings painted in bright colours.



Finally, Sighisoara is forever associated in my memory with the most enormous plum tarts, which Bruce and I acquired, thinking they would be delicate little pastries, but instead resembled sweet pizzas and kept us satiated not just for the journey back to Cluj, but all the way home to the UK the next day!

Views of Biertan and Sighisoara, to show what I am talking about are available from my web site at www.alangillies.com in the Photos section.



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Best Oral and Poster Presentations at the 10th EAHIL Conference, Cluj

The Cluj Presentation Evaluation Committee under the leadership of Benoit Thirion (France) agreed on the following winners for the 10th EAHIL Conference

Best Oral Presentation:

Katarzyna Czabanowska, Ewa Nowak, Elzbieta Rys (Poland). - Institute of Public Health Jagiellonian University Medical College. Krakow. - *Improving English Language Performance of Medical Library Professionals.*

Best Oral Presentation (Under 40):

Marshall Dozier & Fiona Brown (UK). - Main Library, George Square, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh. - *Strategic Contacts for Curricular Integration on Information Skills.*

The Best Oral Presentation texts will be featured in the February 2007 issue of *JEAHIL*.

BEST POSTER PRESENTATION (OVERALL)



When the Library is Not a Priority at a Biomedical Research Institute: Defining a Strategic Plan in a Period of Change

The Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (IGC), in Portugal, was founded in 1961 and is supported by a Foundation, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian to undertake biomedical research and education. It has about 250 researchers. It has a specialized Library whose mission is to contribute its support for the institute's researchers and students in their information needs. The Library's bibliographic collection principally consists of documentation in the area of health and biomedical sciences. The Library has only one Librarian and its budget is used mainly for the annual subscription of scientific journals. The poster presented at the 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj-Napoca, represents the necessity of the Library to be more than a simple service: the IGC Library wants to be a partner of the IGC research.

Taking into account the existing framework of the Library - a solo librarian, because of a growing population of local users, an increasing demand for quick delivery and budgetary limitations, an ambitious strategic plan was initiated. In advance, a library survey of the researchers and a SWOT analysis of the library services were conducted. These tools helped to build the strategic plan. The strategic plan is scheduled to be accomplished over a period of five years, beginning in 2007. Its purpose is to build a modernized library, a Virtual Library, where IGC researchers can have online access to the ever increasing health and biomedical sciences' information, as well as where all scientific information produced by the same researchers can be archived, processed and accessed. Due to the difficulty of the Library to work with each research group, a sectorial Library Liaison Program between the Library and some of the research groups was studied. This choice was based on the criterion of ease of communication and importance of the research group. In our case, it will be the four groups that are working with Malaria.

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The Action Plan has established the first three years as a pilot test which will allow the evaluation of the changes and the costs, based on the work with the chosen research groups. Once agreed and properly evaluated, it can be scaled-up to the institution level, if the necessary conditions are met. Then a large scale plan will be formed and the respective budget presented to the Board. The Library Liaison Program, beginning in 2007, will be based on a project, discussed and approved by the Librarian and the Research Group Leader. The different services that will be done by the Library, how the Research Group and the Library will work together and the scheduling of the whole project, will be agreed upon by both parties.

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BEST POSTER PRESENTATION (FIRST TIMER)



RESOURCE ACQUISITION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY. COMBINING TRADITIONAL AND MODERN METHODS

What should we buy, how, and in what quantity?

This is a very difficult question that equally concerns libraries and the patron universities on account of the variety of the formats and distribution media as well as the growing number of medical information resources. Though the basic principles of publication purchase remain the classical ones, based on certain standards approved at a national level, the library has had to adapt its strategy, especially taking into account new technologies. The communication between the librarian and the users / patrons is essential in establishing the principal information needs that require fulfillment as well as the preferred formats. We presented the methods of communicating with the users at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iasi, Romania. We also presented the data that are required in order to purchase the different categories of resources: books, journals, databases, and especially how these data are evaluated in order to assist decision-making. In the case of electronic documents, we presented the different ways in which managing these documents influence the decision of whether to acquire them or not.



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Impressions of Cluj-Napoca and the 10th EAHIL Conference



Impressions of Cluj-Napoca and the 10th EAHIL Conference... from Moldova

The city of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, was the most appropriate place for the EAHIL Conference 2006, due to the fact that it is a very picturesque and appealing large city. I would like to say that those were the most wonderful days of my life and the most useful information for my routine activity. I should also admit the fact that the EAHIL Conference, especially the sessions, gave me more useful knowledge than I could further apply in my professional activity. Talking to various members EAHIL offered me the chance to improve my knowledge and skills as well. I am very glad that Moldavian librarians were given the possibility to attend the EAHIL Conference for the first time. As representatives of our country, we highly appreciate the fact that we were given the opportunity to widen our horizon of knowledge. As new members of EAHIL, we shall try to do our best to be and to prove the highest level of professionalism and

effectiveness, to use at maximum the values obtained at this conference.

The confidence and strength in my own powers was expanded to its maximum value. I am really glad I was offered this opportunity to attend both the scientific and social programs and meet new people and many experienced librarians from whom I can learn lots of new things. For me it was an extraordinary and memorable experience. I shall be very pleased to apply my acquired knowledge taken from the courses *The Design of Web Tutorials and Guides* and *Measuring Impact: Cost Justification for Information Services* in the fields of my library activity.

I am very grateful to the EAHIL Board for giving me the opportunity to attend the 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj and I am looking forward to the EAHIL Conference in Krakow, Poland, which I have no doubt will be another strong and functional step in our path to being experts.

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I express my gratitude to all members of the EAHIL Board and Local Committee, especially to the EAHIL President Arne Jakobsson, who offered me a scholarship and gave me an opportunity to attend the 10th EAHIL Conference in Cluj. Also, I thank my friends from North Carolina - Donna Flake and Diane Darrow and my colleagues from Romania - Sally Wood-Lamont and Ioana Robu for their support and help.

It was an honor and a pleasure to take part in my first EAHIL Conference. The whole program

was very comprehensive. The first days were concentrated on the Continuing Education Courses; the next days we took part in the EAHIL Conference Scientific Program. The last day was spent sightseeing in Hunedoara Corvin Castle and Alba-Iulia, and having lunch at Lake Cincis high in the mountains of Poiana Rusca.

Warmest congratulations to the International and Local Organizing Committees for the excellent organization of the Continuing Education Courses and the Conference.

I expressed a strong desire to participate in relevant courses, necessary for my work: *Negotiating Best Prices and Service for E-Journal*

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Access and The Changing Role of the Medical Information Specialist. I learnt a lot of interesting things and received helpful information on work of medical libraries. During discussions and debates I enriched my knowledge comprising many aspects of medical library experience in different countries. Both courses were very informative and understandable. My thanks to courses lecturers: Paul Harwood and Carolyn Alderson from UK, Ronald Van Dieen and Hans Ket from Netherlands.

One of the most exciting moments for us was the first timers' reception in the Pyramid restaurant on the Academic College campus, organized for first time participants at an EAHIL Conference. I am grateful for the warm welcome and careful attention on the part of the EAHIL organizers. We, the new participants, had a chance to meet new colleagues, to make friends and to know the most remarkable librarians from European and further countries. I am grateful for the encouragement I received from many experienced librarians of EAHIL. For me it was very important to feel a part of this large enthusiastic group, to be a member and a true colleague of the international medical librarian's family.

The 10th EAHIL Conference was very successful and it provided useful and high level experience, advice, new ideas for all medical libraries, whether in Europe or in the USA. All the oral presentations and plenary speeches were

interesting to listen. The conference was very useful for me as I acquired new knowledge and skills, which I will definitely pass on to my colleagues from Moldova. It was a very important experience for my future work.

At the same time we had the wonderful opportunity to see the posters exhibition and the new information products from different publishers.

I really enjoyed the closing ceremony of the EAHIL Conference, where the authors of the best presentations and posters won prizes. At the Gala Dinner at Hotel Belvedere, the participants felt as if they were in a wonderful family of librarians.

The EAHIL Conference provides an excellent chance for old friends to meet and for new friendships to be made. I met a lot of pleasant people in Cluj with whom I hope to collaborate in the future. I liked so much the scientific program and also the cultural one. The time spent in Cluj-Napoca was unforgettable.

I hopefully look forward to the next EAHIL Workshop in Krakow 2007 and EAHIL Conference in Helsinki 2008.

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the moment we were greeted by the two men on

We enjoyed the visit to the Open-Air Museum so much! Between a very enthusiastic guide and translator we were taken back in time - to us as South Africans, it felt like going back to the time of fairy tales. It truly was a cultural experience, from

horseback, all the way through our tour of the village and seeing all the different types of houses and buildings, and to hear about the Romanian history. The beautiful interiors of the houses gave us a glimpse of what traditional Romanian life looked like (the beautiful pottery and embroidery left us with envy). The wooden church with its beautifully painted interior was also very special to see.

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Being outside in the beautiful green scenery was very refreshing - surrounded by red apple trees, as well as plum trees with the most amazing small yellow plums. The lively traditional music and the performance of the dancers in their beautiful, brightly coloured traditional dress was a definite highlight and added a touch of true celebration! Thank you very much for the wonderful opportunity to experience Romanian culture.

And thank you also for an excellent Conference - if we use words like “fantastic”, “beautiful” and “wonderful” a lot - these are unfortunately the best words to describe our experiences and impressions! And as a last thought: these words also frequently popped up during our evening meal at *Hubertus* - when experimenting with Romanian cuisine...

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Impression of a first timer - 10th EAHIL Conference

It was a great pleasure to attend the 10th EAHIL Conference at Cluj Napoca, specially as it was the first time it has taken place in Eastern Europe. For me and I think for most participants, Romania was an unknown land.

The Conference was preceded by two days of workshops. Thanks to an EAHIL scholarship, I was able to attend one of them: *The Changing Role of the Medical Information Specialist*. The course was run by Ronald van Dieen and Hans Ket. They both were full of ideas on how to adapt librarians to the changing environment and rising demands of users. The workshops gave me lots of practical tips and suggestions which I am going to use in my work. It was fantastic to meet so many librarians enthusiastic about their job.

In the evening I took part in the special party for first timers at an EAHIL Conference. It was a splendid occasion to meet people who, just like me, have never been to a EAHIL Conference. I had the great opportunity to make new friends and exchange experiences with new colleagues.

The Conference opened on Wednesday. Each day started with a plenary session followed by parallel sessions. During lunch and coffee breaks everybody could visit the poster and vendors exhibitions.

For me as a first-timer it was an amazing feeling to be a part of such a great event. I was surprised by the range and level of oral and poster presentations. There were so many interesting parallel lectures that it was hard to decide which one to miss! As a member of the science information department in my library, I chose the lectures connected with my specialty. On Wednesday I participated in Parallel Session 1 about Access to Publications. In this session I listened with interest to the presentation of Artemis Chaleplioglou *Digital Medical Libraries: a Step Ahead for Open Access*. The speaker presented her own experience with a library containing only digital resources. The second day I also took part in the session about access to publications. This time all lecturers were talking about creating institutional and national digital repositories. The most absorbing in my opinion was the Friday session about Searching Tools. Worth mentioning are the

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presentations of M. Della Seta and R. Cammarano: *Google Scholar and Science Citation Index: analogies and differences in citation analysis of scientific publications* and L. Iselid: *A Critical Assessment of Web of Science, Scopus and Google Scholar*.

I also listened with interest to the plenary sessions, in particular, the Friday lecture of G. van der Brekel: *Into the User Environment Now!: How the Users Have Changed and How the Libraries Can Adjust*. The speaker presented how, in a simple way, using accessible tools makes a library website more friendly for users.

Thanks to new technologies I could also participate in the video-conference during which Robert Kiley from the Wellcome Trust presented the founder's opinions and perspective on open access. It was interesting to listen to another point of view in this matter.

Not only was the scientific programme perfectly organized but also the free time. Every day participants had the opportunity to visit fascinating places like: the Turda Salt Mine or the Open Air Museum. I was lucky to go on the trip to the Salt Mine with neverending stairs and astonishing acoustics. It was amazing to hear live music in this scenery.

During those few days we had the chance to see traditional Romanian dances and singing. Worth mentioning especially were the dancers at the Gala Dinner. They managed to involve some of the participants in their performance. I believe that I was not the only one touched by the music played by the gipsy band and its soloist playing violins in the most extraordinary positions.

The Saturday trips were an excellent finale of this great event. I participated in the tour to Rameti Monastery and Alba Julia. This excursion showed that in Transylvania there is something more to visit than Dracula castle. I could see beautifully painted old monasteries located in peaceful surroundings.

The organisers did a great job, not only in preparing the Conference but also in showing the best of Romanian culture.

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THE EAHIL WORKSHOP 2007 KRAKOW, POLAND

CALL FOR PAPERS



CALL FOR PAPERS

The International Programme Committee (IPC) invites you to submit papers and posters for the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) Workshop "**Pathways to New Roles - The Education, Training and Continuing Development of the Health Library & Information Workforce**".

The abstract submission form, as well as the guidelines for the submission of abstracts, are available at the Workshop site: http://www.bm.cm-uj.krakow.pl/eahil/call_for_papers/

Abstracts, both for oral and poster presentations, must be submitted **online**, and will be evaluated for acceptance by the members of the International Programme Committee.

Important dates

1. Deadline for abstracts submission: **January 30, 2007**.
2. IPC meeting to discuss submitted papers: **beginning of March 2007**.
3. Notification of acceptance/rejection: **March 15, 2007**.
4. Deadline for receiving confirmation of participation from authors: **April 15, 2007**.
5. Deadline for submission of full text of accepted presentations: **July 31, 2007**.

Papers and posters should relate to the overall theme of the Workshop "**The Education, Training and Continuing Development of the Health Library & Information Workforce**". We invite you to present research evidence, innovative approaches or examples of best practice in the area of professional development. The workshop will be a forum for discussion of the types of education required to allow information professionals to meet the demands of current health care systems and the social and technological environment and to help them compete in the job market. We want to discuss present professional requirements, disseminate information about best educational practice, and to inspire and promote change. The Committee invites papers that provide practical "how to" advise or that demonstrate effective training methods, tools, and innovative training content. Presentations may relate to the various roles that information professionals play these days, in particular:

- Teaching information literacy
- Supporting the practice of physicians, nurses, managers, policy makers
- Managing health libraries
- Providing specialist IT or editorial support
- Conducting research or supporting the research of other members of a research team
- Distinguishing characteristics of health librarian, as opposed to generic librarian, training.

Papers and posters can address many aspects of health librarian education: content of educational programs, pre- and post- assessment of skills, teaching methods, organization of teaching including distance education and e-learning, the teaching environment, technologies and resources used, globalization of education, existing standards and certification, formal recognition of qualifications etc.

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**31st August - 4th September 2009
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The International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML): a History of Cooperative Worldwide Medical Librarianship Developments

(Compiled from previous history papers and recent reports)

We are proud to announce that Australia will be hosting the International Congress on Medical Librarianship, in Brisbane, Queensland on the 31 August - 4 September 2009. This will be a landmark occasion to celebrate the tenth anniversary and fifty-fifth year of the Congress being held for the first time in Australia. <http://www.icml2009.com>

Since the inception of the ICML in 1953 in London, where over 300 librarians first gathered, through to the ninth Congress held in Brazil in 2005 the status and issues confronting medical libraries, especially those in developing countries, has been raised by the ICML throughout the world. The Congress is held every four or five years giving the health library sector an opportunity to meet together to address major issues concerning the profession.

There are some excellent papers^{1,2,3} which document the history of the ICML available from: <http://www.icml9.org/archives/hist.htm>

Some of the issues that stand out when examining the history of the ICML that we still confront today include the high cost of journals, developments with library education, administration and operations and utilization of machines for bibliographic purposes.

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The International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML)

Following the *Converge on London* web site initiative a brief summary of the previous (and the forthcoming) ICML in reverse chronological order follows⁴:

YEAR	LOCATION	CONGRESS AND THEME
2009	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	Tenth - Positioning the Profession
2005	Salvador, Bahia, Brazil	Ninth - Commitment to Equity
2000	London, U.K.	Eighth - Converge on London
1995	Washington DC, USA	Seventh - Health Information for the Global Village
1990	New Deli, India	Sixth - Medical Libraries - Keys to Health Information
1985	Tokyo, Japan	Fifth - Medical libraries - One World: Resources, Cooperation, Services
1980	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	Fourth - Health Information for a Developing World
1969	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Third - World Progress in Medical Librarianship
1963	Washington DC, USA	Second - To Foster the Development and Improvement of Medical Library Service Throughout the World
1953	London, UK	First - Survey the Current Position and Activity of Medical Libraries Throughout the World

Positioning the Profession, 2009

The theme is Positioning the Profession and the 10th ICML will embrace a range of areas central to health libraries throughout the world. The Congress will be held in the centre of Brisbane, (capital of Queensland, known as Australia's sunshine state) at one of the world's most prestigious convention centres⁵. It will be an opportunity to report the impact of information specialists upon organizations and best means to position the health library and information profession for the future; status and ongoing development of international and local partnerships and collaborations in the twenty-first century; health informatics and the medical librarian; Evidence-Based health care and libraries; health library research, education and training; marketing and promotion; and integration of the latest technologies with service delivery. Tours of architecturally designed and award-winning libraries will be organised for delegates. MLA accredited trainers will provide Continuing Education. Sightseeing and unique tourist events will be available for both city and outback experiences.

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Commitment to Equity, 2005

In September 2005 the 9th ICML was held in South America for the first time, located in dazzling Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. This Congress joined with a number of regional and national meetings, including the 7th Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Health Sciences Information, CRICS VII. The theme was *Commitment to Equity*, with the focus on the need for equality in access to and mastering of information and knowledge as essential for improving the health and quality of life of individuals and communities. Over 1,000 participants from more than 50 countries attended.

At the closing session participants agreed to the Declaration of Salvador - *Commitment to Equity* which defines a global commitment with equality of access to information and knowledge⁶. The declaration is available from:

<http://www.icml.org/channel.php?lang=en&channel=91&content=438>

Converge on London, 2000

The theme for the 8th ICML held in London during 2000 focused around the library and information profession, becoming closely joined as information technology capabilities have merged, computing and publishing together. The Congress explored the practicalities of this trend, and the ways in which it has changed the nature and philosophy of our profession⁷. A break from tradition occurred with the proceedings of the 8th ICML not being published in paper form. All the papers were published in full on the ICML web site. Held in the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre in London, it attracted more than 1,400 delegates from 79 countries⁸.

Health Information for the Global Village, 1995

Subthemes of the 7th ICML held in Washington DC included the impact of culture, language and history on health information; education for health information delivery; measuring the effectiveness of health information on patient care; role of the government in health information delivery; standards for health information; medical informatics and telecommunications; and legal and ethical questions in the delivery of health care and health information⁹. The evolution from “medical libraries” into “health information” and “the world” had become “a global village” since the 1963 ICML, was evident at the 7th Congress¹⁰.

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Health Medical Libraries - Keys to Health Information, 1990

More than half of the papers presented at the 6th ICML held in New Delhi, India, were by representatives from developing countries, compared to the 1st Congress when only one delegate represented Africa¹¹. “At this ICML Arabic Countries, Africa, India and Latin American reported inadequate coverage of their medical literature in international databases... Attempts to develop networks and resource sharing among medical libraries in China were reported... Most libraries in developing countries [were reported] to confront problems of distance, lack of resources, poor communications, inadequate facilities and insufficient budget for daily operations.^{12”}

Medical Libraries - One World: Resources, Cooperation, Services, 1985

The 5th ICML was held in Tokyo, Japan and covered issues of information transfer and technology, bibliographic control, cooperation, services and medical librarianship. Sixty-four countries were represented at the Congress. Crawford, indicates that China presented one of its first congress papers on problems of acquiring foreign journals, language differences in searching the literature and quality filtering in Medline¹³. Problems raised at previous Congresses such as cooperation in many developing countries, isolation of libraries, inadequate resources and poor communication were discussed.

Health Information for a Developing World, 1980

At the 4th ICML, held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, three major sub-topics featured: infrastructure for health services; new technology applied to health information services; and cooperation through health information systems. Pizer reports that a major concern raised at this Congress was the long interval between the third and fourth Congress. From the first Congress it was envisaged the ICML would be held every five years. This had not been sustained by 1980. In 1977 IFLA was reorganised and the Biological and Medical Sciences Section was formed. This Section was identified with the responsibility for providing support and continuity to the organization of the Congress¹⁴. The World Health Organization (WHO) held a special program for librarians working in its regional offices, who attended the Congress. From this meeting onwards WHO and the IFLA Section of Biological and Medical Sciences would become permanent co-sponsors of the Congress¹⁵.

World Progress in Medical Librarianship, 1969

Held in Amsterdam, the 3rd ICML included a symposium on regional and national systems in both developed and developing countries. Conditions in South-East Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa were described. Many of the presentations portrayed lack of facilities, funds and

11. Crawford, Susan Y. op cit. p. 4

12. *ibid*

13. *ibid*, p. 3

14. Pizer, Irwin H. op cit p. 4-5

15. *ibid* p. 6

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difficulties cooperating with other countries. A plea for assistance from the WHO was made by an Indian delegate, who noted the WHO had spent millions on eradication of diseases and for public health but not for libraries¹⁶.

To Foster the Development and Improvement of Medical Library Service Throughout the World, 1963

The 2nd ICML held in Washington, DC, focused on library organization including emerging medical libraries in developing countries, library resources and interlibrary cooperation, education and training worldwide, medical subject bibliography and history of medical libraries¹⁷. The National Library of Medicine presented the newly emerged MEDLARS project. Technology opportunities for libraries of all sizes emerged as a theme from the Congress¹⁸.

Survey the Current Position and Activity of Medical Libraries Throughout the World, 1953

Control of the world's medical literature was an important topic raised at the 1st ICML held in London¹⁹. The meeting was organised by leaders from medical libraries not long after World War II. Around this period the Armed Forces Medical Library (USA) was being transformed and would eventually become the National Library of Medicine in 1956²⁰. Topics included library education, administration and operations, the high cost of journals and the history of medicine. UNESCO had established an international exchange of publications in medical libraries which was helping those countries impacted by war to re-establish medical library services. At the inaugural meeting the "difficult state of libraries in Asia, Africa, Australia and Latin America was of great concern."²¹

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Occupational Medicine: MeSH terms, Indexed Journals, Guidelines & Directories



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The PubMed subsets (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed_subsets.html) are far from covering all the medical specialities. In

a brief series, the Internet Page of *JEAHIL* will attempt to compensate for this deficiency, especially for new medical librarians, by indicating MeSH terms (as well as journals and major web sites) concerning the different medical specialities.

1. MeSH terms & Their Scope Notes (unique or "parent" headings):

1. Accidents, Occupational

Unforeseen occurrences, especially of an injurious character due to factors involving one's employment.

2. Air Pollutants, Occupational

Air pollutants found in the work area. They are usually produced by the specific nature of the occupation.

3. Burnout, Professional

An excessive stress reaction to one's occupational or professional environment. It is manifested by feelings of emotional and physical exhaustion coupled with a sense of frustration and failure.

4. Disease Transmission, Patient-to-Professional

The transmission of infectious disease or pathogens from patients to health

professionals or health care workers. It includes transmission via direct or indirect exposure to bacterial, fungal, parasitic, or viral agents.

5. Employment

The state of being engaged in an activity or service for wages or salary.

6. Needlestick Injuries

Penetrating stab wounds caused by needles. They are of special concern to health care workers since such injuries put them at risk for developing infectious disease.

7. Noise, Occupational

Noise present in occupational, industrial, and factory situations.

8. Occupational Diseases

Diseases due to factors involved in one's employment.

9. Occupational Exposure

The exposure to potentially harmful chemical, physical, or biological agents that occurs as a result of one's occupation.

10. Occupational Health

The promotion and maintenance of physical and mental health in the work environment.

11. Occupational Health Nursing

The practice of nursing in the work environment.

12. Occupational Medicine

Medical specialty concerned with the

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promotion and maintenance of the physical and mental health of employees in occupational settings.

13. **Occupations**

Crafts, trades, professions, or other means of earning a living.

14. **Psychology, Industrial**

The branch of applied psychology concerned with the application of psychological principles and methods to industrial problems including selection and training of workers, working conditions etc.

15. **Rehabilitation, Vocational**

Training of the mentally or physically disabled in work skills so they may be returned to regular employment utilizing these skills.

16. **Sick Building Syndrome**

A group of symptoms that are two-to three-fold more common in those who work in large, energy-efficient buildings, associated with an increased frequency of headaches, lethargy, and dry skin. Clinical manifestations include hypersensitivity pneumonitis (ALVEOLITIS, EXTRINSIC ALLERGIC); allergic rhinitis (RHINITIS, ALLERGIC, PERENNIAL); ASTHMA; infections, skin eruptions, and mucous membrane irritation syndromes. Current usage tends to be less restrictive with regard to the type of building and delineation of complaints.

17. **Sick Leave**

An absence from work permitted because of illness or the number of days per year for which an employer agrees to pay employees who are sick.

18. **Work**

Productive or purposeful activities.

19. **Work Capacity Evaluation**

Assessment of physiological capacities in relation to job requirements. It is usually done by measuring certain physiological (e.g., circulatory and respiratory) variables during a gradually increasing workload until specific limitations occur with respect to those variables.

20. **Workers' Compensation**

Insurance coverage providing compensation and medical benefits to individuals because of work-connected injuries or disease.

21. **Workload**

The total amount of work to be performed by an individual, a department, or other group of workers in a period of time.

22. **Workplace**

Place or physical location of work or employment.

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Mental Health: MeSH terms, Indexed Journals, Guidelines & Directories

2. Journals:

- From the NLM Journal Subject Terms: Occupational Medicine
- From BioMed Central and not yet indexed in PubMed (June 30, 2006):
 - ◆ *Journal of Occupational Medicine and Toxicology* all content Open Access

3. Some Directories, Guidelines & Database:

- EASHK European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
<http://europe.osha.eu.int/>
- Karolinska (SE)
 - ◆ Occupational Diseases <http://www.mic.ki.se/Diseases/C21.html#C21.447>
- MedlinePlus (USA)
 - ◆ Occupational Health
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/occupationalhealth.html>
- NGC National Guideline Clearinghouse (USA)
 - ◆ Occupational Diseases <http://www.guideline.gov/browse/browsemode.aspx?node=18941&type=1&view=all>
- NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (USA)
 - ◆ Databases and Information Resources
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/database.html>
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http://www.chu-rouen.fr/documed/jeahil_occupational_medicine.html

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Web 2.0

Social Software

Blogs, Podcasts, RSS, Flickr, YouTube - there are many exciting services on the Internet for people who want to be seen and heard. The maxim is: "From e-Services to Me-Services" or "Everyone is a publisher." To put it simply, these services allow the broadcasting of text, audio, and video/images from all to all. They are developed for individual interaction, for communication in a social context, and for building communities, therefore they are called Social Software or Web 2.0. This regular column will show the different services which are available at the moment and which may (and will!) emerge in the future. It will discuss these services in their meaning and significance for libraries. It will motivate you to use them personally or as a tool for enhancing your library services. Using Web 2.0 in libraries is called Library 2.0 by some. Because this term is discussed somewhat controversially, I will not refer to Library 2.0 in this column.

Items of possible interest

Let us start with blogs. Blogs is short for Weblogs or "Web log book" - a diary in web format. Blogs are organized chronologically by date (newest entries are usually at the top), are updated somewhat regularly with relatively short entries, includes many links, provides a unique URL (called a "permalink") for each individual post, provide an "RSS feed" that "syndicates" the content, link to other blogs (called "blogroll"), and can be integrated via RSS into any other web site. At the very moment of reading this, Technorati (a popular search engine and aggregator for blogs) will track and organize over 60 Mio. Blogs world-wide - this figure doubles each six months. Most are private blogs, small diaries of every kind and quality: *I woke up this morning feeling really bad, nice breakfast with my dog I had, and a dispute which makes me really mad.* That kind of stuff! But there are some professional blogs out there, which are of real benefit. In the following I will concentrate on blogs about any topic written by medical librarians or on blogs with the topic *medical libraries* written by anyone. What blogs are there which are of interest for the profession? Four US/Canadian blogs are a continuous source of information, knowledge, tips, and hints: UBC Academic Search - Google Scholar Blog by Dean Giustini, *The Krafty Librarian* by Michelle Kraft, *T. Scott* by T. Scott Plutchak, and *davidrothman.net* by ... ok, you've got it. In Table 1 you can find an overview of North-American blogs, ranked by popularity according to Technorati.

Especially *T. Scott* is a must-read for anyone interested in the very nature of medical librarianship. The former long time chief editor of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* is a huge source of wisdom and with his deep thinking postings his blog is like a lighthouse, not only within the blogosphere (blogosphere is the network of individuals which are interconnected by their blogs.) For sure, in the following columns I will refer to *T. Scott* quite regularly. In Table 2 there is a list of the blogs from European medical librarians or libraries. Only blogs with current entries are listed. Surprisingly there are some blogs which started earlier than the US ones and also there are some which much more frequent postings. Obviously, the European blogs are well done, generate a high input, and are upgraded regularly. In the next issues I will concentrate on these blogs with a European origin and will summarize their most important postings for you.

Table 1: US- and CA- Blogs

BLOG	AUTHOR	START	POSTS	RANK	COUNTRY
Women Health News	Rachel Nashville, Tennessee	May 2005	320	136	USA
UBC Academic Search - Google Scholar Blog	Dean Giustini, British Columbia	April 2005	300	69	CA
The Krafty Librarian	Michelle Kraft, Ohio State Hospital	Oct 2004	300	63	USA
T. Scott	T.Scott Plutchak, MLA Board	June 2004	300	46	USA
davidrothman.net	MLIS student in Syracuse	July 2006	250	41	USA
medlibrarian.net	Chimato & Chase, Health Science Lib. Stony Brook University	May 2006	100	12	USA
Musings of a Medical Librarian Maven	Alexia Estabrook, Detroit	August 2006	23	2	USA
Librarians' Rx	"Items of possible interest to Canadian Health Sciences Librarians"	Feb 2005	300	2	CA

Table 2: European Blogs

BLOG	AUTHOR	START	POSTS	RANK	COUNTRY
Medinfo	Oliver Obst, German Medical Library Association	March 2004	1.530	24	DE
Digicmb	Guus v.d. Brekel, Medical Library Groningen	Dec 2004	200	24	NL
Biomedbiblog	Dymphie v.d. Heyden, Netherlands Medical Library Association	April 2006	300	20	NL
Tom Roper	Tom Roper, Veterinary Librarian	Dec 2003	800	16	UK
Nowhere North	Lars Iselid, Medical Library, Umeå University	Sept 2006	30	7	SE
EAHIL2006	Oliver Obst, Cluj Conference Blog	Sept 2006	25	6	DE
MWB News	Mannheim Medical Library	Feb 2006	200	4	DE
Browsing	Keith Nockels, Clinical Sciences Library, University of Leicester	Nov 2004	200	3	UK
EUROMEDLIB	"European Medical Libraries" Benoit, Dymphie, Guus, Lars & Oliver	Sept 2006	20	1	EUR
BiUM Blog	Isabelle de Kaenel, Bibliothèque Univ. de Médecine de Lausanne	April 2006	20	0	CH
Clinical Librarian	Pip Divall, University Hospital Leicester	May 2005	1.500	0	UK
BiblioNews	Library Università degli Studi di Padova	June 2006	20	0	IT
Auskunft	Staff, Medical Branch Library Münster	May 2005	380	internal	DE

WEB 2.0

Oliver Obst

EUROMEDLIB - an experiment

At the 10th EAHIL Conference at Cluj, Romania, I had the great opportunity to deliver an Empowerment Session on blogs and RSS. I started a demo conference blog just before the beginning of the Conference and called it EAHIL2006. Without ever thinking, due to the interaction with other bloggers at the conference, this blog suddenly emerged into a lively conference blog with reports on sessions, clips from social events, and interviews with participants. Pictures from the conference were published via the Web 2.0 service *Flickr* and could be seen almost immediately by the networked participants - thanks to the excellent wireless LAN at the conference venue. Motivated by the success- and joyful cooperation at Cluj, five bloggers from Sweden, Netherlands, France, and Germany decided to take this idea one step further and build a cross-border blog with a real European scope, called EUROMEDLIB - Items of Interests for everyone working in an European Medical Library. As it is stated in the mission of EUROMEDLIB, *There is a strong desire for networking among European medical librarians. This blog serves as a starting point for what is at the heart of EAHIL.* You will find EUROMEDLIB at <http://euromedlib.blogspot.com/>. Every European Medical Librarian is invited to participate, either by writing or commenting posts.

Further Reading

(Courtesy of Jenny Levine, *The Shifted Librarian*)

- Blog Software Breakdown <http://www.asymptomatic.net/blogbreakdown.htm>
- Why and How to Use Blogs to Promote Your Library's Services <http://www.infotoday.com/mls/nov03/fichter.shtml>
- Overview of the Weblog Tools Market <http://tinyurl.com/67bpn>
- Weblogs: Do They Belong in Libraries? <http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/area-dna-155ue40/public-libraries/>
- Time to Check: Are You Using the Right Blogging Tool? <http://www.ojr.org/ojr/stories/050714gardner/>
- Blogs for Libraries <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=767>
- Dr. L. Anne Clyde's Internet Courses: Weblogs <http://www.hi.is/~anne/weblogs.html>
- Blog Glossary <http://www.samizdata.net/blog/glossary.html>
- BlogBib <http://blog-bib.blogspot.com/>

Addresses

You can find all blogs mentioned above at: <http://www.bloglines.com/public/obsto>

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JOURNAL ISSUES



Dear Colleagues,

Three interesting articles on Open Access: the first on position statements issued by some of the major funding bodies in the biomedical sciences and the models used by publishers to provide open or delayed access (S. William *et al.*, *Health Information and Libraries Journal* p.197), the second on the impact of author page charges on the nature and type of published research (S.S. Liyanage *et al.*, *Health Information and Libraries Journal* p. 214). The list of founding agencies supporting Open Access is growing and the shifting of publishing costs to authors favours well-funded organizations, industry sponsored research and wealthy countries.

Giovanna F. Miranda

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The following journal issue of *Health Information and Libraries Journal* (HILJ) has been received: Vol. 23, 2006, n. 3

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C. Urquhart, J. Durbin, B. Cumbers. Evaluation of the KA24 (Knowledge Access 24) service for health and social care staff in London and the South-East of England. Part 2: qualitative p. 159 - 168.

The objectives of this qualitative evaluation were to assess the enablers and barriers for the usage of the Knowledge Access 24 service, and assess the impact of the service on patient care.

Y. Gavel, P.O. Anderson, G. B. Knutsson. Euroethics - a database network on biomedical ethics. p. 169 - 178.

The present case study offers examples of possible approaches to several tasks often encountered in database development when bringing data from several centres, i.e. merging data, and handling more than one thesaurus in the same system.

J. Kananen, T. Ovaska, J. Saarti. Collection policy management for the Kuopio University and Kuopio University Hospital, Finland: detecting the needs of users and developing high quality collections. p. 179 - 188.

This article discusses the collection policies of a university library in a modern digital environment.

C. S. Bond, D. Fevyer, C. Pitt. Learning to use the Internet as a study tool: a review of available resources and exploration of students' priorities. p. 189 - 198.

The aim of this paper was to identify the online information resources available to assist students develop internet searching skills, and to explore their priorities in online guides.

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S. William Glover, A. Webb, C. Gleghorn. Open access publishing in the biomedical sciences: could funding agencies accelerate the inevitable changes? p. 197 - 202.

The paper looks at the open access position statements issued by some of the major funding bodies in biomedical sciences and at the models used by publishers to provide open or delayed access.

M. N. Kamel Boulos. Map of dermatology: “first impression” user feedback and agenda for further development. p. 203 - 213.

This paper provides the feed-back received by dermatologists on the *Map of Dermatology* and a brief review of the gaps in current online dermatology information service provision in general.

S.S. Liyanage, C. Raina MacIntyre. Do financial factors such as author page charges and industry funding impact on the nature of published research infectious diseases? p. 214 - 222.

The authors investigated the impact of author page charges on the nature and type of published research, and the association of industry funding with types of published research.

Brief communications p. 223.

BOOKS REVIEW

Evolving Internet Reference Resources. Eds. W. Miller and R.M. Pellen. The Haworth Information Press, Binghamton, N.Y. USA 2006. \$49.95 soft, ISBN-13: 978-0-7890-3025-2; \$69.95 hard ISBN-13: 978-0-7890-3024-5; pp. 538. This book provides a guide to the best and free subscription-based Internet sites and services for 26 diverse subject areas, including psychology, health and medicine, computer science.

PAPERS REVIEW

A checklist for evaluating open source digital library software.

Dion Hoe-Lian Goh. *Online Information Review*. 2006, 30 (4), 360

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For further information: <http://www.online-information.co.uk/ol06/index.html>

5-8 December 2006, New Delhi, India

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For further information: <http://www.congress.is/cataloguing2007/>

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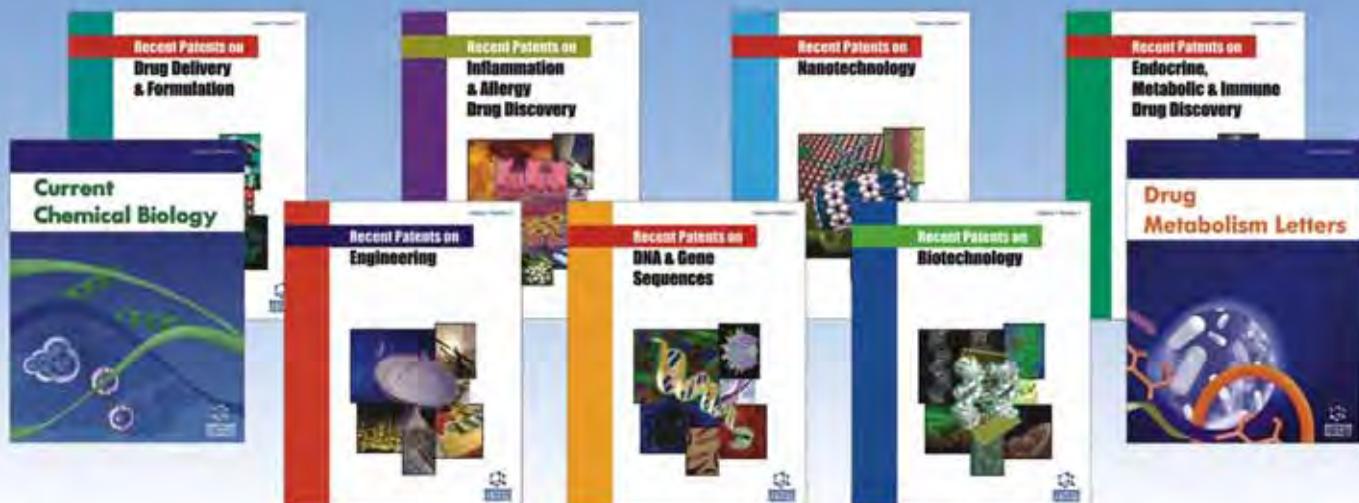
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