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Message from the Chair

Well it has been a whirlwind year for most of us I'm sure! Our Chicago meeting went very well and our section programming was well attended. Many learned a lot about the workings of translational medicine and research from our own panel of experts: Terry Burton (University of Wisconsin, Madison); Carolyn Reid (Weill Cornell Library); Andrew Hamilton (Oregon Health & Science University), and Jon Eldredge (University Of New Mexico). Thank you all so much for preparing your talks and sharing your expertise.

Based on our president, Mary Ryan's suggestions, I have worked on a planning grid for our section for the coming year...some of the things that would be good for us to accomplish in the following year are: to get to know our members, I will contact all of our new members...I had hoped to do it by the end of September but will aim by the end of the year. The personal touch is important and I do enjoy meeting new members and learning a bit about them. I will also ask them to submit a short bio for our newsletter so that we all can meet them.

We have had a hardworking team working on recommended web sites dealing with Cancer. I believe that there are about 100 such sites now on our list. Many thanks to our committee! I would like to suggest that we take this recommended list and create Cancer Librarians Section bookmarks on del.icio.us...this is a continuation of the Web 2.0 projects that were suggested last year. We are looking for a number of volunteers who would like to work on this brief conversion project hopefully to finish it by the end of the year.

Additional volunteers are needed to continue working with Google Scholar to make the Cancer Meeting abstracts easily retrievable. Karen Albert is looking for someone to head this effort. If you are interested please contact her at karen.albert@fcc.edu.

To build a network of partners, I plan to review the Membership List, and contact Library Directors of NCI designated Cancer Centers (63) that are not currently represented in our membership and encourage that there be at least one representative from their staff who belongs to Cancer Section. This would give those of us who do not work at cancer centers greater networking opportunities and to gain a better insight into the workings of these cancer centers. http://cancercenters.cancer.gov/cancer_centers/index.html

The year moves along quickly whether we are ready or not! I would like to encourage those who are interested in submitting abstracts for the 2009 meeting in Hawaii to do so as there is still time before the October 6th deadline. So this is a brief synopsis of the work that lies ahead for us for the coming year, a year for adding to our membership. A few volunteers would make some of the other projects go more smoothly...if you are interested please contact me at margaret.vugrin@ttuhsc.edu or 806-743-2241.

Looking toward continued success in the coming year!

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CLS SECTION PROGRAMS AT MLA2009

The Cancer Librarians have two exciting programs on tap for the 2009 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI. Since the convention is in Hawaii, MLA decided to bring forward the abstract submission date to October 6, 2008 to provide ample notice to those who have accepted papers. Both of these programs were brought up as topics of interest at the 2008 Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting. The call for abstracts with mention of the earlier submission date was listed in MLA News, MLA-Focus, Cancer Librarians Listserv, and Medlib-L.

Fusing Culture and Community to Improve Health Literacy

Contributed papers and invited speakers

Primary Sponsor – Cancer Librarians

Secondary Sponsors – Complementary and Alternative Medicine SIG; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Health Science Librarians SIG; Mental Health SIG; Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section

Abstract:

Health care professionals and institutions are being challenged with the goal of improving health communication by providing information in the appropriate cultural or community context, as well as in the context of special diseases (i.e., people with cancer, mental illness, HIV/AIDS, etc.). As a result, health communication is being developed for specific cultural, community, and illness groups. This session will focus on the role librarians and information professionals play in contributing to this developing area of literacy. Topics may include, but are not limited to, educational support for patients with cancer and support for survivors and survivorship issues; support for nurses and allied health professionals providing patient education on the front line; demystification of acronyms used to talk about people with mental disorders (BD, PTSD, OCD, ADHD, etc.) and defusing of the stereotypes that come with them; ways health professionals can communicate with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community; and service for the health care needs of those with limited English literacy and different cultural and religious healing practices.

Diane G. Schwartz, AHIP, FMLA and others have been asked to talk about their work in "Connecting an underserved community with health information and services: fusing culture, community, and education for Somali Bantu refugee children in Buffalo, NY" as the primary invited speaker for this session.

Open Access and the Evidence

Contributed papers and invited speakers

Primary Sponsor – Dental Section

Secondary Sponsor – Cancer Librarians

Abstract:

For the past 100 years, medical libraries have focused on building the best collection of resources—print and then online. Initially medical libraries looking at open access looked at institutional compliance. This session's discussion will focus on the impact of open access on libraries. Whether you work at a hospital library with access to hundreds of journals or a major academic health sciences library with access to thousands of online journals, will the body of research available to you dramatically expand with open access? What is the potential impact on the current structure of journal-based publishing as the primary distribution point for emerging research? Will the law of unintended consequences bring about results that haven't been thought of yet? These are some of the questions this session will attempt to address as the operational reality and the impact of these changes begin to emerge.

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CANCER PODCASTS

Cancer Research UK features podcasts on breast cancer approximately 15-20 minutes in length on its website. The podcasts are hosted by experts and cover current research findings, breast examinations and medical screening, and the breast cancer experience. Both researchers and women with cancer are interviewed. As is true with many research organizations, fundraising for research studies is mentioned prominently. Reference is made to relevant consumer health information and upbeat music moves segments along at a good pace.

<http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/news/podcast/>

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MEMBER PROMOTION

As of July, 2008, Karen Albert, MLS, AHIP, was promoted to Senior Director for Education and Information Services at the Fox Chase Cancer. In her new position, she manages the institutional library, the Continuing Medical Education Department, and a department devoted to audiovisual and graphic art services; as well as several institutional projects, including implementation of a learning management system.

Fox Chase Cancer Center is an independent, nonprofit NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Center is devoted to cancer treatment, research, and prevention. With over 2,500 staff, it includes a 100-bed hospital which is consistently ranked by U.S. News and World Report among the top cancer centers in the world. For more information, see: <http://www.fccc.edu>.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to New Members!

The Cancer Librarians Section welcomes new members and members who rejoined our section in 2008:

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Pamela Feigen
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NEJM CONSORTIUM

At our 2008 Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting Daniel Boutchie from the *New England Journal of Medicine* let us know there was a possibility for a consortium agreement to purchase online access as a group. In order to pursue any sort of agreement two criteria would be needed – at least five new subscribers or subscribers through currently using a third party vendor such as OVID and someone willing to coordinate the legal purchase agreement. Unfortunately after a posting to the Cancer Librarians Listserv there were only two possible new subscribers or those already purchasing through a third party vendor (OVID). Five libraries with existing subscriptions were interested but that did not meet the criteria. I appreciate the time those people took to reply with their interest.

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NEW INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

The Arnold Library at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center is pleased to announce the launch of our institutional repository, authors.fhcr.org.

Built upon the Eprints open source repository platform (courtesy of the School of Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton, UK and available at www.eprints.org), it has been customized to meet the needs of our biomedical research community. We selected Eprints after evaluating several open source repository software packages because, in addition to the systems adaptability, we admired the PubMed ID-based citation import feature and the user interface. We have since customized it to expand the PubMed ID-based citation import to capture additional fields, and we've altered searching and some naming conventions to better match our environment.

Faculty response has been very positive and we look to expand the repository's holdings significantly in the coming year. Unlike many repositories, we are not asking our authors to create the records and upload their papers. Instead, library staff are responsible for building the repository and working with authors to acquire the legally appropriate manuscript version of papers. This year we also hope to expand the repository to include student dissertations as well.

Please contact Ann Marie Clark by email at aclark@fhcr.org if you have any questions.

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