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Dear Colleagues,

Two topics under discussion: data sharing and research evaluation. Data sharing has been encouraged to facilitate open science within the clinical research enterprise, improve the development of drugs and devices, and benefit public health. But sharing data is complex. Investigators generally tend to guard research data to retain ownership and property rights, avoid competition, protect confidentiality and privacy, or avoid misuse by unqualified persons. Sharing research data also comes at a cost to the sharer. (E.E. Wilhelm *et al.* JAMA 2014;311:1201-2; Euroscientists, 2014)

A special issue of the *Euroscientists* has been published focusing on the evolving solution for research evaluation. The very existence of scientific career progression hinges on researchers being judged by their peers as being eligible for further career advancement and worthy recipient of grant funding. Yet, technology is bringing disruption in what was until now a well-oiled peer-review system. The upcoming generation of scientists is likely to be evaluated through an evolved version of peer-review. New means of measuring their worth have a much higher level of granularity than the old-fashioned impact factor approach (Euroscientists, 2014).

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### Journal issues

Since the Journal of March 2014, we have received the contents page of the March issue of *Health Information and Libraries Journal*:

**Keeping up-to-date with current practice.** Editorial. R. Bridgen

**Comparison of search strategies in systematic reviews of adverse effects to other systematic reviews.** S. Golder, Y. Loke, L. Zorzela

**Developing a long-term conditions information service in collaboration with third sector organisations.** L. McShane, K. Greenwell, S. Corbett, R. Walker

**The academic librarian as co-investigator on an interprofessional primary research team: a case study.** R. Janke, K. Rush.

**Student attitudes towards clinical teaching resources in complementary medicine: a focus group examination of Australian naturopathic medicine students.** J. Wardle, J. Sarris

**Choosing and using methodological search filters: searchers' views.** D. Varley, S. Beale, S. Duffy, J. Glanvielle, C. Lefebvre, D. Wright, R. McCool, C. Boachie, C. Fraser, J. Harbour, L. Smith

**Measuring HINARI Use in Nigeria through a Citation Analysis of Nigerian Journal of Clinical Practice.** E. Anyaoku, C. Anunobi

### Books review

**Library and Information Science. A Guide to Key Literature and Sources.** Ed. M. Bemis. Facet Publishing, London, UK, 2014. ISBN 978-1-78330-002-0; £49.95 (price to CILIP members £39.96), paperback; 256 pp.

The author examines the strengths and weaknesses of key works and covers recent books, monographs, periodicals and websites, and selected works of historical importance.

**Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences.** Sixth Edition. Ed. J.T. Huber and S. Swogger. ALA Neal-Schuman, Chicago, IL., 2014. ISBN 978-0-8389-1184-6; \$115.00 softcover; 488 pp.

Prepared in collaboration with the Medical Library Association, this updated, revised, and expanded edition lists classic and up-to-the-minute print and electronic resources in the health sciences. Included are electronic versions of traditionally print reference sources, trustworthy electronic-only resources, and resources that library users can access from home or on the go through freely available websites or via library licenses.

**False Feathers. A Perspective on Academic Plagiarism.** Ed. D. Weber-Wulff. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 2014. ISBN 978-3-642-39960-2; Hardcover € 34.99; 200 p, 12 illustrations. Also available as an eBook. This book collects material on the various aspects of plagiarism in education. It explains how plagiarism in dissertations is found and documented. In addition it identifies and elaborates on many different strategies for identifying plagiarism and includes an overview of plagiarism policies in different countries.

**I've got nothing to lose by trying it.** Second edition. Ed. Sense About Science, 2013.

Alternative therapies can seem appealing. The authors worked on this guide with patients, carers, doctors, nurses and medical charities and explored how they ask about evidence to help them weigh up claims and make decisions. [http://www.senseaboutscience.org/data/files/resources/136/Ive-got-nothing-to-lose\\_web.pdf](http://www.senseaboutscience.org/data/files/resources/136/Ive-got-nothing-to-lose_web.pdf)

### New journals

**Neurology: Neuroimmunology & NeuroInflammation** is an official journal of the American Academy of Neurology. Its mission is to provide neurologists with peer-reviewed articles, editorials, and reviews to enhance patient care, education, and clinical & translational research. The journal publishes open-access online reports of original research and in-depth reviews of topics in multiple sclerosis, NMO, Guillain-Barré, myasthenia and inflammatory muscle disease; related reports focused on nervous system infection are also featured.

<http://www.newswise.com/articles/american-academy-of-neurology-launches-new-open-access-medical-journal-neurology-neuroimmunology-neuroinflammation>

### Papers review

**Establishing a new clinical informationist role in an academic health sciences center**

A.M. Aldrich, S.J. Schulte. *Med Ref Serv Q.* 2014;33(2):136-46.

**Taking Advantage of Google's Web-Based Applications and Services**

T.J. Brigham. *Med Ref Serv Q.* 2014; 33(2):202-10.

**Interventions to assist health consumers to find reliable online health information: a comprehensive review**

K. Lee *et al.* *PLoS One.* 2014 Apr 7;9(4):e94186.

**Approaches and Costs for Sharing Clinical Research Data**

E.E. Wilhelm *et al.* *JAMA.* 2014;311:1201-2

**Why sharing matters special issue**

Euroscientists. <http://euroscientist.com/2014/02/why-sharing-matters/>

**Research Evaluation special issue**

Euroscientists. <http://euroscientist.com/evaluation/>

### Information sources... web based

**dbGaP.** Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes. NIH has developed an online system intended to reduce the burden for researchers and their institutional officials to register studies and access data in dbGaP. The online system uses time-saving features, such as pull-down and scrolling menus to fill data fields, and text fields that allow investigators to cut and paste information from other sources. Where possible, data fields are automatically filled with information from other sources, such as eRA Commons, which provides the investigator's name, institution, and Institutional Signing Official. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-14-065.html>

**EuroStemCell** have developed a huge volume of information and resources about stem cell research – films, fact sheets, FAQ, teaching tools and more – in six languages. <http://www.eurostemcell.org/story/embryonic-stem-cells-focus>

**AriSLA** provides a concise review of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis trials currently available on [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov). The alphabetical order list reports both ongoing and completed trials related to a single compound. Trials related to each drug are ordered chronologically from the most recent to the oldest one. References related to publication or sponsor's communications are reported. The review is constantly updated and reports only trials with potentially disease-modifying compounds. The present version is updated to January 2014. <http://www.alscience.it/#c314>

**PRO-ACT.** The PRO-ACT (Pooled Resource Open-access ALS Clinical Trials) platform houses the largest ALS clinical trials dataset ever created. PRO-ACT contains over 8500 ALS patient records from multiple completed clinical trials. The PRO-ACT initiative merges data from existing publicly- and privately-conducted ALS clinical trials to generate an invaluable resource for accelerating discovery in the field of ALS. The data is de-identified to protect patient privacy. Different types of information may be available for different patients because multiple trials were merged to create PRO-ACT. <https://nctu.partners.org/ProACT>

**EuroPhenome Mouse Phenotyping Resource.** The EuroPhenome project provides access to raw and annotated mouse phenotyping data generated from primary pipelines such as EMPReSSlim and secondary procedures from specialist centres. Mutants of interest can be identified by searching the gene or the predicted phenotype. <http://www.europhenome.org/databrowser/viewer.jsp>

**EMCDDA publications database.** You can search the European and Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) by publication series, publication type, date published, and keywords. You can also use the search box to search for specific text. <http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications>

### News from publishers

**Scientific Data.** Launching in May 2014 and open now for submissions, *Scientific Data* is a new open-access, online-only publication for descriptions of scientifically valuable datasets. *Scientific Data* exists to help scientists publish, discover and reuse research data. *Scientific Data* aims to meet these needs through the publication of Data Descriptors: peer-reviewed, scientific publications that provide detailed descriptions of experimental and observational datasets. Data Descriptors are a combination of traditional scientific publication content and structured information curated in-house, and are designed to maximize reuse and enable searching, linking and data mining. <http://www.nature.com/scientificdata/about/>

**Nature Partner Journal series.** Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is increasing its commitment to open science with the launch of the Nature Partner Journal series. This high-quality, online-only subject specific portfolio of journals brings Nature's reputation for impact and excellence to open access and publishing partnerships. The Nature Partner Journals will be characterized by landmark partnerships with institutions, foundations and academic societies. [http://www.nature.com/press\\_releases/nature-partner-journals.html](http://www.nature.com/press_releases/nature-partner-journals.html)  
[www.nature.com/npj](http://www.nature.com/npj)

**Oxford University Press (OUP)** announces that on 30th January 2014 they signed a contract with the prestigious Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS) to publish their five journals from 1st January 2015.  
[http://www.oxfordjournals.org/news/2014/02/03/fems\\_contract.html](http://www.oxfordjournals.org/news/2014/02/03/fems_contract.html)

**EBSCO Information Services** has released its new policy on metadata sharing and technology collaboration. EBSCO will make all metadata (and full text when contractually allowed) available for more than 120 full-text databases and 550,000+ e-books, as well as over 60 historical digital archives to third party discovery services. The policy outlines EBSCO's commitment to exchanging metadata and integrating technologies with partner vendors to enable an enhanced discovery experience for mutual customers.  
<http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery/news-article/ebsco-information-services-creates-open-policy-for-data-sharing>

## Forthcoming events

**11-13 June 2014, Rome, Italy**

**14th EAHIL Conference "Divided we fall, united we inform - Building alliances for a new European cooperation"**  
For further information: <http://www.iss.it/eahil2014>

**19-20 June 2014, Thessaloniki, Greece**

**Elpub 2014, 18th International Conference on Electronic Publishing**  
For further information: <http://elpub2014.teithe.gr/>

**8-10 June 2014, Vancouver, Canada**

**SLA 2014 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO.**  
For further information: <http://www.sla.org/attend/2014-annual-conference/>

**26 June - 1 July 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**

**American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference**  
For further information: <http://ala14.ala.org/>

**2-5 July 2014, Riga, Latvia**

**LIBER 43rd Annual Conference: LIBER 2014**  
For further information: <http://www.lnb.lv/en/liber2014>

**13-14 August 2014, Strasbourg, France**

**Copyright and beyond: Libraries in the public sphere**  
IFLA satellite Meeting  
For further information: <http://www.eblida.org/copyright-and-beyond>

**16-22 August 2014, Lyon France**

**IFLA World Library and Information Congress**  
For further information: <http://conference.ifla.org/>

**8-12 September 2014, London, United Kingdom**

**The Joint Conference on Digital Libraries**  
For further information: <http://www.jcdl.org/>

**20-22 October 2014, London, United Kingdom**

**Internet Librarian International**  
For further information: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2014/>

**21-24 October 2014, Rome, Italy**

**KMIS 2014, 6th International Conference on Knowledge Management and Information Sharing**  
For further information: <http://www.kmis.ic3k.org/>

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