

U. S. Medical Library Association report for EAHIL



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Focus on “One Health” 2013: Boston, Massachusetts, 3-8 May 2013

As you are aware, MLA 2013 will be held this year in conjunction with the 11th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML), the 7th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (ICAHIS) and the 6th International Clinical Librarian Conference (ICLC). This will be the last issue of *JEAHIL* prior to the conference, so a last-minute opportunity to remind you of some important aspects of the conference, which you can attend either in person or remotely. The theme of the meeting is “**One Health: information in an interdependent world**”. General meeting topics include trustworthy and authoritative publicly available information, new methods of publishing, global data sharing to advance science and environmental aspects of global health. There will be more than 150 papers and 300 poster presentations, more than at any other MLA meeting, with over 160 international presenters from 30 countries. Confirmed plenary speakers include Joanne Marshall as the 2013 Janet Doe Lecturer, Sheila Davis as the Leiter Lecturer and Laurie Garrett as the final plenary session keynote speaker. For the **Preliminary Programme and Meeting Schedule**, please go to:
<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2013/index.html#>

Registration is open at the link below this paragraph. There is a **discount for EAHIL members** (through EAHIL’s association with MLA) of 255 US dollars off the full package registration (765 US dollars reduced to 510 US dollars) and a discount of 175 US dollars off the conference-only package (540 US dollars reduced to 365 US dollars). For those of you for whom, even with these discounts, the travel costs remain prohibitive, there is an “**e-conference**” rate of just 120 US dollars (reduced from 180 US dollars). All these rates apply **until 3 April 2013**, after which higher rates apply. http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2013/pdf/mla13_regform.pdf

Continuing education courses will take place on Friday 3 May, Saturday 4 May and Wednesday 8 May. There will be an extensive range of courses, typical of MLA annual meetings. There are suites of courses on popular topics allowing delegates to sign up for a number of related courses and these are marked by a special icon in the programme. These suites of courses have been extended since the previous issue of *JEAHIL* and now include:

- Consumer Health Information Specialist: these courses present the latest resources and ideas in the consumer health information field.
- Disaster Information Specialist: these courses provide the latest information and resources in the field of disaster information.
- Evidenced-based Practice: these courses emphasize the librarian’s role in the practice of evidence-based health care.
- Expert Searcher Training Initiative: these courses emphasize librarians’ roles as expert searchers in health care and biomedical research.
- Information Specialist in Context: these courses provide training and demonstrate knowledge regarding the role of the information specialist in context.

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- Management Track: these courses address topics relevant to library administration for current managers and individuals interested in management.

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2013/ce/index.html>

Web-based continuing education courses will be held during the conference, in addition to the courses being held in Boston, for those of you who cannot attend in person.

- Friday, May 3, 0800-1200 (Eastern Time): Data Curation for Information Professionals
- Friday, May 3, 1300-1700 (Eastern Time): Veterinary and Comparative Medicine: Literature, Resources, and Services
- Saturday, May 4, 0800-1200 (Eastern Time): Business Communications: Library Style

“This Just In”: Lightning Talks on One Health provide an opportunity for five-minute presentations on new research or service implementations, using just three slides! The deadline for submissions closed on 22 Feb 2013 but please bear this option in mind for future MLA meetings, if this option is offered in future. The much later deadlines for these presentations can be beneficial for international visitors who may not have their funding confirmed well enough in advance to commit to submitting under the general call for abstracts.

The Official Annual Meeting Blog will provide coverage on a range of topics including programme sessions, plenary sessions, exhibition activity and social events, during and after the meeting at:

www.npc.mlanet.org/mla13/

Library visits and tours to local attractions are being planned by the Boston Local Assistance Committee for meeting attendees on Saturday, May 4 from 0900-1700 and on Wednesday, May 8 from 1300-1700.

Social events and networking opportunities include the International Visitors Reception on Sunday, May 5 from 1800-1930, hosted by the MLA International Co-operation Section but open to all international attendees. Full registration includes attendance at the party on the last night of the conference, a “Taste of Boston”, where we are promised an “incredible selection of tasty favourites from Boston”.

Future MLA annual meetings - dates for your diary:

MLA Chicago, Illinois, 16-21 May 2014

MLA Austin, Texas, 15-20 May 2015

MLA Toronto, Canada, 13-18 May 2016

Membership of MLA

MLA offers International Membership to individuals at a reduced rate for those health information professionals who live outside the United States or Canada. The current annual subscription rate for International Membership is 130 US dollars. For details of what this includes, see the link below.

<http://www.mlanet.org/joinmla/intern.html>

News and publications from MLA

The latest issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) (Volume 101 (1) January 2013 is now available (open access) at:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/93/latest/>

Open access to back issues of the JMLA (and its predecessors back to 1898) is available from:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/93/>

Preprints of forthcoming issues of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) are available (for members only) by selecting JMLA Preprints under the Publications option when you login with your username and password. MLA News Online and the current edition of MLA-FOCUS, the fortnightly electronic newsletter (both for members only) are also available when you login with your username and password.