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Dear Colleagues,

The debate on Open Access is still in progress.

The objective of the Science Policy Briefing of the European Medical Research Councils (EMRC) of the European Science Foundation (ESF), is to accelerate the adoption of open access in order to guarantee equitable access to European biomedical research outputs worldwide. They consider open access to be crucial for the free flow of information between researchers and within society as a whole. To achieve this goal a number of recommendations have been offered:

1. There is a moral imperative for open access: research papers should be made freely available to all to read,
2. Individual agencies must work together to raise awareness of the moral imperative for open access
3. All research stakeholders should work together to support the extension of Europe PubMed Central into a Europe-wide PubMed Central

(Open Access in Biomedical Research. Science Policy Briefing. September 2012)

Representatives from science funding agencies, publishers, librarians, and journal editors discussed two proposed yardsticks for quality. But the meeting, organized by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and SURF, a partnership that provides information and communication technology to Dutch universities, failed to come up with clear answers (M. Enserink. *Science*. 2012, 338, 1018).

The move towards open access to research findings needs to be supported by an open data policy to ensure data are fully exploited by researchers for the public good. As a condition of publication, scientific journals should enforce a requirement that the data on which the argument of the article depends should be accessible, assessable, usable, and traceable through information in the article. The article should indicate when and under what conditions the data will be available for others to access (I.Torjesen. *BMJ*. 2012 Jun 26;344:e4363).

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Journal issues

Since the Journal of December 2012, the following journal issue of *Health Information and Libraries Journal* has been received:

Gann B. From NHS Choices to the integrated customer service platform. Editorial.

Ilic D, Rowe N. What is the evidence that poster presentations are effective in promoting knowledge transfer? A state of the art review.

Publications and new products

Addison J, Whitcombe J, Glover S. How doctors make use of online, point-of-care, clinical decision support systems: a case study of UpToDate©.

Mortensen H, Alexander J, Nehrenz G, Porter C. Infection control professionals' information-seeking preferences.

Fell D, Burnham J, Dockery J. Determining where physical therapists get information to support clinical practice decisions.

Beyer F, Wright K. Can we prioritise which databases to search? A case study using a systematic review of frozen shoulder management.

Ullah M, Anwar M. Developing competencies for medical librarians in Pakistan.

Books Review

Research Methods in Information, 2nd edition. Ed. A. J. Pickard. Facet Publishing, London UK, 2013; ISBN: 978-1-85604-813-2; paperback £49.95 (£39.96 to CILIP members), pp. 352.

The 2nd edition of this research methods handbook is fully updated and includes brand new coverage of online research methods and techniques, mixed methodology and qualitative analysis.

Papers Review

Open Access in Biomedical Research. Science Policy Briefing.

European Medical Research Councils - European Science Foundation. September 2012
http://www.esf.org/fileadmin/Public_documents/Publications/spb47_OpenAccess.pdf

Scientific publishing. As open access explodes, how to tell the good from the bad and the ugly?
Enserink M. *Science* 2012;338:1018.

Top science body calls for open access to research data to maximise their potential for public good.
Torjesen I. *BMJ* 2012;344:e4363.

Collaboration, collegiality, and cooperation: consumer health library services and the American Cancer Society navigator role.

Attwood CA, Wellik KA. *Clin J Oncol Nurs* 2012;16:487

A community education initiative to improve using online health information: Participation and impact.
Gray K *et. al.* *Inform Health Soc Care* 2013;Jan 16. [Epub ahead of print]

Information Systems in Nursing: new challenges, new opportunities.

Sousa P. *Rev Esc Enferm USP* 2012;46:1035.
http://www.scielo.br/pdf/reesp/v46n5/en_01.pdf

U.S. conflict regulations. Scientists sue to halt financial disclosure rule.
Kaiser J. *Science* 2012;337:632.

One-stop shop for disease genes.
Baker M. *Nature* 2012;491:171.

News

Health information and Libraries Journal. The HILJ publishes a **review article** each issue, of any type – literature review, systematic review, scoping review and many more. Recent examples that have been published are on the topics of: Information needs of public health practitioners; quality improvement systems in health library services; Implementation of web 2.0 services in academic, medical and research libraries. The HILJ welcome all types of topic within the scope of the journal, and would be happy to discuss any ideas you may have. To find out more about writing for this area of HILJ eMail: a.sutton@sheffield.ac.uk.

Dissertations into practice is celebrating its first birthday. The feature has proved really successful and is helping to shine a spotlight on student dissertations and the usefulness of student research for practice. The range of topics covered is already quite extensive, from the introduction of RFID into a hospital library to an evaluation of a 'Books on Prescription' scheme in a public library. The HILJ is on the look-out for new material so if you've done/are doing a dissertation related to health information or if you're supervising or mentoring someone who is, then HILJ would be really interested to hear from you. Articles can be co-written with a dissertation or workplace supervisor and are essentially an extended abstract of the dissertation, highlighting the research methods used, the key findings and the implications for practice. To find out more eMail: A.M.Marshall@brighton.ac.uk

The International Clinical Librarian Conference Evidence into Practice Award was established this year, to honour a practising librarian or informationist who has made outstanding contributions to bringing evidence into practice in the field of healthcare. The award will coincide with the meeting, "One Health: Information in an Interdependent World". One Health is an international meeting incorporating MLA '13 and 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). Nominees do not have to be a member of any professional association. The recipient of the International Clinical Librarian Conference Evidence into Practice Award (or their representative) will receive a certificate at One Health and a cash award of \$500 after the meeting. The cash award is kindly sponsored by Dynamed. Nominations are due in on the 8th February 2013 for the ICLC Evidence into Practice Award.

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Information sources... web based

ClinVar provides a freely accessible, public archive of reports of the relationships among human variations and phenotypes along with supporting evidence. ClinVar aggregates the names of medical conditions with a genetic basis from such sources as SNOMED CT, GeneReviews, Genetic Home Reference, Office of Rare Diseases, MeSH, and OMIM®. ClinVar also aggregates descriptions of associated traits from Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO), OMIM, and other ontologies. Each source of information is tracked, and can be used in queries. Human variations are reported to the user as sequence changes relative to an mRNA, genomic and protein reference sequence (if appropriate), according to the HGVS standard.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/>

Stem DB, the stem cell database, stores stem cell information and gene expression data. Users can enter, update, search for and retrieve information about cell lines, rodent strains, antibodies, recombinant proteins, primers, vectors, and protocols. The database also stores documents such as references and reports.

<http://www.eurostemcell.org/stemdb-stem-cell-database>

ToxBank Wiki Information on this wiki (hepatotoxic, cardiotoxic compounds) is based on the research and compound selection tasks performed by the Gold Compound Working Group (GCWG) using a selection criteria

outlined by members of the GCWG. Further background information may be available from this working group or under review; selected reviewed materials are made available here.
http://wiki.toxbank.net/w/index.php/Main_Page

News from publishers

DOAJ. Lund University Libraries and Infrastructure Services for Open Access C.I.C. (IS4OA - a UK-registered Community Interest Company) jointly announce important changes regarding the future operations and development of the DOAJ. In response to the growth that the service has experienced in combination with increased demands for further developments, Lund University concluded during 2012 that a new community-based solution for operating and developing the DOAJ had become timely. The University concluded an agreement with Infrastructure Services for Open Access, C.I.C. (IS4OA) according to which the newly formed organisation will manage the trademark as well as assume operations and development of the Directory of Open Access Journals. Further plans will be announced shortly.

<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=loadTempl&templ=121217&uiLanguage=en>

EBSCO Information Services Europe announces the release of a series of five papers reporting the results of a survey on the future of the academic information supply chain.

The papers cover diverse subjects and reveal possible future roles for libraries, as well as others in the academic information supply chain. Respondents to the survey share opinions on new and emerging technologies; changing research practices; trends in user behaviour/expectations; and views on a variety of access and business models. Unsurprisingly, budgetary pressures have a significant impact across all areas of the supply chain, but some respondents feel this can be used to drive innovation. Other future forces for change include Open Access; mobile technology; and the importance of China, India, and other emerging economies in shaping publishers' activities.

The papers are available on request at www.ebsco.com/papers2012

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http://www.nature.com/press_releases/article-metrics.html

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<http://www.springer.com/about+springer/media/pressreleases?SGWID=0-11002-6-1403441-0>