

US Medical Library Association report for EAHIL



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Focus on MLA '18: Atlanta, Georgia, US, 18-23 May 2018

<http://www.mlanet.org/meeting>

The next US Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting will be held in Atlanta at the “Hyatt Regency Atlanta” from 18-23 May 2018. **Even if you cannot plan to attend in person, please see below for information on attending “remotely” via the e-Conference options.**

This will be the first time that MLA has been held in Atlanta. The symbol of the rising phoenix in the meeting logo reflects Atlanta’s official seal and celebrates the city’s rise from the ashes of the Civil War to become the 21st century “capital city of the Southeast” with its rich history and diversity. For those seeking inspiration as to how to make their case and persuade their boss to support their attendance, there is a page of hints and tips including a draft letter!

<http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=1294>

This is a major event on the medical and health care library conference circuit and is expecting to attract c. 2,500 participants including delegates and over 100 exhibitors. There will be c. 200 papers presented, in addition to posters and so-called “**Lightning Talks**”. These are five-minute presentations and focus on one main topic, submitted as either a research abstract or a programme description abstract. Submissions for the Lightning Talks closed in late February this year, i.e. prior to publication of this article but please bear this in mind for future years, as this later deadline for these presentations (c. 5 months after the standard deadline for oral presentations and posters) 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.

A “**One Page Schedule**” is available from the meeting home page at: <http://www.mlanet.org/meeting>

Plenary keynote speakers this year offer the usual MLA eclectic mix.

William Powers will deliver the **John P. McGovern Award Lecture**. He is author of the New York Times bestseller *Hamlet’s BlackBerry: Building a Good Life in the Digital Age*, widely praised for its insights on the digital future. It has been published in many countries and languages. He is currently a research scientist at the Laboratory of Social Machines at the MIT Media Lab, where he is developing new technologies for journalism, governance, and the public sphere. He is also a former Washington Post journalist.

<https://www.williampowers.com/>

Dara Richardson-Heron will deliver another of the plenary sessions. She is chief engagement officer of the “All of Us” research program at the (US) National Institutes of Health (NIH). “All of Us” aims to build one of the largest biomedical data sets in the world, involving participants from diverse communities

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across the US. She will lead outreach efforts to enrol and retain one million or more volunteers in this landmark effort to advance innovative health research that may lead to more precise treatments and prevention strategies.

<https://www.nih.gov/research-training/allofus-research-program/dara-richardson-heron-md-named-chief-engagement-officer-all-us-research-program>

David Satcher will deliver the **Closing Keynote**. He is a physician-scientist and public health administrator with an extensive track record of leadership, research, and community engagement. He is the founding director and senior advisor for the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia. He has served as surgeon general of the US, assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health & Human Services, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). He has an interest in inequalities in health.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Satcher

Networking Events offered as part of the “conference only” registration include:

Welcome Reception and Opening of the Hall of Exhibits

New Members/First-Time Attendees Program and Breakfast

Open Forums

International Visitors' Reception

Additionally, the ‘Silver and Gold’ Networking Dinner is available to those with the fully “inclusive” registration package.

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Dinner Dine Arounds are also being offered again this year by the Local Assistance Committee, where you are invited to “go Dutch” (i.e. each pays their own bill) for those arriving early, on Thursday May 17 and Friday May 18 at 1800 (following the CE courses). The restaurants will be in various locations near the Hyatt Regency Atlanta. For further information see:

<http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=1292>

Conference registration is open at the link below this paragraph. There is a discount for EAHIL members through EAHIL's association with MLA. The fully inclusive meeting registration package is **699 US dollars** (reduced from 999 US dollars). The reduced ‘conference only’ package (which does not include the conference dinner) is **599 US dollars** (reduced from 899 US dollars). For those of you for whom, even with these discounts, the travel costs remain prohibitive, there is an individual “**e-Conference**” **rate of just 129 US dollars** (reduced from 225 US dollars). All these rates apply until 18 April 2018, after which higher rates apply. Additionally, “**Institutional e-Conference Licences**” at **699 US dollars** (reduced from 1,049 US dollars) are being offered for those who wish to share video and audio presentations with staff and colleagues at training sessions. (Note: The individual ‘e-Conference’ rate is just what it says – individual! Not for sharing with your colleagues!)

<http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=1282>

Continuing Education courses will take place on Friday 18 May (1000-1700) and Saturday 19 May (0800-1700). (There will be no CE courses on the following Wednesday again this year.) There will, as ever, be a very wide range of courses, typical of MLA annual meetings. You do not have to register for the conference to register for these courses. 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 include:

(CHIS) Consumer Health Information Specialization Program: presenting the latest resources and ideas in the consumer health information field.

(DM) Data Management: providing the latest information and resources in the field of data management.

(EBP) Evidenced-based Practice: emphasizing the librarian's role in the practice of evidence-based health care.

(ES) Expert Searcher Training Initiative: emphasizing librarians' roles as expert searchers in health care and biomedical research.

(M) Management Track: addressing topics relevant to library administration for current managers and individuals with an interest in management.

A number of the courses offer the opportunity for hands-on practice and these are marked by a special icon in the programme.

<http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=1285>

Symposium: Health Information for Public Librarians will be held in parallel during the last 1.5 days of the MLA conference from 0700 on Tuesday 22 May to noon Wednesday 23 May. MLA delegates may attend the symposium as part of their registration for the MLA '18 annual meeting. The symposium, of interest to both public librarians as well as medical and health care librarians, offers programming in the area of health information for the public. It also provides a unique opportunity for public and medical and health care librarians to network.

The **MLA '18 Blog** will provide coverage of a range of topics including programme sessions, plenary sessions, exhibition activity and social events, before, during and after the meeting at: <http://www.mlanet.org/p/bl/et/blogid=126>

Additionally, you can follow the meeting on **Twitter** with the MLA '18 hashtag **#mlanet18** and follow MLA more generally on **Facebook** at: <https://www.facebook.com/MedicalLibraryAssn>

Future MLA annual meetings - dates for your diary:

Atlanta, Georgia, 18-23 May 2018

Chicago, Illinois, 3-8 May 2019

Portland, Oregon, 15-20 May 2020

Washington, DC, 21-26 May 2021

Membership of MLA

MLA offers **International Membership** to individuals at a reduced rate. This category applies if you work or have worked in a health- or health information-related environment and live outside the US or Canada. The current annual subscription rate for International Membership is **150 US dollars (or 25 US dollars if you are from a HINARI-eligible Group A or Group B country)**.

<http://www.mlanet.org/join>

News and publications from MLA

The latest issue of the **Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA)** (Volume 106 (1) January 2018) 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 articles from the forthcoming issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) are available (for members only) two months prior to the print publication by selecting **JMLA Journal** then **JMLA Preprints** under the **Publications** option when you login to the MLA web site with your username and password.

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<http://www.mlanet.org/mlanews>

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