Publications and new products

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Dear Colleagues,
There are some precious emotions that sometimes we feel but cannot explain, like **vellichor***, the strange wistfulness of old libraries, which are somehow infused with the passage of time, with thousands of old books, each of which is itself locked in its own era; or* **kenopsia***, the eerie, forlorn atmosphere of a place that is usually bustling with people but that is now abandoned and quiet, as the unlit corridors and rooms of a library that once was busy.*
Hard times bring sorrow for the time that used to be. Well, even if **occhiolism** *comes to mind – the awareness of the smallness of your perspective by which you feel you cannot draw any meaningful conclusion to reach a change – the best therapy for these obscure sorrows is renovate, communicate, update, plan and participate!*
Therefore, here are a few suggestions. As usual, enjoy the read!

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal: Contents of June issue 2015 (Vol. 32, Issue 2)

Editorial
Reporting statistical analyses in peer review journal articles
Richard Stephens and Maria J. Grant

Review Articles
A review of competencies needed for health librarians – a comparison of Irish and international practice
Aoife Lawton and Jane Burns

Original articles
Recording and Accounting for Stakeholder Involvement in Systematic Reviews
Marieke C. Saan, Hennie R. Boeije, Jane N. T. Sattoe, Marjolijn I. Bal, Marjolein Missler and Floryt van Wesel
Fear of cancer is associated with cancer information seeking, scanning and avoiding: a cross-sectional study among cancer diagnosed and non-diagnosed individuals
Sara Nelissen, Kathleen Beullens, Marijke Lemal and Jan Van den Bulck
Parents of children with disabilities in Kuwait: a study of their information seeking behaviour
Sultan M. Al-Daihani and Huda I. Al-Ateeqi
Evaluating effectiveness of small group information literacy instruction for Undergraduate Medical Education students using a pre- and post-survey study design
Caitlin McClurg, Susan Powelson, Eddy Lang, Fariba Aghajafari and Steven Edworthy

Parents of children with disabilities in Kuwait: a study of their information seeking behaviour
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Regular features
Dissertations into practice
The health information seeking behaviour and needs of community health workers in Chandigarh in Northern India
Sonika Raj, Vijay Lakshmi Sharma, Amarjeet Singh and Sonu Goel
International perspectives and initiatives
International Trends in Health Science Librarianship Part 14: East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda)
Nasra Gathoni, Nancy Kamau, Judith Nannozi and Marcel Singirankabo
Learning and Teaching in Action
Professional development through attending conferences: reflections of a health librarian
Ruth Jenkins

Obituary
Peter Craddock (pages 161–162)
Penny Bonnett, David Owen and Linda Houston

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES
Enhancing the QUAlity and Transparency Of health Research – EQUATOR Network. This international initiative (http://www.equator-network.org) seeks to improve the reliability and value of published health research literature by promoting transparent and accurate reporting and wider use of robust reporting guidelines. It is an 'umbrella' organization that brings together researchers, medical journal editors, peer reviewers, developers of reporting guidelines, research-funding bodies and other collaborators with mutual interest in improving the quality of research publications and of research itself. Now it is gradually developing into a global initiative covering all areas of health research and all nations, and actively involving all key stakeholders.
EQUATOR Network is the first coordinated attempt to tackle the problems of inadequate reporting systematically and on a global scale; it advances the work done by individual groups over the last 15 years. In 2014, the first three centres that will substantially contribute to expanding the EQUATOR activities were launched: the UK EQUATOR Centre, French EQUATOR Centre and Canadian EQUATOR Centre. The new centres will focus on national activities aimed at raising awareness and supporting adoption of good research reporting practices. All the centres will work with partner organizations and initiatives, and will also contribute to the work of the EQUATOR Network as a whole.
A Librarian Toolkit is being developed (http://www.equator-network.org/toolkits/librarians) which will consist of a variety of resources (documents, presentations, leaflets/posters, videos, e-learning etc.) to help librarians and information specialists promote reporting guidelines, hold research reporting workshops and provide the clinicians with whom they work with the relevant reporting guidelines for their research studies.

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BOOKS REVIEW

Strategic data-based wisdom in the big data era. John Girard, Deanna Klein, Kristi Berg. February 2015ISBN13: 978-1-4666-8122-4. $164.00 (hard cover + Free E-Access). $156.00 (E-Access Only). IGI Global. 312 pp.

The ability to uncover, share, and utilize knowledge is one of the most vital components to the success of any organization. While new technologies and techniques of knowledge dissemination are promising, there is still a struggle to derive and circulate meaningful information from large data sets.

Strategic Data-Based Wisdom in the Big Data Era combines the latest empirical research findings, best practices, and applicable theoretical frameworks surrounding data analytics and knowledge acquisition. Providing a multi-disciplinary perspective of the subject area, this book is an essential reference source for professionals and researchers working in the field of knowledge management who would like to improve

their understanding of the strategic role of data-based wisdom in different types of work communities and environments.

NEWS

- **Librarians from EU organizations cooperate on Open Access challenges**. EUROLIB, the collaboration group of libraries of the EU institutions, EU agencies and services, held its 2015 general assembly on 21 and 22 May at Cedefop in Thessaloniki, Greece. Discussions mainly focused on library management tools, collaboration and information sharing. Besides dealing with a common European approach towards issues such as provision of access to EU documentation, EU publications and EU grey literature, the meeting included a workshop focused on an important issue for all EU organizations: the setting-up of Open Access institutional repositories. The participants looked at practical issues, based on testimonials from EUROLIB libraries and identified common challenges. Follow-up actions will include a feasibility study and a technical meeting in autumn in Brussels or Luxembourg. For more information: Eurolib network: http://www.eurolibnet.eu
- **BioMed Central has launched a new journal** with a unique peer-review model to recognize the importance of public input in co-producing knowledge. Research Involvement and Engagement has an Editorial Board that is representative of both patients and academics, with all articles peer reviewed by both groups and carrying equal weight in the Editorial decision.

  For the launch, the journal published a study revealing that research on treatments for health problems, such as diabetes, stroke and schizophrenia, was not being focused on the treatments considered most important by patients and clinicians. Co-authored by Iain Chalmers, one of the founders of the Cochrane Collaboration, the study suggests that current research is instead favoring drug treatments over physical or psychological therapies, the latter of which are priorities for patients and clinicians.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES

August 15-21, 2015, Cape Town, South Africa
81st World Library and Information Congress: IFLA General Conference and Assembly
For further information: http://conference.ifla.org/ifla81

September 7-10, 2015, Paris-Sorbonne University, Paris, France
Immersion 2015
For further information: http://immersiveeducation.org/i2015

September 28-30, 2015, John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh, UK
REWARD / EQUATOR Conference 2015
For further info: http://www.equator-network.org/2014/11/25/research-waste-equator-conference-2015/

October 19-21, 2015, Olympia Conference Centre, London, UK
Dynamic disruption: transforming the library. Internet Librarian International 2015.
For further information: http://www.internet-librarian.com/2015/

November 23-25, 2015, Wilhelmsburg, Hamburg, Germany
Semantic Web in Libraries 2015
For further information: http://swib.org/swib14/