

## Hello Everyone,



Wasn't it a good conference in London? Congratulations to the ICML Organising Committee for putting together such a splendid programme both professionally and socially. For me it was so nice to put faces to all these people I have corresponded with by e-mail over the last two years, renew old acquaintances and to meet many new international colleagues. The meeting of the Editorial Board with Suzanne Bakker, Giovanna Miranda, Liisa Salmi, Joanne Dunham and Constantin Cazan resulted in a collaboration agreement with the UK Health Libraries Group Newsletter and Margaret Forrest (we actually worked together in Edinburgh University Library - I won't say how many years ago!) and also AHILA and Jean Shaw. Each of the editors now are aware of each journal's scope and that all news, articles and other information can be interchangeable accordingly and if necessary summarised in each of the publications. Joan Dunham, [jd1@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:jd1@leicester.ac.uk), has kindly agreed to be the representative for Great Britain gathering news items and information to be published in the EAHIL Newsletter.

The MLA agreement is also a major step and can only expand our international window globally. Donna Flake who has so ably represented MLA in the past two years and has been a regular and major contributor to the Newsletter has made a considerable input to this newsletter. I also spent some time coaxing EAHIL members to contribute in the future and did succeed with some as you will see. My biggest success I think was the wonderful evening of the Thames Cruise when I found myself sitting beside a

group of medical librarians from Iceland headed by Margret Gunnarsdottir from Reykjavik and the result was that EAHIL Newsletter 56 August 2001 will feature Focus on.... Iceland.

My biggest disappointment was that I did not manage to meet anyone from Ireland because the next issue - deadline December 15th 2000 will feature Focus on.... Ireland. So please Medical Librarians from Ireland get in touch with me soon! As Liisa Salmi has written a comprehensive report on the ICML and others have

talked about it too I decided I would do something a little different and I asked for comments or viewpoints on it from a number of participants. Four responded and I hope you like the result.

I think it only remains for me to say Happy Holidays to all EAHIL members and to enjoy your summer wherever you go.

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*Tony McSeán and members of the 8ICML organising committee  
 (the evening before at BMA House)*

*(Tony McSeán, UK)*