# PUBLICATIONS AND NEW PRODUCTS

# Dear Colleagues,

Great expectations for the next decade. A special issue of Health Libraries Review discusses the metamorphoses of libraries and information services. France is to create the "Grande Ecole de l' Internet". The two-year programme will begin teaching courses in fields from computer science to electronic commerce (Nature, 2000, 405, 381). A new profession "The Informationist": the informationists must have "a clear and solid understanding of both information science and essentials clinical works....working skills of retrieving, synthesizing, and presenting medical information..." (Annals of Internal Medicines, 2000, 132, 996). For the next decade a new name but same skills!

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## JOURNAL ISSUES

Since the Newsletter of 1st May 2000, the following journal issue of Health Libraries Review has been received: vol. 17, 2000, no. 1

This is a special issue about the way in which library and information services might metamorphose over the next decade and about the opportunities that these changes will present for our future professional development.

J. Palmer. Editorial p. 1

J. Lancaster. Planning the future by the present: a personal view. p.2-6.

J. Murphy. The role of health science librarians in preparing tomorrow's doctors to manage information. p.7-13.

J. Yeoh. Nursing information needs: what next? p.14-16.

J. G. Marshall. Building health sciences library education in the 21st century. p.17-18.

L. Coelho. A small step to the future. p.19-21.

S. Oliver. Revolutionizing how we generate new knowledge: a challenge for librarians, health professionals, service users and researchers. p.22-25.

R. Jones. Developments in consumer health informatics in the next decade. p.26-31.

V. Grier. Health information for the millennium and beyond. p.32-36.

N. Pakenham-Walsh. Access to reliable information for healthcare workers in developing countries: an international perspective. p.37-40.

S. Bakker. To mediate or not: it depends on the medium. p.41-45.

B. Toth, J. A. Muir Gray, V. Fraser, R. Ward. National electronic library for health: progress and prospects. p.46-50.

J. Rashbass. Will technology kill the healthcare library? p.51-55.

Innovations online. (D. Charnock and S. Shepperd). p. 56.

Research (J. Farmer and D. Williams) p. 59.

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A. L. Weightman and M. K. Mann. Evidence in seconds? Format and design considerations in the provision of reliable information to support evidence-based practice. p.63-70.

Evidence based practice is gaining support amongst health professionals. However, the major barrier remains the lack of time to read the literature. The Health Evidence Bulletins Wales offer a two-column format. In the first column, brief statements summarize the best available evidence within a topic area. In the second, full details are provided of the supporting publications.

P. Bailey, L. Banwell, S. Kinghorn, H. McFarlane, G. Walton. Information needs analysis to inform the development of a library and information service at the Marie Curie Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, England. p.71-76. The University of Newcastle assists the Marie Curie Centre in developing a library and information service strategy.

J. Sweetland. Users' perceptions of the impact of the information provided by a Consumer Health Information service: an in-depth study of six users. p.77-82. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with six consecutive users of the centre asking about a health problem for themselves. The themes to explore were cognitive effects, affective effects, and behavioural effects.

S. L. Bryant. The information needs and information seeking behaviour of family doctors: a selective literature review. p.83-90.

The aim of this literature review is to indicate publications that have made significant contribution to understanding of the information wants, needs, behaviour and preferences of family physicians and to identify areas in which there is scope for further research.

A. Gillies. Information support for general practice in the new NHS. p.91-96.

This paper describes a model (GPIMM: General Practice Information Maturity Model) for the assessment and managed change of information maturity within general practice, and examines the health librarians' role in the process of change.

P. J. Stokes. Medical information provision in Seychelles: development, current state and future focus. p.97-102. This report describes the current situation at the library and the vision for the next 10 years.

Innovations online. B. Anagnostelis. p. 103.

Brief Communications p.110

## BOOKS REVIEW

L'évolution de la fonction Information-Documentation. Résultats de l'enquête ADBS 1999. By B. Roederer, Cofremca – Sociovision. 2000, 159 pp. FF 185 (+21 francs de port). ADBS Editions, ISBN 2 84365 038 0.
A survey on information professionals activities in France (services, new technologies, Internet, etc).

Peer Review in Health Sciences. By F. Godlee and T. Jeffersons. 2000. 286 pp. £ 30. BMJ Books, ISBN 0 7279 1181 3. This book is an up to date compilation on the subject showing how the system has evolved and is still evolving.

## PAPERS REVIEW

The Informationist : A new Health profession?. F. Davidoff and V. Florance. Annals of Internal Medicine, 2000, 132 (12), 996.
Ease of use versus user control: an evaluation of Web and non-Web interfaces of online databases. H. I. Xie and C. Cool. Online Information Review, 2000, 24 (2), 102.

Conflicted Copy Rights. Electronic articles: a battle for control and ownership of content. S. C. Ardito. Online, 2000, 24 (3), 84.

What every medical librarian should know about MEDLINEplus. R. B. Fitzpatrick and G. Hendler. Medical Reference Services Quarterly, 1999, 18 (4), 11.

Distance learning on the World Wide Web: a review for academic librarians. M. K. Moody. Internet Reference Services Quarterly, 1999, 4 (3), 57.

## INFORMATION SOURCES
### ....... Web-based
NHS Economic Evaluation Database. The database currently holds 1800-structured abstract of full economic evaluation (cost effectiveness, cost utility, and cost benefit studies) and bibliographic details of 1953 cost studies, 649 reviews and 459 studies methodology. The NHS Economic Evaluation Database project is commissioned by NHS Research and Development Programme to disseminate the principal findings to clinicians and their decision makers by means structured abstracts. The abstracts are freely accessible on the Internet. http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd

Science and technology dictionary. The dictionary includes a short description of terms, and some illustrations. Users can perform a keyword search or browse scientific topics such as Life Sciences, Medicine, Physical Sciences, and Computer Science. The site is a free scientific resource. http://www.harcourt.com/dictionary

## NEWS FROM EDITORS

The Stanford University's HighWire Press has announced that publishers of the journals it hosts now provide free online access to the full text of more than 137,000 articles. HighWire Press offer three entirely free journals, 51 journals offering free back issues and 32 offering free trial access. The publisher also offers "toll-free linking" of articles. http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freeart.dtl

EBSCO Publishing has created two new databases entirely full-text. Biomedical Fulltext Collection is a comprehensive compilation of nearly 550 titles covering such disciplines as clinical medicine, nursing, health management information, veterinary medicine, etc. Biomedical Fulltext Collection also allows users to link from citations in other databases. Health Business FullTEXT Elite contains full text from nearly 500 journals covering all aspects of health care administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management. These databases are available online via search interface EBSCOmed. http://www.epnet.com

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Renardus project - It is a collaborative project that aims to improve access to a range of existing Internet-based information services across Europe and to develop quality-controlled subjects gateways. Renardus partners are drawn from European library and other information communities. It is funded under the European Union's Programme "Promoting a user-friendly information society". http://www.renardus.org