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*A guid new year to ane and aw and monie may ye see,
and durin' a' the years tae come, oh happy may ye be!*
(Scottish New Year Greeting)

A new year has begun and with it we welcome a new President, Arne Jakobsson, once again a very well known and respected member of EAHIL. 2002 gave us a memorable conference in Cologne, with one of the highest attendances ever, giving everyone a chance to renew friendships, to meet new members of EAHIL and to share and disseminate medical information. This year we are meeting in Oslo and in 2004 in Santander and I am sure

Our next meeting points: Oslo & Santander

that both offer EAHIL members excellent opportunities to meet and learn together again. We shall be publishing information on both regularly. Liisa Salmi has written

another thought-provoking article entitled "Are We Happy With Consortia Agreements?" which is interesting for both those with or those considering such contracts. It will be interesting to hear if anyone else is voicing some doubts regarding these consortia agreements which were hailed as one of the main solutions to all library problems.

One of my principal aims when I became Editor, was to attempt to transverse all mapped boundaries in Europe and to create a common ground where the dissemination of medical information could also include the differences between each of the countries medical library systems as well as their structural health systems. In this way we would also have a chance to understand and learn their problems and some of their solutions, the levels of their knowledge and above all, how they had achieved and continue to progress accordingly. The section *Highlight on* has been a success because it has concentrated on one of the EAHIL countries in

The difference between
a journal and a newsletter

each issue and through these articles, I hope, members have gained useful information regarding the respective countries. The difference between a newsletter and a journal is, possibly, that the former concentrates on news about its members and its society and the second is more inclined to have as its emphasis, news of the subject it is dedicated to. However I do hope in the EAHIL Newsletter we have managed, and continue, to combine both.

This issue features a *Highlight on... the Czech Republic* providing information on the progress in the medical information field in one of the Central European countries. Having lived in one of these former Communist countries for the past 9 years I am always impressed by the tenacity and the willpower of their medical librarians. In daunting circumstances they have pulled themselves out of a forced non-informative society and in a short time are achieving a high status in the European field. The Cologne conference was inspiring because there were many new and young faces, quite a few that were coming to the EAHIL conference for the first time. I met the Czech Republic delegates and their enthusiasm, their professional attitude and their teamwork made a big impression on me. Their younger members were being pushed forward by the more experienced ones and I noticed this also in the Italian delegation. I do hope this trend continues to grow because this indeed is the future of an organization such as ours. Progress builds on innovation: innovation is constructed from new ideas:

Innovation: new members with new ideas

new ideas are compiled from new members and young people. Of course experience is very important but a balance is required where the seasoned professionals must encourage

and motivate young members who are just starting out in their careers. In this way we can move forward together strengthening our European links and preparing the way for a strong future.

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Letter from the President



Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure that I greet you as EAHIL President for the period 2003-2004. I am looking forward to working with the Board, the Council, the EAHIL sub-groups and all EAHIL members to continue the excellent work of my predecessors to build a strong and successful association. Here in Oslo it is a very cold and full winter, but I still have the warm and successful 8th EAHIL conference in Cologne fresh in mind. Two excellent papers at the conference have inspired my first letter from the President. Prof. Dr. Hans Reinauer presented a paper on “Libraries, Scientific Journals, and Scientists: a Critical Interdependence” and Charles Oppenheim on “Information Ownership: Copyright & Licenses”.

“Alternatives” in scholarly communication:
“open access” to electronic archives and
repositories.

Scholarly communication

There is a growing understanding that the present system of scholarly communication must change. The traditional system of scholarly communication has many constraints. Only in an Open Access System can scientific information escape the constraints of copyright and charge for use.

Today there is a worldwide movement towards Open Access of Information. The Open Archives Initiative (OAI) (www.openarchives.org), the Budapest Open Access Initiative (BOAI) (www.soros.org/openaccess/) and SPARC (www.arl.org/sparc/) are leading the way in this transformation process by implementing alternatives to commercially-published scholarly and scientific information.

The content of research journals is the product of the international academic community. It can therefore be claimed that scholarly information is an institutional asset. Today academic information is given away free of charge to commercial publishers. It could instead be shared free of charge between organizations. New publishing models are necessary if open access is to be achieved. The Budapest Open Access Initiative has agreed on the main strategies: self-archiving and alternative journals committed to open access.

Promoting direct communication between researchers

Libraries can promote direct communication between researchers by setting up open electronic archives or online repositories and by encouraging researchers to publish in open access journals. By setting up, promoting and managing an institutional repository the library can create a stable location where scientific information produced by the institute can be preserved and disseminated. The institutional repository should be OAI-compliant. OAI-PMH (Open Archives Initiative - Protocol for Metadata Harvesting) defines a mechanism for data providers to expose their metadata. Data providers should co-operate to build networks of service providers. Service Providers use metadata harvested via the OAI-PMH as a basis for building value-added services. Libraries can and should contribute to the new worldwide emerging scholarly communication system.

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NEWS FROM THE PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION GROUP

Following the call for nominations to the committee of PHING, I am pleased to announce that Giovanna Miranda has kindly agreed to continue for another term as Co-Chair, with myself (Linda Lisgarten) as the other Co-Chair. Michelle Wake has kindly agreed to take on the role of Secretary to the Group. (Our grateful thanks must go to Luisa Vercellesi, who is stepping down as Co-Chair, for all her excellent work in the past).

We are very anxious to revitalise the Group. I believe we were all very much encouraged by the discussions between PHING members in Cologne, and we hope that with a new impetus and good participation, we can become a really dynamic part of the EAHIL community. In particular, we are already formulating plans for a programme of activities, and would be very glad to receive suggestions from anyone about this; please email me at linda.lisgarten@ulsop.ac.uk with any thoughts on the matter. Participants at our Round Table discussion in Cologne will know that one of the things we hope to do is to set up a forum for systematically evaluating certain databases for their usefulness in answering pharmaceutical queries.

We positively welcome anyone who is interested in joining us to get in contact as soon as possible. PHING membership is freely available to any EAHIL member who is involved in, or just interested in, **any** aspect of pharmaceutical/pharmacological information work.

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Linda Lisgarten

EAHIL welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. G. MYERS (Glenda), Univ.of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa

Mrs. L.A. COLAIANNI (Lois Ann) [renewed membership]

Mrs. L. HIELKEMA (Lian), Nederlands Huisartsen Genootschap Utrecht, the Netherlands



Are We Happy With Consortia Agreements?

In the Finnish university libraries, consortia agreements on databases and e-journals were started in 1998. In 2001, the project was made a permanent activity of the Finnish National Library - Helsinki University Library, and the Ministry of Education supports the activity financially. The initial support was substantial but step by step the libraries are supposed to pay the total costs themselves. In addition to the university libraries, other libraries have the possibility to join the consortium as well, financed by themselves.

After five years, the medical libraries can say that the better part of their needs of databases and e-journals have been fulfilled. Of course there are individual titles that are required or databases that cannot be afforded anyway. We could say that the initial phase of consortia licensing has been completed. So far so good, we are all rather satisfied that we have been able to move over to e-journals rather easily and quickly.

What about consortia?
Prices, packages, bids and budgets....
The continuing story of rising costs....

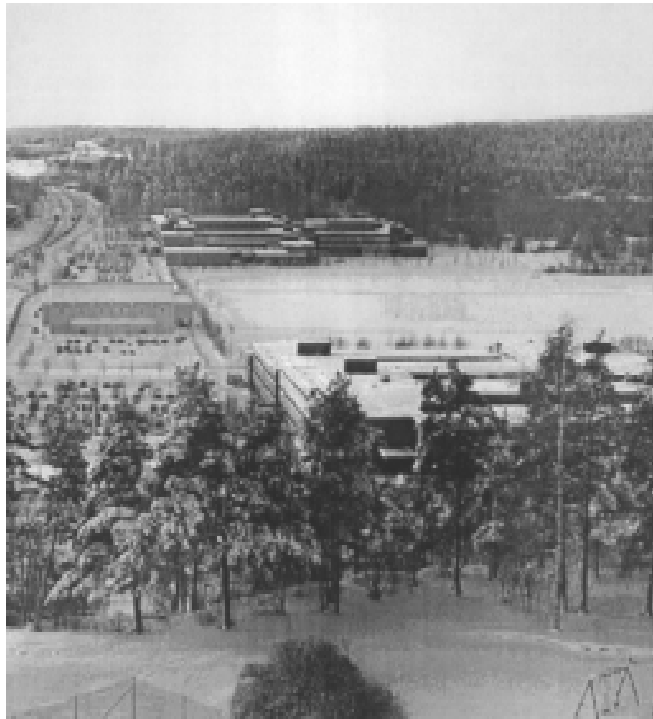
However, problems have arisen. I think that the problems have arisen because we now continue to enter the contracts just as before, without modifying our approach although our needs have changed. There are a couple of main issues that are now bothering the Finnish medical librarians.

The first issue is the prices. We all know that nothing becomes more inexpensive in this world, but the basic idea of consortia licensing was that we could get everything cheaper because of the quantity. The rise in journal and database prices is nothing new but hardly anyone expected it to be this high. The current sky-high costs are partly, of course, due to the packages we have to buy.

Researchers and clinicians are not happy with 3000 e-journals if the essential ones are missing!

The packages are the second issue. We should now generate a pressure on the vendors and publishers to let us choose what we want to buy, title by title, if needed. The researchers and clinicians are not happy with 3000 e-journals, if the essential ones from their point of view are missing. We now pay for many journals we do not need at all. For instance, Kuopio University Library now pays for journals of marine archaeology and our university is specifically a health sciences university with no trace whatsoever of archaeology. In addition we are situated in the middle of the country with no sea resorts at all.

The third issue is the conflict in the timetable of the bids and our completion of the annual budgets. We all have our definite deadlines when the budgets are decided upon and these deadlines do not vary from year to year. The bids from the vendors come, however, whenever they please. It is not infrequent that we get a bid one week after we had decided how to use next year's money.



Kuopio University

My fourth point concerns the timetable. The negotiations with the vendors and publishers sometimes take such a long time that we have to decide almost two years in advance the titles we want. It is hard to tell our clients that no, you cannot read your journal on the web now but you may have the opportunity in 2005. Journals come and go, and how do we know if our clients will be still interested in the same journals after two years

So, what should we do? Individually we cannot do very much. Not even the consortium in Finland (the country's population is 5,2 million) is big enough to be able to influence the vendors and publishers, but countries together might be able to do something. It would be interesting to know if other European libraries have the same kind of problems, and if so, could we form a strategy to do something to improve the situation for us and most of all, for our clients. In the meantime, maybe we can recommend our researchers and clinicians to publish their research results in an alternate way, such as Biomed Central or Figaro or other corresponding organisations.

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NEWS FROM MLA



Happy New Year! As we begin the year, MLA's 2002/03 President, Linda Watson, continues to lead the Association in a number of important areas, including recruitment into the profession, benchmarking, and defining MLA's role in improving health literacy. During the Fall, MLA issued press releases on the vital role medical librarians play in reducing medical errors and on public access to health information. MLA has also recently updated the "Top Ten Most Useful Websites" for consumers, which you can find at <http://mlanet.org>.

MLA's Future: Issues, Challenges, and Choices

The heading above is the title of MLA's draft strategic vision, now in its second version. The MLA Board of Directors first presented this document to the membership in the summer 2002, inviting comment. Draft #2, which incorporates significant input from members, is now available for comment through the month of January. The strategic plan includes:

➤ **MLA's Vision**

MLA believes that quality information is essential for improved health. MLA aspires to be the association of the most visible, valued, and trusted health information experts with proven positive influence on the quality of health in the world.

➤ **MLA's Core Values**

On behalf of the profession, MLA is committed to

- Improving the knowledge and skills of health information professionals;
- Advocating new directions and roles for the profession that respond to needs in society;
- Advancing health information research and evidence-based practice;
- Upholding and promoting the Code of Ethics for Health Sciences Librarians
- Advancing the valuable role of health information professionals in providing the best health information to all who work in healthcare, health education and biomedical research;
- Promoting the use of scientific evidence in making health care decisions;
- Improving the public's awareness and use of quality health information; promoting a sense of community and collaboration with similar organizations to ensure that the best health information is available to all.

➤ *MLA Goals and Objectives*

These are outlined in five areas, which I have listed below. Though all goals are broad based, the last includes specific mention of a global reach, therefore I will include the entire text.

1. Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession
2. Life Long Learning
3. Advocacy
4. Creating and Communicating our Knowledge
5. Building a Network of Partners

MLA will actively serve every professional and student working in health care and provide health information to the public through a global network of members and partners who share expertise and resources.

- MLA will seek local, regional, national and international partnerships with others who share its values and goals on information access programs such as outreach to underserved communities.
- MLA will work to develop international connections that support access to quality information for improved health for all. MLA will support the information needs of the growing range of individuals engaged in providing health information services to the public. *The full text of the strategic plan is available at <http://www.mlanet.org/about/>*

[planning/draft_plan1202.html](#)

Catch the Wave – MLA '03

San Diego, California will be the venue for the annual meeting of the MLA May 2-7, 2003. San Diego lies on the ocean in southern California and enjoys beautiful weather year round with an average daily temperature of 70.5 degrees Fahrenheit (21.4degrees Celsius), and May weather will be close to the average. Lawrence Lessig, J.D., a Stanford law professor recognized nationally for his knowledge of intellectual property and his ability to guide the novice and the expert through the maze of copyright and fair use, will deliver the opening presentation. The contributed paper and poster sessions include the new publishing paradigm; library exhibits; equitable access to information; forecasts of technology trends; services and information needs for underserved health professionals; outreach services for at-risk, underserved consumer populations; and creative uses of new technologies.

The Town and Country Resort & Convention Center lends itself to outside, unstructured activities, and the Organizing Committee has taken advantage of the both the dependable climate and location in its planning. For example, informal California Chats will be pre-dinner, poolside discussions on a variety of issues that surface during the meeting.

San Diego (<http://sandiego.org>) is also a wonderful city to visit with family. SeaWorld, the San Diego Wild Animal Park, the San Diego Zoo, Old Town, and even Tijuana, Mexico, are close enough for a day trip.

Much information, including registration information and forms, is available at <http://mlanet.org> and complete program information will be available in February. Hope to see many of you at the International Reception.

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A Visit to the World Health Organization Librarians

Last fall my husband was invited to facilitate a United Nations training course in Geneva, Switzerland. After much deliberation, I decided to tag along for a vacation. He could work; I would play. Play for me, though, usually includes visiting libraries wherever I go.

I sent a message to the discussion list of the International Cooperation Section of the Medical Library Association asking for suggestions on libraries to visit.

In most of the surprisingly numerous responses that I received, the World Health Organization library had top billing. So I contacted them to arrange a visit and tour of the library. Having received an affirmative answer, I set the time for Wednesday. The weather cooperated wonderfully that week—sunny and around 10 to 14C. I walked everywhere, and when it came time for my visit to the WHO library, found my way with only a small detour.

Carole Modis, coordinator of reference for the WHO library, greeted me and gave a short Power Point presentation about the library and its activities. Carole, an American, has been with the WHO library for many years.

My visit happened to be the day and the time when the librarians held their weekly staff meeting. They invited me to share about MLA and the International Cooperation Section. I told them I was a fairly new member, having joined in 1999, but I would share what I knew about the ICS activities. One of these is the MLA-ICS Sister Library pilot program initiative. The ICS Sister Libraries Initiative was designed as a model of multi-library support for two selected international libraries. In September 2000, the MLA Board gave approval to ICS to raise funds for a 14-month pilot project. The libraries selected were the Holberton Hospital Library in St. John's, Antigua and the Medical Research Library of Latvia in the capital city Riga. You can read more about this project at <http://www.lib.wayne.edu/shiffman/ics/ics.html>.

Another activity of ICS is the Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship (<http://www.lib.wayne.edu/shiffman/ics/cunningham/fellow.html>). It provides funds for librarians from other countries to spend four months in the US or Canada at various medical libraries for training and education.

After the meeting I spoke to Yvonne Grandbois, a Canadian who is the Director of the library. She expressed an interest in pursuing how MLA and WHO librarians could coordinate efforts and work together. "The WHO librarians know the libraries that have needs, and we could be the bridge for initiatives between MLA and other libraries in the developing world," she explained.

Yvonne gave me an organizational chart for the

library. The staff numbers 18 with seven professionals. One of them, Irene Bertrand, was retiring after 30 years with the library the week I was there. And after my meeting with Yvonne, I talked briefly with Irene who wanted to talk with me about the sister library project because after retirement she wants to continue her great interest in helping libraries by establishing "twinning" relationships, much like the MLA-ICS sister libraries. I pointed her toward the MLA web page and gave her Donna Flake's e-mail address who is chair of the sister library committee.

Carole then gave me a tour of the library that consists of several areas—computer access in the reference area, book stacks on mobile shelving, reading and meetings rooms, periodical room, and offices. In the periodical room is a sample of the Blue Trunks, mentioned above. The Blue Trunks are just that, blue metal trunks, but specially fitted to hold and display a collection of approximately 150 books on medicine and public health, along with three subscriptions to medical journals. The collection is organized according to major subjects developed by the WHO librarians for installation in district health centres. This is an attempt to meet the needs of those health workers in developing countries in areas where there is no easy access to health information.

Barbara Aronson, coordinator for collection development, was not in on Wednesday, but we arranged to meet the following day. Over lunch, Barbara talked to me about the Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative (HINARI). This project

was launched in September 2000 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to help bridge the digital divide in health. Barbara, as the representative from the WHO Library, served on the task force that worked to implement this project. What they have accomplished is, in my opinion, truly marvelous. The task force worked with the major scientific/medical publishers to make full-text online journals free to countries with a GNP below \$1,000 (US\$) and those with a GNP between \$1000-\$3000 at significantly reduced prices. Implemented in January 2002, there are currently 2,000 journals available to the first group. Access for the second group of countries was activated the end of 2002.

The Blue Trunks and HINARI projects really caught my attention because my husband and I have lived in seven countries (India, Indonesia, Afghanistan, China,

El Salvador, and the Balkans) as well as traveled extensively in many others. My husband's work was in hospital administration, health education and humanitarian assistance programs. Having experienced the lack of resources in these countries, I can only applaud the efforts by the WHO librarians to work towards meeting the health information needs of the people in these struggling countries. Many thanks to the WHO librarians for taking time to share with me about their library and their life-impacting projects.

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Oslo 2003: Cross Boundaries – Join Forces! Nordic Baltic EAHIL Workshop, 26th – 28th June in Oslo, Norway.



Oslo City Hall and harbour

The European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) and the Nordic Association for Medical and Health Information (NAMHI) are organising a workshop with the slogan “Cross boundaries – Join Forces” in Oslo in June 2003. This motto reflects the further development of the strong network that already exists within medical and health science libraries in Europe, and in particular the co-operation between the Nordic and the Baltic libraries. Special arrangements have been made in order to strengthen this network between colleagues, both professionally and socially. All the delegates will stay at the same hotel and will take all their meals together. The venue, which has been chosen to enhance this concept, is to be found in the idyllic rural surroundings at Fornebu Park near Oslo at the Radisson Hotel.

Background

NAMHI now includes the Baltic Countries, and this is the first time NAMHI and EAHIL have worked together on this kind of arrangement. Until now, Nordic conferences have been held every four years, and EAHIL has held workshops and conferences on alternate years. Similar workshops have been held in Prague, Budapest and Tartu, and the last one was held in Sardinia in June 2001. In 2003 it is Oslo’s turn, and the Section of Medicine and Health (SMH) of the Norwegian Library Association are pleased to host the arrangement in co-operation with our Nordic and Baltic colleagues in NAMHI.

Scientific programme

The aim of the workshop is to form an arena for professional development and co-operation. The programme will cover a wide range of topics, and intends to focus on vital problems and challenges to today’s libraries in the field of medicine and health science:

- Fair access to information: Access to knowledge, the HINARI project, managing health information, disease control and health literacy, international co-operation.
- *User education: Evidence based nursing, information literacy, library impact on nursing.*
- The virtual library: Interactive reference work, PDA (Personal Digital Assistants), the 24-hour library, the digital library.

In other words, a highly topical and varied programme which we believe will appeal to many. This will be a workshop in its true sense ; sessions with specially-invited highly competent speakers, and a workplace for the exchange of professional ideas and for discussion groups.

There will also be the opportunity to take part in Continuing Education Courses before the arrangement itself begins. So far, the themes for these are:

- *Searching the evidence : Training the trainer*
- *How to write a project application*
- *PubMed and other relevant NLM resources*
- *Managing electronic journals*
- *Collaboration versus competition*

Collegial and social gathering

As has been mentioned in the introduction, the workshop will take place at the Radisson SAS Park Hotel, not far from the centre of Oslo. This hotel lies just a stone's throw from the Oslo Fjord. All the delegates will be accommodated at the same hotel and take their meals together. This particular kind of arrangement has been chosen to give everyone the opportunity to get to know each other better, and in this way, to strengthen the European library network. Some of the sessions are aimed at co-operation through the "walk and talk" method, so that professional interaction can be combined with fresh air in attractive surroundings.



Statues in the Vigeland Park

The social arrangements are also an important part of this kind of professional meeting. The location gives us an excellent opportunity to offer many typical Norwegian summer activities. We hope that a trip on the Oslo Fjord in one of the old sailing ships where Norwegian sea food is served, will give everyone a chance to become acquainted with new colleagues.

SMH is acting as host while the Programme Committee has representatives from the Baltic Countries, the Nordic countries and Great Britain. More details will appear regularly on the workshop's home page: www.namhi.org/oslo2003.htm

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

All information about the workshop on <http://www.namhi.org/oslo2003.htm>

Program and registration form available from February 3rd

Early Bird registration before April 7th

Maximum 150 participants - be sure to register early.

Workshop fee (including the stay at the hotel in single rooms, breakfast, lunch, dinner, cruise on the Oslo fjord and other social events). NOK 5.000 p.p. for EAHIL members who register before April 7th

Continuing education courses and EAHIL Board and Council meetings will be held on June 25.

Accommodation: All participants will stay in the workshop hotel. There will be no other choice.

Welcome to Oslo!

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee:

Ellen Christophersen, University of Oslo Library, Medical and Health Sciences Library
Signe Emilie Romuld, Norwegian Board of Health Library.



Parc with fountain

BE INFORMED -JOIN THE EAHIL DISCUSSION LIST

EAHIL-L is an electronic discussion list for all EAHIL members.

EAHIL-L is intended as an electronic forum for ideas, questions, and announcements specific to EAHIL members. The **EAHIL-L** list stimulates interaction and discussion between all EAHIL members including EAHIL council and board members. An electronic mail/message sent to the list is delivered in a matter of seconds to all people currently subscribing to the list.

Only EAHIL members can subscribe to the list.

EAHIL-L was founded on February 1, 1997 and today some 200 members subscribe to the list. Interaction between all EAHIL members is very important for a democratic organisation. If you have e-mail you should subscribe to **EAHIL-L** and exploit this possibility of interaction. It is easy to subscribe:

Subscribe to EAHIL-L

Send e-mail to: listserv@listserv.kib.ki.se

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First line: Subscribe EAHIL-L First name Surname

When you have subscribed you can start sending messages to the list.

Sending e-mail to the EAHIL-L

Send e-mail to: EAHIL-L@listserv.kib.ki.se

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Web Archives for EAHIL-L

Old and new subscribers to EAHIL-L can also search EAHIL-L list archives via the World Wide Web. You can search EAHIL-L list archives with your favourite web browser. To search the archives:

1. Please connect to EAHIL Home Page: <http://www.eahil.org/>.
2. Choose Discussion lists.
3. Clicking the "Web Archives for EAHIL-L" hyperlink connects you to the archives page for EAHIL-L.

From here you can either browse the available archives (monthly archives) by clicking on the various hyperlinks, or you can choose "Search the archives" to bring up a search page. It is also possible to Post a message to the list.

Note: Only subscribers to EAHIL-L can search or look in the Web archives.

Please follow the online instructions for registration (with password) and searching.

The EAHIL Board and Secretariat will use e-mail messages, either direct or via discussion lists as the main communication channel to the membership. Please make sure that the correct e-mail address is in the files of the EAHIL-secretariat. The 2003 membership directory will be published in electronic format only and will be sent out to you in March/April

January 2003, Arne Jakobsson / Suzanne Bakker

Invitation to Santander!



Aerial view of Santander



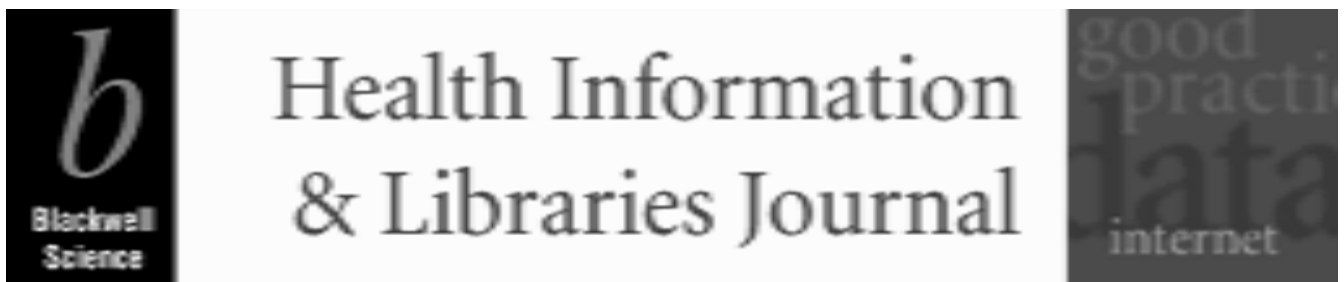
The beach of Santander

Dear Colleagues,

The organisers of the 9th European Conference for Medical and Health Libraries, have the pleasure of inviting you to take part in the 9th Conference which will be held in Santander in September 21-26, 2004. Please mark this date on your calendars and join us for the EAHIL Meeting. We encourage you to present your work and to share your experiences, information and opinions with other European medical librarians. We are also trying to offer you an attractive social activities programme to make your stay with us an unforgettable experience.

I look forward to meeting you in Santander,

María Francisca Ribes Cot
Head of the Organizing Committee



EAHIL members who are *individual* members of our Association are entitled to subscribe to HILJ by credit card or giro transfer payment through EAHIL secretariat at the reduce rate of EUR 72 (for the year 2003). Please send a message to: EAHIL-secr@nic.surfnet.nl (This offer is not valid for our members in the UK or in the USA).

Highlight on... The Czech Republic



The National Medical Library of Prague - A Medical Information Centre

Medical information is one of the applied information sciences and is defined as a science that deals with the characterisation, processing and usage of medical information. The scientific medical information system in the Czech Republic, like many other countries, is part of the national health information system (NHIS), which collects, processes and provides required data files from health care institutions and information systems of other bodies in accordance with current valid legislation.

The National Medical Library in Prague is part of the Czech medical and health library network (there are 134 registered libraries in the various types of healthcare facilities in the Czech Republic) and the national health information system. It is the largest library in the field of medical science and public health in the Czech Republic. NML is a public, non-profit organization under the administration of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Czech Republic. Officially NML, founded in 1949, was transformed from the former Library of the Union of Czech Physicians dating back to 1841.

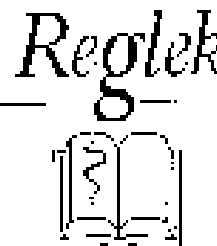


Helena Bouzkova

The principal activities of NML are:

- Objective acquisition, maintenance and access to primary and secondary collections by means of circulation, document delivery including via internet (<http://www.nlk.cz>)
- Maintenance of the complete collection of the Czech medical and health publications
- Creation and access to information files on the internet
- The creation of union catalogues of medical literature
- The production of the national medical and health bibliography
- Retrieval services (Bibliographia Medica Czechoslovaca, EMBASE, MEDLINE, Web of Science, BIOSIS, OECD, HFO, Cochrane Library, Full text databases: EIFL Direct, ProQuest, Science Direct, Springer Link etc.)
- Lending services, international and national interlibrary loan centre
- Publishing activities
- Advisory services, consultations
- Organisation of instruction courses for librarians and end-users
- Operation of a national WHO documentation centre
- Administration of the Healthcare Museum collections.

Logo of NML consultation group of regional centres of medical libraries in the Czech Republic



The year 1999 marks the emergence of REGLEK, a NML-based consultation group for the development of regional centres of medical libraries. REGLEK addresses issues concerning the activities of medical libraries and the development of their mutual co-operation in providing services to the users. In co-operation with the regional centres of the NML network, medical faculties, educational institutes, teaching hospitals and specialised groups of the J.Ev. Purkyne Czech Medical Association, the NML organises methodology sessions and educational programmes for medical librarians and other people employed in the field of medicine and health care.

Within the plan of medical library co-operation, the NML is in charge of running a project (2000-2003) called Medical Virtual Library (MEDVIK) which is a project for network sharing of information sources for science and development via fully centralized system. This project is financially supported by the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the Czech Ministry of Healthcare. This project will at first

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Inside the National Medical Library in Sokolska Street 31, Prague

concern only these four institutions: the NML, the Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and the Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion. Later on, other Czech medical libraries will be included as well.

Another NML project, which is financially supported by the Czech Ministry of Culture, is entitled: *Making Czech Medical Authority Records Accessible via the Internet and CD-ROMs*. Its main objective is the creation of cataloguing authorities in the field of medicine. The NML also creates medical union catalogues of monographs and foreign periodicals. These catalogues offer the professional public and library employees exact location information for all documents, even if these are stored in institutions other than the NML. NML stock is often lent to other libraries all over the country. Another activity of the NML is the exclusive bibliographic processing of Czech medical literary publishing in the national medical bibliography (*Bibliographia Medica Czechoslovaca*) on CD-ROMs. This bibliography allows unique searches of professional bibliographic records of articles published in Czech and selected Slovak medical periodicals after 1977. Monograph quotations are now being incorporated into it as well. The Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) thesaurus which is used for indexing and cataloguing and allows retrospective searches of information in medical databases (e.g. Medline, Excerpta Medica and then in BMC) has been translated into Czech by the NML

staff, and the translation is regularly updated. The NML is continually preserving Czech medical and health care literature while selected foreign technical material is being stocked as well. The aim of NML's acquisition policy is also to collect complete edition runs of the more prestigious publications. The NML is a member of several Czech library associations:



Title page of the book "Opera medica universa from the year 1674" (collection of the Museum of Medicine and public health — NML)

SDRUK (The Czech Republic Library Association) is an association of similar organisations, the goal of which is the development of intellectual values in relation to securing a democratic approach to information stored in the stocks of specialised and scientific libraries.

SKIP (The Association of Library and Information Professionals) is a grassroots voluntary professional organisation of library and information specialists and also is a member of IFLA.

The Czech Republic Library Association of Czech Libraries is an association where together with its Articles of Association, it articulates economic, legal, professional and other requirements and interests of libraries as employers and promotes these in relations with governmental institutions and trade unions in co-operation with other sections and associations in the Union.

Some of the NML staff are members of professional associations, such as The Czech Society of Health Information Science and Medical Information, The Czech Society of Medical Informatics and Scientific

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The oldest diploma in the collection of the Museum of medicine and public health — department of NML, was issued in 1778 by the Josephine medical academy in Vienna.

Information, the J. Ev. Purkyne Czech Medical Association and The Society of History of Sciences and Technology – medical section. NML's activities are to a great degree affected by co-operating with the below-listed libraries and information institutions in the Czech Republic, which collect, process and provide access to literature from the field of biomedicine and related branches. These include:

- under the administration of the Ministry of Culture:* the National Library of the Czech Republic and scientific libraries

- under the administration of the Ministry of the Interior:* medical libraries of hospitals run by municipalities or district offices

- under the administration of the Ministry of Healthcare:* libraries of directly run organisations

- under the administration of the Ministry of Education:* libraries of medical faculties and other universities and the State Technical Library in Prague

- Academy of Sciences:* the Library of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and libraries of selected institutes of the Academy of Science.

In 1992, the National Medical Library became a WHO Documentation Centre in the Czech Republic. The main aim is to provide library and information services based on the WHO information that is delivered to the Czech Republic from the WHO

European Regional Office, seated in Copenhagen or from the Geneva-based headquarters. NML closely co-operates with the WHO Office in the Czech Republic. WHO documents are available in the NML Customer Services Department and in the Department of Scientific Information at the Ministry of Healthcare. The most frequently used documents are those focusing on legislation, economics, finances, health care systems in individual states, on environment and annual statistics almanacs. The importance of providing health information is also emphasised here - it should be relevant and easily available to politicians, health care professionals, experts from other fields and also to the public, because a higher awareness is the basis for a populations' good health. It is the distribution of relevant information and the activities of the WHO Documentation Centres that help to fulfil these goals. The European Union's requirements are listed in the National Preparation Programme for the Accession of the Czech Republic to the European Union. The tasks are related to the harmonisation with the European Community's legal standards, to the fulfilment of conditions for the integration into EU common market and to the activities of the bodies and institutions that are vital for enforcing the law, or engaging the Czech Republic in structural policies and follow-up development programmes of the EU. Where legislation is concerned, a number of laws that are underway will regulate the activities of public libraries and the NML participates in consulting the content of



Reading room of NML in Sokolska Street 31, Prague

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these and supports those that are vital for its activities. To gather information on issues concerning European integration, the NML for example uses the Know@europe information source that provides integrated access to a huge amount of information on the EU and Europe in a broader sense of the word. In addition, CELEX, a database of European Union's legislation and rights, is used as well. The NML plans to get involved in projects run within EU; the 6th Framework programme seems to be appropriate, since it offers possibilities to libraries of the same type as the NML. The National Medical Library intends to become a communication point in the modern information environment, a technological centre, a navigator, a companion, a guide, a place where

professionals continually return.

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Access to Electronic Information in the Czech Republic

The age of global access to Internet has completely changed the role of the modern scientific library from the book and journal collections keeper to the mediator and user trainer. The most important problem for the library is how to get access to source materials, that means full-text journal articles. Libraries join consortia to enable their users to have access to the full text of articles and to minimize costs. Access is possible on a fee-based system or free of charge. The health and medical information services in the Czech Republic are provided by 134 medical libraries accredited by the Ministry of Healthcare. The majority of them have access to the Internet and many of them have been introducing and enhancing digital services including online full-text journals over the past two years.

Online access to full-text medical journals consortia:

Product	Publisher	Number of titles
<i>ScienceDirect</i>	<i>Elsevier</i>	82
http://www.sciencedirect.com		
<i>Ovid Medline</i>	<i>Ovid Technologies</i>	15 major medical journals
http://gateway.ovid.com/autologin.html		
Wiley InterScience	Wiley	51
http://www.interscience.wiley.com		

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Online access to full-text medical journals national licences:

Product	Publisher	Number of titles
<i>Electronic information for libraries (=EIFL Direct)</i>	<i>EBSCO Publishing</i>	550
grant project: National Library Prague – http://www.nkp.cz/eifl/ access via – http://search.global.epnet.com		
<i>Proquest 5000/PCI</i>	<i>Bell & Howell</i>	427
grant project: Charles University Prague – http://www.cuni.cz/ access via – http://www.proquest.cz/		
<i>Springer-Link</i>	<i>Springer</i>	180
grant project: State Technical Library Prague - http://www.stk.cz access via – http://link.springer.de/		

National Medical Library – <http://www.nlk.anet.cz>

The National Medical Library is the nationwide coordinator of biomedical literature acquisition and maintainer of the national Union catalogue comprising scientific biomedical periodicals located in the Czech and in the Slovak Republic.

Statistics:

- about 6,500 biomedical journals
- 1,200 online versions
- over 1,200 unique titles

·records provide links to publisher's sites and info about access to full-text archives

·NML collects information about all Czech medical libraries.

A wide range of electronic resources is now available. To educate and train health professionals to utilise the available advantages of electronic information is currently the new role for librarians.

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Librarians hidden in the background

The Research and Development Council (hereinafter referred to as 'Council') is an advisory body designed to provide consultation to the government of the Czech Republic in the field of research and development. The Council is responsible for science and research funding in the Czech Republic (which in the years 2001 and 2002 amounted to some CZK 25 billion). As concerns the decision-making tasks, the Council collects information from the field of science and research and additionally enables access to the public through Internet network to data and information related to the research and development in our country, including e.g. international cooperation in the area. It is also thanks to the Council that the public are able to evidence the results achieved by means of the subsidies for research and development. As a result the Council can - thanks to these results - analyze profitability of the invested funds and revise further trends in research and development.

The expression 'research and development results' comprises the titles of certain document types: an article in a professional magazine, a patent, a monograph, a book chapter, a journal article, or new document types - e.g. web applications. It is probably thanks to these 'results of research activities', or thanks to the conscientiousness of the librarian-information professionals, that librarians are most often charged with the collection of data required for the generation of databases published on web sites of the government of the Czech Republic. Although the aforementioned databases are not the classical bibliographic ones, the majority of librarians are eager to meet the tasks relating to data collection and pursue them whole-heartedly. The data collection techniques vary from one organization to another, sometimes the data-collecting professionals process separate data, sometimes - for instance in certain healthcare organizations - it is the collection provided by means of electronic forms exhibited on the web sites of these organizations (see e.g. Charles University in Prague, 1st Medical Faculty: www.1fl.cuni/uvi - Bibliography - Data collection, or Medical Faculty in Hradec Králové: www.1fhk.cuni.cz/praco/750/qsda1p.htm - Collection of publishing activities).

Irrespective of the method, the librarian's indispensable task is to check and correct the record, fill in the missing data (in the case of articles published in periodicals, the ISSN, impact factor, country of publishing, number of pages; in the case of professional monographs, ISBN, etc.) that the structured form of the Council requires. The data must include information about the cohesion of the project or research goal, in addition to the financial subsidy

with the result - i.e. with the specific publishing of information research findings and conclusions.

Though it is possible to collect the data continuously, the Council requires annual reports for each concluded calendar year, which means that we were recently rendering data from the 2001 published results. The data follow the technical modifications published in the database - the Register of information regarding conclusions of the research and development subsidized by government (hereinafter referred to as 'RIV' - www.vyzkum.cz). The Council implements key analysis of the research and development based on these conclusions. Finally, data delivery to the RIV represents one of the conditions required for future granting to institutions for research and development. Therefore it is clear that the responsibility of professionals - mostly librarians collecting data from publishing activities of scientific and research character of different institutions - is quite substantial. Not only have they to master the techniques of data processing, but they are also obliged to adopt changes according to the Council guidelines and to verify data published by authors.

The majority of institutions do not restrict their reporting to the Council but extend data collection to other publishing activities. The librarians may thus also process abstracts, popular-educational works, media articles, carrier works (theses, inception files, etc.), translations, reviews, and so on, for internal purposes. All the records, i.e. including those for RIV, are consequently processed into bibliographic overview structures based on various criteria.

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Compilation of bibliographies (including those for RIV) is generally a highly demanding process. Editing, i.e. checking of correctness and completeness, however represents only one of its aspects. It is significant but the never-ending, everyday, mundane work of a librarian. The second aspect, which is demanding in the same way, is the organizational part of the whole process. Persuading the authors to hand in materials to the librarian concerning everything they have published over the relevant period in time and to the required standards, is an endless struggle. Another important part of the bibliographic data collection is the training of people charged with the processing of materials from different institutions. However, if finally the bibliographic records are

collected, the output can be very impressive and worthwhile. The authors use them when rendering personal bibliographies, the institutes and clinics use them for evaluation purposes, or they are used to follow developmental trends; in fact they provide a historical overview of scientific work. This is the reason why the role of a librarian-bibliographer is indeed irreplaceable and highly valued.

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Information Resources for Research and Development: Running Projects in the Sphere of Medicine and Healthcare

In 2000, the Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports was authorized by the Government of the Czech Republic to introduce a general scientific research and development policy and launch projects oriented to enhance access to information resources. The National Medical Library in Prague is a leader institution participating in numerous projects to support clinical research, medical education and healthcare delivery. Other medical libraries based in the academic environment, hospitals, medical research institutes and healthcare settings are chief investigators of their own projects and participants in regional or nation-wide programmes (eg. multi-site licences for access to medical databases, fulltext journals, consortia etc.). The contemporary Czech medical libraries play a vital role in acquiring and disseminating medical information to support projects of applied research. According to the statistics, the total number of research and development projects completed in the Czech R. between the years of 1998 and 2001 was the highest in the sphere of medicine and healthcare (i.e. 961, resulting in 916 new diagnostic and therapeutical procedures, and 45 guidelines), followed by industry and trade (472), and agriculture (378). In this context, all Czech medical librarians feel responsible and challenged to satisfy the increasing demands of end-users and thus contribute to the quality improvement of the Czech healthcare industry.

A Survey of Projects Funded by Programme LI – Information Resources for Research and Development - in the Period of 2000-2003

LI00023 Medical Virtual Library (MEDVIK) – Network Access to Information Resources for Science and Research

Project coordinator: National Medical Library (Prague)

Participants: 3 medical libraries : Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education (Prague), Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (Prague), Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine (Prague)

LI00041 Multi-cite Licence for Access to WEB OF SCIENCE

Project coordinator: Library of the Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague)

Participants/Consortium: 28 institutions including Charles University (Prague) with its 5 medical faculties,

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Palacký University Medical Faculty (Olomouc), Masaryk University Medical Faculty (Brno), Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (Prague), Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Faculty (Brno), National Medical Library (Prague).

LI00035 Access to Fulltext Databases of Scientific Periodicals Provided by Open Society Institute (EIFL-Direct)

Project Coordinator: National Library of the Czech Republic (Prague)

Participants: open to all libraries in the Czech Republic

LI00028 Multifunctional Centre of Virtual Polytechnical Library as a Source of Information and Services in the Field of Technical and Applied Natural Sciences (ScienceDirect Consortium)

Project Coordinator: State Technical Library (Prague)

Participants: 31 libraries including National Medical Library (Prague)

LI00055 Access to Biological Databases

Project Coordinator: Palacký University (Olomouc)

Participants: 12 libraries including National Medical Library (Prague)

LI002043 Access to Basic Fulltext Information Resources for Research and Development (PROQUEST 5000)

Project Coordinator: Charles University (Prague)

Participants: open to all libraries in the Czech Republic

LI01018 Information Resources and Retrieval Tools for STM (Science, Technology, Medicine)

Project Coordinator: State Technical Library (Prague)

Participants: 12 libraries including National Medical Library (Prague)

LI 01021 Multi-cite Licence for Access to Core Biomedical Resources for Science and Research

Project Coordinator: Masaryk University (Brno)

Participants: 3 institutions including National Medical Library (Prague), Charles University (Prague), Palacký University (Olomouc).

LI0000112 A Specialized Collection of Pharmacological and Toxicological Journals

Project Coordinator: Palacký University Faculty of Medicine (Olomouc)

LI00076 Information Resources for Psychiatry

Project Coordinator: Psychiatry Centre (Prague)

LI002026 Information Resources for Environmental Control, Health Prevention and Support

Project Coordinator: State Healthcare Institute (Prague)

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PARTICIPATION OF MEDICAL LIBRARIES IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

AIHA Learning Resource Center Project

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Project Philosophy

Information technology holds great potential for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the New Independent States (NIS). For health care institutions worldwide, the “Information Age” has brought numerous technological innovations that are fundamentally changing the quality of health care delivery and medical education. Information has become an essential commodity within the modern health care system—as important as medical equipment or pharmaceuticals. Physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals are increasingly reliant on the Internet and other on-line resources to keep up-to-date with current medical literature. In addition to accessing current medical information, many health professionals, now have the means for the use of Internet, videoconferencing, and other communication technologies in order to receive training or consultations from their colleagues. These technologies also provide new and more cost-effective opportunities for sustainable and capacity-building international health care partnerships.

Project Approach

Since 1992, the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) has been encouraging the exchange of knowledge, experience, and information among its CEE/NIS health care partnerships. AIHA has promoted the development of Learning Resource Centers (LRC). In the Czech Republic, the system of LRCs was introduced in 1996 in different institutions of higher education. At present, there are 2 medical libraries that still actively participate in the project, namely Medical library of the Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education (Prague) and Medical Library of Palacký University (Olomouc).

The goal of the LRC project is not to create a complement to a medical or health sciences library. Rather, the project incorporates several activities intended to change the way that staff think about using information and to teach them to begin using this information more regularly and more effectively. To accomplish this, AIHA has promoted the development of a cadre of staff at partnership institutions, referred to as information coordinators. They are charged with the task of getting their colleagues to begin integrally using information and communication in their day-to-day practice. AIHA provides regular training and programmatic support and assistance.

Program Implementation

The LRC project is executed as a two- to three-year program that includes periodic training workshops and ongoing project activities. A series of training workshops gradually introduces a range of skills and themes that helps information coordinators and their colleagues to develop a more sophisticated attitude toward information. These training workshops evolve from basic instruction on how to use the Internet, how to create Web pages, and medical searching techniques to the use of advanced Internet applications, methods for critically evaluating information resources, and database design. Information coordinators that have been designated by the partnership institutions have typically been medical librarians, physicians, computer/technical professionals, or nurses. Information coordinators for the Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague and Palacký University in Olomouc are Eva Lesenkova and Jarmila Potomkova, respectively. One of the primary responsibilities of the information coordinators is to educate staff on the benefits of using the Internet. To accomplish this, information coordinators organize staff outreach activities such as lectures, presentations, and training workshops. In addition, the coordinator provides assistance to staff in searching for information and research materials and in using various Internet technologies.

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A System of Training Information Coordinators

Phase I:

Basic Computer and Internet Skills

Phase II:

Improving Information Retrieval Strategies

Phase III:

Applying Information Technology to Practical Problems: An Evidence-based Approach

Phase IV:

Institutional Information Systems and LRC Sustainability

Phase V:

Creating Regional Information Networks

The LRC project is able to take AIHA partnership institutions to a point where they are ready to face the future—even with the financial constraints of operating in a transition economy. In other words, they are “graduated”. Many of these institutions, however, are prepared to move even farther than this, for example, by creating regional or region-wide networks that aim to improve the impacts of the LRCs across the health care system.

Program Assessment

Information coordinators work closely with AIHA Information and Communication Technology staff in Washington and with AIHA Regional Office representatives. Information coordinators are required to complete monthly reports detailing activities at the Learning Resource Center. Achievements are measured by a series of benchmarks and through a series of evaluative surveys of institution staff.

Czech Experience

The possibility to participate in the AIHA LRC project is a long-term benefit and challenge for the Czech medical libraries. One of the most important outcomes seems to be the introduction of evidence-based medicine principles into the daily practice of learning resource centers. Armed with these tools, information coordinators can begin to point their colleagues toward resources that could help them to make more informed clinical and health policy decisions. This approach to using information has become not only important for the treatment of individual patients, but also for improving the



Views of the medical literature reading room combined with the computer facilities at the Palacký University Faculty of Medicine in Olomouc (opened to the public in 2001)



efficiency of health care providers.

To encourage this process, information coordinators are required to select a clinical intervention or practice at their institution and perform a review of the evidence available for this procedure. From the results of the review, the information coordinator should draw a conclusion about whether the practice under review is shown to be effective, or if another practice is more effective, or if another practice is equally effective but less expensive. Reviews should be documented thoroughly and include a bibliography of the research

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that was included. The product of this activity is called a PRACTICE STANDARD REVIEW that is modelled after systematic reviews, but not meant to be as rigorous. Statistical analysis of results is not mandatory. The review should comprise a critical appraisal and assessment of evidence, and a conclusion with a treatment recommendation.

There are 6 basic steps to elaborate a practice standard review with various levels of competences:

Medical librarian's competence:

- Literature searching and study retrieval
- Preliminary assessment of studies for inclusion

Joint activities of clinicians and librarians:

- Identification of the practice/topic for the review
- Background research and problem specification
- Assessment of information quality, data extraction and synthesis.

Clinician's competence

- Treatment recommendation creation.

If possible, the information coordinator should try to work with other colleagues at his or her institution and may want to consider forming a committee. In Olomouc, several Palacký University faculties, teaching hospital physicians, scientists, students and information managers have established a multidisciplinary evidence-based medicine working group. The main goal of the group is to promote EBM in the academic medical field and to collect, select and develop information and training materials about EBM for undergraduate and postgraduate education at the Palacký University Faculty of Medicine. The starting point of this initiative was the idea of an information chain, which enables interaction among students, teachers, physicians and medical librarians. The role of the LRC in this project is to provide training and to assist with information retrieval, bibliographic research, document delivery, information quality assessment, decision-making, and communication enhancement. The working group has organized various events to promote evidence-based practice: 1) An opening lecture on principles of EBM at the Annual Student Conference; 2) An interactive lecture "How to Search for EBM Articles" using standard biomedical databases; 3) A National Summer School in Epidemiology majoring in EBM, and 4) A workshop "How to Read Articles in Biomedical

Journals". The goal of this workshop, conducted by the LRC staff, was to teach students how to work with medical literature by focusing on: article selection, creation of groups/randomization, comparison groups, research plan and deviations, outliers, blinding, value of retrospective data, exclusion of subjects, and quantification of treatment outcome. The workshop also included a practical exercise where students were asked to analyze two articles, looking for errors in the methodology of clinical studies.

Similar events were successfully organized by the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education in Prague for both medical librarians and healthcare professionals. Each year, the information coordinator must complete 2 practice standard reviews. If taken seriously, this activity will definitely contribute to building up efficient relationships among medical librarians and clinicians. Last but not least, all this contributes to the significant improvement in the professional image of the library.

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Ahoi! Mluvim Cesky ? - Do You speak Czech? A look under the Top Level Domain CZ

The anchor of the last Internet column you remember was beer. Kölsch led me to the free Pint and the Czech Republic fits very well here: The connoisseurs are well informed regarding the 80 breweries (see <http://www.beer.cz>). An account of the long history of Czech beer (pivo - read pivu) may be found under the title "The Culture of Beer in the Czech Lands" at <http://archiv.radio.cz/beer>



In a short time the Czech people will join the European Union thus giving way to a reunion of long historical traditions when the Prague Hrad was the focus of European politics and culture. So do new chances arise for the people today to recreate the true mid/central-Europe. *Mluvim Cesky?* - an important question for a successful start and leap into the Czech Web. Though some sites offer English pages, a Czech dictionary near at hand is quite advisable for a deeper look or a search in the Czech web. Especially since the Czech language as a slavic one has very different words for many things: who would think of "lek or lekastvi" for medicine and "lekarske" for physician and "knihovna" for library (exactly meaning kniha-book hovna-consulting-room). Now where should I start?

The Czech Web is not small - there are a number of possibilities depending on your interests. For a quick look into the core-data of the country you may look at the European Internet Network World Factbook 2002 for the Czech Republic under <http://www.einnews.com/czech/>.

Czech maps are available under <http://www.mapa.cz>.

If you however are simply interested in going to the country you could start at <http://www.czech.cz>



[Http://www.hrad.cz/president/Havel/index_uk.html](http://www.hrad.cz/president/Havel/index_uk.html) leads you to the Czech President and famous author Vaclav Havel, residing in the old "Prazsky hrad" (Prague Castle).

The official government website is <http://www.vlada.cz> available completely in English also. The parliament under <http://www.psp.cz> offers information in English and French too. If daily general news is of interest take a look at <http://www.praguepost.com> the largest English newspaper in the Czech Republic.

Radio Prague - <http://www.radio.cz/deutsch> - is well prepared to join the European Union as information is available in English, German, French, Spanish and Russian.

A Yahoo-like general search engine -Czech dictionary recommended - may be found under <http://www.seznam.cz> Under <http://dir.seznam.cz/Veda/Lekarstvi> there is a long

list concerning physicians' interests and topics. To enter the Czech library world I found that the linklist of the Budejovice University was the most versatile. Under <http://www.cbvk.cz/asc/cr/libracz.html> a long and comprehensive directory of Czech University Libraries and links to their catalogues is available. I would like to emphasize the highly usable Tinlib Catalogue of the Medical Faculty of Charles's University (<http://www.lf2.cuni.cz>) in Prague under <http://sd.ruk.cuni.cz>



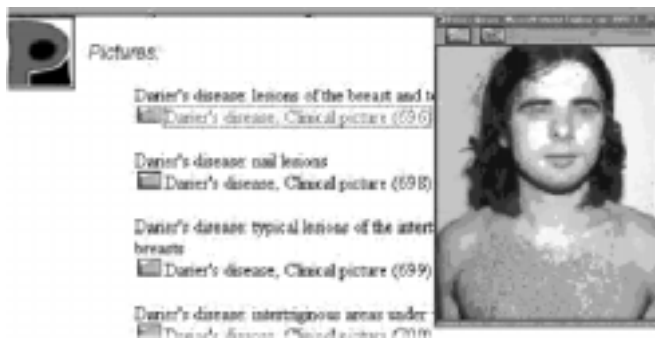
offering an interface in English, French, Dutch, Swedish, German and Spanish working smoothly and without any problems.



There are several medical faculties in the Czech Republic which I have extracted for your convenience at the end of the column while medical libraries may be found under "List of Czech medical libraries at <http://www.nlk.anet.cz> As in many other countries a couple of medical servers/portals are available for the

audiences of patients and physicians: The site <http://www.medical.cz> offers a lot of further links to medical specialities (see list at the end). Further recommendable portals may be <http://nova.medicina.cz> , <http://www.doktorka.cz> , <http://www.biomed.cas.cz> . An alternative medicine portal is available under <http://www.alter-med.cz/> . Also a veterinary portal is available under: <http://www.vetweb.cz/projekt/> . <Http://www.neuroacta.cz/indexd.htm> is an example of an e-Journal (for Neurology) offering download possibilities for registered customers.

Regretfully the Czech Medical Associations Website under <http://www.cls.cz/> was not being loaded until January 12th. <http://www.clsjep.cz/en/> is dedicated to its journal collection.



An account on the Czech medical internet would be incomplete without pointing to the enthusiastic work of Josef Feit - a pathologist I met at the first medical internet conference in Heidelberg two years ago. Under <http://atlases.muni.cz> Feit offers a valuable dermatopathology site with high resolution images worth recommending.

I always emphasise in my internet presentations to physicians in Austria that it is important to



recognize, that the rise of internet sites concerns every country and every culture worldwide. Only the limitations of everyone's foreign language knowledge gives the impression of an anglo-american web. This is a thing of the past. Today even smaller countries today contain a wealth of medical and other information just a mouse-click away. Nazdrovi !!

Medical faculties in the Czech Republic

<http://www.lf1.cuni.cz/>
<http://www.lf2.cuni.cz/>
<http://www.lf3.cuni.cz/>
<http://www.faf.cuni.cz/>
http://www.rec.uniba.sk/www_uk/fafuk.html
<http://www.lfhk.cuni.cz/>
<http://www.med.muni.cz/indexcz.html>
<http://www.upol.cz/upol/lf/welcome.html.en>
<http://www.lfp.cuni.cz/>

Medical servers / Lekarske servery - ceske

<http://www.zdrav.cz/>
<http://www.mediweb.cz/>
<http://www.mediclub.cz/>
<http://citmed.cuni.cz/>
<http://otc.medicina.cz/>
<http://www.labo.cz/sl/slovník.htm>
<http://www.galen.cz/>
<http://www.gradapublishing.cz/>
<http://www.maxdorf.cz/>
<http://www.mediclub.cz/pp>
<http://www.cas.cz/ACADEMIA>

Medical Specialities-Links e.g.

<http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...farmacie/farmacie.htm>
[neurologie/neurologie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...neurologie/neurologie.htm)
[oftalmologie/oftalmologie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...oftalmologie/oftalmologie.htm)
[psychiatrie/psychiatrie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...psychiatrie/psychiatrie.htm)
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[stomatologie/stomatologie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...stomatologie/stomatologie.htm)
[gastroenterologie/gastro.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...gastroenterologie/gastro.htm)
[dermatologie/dermatologie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...dermatologie/dermatologie.htm)
[fyziologie/fyziologie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...fyziologie/fyziologie.htm)
[patologie/patologie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...patologie/patologie.htm)
[pediatrie/pediatrie.htm](http://www.medical.cz/CLSJEP/nts/casop/...pediatrie/pediatrie.htm)
<http://www.chirurgie.cz/>

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Bioethics From a Faith Perspective... by Jack Hanford, ThD

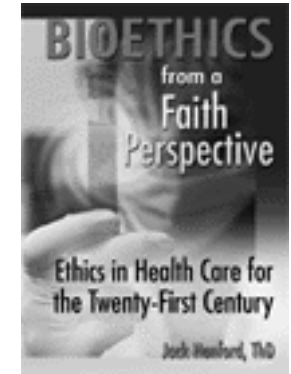
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As with many decisional issues affecting society at large in today's world, it is difficult to reach just and fair decisions related to the use of medical technology in the case of life and death, as well as in the case of organs transplantation. We are not equipped morally or ethically to deal with the issue. Who shall live? Who shall die? Nor do we know how to handle all the implications of research and its applications in the realm of genetic knowledge. It seems therefore that a reflection on bioethics is urgently needed, even if other attempts to lead us through the decisional maize of bioethics have already appeared in the medical literature. We should then welcome this new publication.

However, in spite of its broad title, "Bioethics from a Faith Perspective" does not meet the challenge. This volume lacks a broad enough approach to be meaningful to a readership beyond the United States borders. Furthermore, the book is merely an outline, or rather, a listing of quotations and references to former authors, mostly of the North American school. Yet, in its modest scope and treatment of the subject, the author uses terms which presume quite a familiarity with the literature of his predecessors.

His illustrations of the questions and problems facing the decision making process in case of life and death, are of well known and already much debated cases, but again limited strictly to the American scene. Even in those well-known cases, the author fails to shed a new light on already much discussed situations.

In spite of the editors' encouraging comments on the book cover, it is highly questionable whether this volume would represent a meaningful addition to the collection of a library, except perhaps in the case of a seminary library.



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Dear Colleagues,

Further confirmation that the use of the web cannot replace all of the services offered by a good library (W. Weston. *Nature*, 2002, 420, 19).

Free access to scientific literature and electronic data repositories are two of the topics discussed in the papers reviewed in this issue. Scientific, technical and medical journals have risen faster than inflation as publisher's profits soar. The British Office of Fair Trading, a consumer protection agency, concluded that the free-market forces may eventually correct the journal market imbalance (D. Bradley. *The Scientist*, 2002, 16 (21), 53). However, for academic libraries, an electronic journal collection results in increased costs of some activities, but the advantages and decreased costs in other areas outweigh the increase (C.H. Montgomery and D.W. King. *D-Lib Magazine*, 2002, 8 (10)).

Electronic repositories could affect traditional publishing? Bundled, restrictive pricing models for licensed access to formal scholarly publications stirred faculty and universities to begin a series of experiments designed to further test alternative to traditional publishing (A.J. Wolpert. *Nature*, 2002, 420, 17).

There is still someone that seeks more visibility. A group of African medical editors has set up a forum to support and strengthen medical journals in Africa (T. Richards. *BMJ*, 2002, 325, 922) and Japan is aiming to increase its already significant presence in international research by launching a set of electronic English-language journals (D. Cyranosky. *Nature*, 2002, 419, 868).

In spite of a scientific world that hopes for a free, fast and full access to the biomedical literature, many of the reference cited in scientific papers have not been read by authors citing them! (P. Ball. *Nature*, 2002, 420, 594).

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JOURNAL ISSUES

Since the Newsletter of November 2002, the following journal issue of *Health Information and Libraries Journal* has been received: **vol. 19, 2002, no 4.**

Tributes to Judy Palmer, editor 1999-2002. p. 187

M. N. Kamel Boulos, A.V. Roudsari, E. R. Carson. HealthCyberMap: a semantic visual browser of medical Internet resources based on clinical codes and the human body metaphor. p. 189 –200.

This article describes HealthCyberMap, a web based service for healthcare professionals and librarians, patients and the public in general.

S. Shepperd, D. Charnock, A. Cook. A 5-star system for rating the quality of information based on DISCERN. p. 201 - 205.

The objective of this study was develop an explicit scheme for calculating a 5-star quality rating for consumer health information, and to test if there is a good agreement between this and the final DISCERN quality question.

G. A. Steele and E. Greenidge. Integrating medical communication skills with library skills curricula among first year medical students at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. p. 206 – 213.

The article report a two-year study designed to integrate the medical communication skills and library skills curricula among first year medical students.

Innovations online (B. Anagnostelis). p. 214

Brief communications p. 226

Research (A.Booth). p. 239

BOOKS REVIEW

Challenge and change in the information society. Eds. S. Hornby and Z. Clarke. Facet Publishing, London, UK. 2002. ISBN 1-85604-453-X, £ 39.95, pp.256.

The book offers a rounded and multi-perspective view of today's information society from a wide range of theoretical, social, political and professional viewpoints.

E-learning and teaching in library and information services. Ed. B. Allan. Facet Publishing, London, UK. 2002. ISBN 1-85604-439-4, £ 34.95, pp.288.

This book provides an overview of current e-learning tools and technologies and offers guidance on e-learning and

teaching skills and techniques.

The World Health Report 2002. Reducing risks, promoting healthy life. World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, 2002, ISBN 92-4-156207-2, Sw.fr. 15 (US \$ 13.50), pp. 250. In developing countries Sw.fr. 10.50. Additional discounts are granted to Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) in official relations with WHO and WHO collaborating centres.

PAPERS REVIEW

Access to scientific literature. The web can complement libraries, but not replace them.

W. Weston. *Nature*, 2002, 420, 19

Journal publishers to police themselves.

D. Bradley. *The Scientist*, 2002, 16 (21), 53

Comparing library and user related costs of print and electronic journal collections.

C.H. Montgomery and D.W. King. *D-Lib Magazine*, 2002, 8 (10)

<<http://www.dlib.org/dlib/october02/montgomery/10montgomery.html>>

The future of electronic data. Will the universities' own electronic repositories affect traditional publishing?

A.J. Wolpert. *Nature*, 2002, 420, 17

Editors pledge support for African journals.

T. Richards. *BMJ*, 2002, 325, 922

Japan plans web of English journals.

D. Cyranoski. *Nature*, 2002, 419, 868

Paper trail reveals references go unread by citing authors.

P. Ball. *Nature*, 2002, 420, 594

Electronic ILL and document delivery: a publisher's view.

K. Hunter. *Journal of Access Services*, 2002, 1 (1), 179

Real-Time Reference: the use of chat technology to improve point of need assistance.

E. Connor. *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 2002, 21 (4), 1

From EBM to EBL: two steps forward or one step back?

A. Booth. *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 2002, 21 (3), 51

INFORMATION SOURCES

..... Web-based

Science.gov is a gateway to authoritative selected science information provided by U.S. Government agencies, including research and development results. <http://www.science.gov>

OneLook Dictionaries. This web site is a search engine for words. More than 4 million words are indexed in more than 800 online dictionaries. Free of charge it is possible to find definitions or translations. Truncations and wildcards can be used.

<http://www.onelook.com>

NEWS FROM PUBLISHERS

Elsevier announces that The Koninklijke Bibliotheek, the national library of the Netherlands, will become the first official digital archive for Elsevier Science journals. The library will receive digital copies of all Elsevier journals made available on its web platform, ScienceDirect. This is a decisive step forward in keeping digital archives available in perpetuity.

<http://www.elsevier.com>

Thieme Medical Publishers announces a new partnership with the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). Thieme becomes the official book publisher of the AANS. Thieme also assumes distribution responsibility for the AANS backlist of 75 published titles.

<http://www.thieme.com>

Ebsco Information Services and **Elsevier Science** have signed an agreement to provide users that have a licence access to ScienceDirect to have an article-level access to Elsevier Science Journals through EBSCOhost Electronic Journal Services.

<http://www.ebsco.com>

Swets Blackwell and **Springer-Verlag** have signed an agreement to provide Swetsnet Navigator customers with the publisher's online content. Customers of the e-journal service SwetsnetNavigator with print subscriptions to any of Springer-Verlag's 432 full-text scientific journals will see their e-subscriptions set up within just one day.

<http://link.springer.de>

The Haworth Information Press has launched several new journals in the area of library and information sciences. The EAHIL secretariat/editorial office has received for review the first issues (Vol. 1, n. 1) published in 2002 of:

Journal of Access Services:

Innovations for Electronic and Digital Library and Information Resources

<http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J204>

Journal of Archival Organization

<http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J201>

Public Services Quarterly

<http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J295>

The above titles are certainly of interest to many librarians managing the transition from print to electronic and the broadening of the "library" from print acquisitions towards access & licensing and multimedia archiving. Table of contents and sample issues are available on the Internet.

NEWS

Promote freedom of expression. IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and the IPA (the International Publishers Association) promote freedom of expression. The joint statement reiterates the need to put into place national legal frameworks in accordance with the freedom expression and calls for a full application of the principle in the print and the electronic environments.

<http://www.ifla.org/announce.htm>

Preservation of digital information. IFLA (the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and the IPA (the International Publishers Association) have reached an agreement on the preservation of digital information. The statement commits both organisations to work together on joint initiatives to study the technical, economic and policy issues surrounding digital preservation.

<http://www.ifla.org/announce.htm>

Political pressure for Open Access. The German Green party is considering a call for the results of all publicly funded research to be made available free of charge. Although 38% of German research is public funded, the public are denied access to the results. Instead publishing conglomerates charge libraries ever increasing subscriptions fees to access this material. Academic receiving publicly funded money should be forced to make the results of their research freely available.

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/update>

12-14 March 2003, Washington DC, PA, USA
Computers in Libraries 2003.

For further information: <http://www.infotoday.com/cil2002/default.htm>

25-27 March 2003, Birmingham, UK
Internet Librarian International 2003.

For further information: <http://www.internet-librarian.com>

2-7 May, 2003 San Diego, CA, USA
Catch the wave. MLA's annual Meeting

For further information: <http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html>

26-30 May 2003, Dubrovnik/Mljet, Croatia
LIDA 2003 - Libraries in the Digital Age.

For further information: <http://knjiga.pedos.hr/lida/>

7-15 June 2003, Sudak, Ukraine
**Libraries and Associations in the Transient World: New Technologies and New
Forms of Cooperation.**

Tenth International Conference "Crimea 2003"

For further information: <http://www.gpntb.ru/win/inter-events/crimea2003/eng/confer.htm>

26-29 June 2003, Oslo, Norway
Cross Boundaries - Join Forces.
Nordic-Baltic EAHIL Workshop

For further information: <http://www.namhi.org/oslo2003.htm>

1-9 August 2003, Berlin, Germany
69th IFLA General Conference and Council

For further information: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/index.htm>

e-mail: ifla2003@kit.de

24-27 August 2003, Adelaide, South Australia
Celebrate the future.

10th Asia Pacific Special Health and Law Librarians Conference

For further information: <http://www.alia.org.au/conferences/shllc/2003/index.htm>

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