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The Chair's Perspective

December 2009

What a great year 2009 has been – an excellent session at the Milan IFLA in August and in September over 500 librarians from over 40 countries attended ICML2009 in Brisbane, Australia. The weather behaved itself and there were no major technical glitches! Delegates enjoyed a wide variety of papers and CE sessions. No conference is complete without delegates having an option to vote for the best papers, etc. Congratulation must go to:

Heather Todd, Executive Dir. Engineering and Sciences Library Service, U Queensland

Bronia Renison, Manager of the Townsville Hospital Library for winning the Poster competition for her poster 'Boolean hoops – a training tip'.

Jennifer Hall, Liaison Librarian at the UQ Library and Bronwyn Richardson, Clinical Nurse at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital for winning the Paper of the Day (Wednesday) for her paper 'Positioning the nursing librarian on the wards: nursing grand rounds with a difference.

Dr**. Rowena J. Cullen**, Associate Professor, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, **Megan Clark,** Medical Librarian, Auckland Medical Library, New Zealand and **Rachel Esson,** Head of Re-

Health Care Applications for iPhone and iPod

By Noela Yates

Background

There are literally thousands of applications, popularly referred to as "apps", for iPhones and iPod Touch devices. You can play games, find information, store personal information, find out how to exercise, count calories, find recipes. In fact anything you might think you want to do is probably available as an app for your iPhone or iPod Touch now - and if it's not it will be soon. There are free and paid apps available. The trick is to find apps that have been reviewed so you have some idea of what you are downloading. Apps have been written about in newspaper articles, blogs and company websites. Just do a Google search and you will find more than you imagined. Apps are downloaded via the iTunes site. Not all apps are available through the Australian iTunes site, but you will be told this when you try to download.

From the iPhone and iPod Touch App Store
http://www.apple.com/iphone/apps-for-iphone/
If you go directly to the iPhone App Store you can view apps by category. Simply click on the side arrows to advance through the categories one of which is for fitness.

iPhone Developer Program

There's a section for those who aspire to developing their own apps. To join the Program visit http://developer.apple.com/iphone/program/ You do have to pay for this but the site says that it "provides a complete and integrated process for developing and distributing applications for iPhone and iPod touch".

Free applications
iPhoneApps4Free.com   http://www.iphoneapps4free.com/
This is a free net leading-edge web-community's resource of high quality iPhone App collections, designed and created especially for iPhone or iPod touch. Apps categories include: Asia, Books, Calculators, Calendar, Contacts, Europe, Events, Finance, Food, Fun, Games, Health and many more. When you choose an app there is no review or specific information about it so you have to download to find out more about it.

Appstoreapps.com http://www.appstoreapps.com/
This site provides overall top free apps and overall top paid apps. It also has categories. You can set up an

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Photos of IFLA 2009, Conference venue and a floor decoration of Duomo.   Photos by Päivi Pekkarinen

"China's Sichuan Earthquake: Role of a Medical Library in the Immedi-
ate Recovery Process – Insights and Observations" by CHENG JIN,
ZHAN YOUXIANG, CHEN RUI, HAO JUNQIN, HE WEI (Medical Library of
Chinese PLA, Beijing, China)   Photo by Leena Toivonen

Päivi Pekkarinen chairing the session; "*Teachers of Health Information Literacy - Future roles for librarians as supported by the Medical Library Association/National Library of Medicine's Health Information Literacy Research Project* "
JEAN P. SHIPMAN (University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA) and CARLA J. FUNK (not pictured) (U.S. Medical Library Association, USA)
Photo by Leena Toivonen
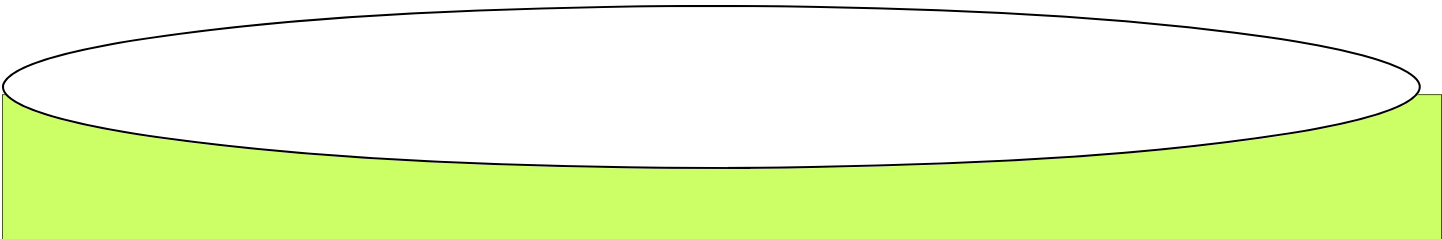
News Flashes

🏳 Todd Takes 12-Month Research Quality Assurance Position

Recently Heather Todd, Executive Director of the Engineering and Science Library Service at University of Queensland, gained a 12 month secondment to work on the University of Queensland's submission for the recently announced Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) program. This is an initiative in the Australian government that aims to create a system intended to support better research quality assurance. The ERA is to be streamlined, transparent, internationally verifiable, and based on quality measures appropriate to each discipline. So what does this really mean? It means that each university in Australia must provide the government with details of its research publication output in a six year window – complete with citation data. It also has to provide details of research income, 'esteem measures' (which equal a measure of prestige and are recognized by experts within disciplines as a highly desired, highly regarded form of accolade or acknowledgement), and other various information such as research statements on creative works such as live performances, building design etc.

The results are due in August. Todd says, "...it will be very interesting to work with researchers in a related library role but not actually in the library."

🏳 Two New Webmasters for the Section

The IFLA Heath and Biosciences Libraries Section has two new webmasters with editing rights to web page http://www.ifla.org/en/health-and-biosciences-libraries. They are Ann De Meulemeester and Claire Nguyen.

Ann De Meulemeester, since January 2009, is a policy advisor of the biomedical library of the University of Ghent (Belgium). Previously for seven years, she was head of the library of a large law firm in Brussels and worked on a new platform with databases. Before that she was head of department in an ICT firm were her department was responsible for the installation and follow up of library software. She attended IFLA in 2008 and from its beginning has followed the HBS.

Claire Nguyen is Head of Serials and Electronic resources Department Bibliothèque Interuniversitaire de Médecine et d'Odontologie. On a daily basis Claire manages electronic resources, linksolver, and remote access.

The two are mentored in their new role by IFLA Headquarters Communications Officer and Web Content Editor, Louis Takács.

🏳 Role of EB Research in medical libraries - Satellite session - Papers now available

The papers of the IFLA 2008 satellite conference, The Role of Evidence Based Research in Medical Libraries are linked on the Medical Library Association web page http://www.mlanet.org/resources/global/ifla_hbs2008.html . When at this MLA web page, a click on the IFLA logo leads to the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section homepage.

World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Gothenburg, Sweden , August 10-15, 2010:
IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section – Open session

Call for papers
"*Health Information for all - New Challenges - New Solutions*"

Colleagues from around the world are invited to submit an abstract for consideration for
the HBS Open Session.

Aim and Scope of the Session

It is hoped that papers will cover a wide range of areas - for example:

* Partnerships and collaborations that support free access to health information
* Health libraries/information professionals role in promoting open and/ or equitable access
* How health information is disseminated to the general public
* How useful is free health information? Is it evidence based?
* How evidence based information is incorporated into freely available health information
* Is there less use of health information not freely available e.g. library subscriptions
* How do consumers access health information e.g. mobile devices, magazines, newspapers?
* What role health information literacy may have in health information for all context?

It is anticipated that presentations be 15 minutes with time for questions at the end of the session.

Important dates
February 1st 2010**:** Deadline for submission of abstract
March 1st 2010: Notification of acceptance/rejection
May 1st 2010: Deadline for submission of text

Submission Guidelines
The proposals must be submitted in an electronic format and must contain:
Title of paper
Summary of paper (250 - 350 words maximum)
Speaker's name, address, telephone and fax numbers, professional affiliation, email address and
biographical note (40 words)

Submissions are to be emailed before February 1, 2010 to:
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        National Library of Health Sciences
        Haartmaninkatu 4 ; FI-00290 Helsinki, Finland ;
         email: paivi.pekkarinen@helsinki.fi

        Regrettably IFLA's Sections do not have funds available to pay for speakers' expenses,
        including registration for the conference, travel, accommodation.

HBS Strategic Plan (2006-2007) Revision Underway

The strategic plan (2006-2007) for the Health and Biosciences Libraries Section is being updated. Please re-view it and email your ideas or changes with your comments to Päivi Pekkarinen. In due course the Section web masters, Claire and Ann, will put the revised text on the Section web site. Päivi has updated some information on the basis of the previous formulation, and they are in blue text.

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Health and Biosciences Libraries Section
Strategic Plan
2010-2011

Mission
The section acts as a forum for information professionals working in libraries and information centers concerned with health and the biosciences. Its general aims are: to promote cooperation between such libraries, library associations, the World Health Organization (WHO), and other relevant bodies; to facilitate awareness and application of new tech-nologies relevant to those libraries and information centers; to assist in the provision of health information to health professionals and consumers; and to promote equitable access to health information for all communities.
Goals
1. Continue planning for the International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML 11) to be held in Baltimore 2013 (Professional priorities: (h) developing library professionals)
Actions
1.1 Cooperate with the Planning Committee and contribute to International Program Committee
1.2 Utilize the section's listserv to gather programming ideas for these meetings.
1.3 Utilize the section's listserv to solicit speakers for contributed papers.
2. Provide open sessions and workshops on emerging technologies in health and biosciences information of general interest to the IFLA membership.
(Professional priorities: (f) promoting resource sharing; (h) developing library professionals; (i) promoting standards, guidelines, and best practice.)
Actions
2.1 Plan Open Session program for Gothenburg on open access, and continue discussions with IT Section about joint session on Institutional Repositories
2.2 Plan the Satellite Workshop session in Seoul 2006 on indigenous medicine.
2.3 Promote quality of health information as a theme area of the section.
2.4 Begin planning for the San Juan, Puerto Rico, meeting in 2011, on a theme of particular relevance to the major health issues of the Caribbean and Central American region
3. Liaise with relevant organizations to coordinate and facilitate greater access to health information in less developed countries.
(Professional priorities: (f) promoting resource sharing; (h) developing library professional.)
Actions
3.1 Cooperate with relevant oraganizations - PAHO, Bireme - and Associations of Health Information and Libraries in the area to further develop the Global Health library project and HINARI programme, and help them to ascertain train-ing needs and need for promotion of the HINARI project, to ensure benefits are extended as far as possible in health

libraries in Caribbean and Central American region.

3.2 Support and promote the work of WHO in the evaluation and extension of the Global Health Library and HINARI programme

3.3 Obtain reports from PAHO / Bireme on GHL and HINARI, especially its extension to Spanish - speaking Africa, include references to these initiatives in newsletters, and post reports and links to IFLA health list. /??/

3.4 Make reports of the Global Initiative Taskforce of the MLA available through the Section newsletter and web site.

3.6 Follow up on contacts with WHO and PAHO made at the ICML 9 (Salvador, Bahia, Brazil) to promote the Salvador declaration on open access and the ICOLC (International Coalition of Library Consortia) statement.

4. Increase and maintain communication between librarians interested in the health and biosciences. (Professional priorities: (d) providing unrestricted access to information; (f) promoting resource sharing; (h) developing library professionals; (i) promoting standards, guidelines and best practice.)

Actions

4.1 Contact all IFLA institutions with a health or bioscience library to promote section membership and encourage new section members.

4.1.2 Promote the directory of medical libraries being developed by the WHO for the Global Health Directory through the Section web site.

4.2 Enhance use of the section's listserv to include general communications of interest to health and biosciences librarians and information professionals.

4.2.1 Refocus the listserv to include interests of other health information organizations.

4.2.2 Contact all IFLA institutions with a health or bioscience library to promote the broader focus of the listserv and encourage its use.

4.3 Work with IFLA HQ to develop a web site to show examples of communicating health information.

5. Ensure members of the section are kept aware of new technologies and their applications which have the potential to enhance health care.

(Professional priorities: (h) developing library professionals; (i) promoting standards, guidelines and best practice.)

Actions

5.1 Create a Task force on 'Charting the Future', chaired by the Committee Chair, to monitor developments in health information and informatics and report to the committee annually.

5.2 Develop projects to monitor new technologies and initiatives impacting on health care and health information , e.g. researching use of electronic networks, and institutional repositories in health sector.

5.3 Liaise with other IFLA Sections (IT, S & T) and other library associations around the world to explore these issues.

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search and Learning Services at Victoria University Library winning the Paper of the Day (Thursday) for their paper 'The Impact of information literacy training on clinicians entering the workforce.'

Dr. **Tamas Doszkocs**, Computer Scientist in the Specialized Information Services Division of the national Library of Medicine, USA for winning the Paper of the Day (Friday) for his paper 'Seeking health on the web: health search engines and new developments.'

The next ICML will be held in conjunction with the MLA2013 meeting in Baltimore so please start saving now so that you can attend both the annual IFLA meetings and ICML2013.

Although it is disappointing that IFLA 2010 won't be held 'downunder', the program will be great. The call for papers for the Open Session is detailed on both the website and in this newsletter and we are going to have a joint satellite session with Science Library section on Open Access – this will be held in Crete (which I am told is rather beautiful in summer).

At this time of the year our thoughts often go to how we can spend the remainder of the annual budget – yes we can afford that set of reference books that were quite expensive or yes we can afford multiple copies of some books or maybe the funds can be used for staff development or even better still – some more computers! Due to my role as convenor of the IFLA Health and Biosciences Section I was invited to take part in an international consultative committee meeting to discuss the future directions of the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Health Library (GHL) initiative. The objectives of the GHL is to provide access to quality health information from all parts of the world in order to strengthen, promote and develop world wide networks on the collection, organization, dissemination and universal access to reliable health sciences information. Part of the review of the GHL will be the development of a virtual library linking a range of information resources such as the WHO repository and Global Index Medicus. While this is a worthwhile project it was very humbling to hear how many librarians in developing countries have such limited access to information – even if the information is available the networks are not always available and outside universities and hospitals networks are even more limited. One project to overcome lack of access is to transport 'collections' in blue trunks (yes metal trunks) to district health centres in Africa to compensate for the lack of up-to-date medical and health information.   It made me realise how lucky many of us are in the Western World (or the North) to have such well developed collections and network services.

I look forward to meeting you at an IFLA conference in the next few years. Warm wishes for a successful 2010.

Heather Todd

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ⁱThe GHL website is available from: http://www.globalhealthlibrary.net/php/index.php?lang=en

ⁱⁱFor more information on the blue trunk library see http://apps.who.int/bookorders/anglais/detart1.jsp?

RSS feed to any section to keep you up to date. There are some reviews; otherwise, you will need to download to find out more. They provide both free and paid apps, which is good.

Top 50 free Health and Fitness Apps http://www.appstoreapps.com/top-50-free-health-and-fitness-apps/

Top 50 paid Health and Fitness Apps http://www.appstoreapps.com/top-50-paid-health-fitness-apps/

Evaluation sites
There are a lot of sites that rate and evaluate the iPhone and iTough applications.

148Apps http://www.148apps.com/
From the site, they describe themselves: "Jeff Scott created 148Apps.com shortly after the iTunes App Store launched. The purpose of this site is to provide you with the very best in iPhone and iPod Touch applications through our numerous reviews and latest news sections. Our goal is to sort through the best of the best and provide you with that information so you don't have to spend your days in front of an iPhone just to find the perfect app for you

In addition to the reviews and news, we keep track of what's selling, what's new and what prices are dropping in the iTunes App Store. We are also on Twitter, Facebook, and Friendfeed."

There are tabs for "New apps" and the "Top 148 apps". Scroll down the rather long page to find the categories listed on the right. Health & fitness and Lifestyle are just 2 of the more than 20 categories. You can also keep up to date through various Twitter and RSS feeds.

AppCraver iPhone App News and Reviews http://www.appcraver.com/
You can subscribe by RSS feed or email to keep up to date. Their site states "Our goal is to review the most important (and most amusing) iPhone and iPod Touch applications available. We love hearing from the founders of app start ups — we think their stories, struggles and successes are interesting and newsworthy. We also encourage you to submit applications you have created or find interesting."

The site has general categories listed further down the page to help you find apps. There is also a tab for the Top Free Apps organised by category, Worthwhile Apps which includes paid apps also by category and Editor's Picks, again by category. Each tab provides information about why the apps displayed have been chosen – e.g. Editor's picks require a rating of 8/10.

The site provides reviews and ratings – so very useful.

Blogs
There are various blogs to be found just doing a Google search for iPhone apps. Most of these provide reviews and other good information about the various apps. Most also allow you to set up RSS feeds to keep you up to date. Health type blogs such as NursingDegree.net have blog entries talking about iPhone apps for health, but in general they are only isolated entries.

NursingDegree.net http://www.nursingdegree.net/
From blog from Bet.com health news viewed 9th April 2009
"beneficial to your health, nutrition and fitness, observes *U.S. News & World Report*. Both the iPhone 3g and the iTouch allow users to keep a food and exercise diary, stop smoking reminders, list emergency contacts and track personal health and wellness data."
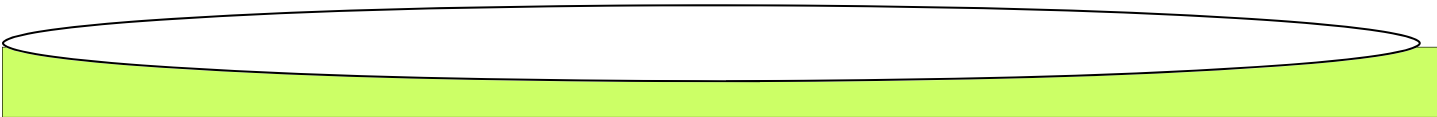
From 100 Fabulous iPhone Apps for Your Health and Fitness http://www.uspharmd.com/blog/2009/100-fabulous-iphone-apps-for-your-health-and-fitness/
The applications available for the iPhone and iTouch in health fall roughly into the following categories:
- Tests and tracking
- Calculators
- Activity
- Nutrition
- Diagnosis
- Wellness
- Medications
- Reference
Emergency

From The Decision Tree http://thedecisiontree.com/blog/?s=262
Other ways of categorising are:
- Diet & Nutrition
- Fitness
- Medicine/Medical records
Quitter – free app that tracks how many days since your last cigarette and then calculates how much money you have saved.

From Julie's Health Club, Chicago Tribune *http://featuresblogs.chicagotribune.com/features_julieshealthclub/*
Apps have features that may help improve quality of life. e.g. My life record – lets consumers access and share their own medical imaging, charts, medications and lab results via the iPhone. If the phone is lost, privacy is an issue. But you contact the My life Record support staff and they will disable the device. If you then find the phone they can re-enable it. http://www.myliferecord.com/ developed by **Life Record Inc. – not sure this is available in Australia.**
The Pocket First Aid Guide – custom designed for the iPhone- helps treat anything from bee stings to eye injuries http://jive.me/firstaid/ developed by Jive Media LLC.
From The Health Care Blog *http://www.thehealthcareblog.com/the_health_care_blog/2008/07/5-great-health.html*
July 30, 2008 Health apps for the iPhone By THCB STAFF

US News and World Report has a useful story listing five health widgets for the iPhone.

Absolute Fitness. For $14.95, users can keep a food and exercise diary, monitor nutrition and weight goals, and track and graph health metrics, including cholesterol, calories, saturated fat, and sodium.
Quitter. Is a program to help smokers kick the habit.
ICE. This In Case of an Emergency card lets you enter emergency contacts, medical conditions and any allergies.
iScale. Is another food diary feature.
Kenkou. It means "health" in Japanese and lets users keep track of personal health and wellness data. The author notes that it is particularly useful for diabetics.

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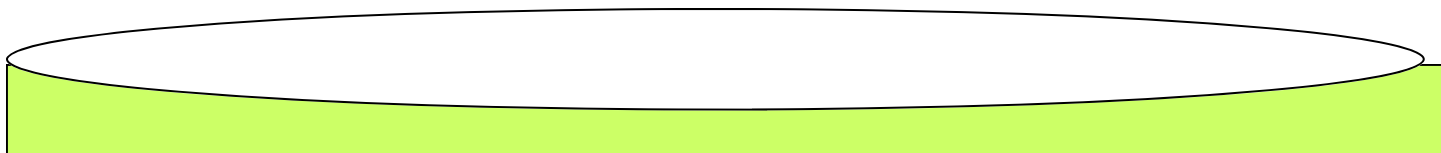
Epocrates Rx software for iPhone OS *http://www.epocrates.com/products/iphone/rx.html* The free Epocrates Rx software for iPhone OS puts continually updated peer-reviewed drug information at your fingertips. Epocrates information has been shown to:

> Improve patient care and safety
>
> Save time
>
> Enable confident clinical decisions

Our information is developed by clinicians for clinicians, with this edition specifically formatted for iPhone and iPod touch devices.

*Special features include Pill ID, which enables you to identify a pill based on its physical characteristics, plus pill pictures within the drug monographs.

You need to register to access the product, but as far as I can tell, registration is free. There are products on the website that require payment.

Care Connector *http://www.strengthforcaring.com/*

One app that I found which I thought was a good idea: For caregivers – Johnson & Johnson Consumer products – Care Connector http://www.strengthforcaring.com/ . The Care Connector is an iPhone application designed for caregivers on the go. It gives you information at your fingertips to make care giving easier. It's FREE, and is compatible with iPhone and iPod touch. You can enter multiple profiles for all those people you might care for - even yourself. You can download it via iTunes.

Yetunde Zaid, Librarian, University of Lagos, Nigeria, with her colleague at the 2009 IFLA

Photo by Päivi Pekkarinen

**Connections: Newsletter of IFLA
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http://www.ifla.org/en/health-and-biosciences-**

"Improving consumer access to HIV/AIDS information through outreach program in developing countries: the experience of a medical librarian" by UJU E.NWAFOR-ORIZU (Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nnewi, Nigeria) Talk given at 2009 IFLA Health & Biosciences Libraries Section. Photo by Leena Toivonen