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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL LIBRARIANS GROUP

UMSLG News (April 2007)

1. Dates for your diary. Meetings programme 2007

Open Forum

14 May 2007, Woburn House London

<http://www.woburnhouse.co.uk/>

This year's Open Forum, on the theme of e-learning in health and medicine, has been planned jointly by UMSLG and UHSL (the University Health Sciences Librarians Group); the coordinating group has included Betsy Anagnostelis, Chris Fowler, Joanne Dunham and Marie Montague. At this year's Open Forum we will also be initiating the launch of the University Health and Medical Librarians Group (UHMLG), bringing together UMSLG and UHSL (further details below).

The programme will start at 10.00 with registration, and end at 4.30 with a cheese and wine reception to signal the launch of UHMLG, and includes the following speakers:

- + Sally Hernando (Head of Knowledge Management and e-Learning, NHS South West) - e-learning initiatives in the NHS
- + Angie Clarke (Head of Service, NLH) - The NLH and e-learning
- + Grainne Conole (Professor of e-learning, Institute of Educational Technology, The Open University) - Focusing on the student perspective: how are students really using technologies for learning?
- + Heather Wharrad (Associate Professor and Reader in Education and Health Informatics, University of Nottingham) - RLO's are good for your health
- + Liam Earney (Collections Team Manager, JISC Collections) - The JISC national ebooks observatory project
- + Mark Packer (ICT Manager) and Jil Fairclough (Medical School Librarian, Brighton & Sussex Medical School) - Medicine at your fingertips: the PDA Project at Brighton & Sussex Medical School
- + Maged N Kamel Boulos (e-Health/Health Informatics group, University of Plymouth) - e-Health and Web 2.0: looking to the future with sociable technologies and social software

Details on how to book have been emailed separately but please don't hesitate to contact Joanne Dunham (see at end for contact details) to receive a booking form if you have missed the announcement on the public lists.

Residential Conference

12-13 July 2007, University Hall Conference Centre, Cardiff

The UMSLG 2007 Residential meeting (to be held jointly with UHSL members) has been confirmed for 12-13 July at University Hall Conference Centre, Cardiff (see <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/schoolsanddivisions/divisions/resid/conf/p1752.html>). The committee will be discussing details of the programme at its next meeting. Please email lis-umslg@jiscmail.ac.uk with suggestions. Alternatively, please email a member of the committee (see contact details at end).

2. Future of UMSLG

On the [lis-umslg JISCmail Files Area](mailto:lis-umslg@jiscmail.ac.uk), as well as the UMSLG web pages (see http://www.umslg.ac.uk/about_the_group.htm), we have placed a copy of the draft Terms of Reference and Constitution of the new proposed group – UHMLG: the University Health and Medical Librarians Group. This follows wide consultation with UMSLG members and UHSL representatives, including several telephone conferences involving the past and present Chairs of UMSLG (Chris Fowler and Betsy Anagnostelis) as well as Iain Baird and Angela Horrocks as UHSL representatives. UMSLG members may recognise the existing UMSLG membership and committee structure in the draft Terms of Reference and the Constitution, with an extension of the terms of reference to cover other HE health care librarians, as was indicated in the last edition of UMSLG News. The draft UHMLG Terms of Reference and Constitution will be presented at the Open Forum on 14 May and a formal decision on future progress will be taken at the UMSLG AGM to be held at the Residential meeting in Cardiff on 12-13 July 2007.

Please read the draft Terms of Reference and let us have your views especially on the Links listed at the top of the draft document. Are you a member of any of the bodies listed here? Are you a member of any other bodies that you think we should list here (i.e. that are compatible with the Roles as stated here)? In what capacity are you a member of such a body? Please let us know.

The UHSL representatives who are now participating in UMSLG committee meetings are as follows:

- Iain Baird I.Baird@tees.ac.uk (who it is proposed should take on an interim Vice Chair role)
- Maurice Wakeham m.wakeham@ANGLIA.AC.UK (who it is proposed should take on an interim Membership Secretary role)
- Angela Horrocks A.Horrocks@KINGSTON.AC.UK

It is proposed that the elected UMSLG committee members will work closely during their term of election with UHSL representatives for a transitional period (2007 for some members, 2007-8 for other members). Should agreement be achieved at the UMSLG 2007 AGM to progress towards UHMLG, this timescale would allow a year of transition and membership consolidation prior to UHMLG holding a fully joint ballot in summer 2008 to elect committee representatives for January 2009 onwards.

Please share your views with the membership on our list at: lis-umslg@jiscmail.ac.uk or contact the Chair, Betsy Anagnostelis at ucylbet@ucl.ac.uk.

3. Subscriptions

Given the transitional nature of the current year, as UMSLG and UHSL are likely to join together to form UHMLG, the Committee has agreed to waive membership fees for 2007. It is intended that in future membership fees will be retained at the same low levels (currently £40 pa).

4. PHI Partnerships in Health Information

UMSLG members agreed to donate £500 to PHI in 2006, which was used to help fund a programmes officer post, who was appointed and is based at the University of Bournemouth. PHI and the University of Bournemouth held a launch event for their new partnership at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Regents Park, London in September 2006 and are looking forward to developing existing and new partnerships. UMSLG members agreed at the 2006 AGM to donate a further £500 to PHI in 2007

Two key areas of interest for those interested are Lord Crisp's review: Global Health Partnerships (<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/pubs/files/ghp.pdf>) and the HIFA2015 campaign - Healthcare Information for All by 2015 - <http://www.hifa2015.org>.

5. Research in the Workplace Award (RIWA)

UMSLG also gave £500 sponsorship to the 2006/7 RIWA (Research in the Workplace Award), which is managed by Information for the Management of Healthcare and jointly sponsored by the National Library for Health CPD Forum, IFM Healthcare, the Health Libraries Group, the University Medical School Librarians Group, the University Health Sciences Libraries and Libraries for Nursing.

The 2006/7 RIWA has been awarded to Rachel Southon and Vicki Veness, Royal Surrey County Hospitals NHS Trust and John Loy, Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. The successful applicants propose to undertake "A Randomised Controlled Trial to determine the impact of providing a virtual reference service (Access Specialist Knowledge – ASK) to the local Primary Care and Mental Health Trusts" (see <http://ifmh.org.uk/RIWAsouthon.doc>).

6. Keeping current

Members have previously emailed lis-umslg with updates from several allied sources, which include those below. As we review the content of the UMSLG web pages (and possible future UHMLG web pages), it would seem appropriate to bring together URLs where such updates can be consulted on a regular basis, avoiding the need to issue regular reminders via lis-umslg and thus reducing email overload. Indicative key links might include:

- JISC Collections News and Events
http://www.jisccollections.ac.uk/news_and_events.aspx
(a weekly update; the current issue includes the following of possible interest: A Wellcome collection of medical films: new JISC Collections consultation; The routes to understanding the dynamics of genetics: new JISC Collections consultation; JISC national e-books observatory project: useful articles and studies)
- MEDEV Subject Centre fortnightly eBulletins
<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/medev.html>
(a fortnightly eBulletin including Current open calls for abstracts/papers/posters/workshops; Other educational events; Other news; Funding opportunities)
- NHS England NLH newsletter and other items new on "For Librarians"
<http://www.library.nhs.uk/forlibrarians>
(the April newsletter appears here, as well as details of the new NLH Groups and Terms of Reference; minutes of the NLH Co-ordinating Group; Plenary minutes; SHA Map and NLH Structure. The March newsletter is also here and contains an update on NLH standards.)
- The NHS Scotland e-library maintains a Keeping up to date page
<http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/portal/elib/pages/keepingUpToDate.aspx>
(including announcements, media news, conferences & events and a newsletters directory)
and a Librarians' Learning Landscape at:
<http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/cmselib/librarians/index.aspx>

Do let John Clarke, our Web Manager, know of any links that you find particularly helpful in keeping current (see at end for contact details).

7. Membership update

The following members have joined since the last issue of UMSLG News:

- University of Birmingham – Tamasine Ashcroft (replacing Lynne Harris)
- University of St Andrews – Vicki Cormie
- Brighton & Sussex Medical School – Jil Fairclough (replacing Tom Roper)
- Imperial College London – Diane Job
- University of Warwick – Samantha Johnson (replacing Richard Smith)
- University of Sheffield – Alison Little and Vicky Grant have taken on the role of Clinical & Academic Liaison Librarian on John van Loo's retirement
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine – Caroline Lloyd (replacing Brian Furner)
- King's College London Institute of Psychiatry – Clare Martin (replacing Martin Guha)
- Cardiff University – Lindsay Roberts

Membership details have recently also been amended on the UMSLG Web pages. Do please let John Clarke (our Web Manager) know of any changes, corrections etc. (see at end for contact details).

We should also like to record the sad loss of two UMSLG members: Linda Dorrington and John Coggins.

Linda Dorrington

Linda Dorrington, past Chair of UMSLG, died suddenly on 27 July 2006. To quote from Chris Fowler's announcement of Linda's death to UMSLG members:

"Linda was a well-known and much respected colleague across the sector and her contribution to the profession over the years has been highly significant in areas such as HLG and the London library groups. Her commitment to UMSLG was enormous and she worked extremely hard with other founder members to create the group that we have today."

In Linda's memory, the Committee have agreed to initiate a bursary for first-time presenters at EAHIL (see below).

John Coggins

John Coggins, the founding Medical Librarian at the University of Nottingham, died on 7 January 2007, after a long illness. John was held in great affection by his colleagues and by many in the Faculty of Medicine.

8. Bursary in memory of Linda Dorrington

At its last meeting, the committee agreed to establish a bursary in memory of Linda Dorrington. The details are in the process of being confirmed, but it is proposed that such a bursary should be:

- £500 per year
- offered as a contribution towards the costs of attending an EAHIL conference for a member of the Group who is a first time presenter of a paper, presentation or poster session
- open to those whose submission has been accepted by EAHIL.

It would be expected that the winning paper/presentation/contribution would be made available on the Group web site and delivered at an Open Forum or Residential meeting as appropriate.

9. Committee update

We have had some changes in UMSLG Committee membership since January 2007. Current committee members are as follows:

- Betsy Anagnostelis ucylbet@ucl.ac.uk (Chair from January 2007)
- Marie Montague m.b.montague@qmul.ac.uk (Secretary)
- Joanne Dunham jd1@leicester.ac.uk (Treasurer)
- John Clarke j.clarke@ich.ucl.ac.uk (Web Manager)
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- Irene McGowan Irene.McGowan@ed.ac.uk

Wanted: co-opted committee members for 2007, representing Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

Co-opted members of the committee are being sought to ensure appropriate UK-wide UMSLG representation. Co-opted members are full committee members who assist the officers and the other members of the committee to arrange UMSLG events, to represent UMSLG and will also (quite importantly) help us to develop the changing role and focus of UMSLG as a whole. If ability to travel is a problem, interested candidates may act as corresponding members, alerting the committee to issues that may not otherwise be adequately reflected in the agenda of meetings or addressed at other events.

Edited by Betsy Anagnostelis
UMSLG Committee
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