

Hospital Library Services Program Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 30, 2007 ~ New York College of Health Professions

The **HLSP Annual Meeting** is being hosted this year by the New York College of Health Professions, and is expected to be an exciting event, with guest speaker Rezan Akpinar, Chair of Acupuncture for the New York College of Health Professions. Rezan Akpinar comes to the HLSP Annual Meeting with a most fascinating list of credentials and experience. She holds a New York State License in Acupuncture and Massage Therapy; Diplomat in Acupuncture and holds a Master of Science in Oriental Medicine and Doctor of Dental Sciences. She is trained in herbology and is a Reiki Practitioner.

Rezan Akpinar will present *Diagnosis in Traditional Chinese Medicine*, which will examine how diagnosis takes into consideration the whole person, without breaking things into pieces, which helps us to see the condition related to the person and how they are manifesting the disease.

This year's event is open to everyone; non-members are welcome! Please visit the LILRC continuing education calendar at http://lilrc.org/calendars/cont_edcalendar.php for additional information, including a registration form.

Help Support the Federal Research Public Access Act

The Federal Research Public Access Act (FRPAA) needs your help! First introduced in 2006 by Senator John Cornyn and co-sponsored by Senator Joe Lieberman, this Act is now waiting to be presented in the 110th Congress. According to the *Alliance for Taxpayer Access* (<http://www.taxpayeraccess.org/frpaa/>), each year federal government agency funds are used for research, which in turn ends up being published in varying academic journals. The problem is that this information should be more easily accessible to the public, since the funding is initially generated from taxpayers. This affects all of us, especially when we stop to think about the cost of academic journals per year. This Act would enable open access to this research within a six-month period.

On July 20, 2007, the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved a measure directing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide free public online access to agency-funded research findings within 12 months of their publication in a peer-reviewed journal. With broad bipartisan support, the House passed the provision as part of the FY2008 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Remarks from the New Editor

Greetings all! My name is Christina Rivera and I am the new Special Projects Librarian with LILRC. I will be administering the Hospital Libraries Services Program (HLSP) and coordinating the LILRC Continuing Education Program. In addition, I am the new editor of *HealthLine* and the *LILRC Newsletter*.

Please look for some changes to the newsletter in the near future, and remember, we appreciate contributions of news articles. Please pass along any exciting information that you would like to share with fellow readers!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions via email at crivera@lilrc.org or by telephone at (631) 632-6654.

Save the Dates LILRC Health Literacy Series

October 5, 2007: Exploring Health Literacy

November 2, 2007: Health Literacy and Motherhood: Navigating the Maternal Child Health System with Low Literacy

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**October is National
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month**

2007 National Health
Observance online at:
[http://www.healthfinder.gov/
library/nho/nho.asp](http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp)

Medical Wikis on the Rise

According to *Amednews.com*, new questions are arising with the emergence of wikis published by physicians and other medical professionals as a way of sharing medical information openly. Wikis allow users to create and edit information collaboratively, and medical professionals are now utilizing this web application to share medical information world-wide. One of the main concerns is due the nature of wikis and “as more medical wikis launch, experts say the creators will need to break away from the traditional wiki model to ensure that the information accessed is accurate.” Additional information available at: <http://www.amaassn.org/amednews/2007/05/07/bil20507.htm>.

Curious about what these wikis have to offer? Explore the following wikis to see how medical professionals and librarians are using this collaborative web application to share information.

AskDrWiki.com: this is a nonprofit educational wiki that focuses on Cardiology and Electrophysiology and provides medical professions with a place to contribute review articles, images, and much more. This wiki’s goal is *creating a collective memory for physicians, nurses, and medical students*.

EBM Librarian (<http://ebmlibrarian.wetpaint.com>): created by medical librarians with the purpose of creating a community to offer teaching resources, discuss issues, and share information resources.

WikiKidney.org: specifically geared towards kidney related issues, this wiki is authored/ edited by medical professions and provides a number of resources for both professionals and patients.

WikiCancer.org: open to professionals and non-professionals alike, this wiki is a social network aimed at allowing cancer patients, family, friends, and caregivers to share stories. Also offered are a number of resources from various sources including government agencies and the American Cancer Society, among many others.

For a comprehensive list, please visit **David Rothman’s** website for medical librarians at: <http://davidrothman.net/list-of-medical-wikis>

Healia Health Search Engine

Healia (www.healia.com) is a consumer health search engine that covers a wide range of health information, indexing numerous sites from sources such as MedlinePlus, ClinicalTrials.gov, and New York Online Access to Health (NOAH). Aimed at health consumers and patients, it provides useful filters such as gender, age group, race, reading level, and much more. Users can filter results to meet their individualized needs in an easy to use format.

Healia states that its “unique technology functions like a trusted health librarian who helps you wade through the maze of online health information to find the exact nugget of reliable information that you need (http://www.healia.com/healia/en/healia_about.jsp?).”

Elsevier Library Connect Providing Free Resources for Librarians

Elsevier Library Connect is a free quarterly published newsletter from Elsevier that is contributed to by librarians, libraries, and Elsevier staff. Offered in both electronic and print format, *Library Connect* provides users with current information from the field.

In addition, Elsevier also provides *Practical Assistance Pamphlets*, which provide information on a variety of topics from how to promote online resources to designing library web sites– all at no cost!

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