

2009 HLSP Annual Meeting Highlights

December 2, 2009—LILRC Hospital Library Services Program participants gathered for the 2009 Annual Meeting at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Racker Room of the Blackford Hall, with guest speaker Jack Coulehan, MD, MPH, who presented **Professional Ethics and the *Good Doctor***.

Dr. Coulehan's presentation explored four specific phases in the development of ethics in medicine, which he visually represented as tree rings, in that, rather than each phase replacing the other, they supplement one another. The discussion began in the earliest stages of medicine, as we explored the Hippocratic core followed by religion-based ethics, where the importance of western versus eastern histories of medicine was stressed. The Enlightenment period gave way to virtue ethics and a renewed commitment to professional virtues in medicine. Finally, the outmost ring, representing biomedical ethics, which coincided in the U.S. with the Civil Rights Movement was explored. A number of important leaders in medicine during each of these time periods were pointed out including Albert Schweitzer, MD, Dr. Cicely Saunders, Ibn al-Nafis, William Harvey, Thomas Percival, René Laennec, William Osler, MD, Joseph E. Murray, MD, and Paul Farmer, MD.

After Dr. Coulehan's presentation, participants were treated to lunch and then a presentation from Kate Oliver, Associate Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) on MAR happenings and an update on available funding, which is available online at: <http://nnlm.gov/mar/funding>.

Special thanks to the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory for hosting this year's event, the LILRC Committee on Services to Health Sciences Libraries, and to all that participated.



Pictured above: **Jack Coulehan, MD, MPH** (left), attendees (middle), and **MaryAnn Emsig** (right) who was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of LILRC and the Committee on Services to Health Sciences Libraries for 20 years of service on the Committee. Additional photos from the event are available online at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/lilrc>.

Celebrate National Wear Red Day-Friday, February 5, 2010



On National Wear Red Day Americans nationwide will wear red to show support for women's heart disease awareness. *The Heart Truth* is: "Heart disease doesn't care what you wear—it's the #1 killer of women."

Join the national awareness movement by wearing red on February 5th and encourage your family, friends, and coworkers to do the same. For more information on *The Heart Truth* campaign, National wear red day, and the red dress—the national symbol of women and heart disease awareness—visit www.hearttruth.gov.

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Q&A with Mary Ann Emsig

Mary Ann Emsig, Medical Librarian at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library shares information on her role and library happenings.

Q: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A: I began my career at the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library in 1991 after working 5 years at the Huntington Hospital Medical Library. In addition to my MLS, I also have a degree in Biology from Cornell University.

Q: Can you tell us more about the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library?

A: Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library is a small one person run community hospital library housing approximately 1,000 titles and 120 subscriptions that serve the hospital staff. Since 1960, Good Samaritan has had a staff librarian, and has continued this tradition until today. As Good Samaritan is a magnet hospital, much of the library services are now utilized to support the nursing staff.

Q: Is there anything new or exciting happening in the library?

A: Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of services to the community.

Grey Literature Report

The most recent Grey Literature Report (Vol.11, No.6) is now available at http://www.nyam.org/library/pages/current_grey_literature_report.

Kindled on-the-go Health News Project

LILRC continues to loan out 2 Amazon Kindles (U.S. wireless generation) for a 3-week (21day) loan period. LILRC HLSP participants are reminded to take advantage of this project and free shipping to and from your institution via UPS for a limited time only. Visit www.kindledhealthnews.wordpress.com for additional information.

In the News...

According to Amednews.com, video games may have potential health benefits, which are currently being studied by nine research teams granted funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to see how digital games improve players' health. Of interest, Long Island University's Brooklyn campus will be exploring the benefits of DDR (Dance Dance Revolution) in helping Parkinson's disease patients reduce their risk of falling. For the full story, please refer to <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2009/11/30/prsf1204.htm>.

Website Review: Flu.gov

Flu.gov (www.flu.gov) provides comprehensive government-wide information on seasonal, H1N1 (swine), H5N1 (bird), and pandemic influenza for the general public, health and emergency preparedness professionals, policy makers, government and business leaders, school systems, and local communities. The site provides myths vs. facts information, YouTube videos, printable flu resources, self evaluation tools, website widgets, and much more.