



## Health Science Libraries Group Annual Report 2014

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<b>Committee Members:</b>	Brian Galvin (Health Research Board); Louise Bradley (Institute of Public Health, Dublin); Marie Carrigan (St Luke's Hospital, Dublin)

The Committee met seven times during 2014

There were also a number of meetings of the Shelli working group. The 2014 Annual Conference of the Health Sciences Library Group took place in Dublin on 22 – 23 May in the Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street, Dublin

### Chairperson's Report

2014 has been a busy year for the HSLG. The work of librarians supporting the National Clinical Guidelines continued and developed. The NCEC held its second symposium on 26<sup>th</sup> November with a number of clinical librarians attending.

The development and actualization of the 'Report on the Status of Health Librarianship and libraries in Ireland' (SHELLI), by the Shelli working group continued in 2014, with a Shelli seminar on the theme, '*Promote Visibility & Identify Champions*', held in March 2014. This seminar was well attended by health librarians. The Shelli working group will be working on the theme, 'Building a Body of Evidence' in 2015.

The HSLG annual conference was held in Dublin in the Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street, Dublin. This conference tackled multiple subthemes under the banner of 'Skills, standards and collaboration', in its lecturers and lightening presentations. The Keynote address was given by Eli Harris of Bodleian Healthcare Library, University of Oxford and was an account of the role of outreach librarians on associated hospital sites there. Dr Kathleen MacLellan of

the director of the National Clinical Effectiveness gave a presentation on national clinical guideline development and the key role of clinical librarians' assistance in this area.

In the area of CPD during 2014, as well as the conference materials, there was a workshop on the reference management software, 'EndNote', given in July and a joint HSLG / A& S workshop on, 'Newsletter Writing' given in November. There was two editions of HINT prepared by the communication officers during 2014 which as usual gave a good insight into conference and seminars attended by HSLG members as well as also current awareness, educational and general interest items.

In 2014 the HSLG committee and working groups and the HSLG membership as a whole, continued to develop and to educate, both ourselves, and also the hospital / academic / specialist communities we support.

By Michael Doheny

### **HSLG CPD Report 2014**

For 2014, responding to both the preferred format and topic identified by last year's survey, an online Folio Course called "MAXIM: maximising the impact of your service" was organised and scheduled to be run and accredited by the Sheffield University SchARR team. The Course was a joint initiative between HSLG and A&SL. Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers this had to be cancelled.

A very successful training session on the Reference Management software, EndNote, was presented by Dermot Stokes, UCD, in July. In October, Mark O'Sullivan of Tinderbox provided a training event on the HSLG website maintenance along with more generic WordPress tips. Though aimed primarily at the HSLG Committee, a number of places were made available for general HSLG members.

A Newsletter Writing event organised by A&SL was also available to HSLG members. It took place in the Writers' Museum in November and places sold out very quickly. Based on this year, it seems there is a strong preference for hands-on practical events and this will guide our CPD agenda for 2015.

By Anne Madden: CPD Officer HSLG.

### **HSLG Shelli Working Group Report 2014**

The SHELLI Working Group was set up by the HSLG to pursue the recommendations of *The Report on the Status of Health Librarianship and*

*libraries in Ireland (SHELLI)*. The Report's 30 recommendations are grouped under three strategic aims: identify champions and promote visibility; build a body of evidence; and staff and service development.

In 2014 the SWG pursued work on the 8 recommendations in the "Promote Visibility & Identify Champions" theme. It concentrated efforts culminating in the seminar **Promote Visibility & Identify Champions: sharing and raising awareness of marketing & partnership good practice in the health librarian community**, in March 2014. The seminar was a lively mix of keynotes, interactive sessions and lightning talks on how to market librarian expertise and success in working with staff to raise the profile of and valuing of the library service. It aimed to act as a morale-boost that would motivate librarians to engage with stakeholders, to value their unique skills and competences, and to promote themselves and their service to the wide range of professionals who need access to knowledgeable librarians.

A range of promotional materials was launched at the seminar for health librarians to use in promoting themselves and their libraries to their users and organisations. The SWG held a competition for a tagline of six words or less that would fit on the side of a pencil and that contained the words "libraries/librarians" and "health". By entering the competition entrants agreed to the use of tagline/s by the HSLG/Shellli Working Group on the promotional materials. Mary Dunne of the HRB won with the tagline **Health Librarians: Making Evidence Evident**. The tagline can be used by any librarian on posters, email sign-offs and other promotional materials.

The SWG will pursue the 11 recommendations in the Building a Body of Evidence in 2015.

By Anne Murphy, Chair, SHELLI Working Group

## **HSLG Communications Officer Report 2014**

Health Sciences Libraries Group Newsletter HINT:

HINT is published twice a year and circulated by email to all HSLG members and also available for download from the HSLG website <http://www.hslg.ie/>. HINT covers the activities of HSLG and reports on the Annual Conference and our CPD offerings.

The upcoming issue (Winter 2014) will have articles on such topics as Wordpress training, writing for Academic Publication workshop, where to get free graphic editing software, a look at Publishers Apps, a book review and a day in the life of a member of HSLG.

By Caroline Rowan and Diarmuid Stokes: Communication Officers: HSLG



**HSLG Annual Conference in the Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street, Dublin 2.: The Speaker is Kathleen McLellan, Director of Clinical Effectiveness, NCEC.**