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The Chair's Perspective

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It is time to think about the upcoming IFLA conference and deciding which of the many satellite events to attend. This year the Health and Biosciences section is not going to run a satellite session – life got too complicated with the change in venue but we are planning to hold a one day satellite session in Puerto Rico next year – the proposed theme will be *Developing Health Science Librarians Expertise: From graduate school curriculum, to post-graduate training, and to professional development offered by employing libraries* - we are working with our colleagues in Puerto Rico - stay tuned!

This year the open session will focus on Health Information for



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

All – more details in the newsletter – and I hope that you can all attend this session. It would be great if you think about joining the Standing Committee and work with the committee to provide interesting and worthwhile workshops, sessions or satellite events for others. The workload is not huge if shared between willing colleagues is quite manageable. Distance is not an issue as we can use email and Skype to assist in communication. Please think about joining and as first step

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you are very welcome to attend the committee meetings this year. The dates and times are:

Tuesday 10th August 11:30 – 14:20 (see agenda in the newsletter)

Sunday 15th August 11:30 – 13:00

The meetings are quite informal so please take time to attend – we would love to meet you and it is a great way to meet and work with colleagues across the globe. At times it is easy just to focus on our own issues in our own institutions or countries but working with an international group makes you see the other side of many aspects of health librarianship.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our secretary Päivi Pekkarinen for all her work this year and to Carole Gall our newsletter editor for her work in producing the newsletters. Carole is due to retire so this is her last newsletter. Thanks so much Carole for all of your work over the years
Look forward to seeing you in Sweden

Heather Todd (heather.todd@uq.edu.au)

Welcome to Chris Thomas , Chief Librarian,
University of Calgary-Qatar to the IFLA Health
and Biosciences Libraries Standing Committee.

See his recent activities:

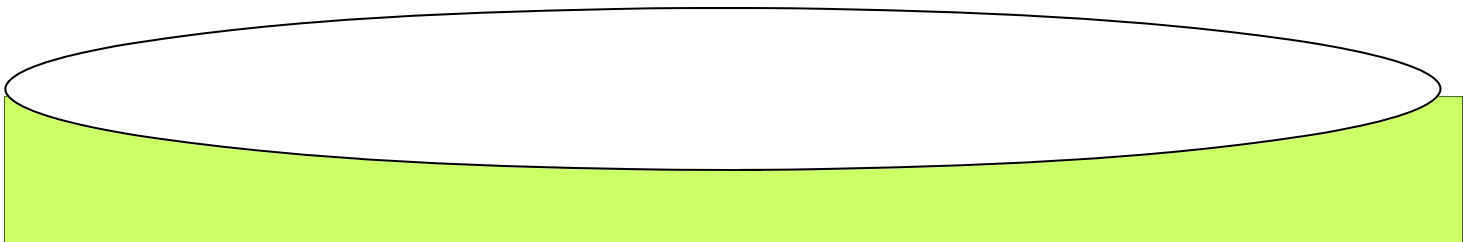
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**Chris Thomas, Chief Librarian,
University of Queensland —
Qatar**



IFLA
Health and Biosciences Section
Standing Committee Meetings 2010
HBS Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 10th 2010 11.30-14.20

Room: H1

Welcome and introductions
Apologies for absence
Minutes of the Milan Business meeting
News / reports / reviews
Gothenburg HBS programme

Open session
Informal meeting after the open session

Officers: Newsletter editor
Updating activities:

Annual reports
Strategic plan 2010-2011

Membership promotion
Planning for IFLA 2011 San Juan

Open session
Satellite meeting

Planning for IFLA 2012 Helsinki

Open session
Satellite meeting

ICML 2013

Update on planning

Other business

A second meeting is scheduled for Sunday 15th August 11:30 – 13:00

**World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly
"Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable progress" , 10-15 August 2010,**

Gothenburg, Sweden

**The IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section will sponsor an Open Session
Health Information for All – New Challenges – New solutions**

It is a challenging time for public health: There is a continuing threat of pandemics, natural disasters, environmental accidents, man-made hazards...the list is endless. In situations like these right health information is critical. But it is not always available.

A line of distinguished speakers and experts from different parts of the world will approach the theme from a variety of views, to address issues, such as

- How partnerships and collaborations can support free access to health information;
- How the role of health libraries and health information professionals in promoting open and equitable access can be enhanced;
- How health information can be disseminated to the general public;
- How evidence based information is incorporated into freely available health information;
- How consumers prefer to access health information, e.g..via mobile devices, magazines, newspapers;
- What role health information literacy may have in health information for all context.

These issues will be highlighted and insights shared:

by **Ian Roberts**, World Health Organization Geneva, Switzerland in his keynote on the WHO Global Health Library at its new development phase:

The Global Health Library - Opportunities for Mobility;

by **Carla J. Funk**, Executive Director, U.S. Medical Library Association and **J. Michael Homan**, Director of Libraries, Mayo Clinic Libraries, Assistant Professor of Medical Informatics, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Roster, Minnesota, USA, in their presentation on the MLA's global outreach initiative, Librarians Without Borders:

Partnerships, Collaboration, Promotion: Role of the Medical Library Association's Librarians Without Borders in Ensuring Quality Information for Improved Health;

by **Robert Ntalaka and Fred Baruga**, AIDS Information Centre, Uganda, in their research paper on the activities of the AIDS information Centre in Uganda to fight against the epidemic:

Sources of Information for Clients Seeking HIV Counseling and Testing Services at AIDS Information Centre (AIC) Uganda 2004 – 2008;

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by **Shane Godbolt**, Director, Partnerships in Health Information, **Emma Stanley**, Programmes Officer, Partnerships in Health Information, and **Paul Sturges**, Professor Emeritus, Loughborough University, UK, in their report on the collaboration of the UK Partnerships in Health Information and FAIFE, IFLA's core programme Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression, Partnerships in Africa:

Public Access to Health Information: how partnerships can strengthen the role of librarians in developing health;

by **Sue Thomas**, Health promotion librarian, Welsh Assembly Government, Health Promotion Library, Cardiff, Wales, UK, in her paper on an initiative of reaching out to the general public in a small country:

Small steps to healthier nation – providing and delivering health information across Wales;

by **Jagtar Singh**, Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala, India and **Dilara Begum**, Librarian/Head of Library, East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh:

Student Awareness of Health Information Initiatives of the Governments of India and Bangladesh: A Study of Punjabi University, Patiala, (India) and East West University, Dhaka, (Bangladesh);

by **Kimberly Parker**, HINARI Programme Manager, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. in her report on an assessment of the HiNARI health in research programme:

Outcomes from a Free Access Partnership: HINARI Impact after Nine Years..

Join us at IFLA in Gothenburg, August 12th 2010 at 16:00-18:00 | Room: G3!

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Photo "...illustrates the idea of 'outreach'".

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Yetunde Zaid with her Nigerian colleagues
Photo by Päivi Pekkarinen

