

Ottawa Valley Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliotheques de la sante de la vallee de l'Outaouais

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The Ottawa Valley Health Libraries Association met four times over the association year. The year was launched in October with a day long workshop taught by Ann McKibbin entitled *Critically Appraising the Gold: Evaluating Clinical Studies*. The course was well attended and Ann provided an excellent overview of the topic. The course was sponsored by a CE grant from the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapters (UNYOC) of the Medical Library Association.

In February, members were given the opportunity to attend a half-day course featuring the enhancements and changes introduced with the new version of Docline. Generous support for the session was provided by CISTI which provided both the instructors as well as the training lab.

In late April, the OVHLA offered members a full day, hands on Internet course, *Putting the Internet to Work in Your Library*. Developed and taught by Rita Vine, the session provided OVHLA members with an excellent opportunity to update and hone their Internet search and retrieval skills. The course was generously funded with CE grants from both the CHLA and UNYOC. The course was oversubscribed with 33 members attending and a fairly sizable waiting list.

The Chapter continues to support an electronic union list of serials, available over the Web (<<http://www.ovhla.on.ca>>), and which includes the holdings and loan policies of participating libraries. The union list provides the foundation for a heavily used resource-sharing network among members.

The final meeting of the Chapter will be on June 6, 2001. Deborah Scott-Douglas and Alexi Campbell will be retiring from their executive positions of president and treasurer, respectively. Thanks are due to Alexi for many years of service to the chapter. Tomas Allen has volunteered to stay on for another year of service. His contributions as secretary over the past year have also been greatly valued.

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