

Affiliation Agreement CHLA/ABSC and CHIPIG Terms of Reference

The Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliotheques de la sante du Canada (CHLA/ABSC) and the Consumer Health Information Providers Interest Group (CHIPIG) agree to abide by these Terms of Reference which are intended to further the professional interests and goals of their respective members and to increase opportunities for co-operation between the two associations:

The Consumer Health Information Providers Interest Group (CHIPIG) is a voluntary association of persons across Canada, who share an interest in the provision of health information to the general public. The CHIPIG vision is to become a network of health information providers in hospitals, libraries, and organizations, who improve the health of our communities through the education and empowerment of consumers.

CHLA/ABSC, as the sole national health libraries association, is recognized as being uniquely positioned to represent the interests of all Canadian health librarians and libraries. The Mission of CHLA/ABSC is to lead health librarians towards excellence through professional development, networking and advocacy.

Each Association shall maintain with each other, current documents that define its mandate i.e. strategic plan, by-laws, membership brochure.

Following its annual general meeting, each association shall submit to the affiliated association the names of its current executive members

The President/Co-Chairs of each association shall be the representative to the affiliated group and shall seek opportunities to discuss matters of mutual concern. Each association President or delegate shall be invited to the other's Executive/Annual Meetings. Each will strive to support each other's activities where beneficial/appropriate.

The President/Co-Chairs of each association shall submit to the other, an annual written report of the association's activities.

When and where appropriate, each association shall promote activities/initiatives of the affiliated group.

When and where appropriate, the associations will collaborate to organize educational opportunities, such as lectures, workshops, teleconferences, etc.

Each association will inform the affiliated group, in writing, of its intention to disband.

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed by the association executives and signed by the respective President/Co-Chairs at least once every three years.

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