

CHLA/ABSC Chapter President's Report – June 2010

Official Chapter Name: Southwestern Ontario Health Libraries Information Network

Operating year for this report: June, 2009 to June 2010

Number of Members: 40

Number of CHLA/ABSC Members in Chapter (if known): Not Known

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OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ON WHICH YOU ARE REPORTING:

October 2009 - At the Fall meeting there was a presentation by Richard Booth (Nursing PhD candidate at UWO) on EPR, PDA's, electronic resources and point-of-care tools. It was interesting to hear from someone in the health sciences field who had a slightly different take on how electronic resources are used, and opened up some interesting discussions toward the end of his presentation.

October 2009 - Elyse Pike announced as incoming president of OHLA for 2010.

February 2010 - Elyse Pike (Librarian, Grey-Bruce Health Services, Owen Sound) was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the OHLA recognizing her commitment to the profession and to the advancement of medical libraries across Ontario, spanning a 40 year period.

March 2010 – Robin Featherston and Nazi Torabi from UWO and Shauna Konrad and Gabe Boldt from LHSC were awarded the Chapter Initiatives Fund (CIF) for their upcoming research project investigating the provision of information by health sciences librarians to hospital administration during a pandemic/ epidemic. The project will conclude in 2011.

March 2010 – SOHLIN hosted the MLA webcast entitled, “Now's the Time: Understanding the Electronic Health Record Maze and Health Sciences Librarians' Roles” at the LRCP library. The focus of this webcast was to clarify the terminology surrounding the emerging electronic health information environment and to illustrate how and why health sciences librarians can and should become engaged with the efforts to achieve the national 2014 goal of instituting an electronic health record for each person in the United States.

April 2010 – Our spring 2010 meeting was an informative day at the University of Western Ontario. In the morning we held our business meeting, where we learned that Susan O'Neil will be retiring from Fanshawe College later this year. In the afternoon SOHLIN members attended a continuing education class hosted by Ellen Westling from EBSCO where we discussed advanced search features in CINAHL and had a brief introduction to DynaMed. It was very informative and we will be investigating more upcoming continuing education opportunities.

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