



## Health Science Libraries Group

### **HSLG Secretary update by Louise Bradley**

#### HSLG Committee Members 2016

Michael Doheny (Chair)

Bennery Rickard (Vice-Chair)

Louise Bradley (Secretary)

Louise Farragher (Treasurer)

Mary Dunne, Maire Carrigan & Shauna Barrett (Communication Officers)

Maura Flynn

A joint HSLG and A&SL event was held in the Royal Irish Academy on Wednesday 13 January 2016

There were six HSLG Committee meetings in 2016 and two by telecall.

The Annual HSLG Conference took place in Dublin, 12 & 13 May 2016.

### **Chairs Report by Michael Doheny**

#### **AGM**

The HSLG AGM took place on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the HSLG conference in the Camden Court Hotel. HSLG AGM 2016 saw a number of hard working and talented committee members leave, Brian Galvin (one of our guiding lights who has served on the committee for many years as Treasurer and Chair), Anne Murphy (Treasurer) and Diarmuid Stokes and Caroline Rowan (Communications officers); and a huge debt of thanks was recorded to all these!

We also have happily had a number of members joining (or re-joining) the HSLG committee in 2016; Mary Dunne (HRB) and Shauna Barrett joined at the AGM, and since then Maire Carrigan, and Maura Flynn have also joined.

#### **ICML**

The work on preparation for the International Congress of Medical Librarianship plus the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) on 12 – 16 June 2017 in Dublin Castle, is ongoing. The tender for these large international conferences was originated by HSLG members, as is the continuing organization and preparation. This event is being managed by the LOC and backed by the Health Research Board. Louise Farragher is Chair of the local organising committee for this event and Aoife

Lawton is chair of the International Programme Committee. HSLG will not have its own conference in 2017 but will be incorporated into ICML /EAHIL 2017. This promises to be another big event in the medical librarianship calendar and another example of commitment, vision and dedication of HSLG membership.

As usual most of this would not be possible without the hard work the continued interest and attendance by both the HSLG committee and also by the HSLG membership. Much personal CPD and writing for publication and other professional promotional work was also carried out by individual HSLG members during the year.



*HSLG Conference 2016: Question Panel:  
L-R Joanne Callinan, Mary Dunne, Mairea Nelson and Aoife Lawton.*

## **CPD report by Anne Madden**

In 2016, two CPD training events took place. The first, “Bibliometrics”, took place on Day 2 of the HSLG Conference in Dublin. The presenter was Dr. Fintan Bracken BSC MLIS PHD, Research Services & Bibliometrics Librarian in the Glucksman Library in University of Limerick. The format was an interactive workshop. It was well-attended and feedback was very positive.

The second event was another workshop, “Research in libraries: Designing a study to demonstrate effectiveness, value or impact” and this booked out very quickly. The presenter and facilitator was Dr Alison Brett, Senior Lecturer and Information Specialist in the School of Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work & Social Sciences, University of Salford, Manchester. Participants worked in groups and by the end of the session, each group had produced a rough blueprint for a research project. The hosts for the event were the HRB Librarians and, given the degree of enthusiasm at the workshop, they had the inspired idea to hold a follow-up session for participants who wished to progress their project.

Attendees at each event were provided with a Certificate from the LAI which added significantly to their value and is an important factor for many when applying for funding or leave to attend.

In 2017, the focus will be on the joint ICML/EAHIL Conferences taking place from 12 – 16 June in Dublin Castle. We know that HSLG members will be well equipped to hold their own at this global forum.

## **Communications Officer report by Mary Dunne and Marie Carrigan**

2016 marked a transition of HSLG Communication Officers, as Caroline Rowan and Diarmuid Stokes stood down in May. During these first months, they produced two issues of our newsletter HINT, provided communications support for our annual conference and organised an active post-conference Twitterchat “Advancing health library skill sets”.

In the first post AGM meeting of the HSLG in June, Mary Dunne and Shauna Barrett were appointed Communication Officers. Marie Carrigan was appointed as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Communication Officer in November. Since this time we have continued to promote the HSLG and LAI through our email list, website <https://hslgblog.wordpress.com/> and Twitter account: [@healthlibraries](https://twitter.com/healthlibraries), which now has 726 followers



In particular, Mary worked with our CPD liaison Anne Madden to organise and promote a research/evaluation workshop with renowned librarian Alison Brettle in August entitled ‘*Research in libraries: Designing a study to demonstrate effectiveness, value or impact*’. There was great interest, and the event booked out well in advance. Importantly, we are keeping the interest and momentum going. We held a post-workshop gathering to discuss developing a consistent and evidence-based plan for evaluating current awareness. The HSLG communications team will continue to facilitate this work



*Anne Madden, Alison Brettle and Mary Dunne.*

We produced three issues of our HINT (Health Information News and Thinking) newsletter in 2016. We include news and other updates, review articles, conference reports and other items relevant to health librarians.

We continue to promote the HEAR (Health Evidence Awareness Report) bulletin, compiled by HSLG librarians. So far five issues have been published this year, a 6<sup>th</sup> issue is expected to be published in December 2016.

- HEAR bulletin: focus on diabetes, Vol 2, Issue 5
- HEAR bulletin: focus on medical resources, Vol 2, Issue 4
- HEAR bulletin: focus on Skin Cancer, Vol 2, Issue 3
- HEAR bulletin: focus on Palliative & End of Life Care, Vol 2, Issue 2
- HEAR bulletin: focus on getting active and eating healthily, Vol 2, Issue 1

### **Further Information**

To join the HSLG, select HSLG when renewing LAI membership

E Mailing list: [list@hslg.ie](mailto:list@hslg.ie)

New member for the HSLG committee or subcommittees are always welcome and needed: To join the committee or the HSLG e mailing list contact a member of the committee or [contacthslg@gmail.com](mailto:contacthslg@gmail.com)