



President's Report

Another year of activity has flown by for Health Libraries Inc.

One focus this year was to bed down our new website and update the content. Whilst this will always be a work in progress, we are pleased with our results thus far. A brief update will be provided after our AGM on 23 October 2015.

Being on the committee of HLI is a rewarding experience as it allows you to 'break out of your shell' in a safe environment. You can learn new skills, gain professional development and challenge yourself in areas that may not be available in your professional role.

Events held this year:

In August, Jane Edwards was bestowed a Honorary Life Membership award in recognition of her contribution, which was deemed as outstanding and of lasting importance to the advancement of HLI and health librarianship. The award dinner was held at the North Fitzroy Star. Our gathering of 20 HLI members – including other life members – was enjoyed by all. Jeremy Taylor presented the award to Jane with a warm and humorous speech. Read more in *Health Inform 24(1) 2015*.

In August, Lorena, Senior Librarian at the Alfred Hospital presented '*The library & systematic reviews: hints, tricks and what you need to know to make a real difference*'. This session attracted a mix of attendees from university, hospital and other health-related libraries. Lorena delivered a passionate and informative presentation on her work in the systematic review space, and she shared many tips. Lorena will tell us more at this year's conference. Thank you to the Alfred Hospital for hosting this event.

On 26 Nov, Alan Finn will present '*Research tips for a systematic review*' and James Taylor will discuss '*Search filters as a value-add service*'. These sessions will cover Medline, Embase and PsycINFO databases on the Ovid platform. This event will be hosted by Wolters Kluwer and held at the CCH offices in Melbourne. Check the website for details.

Our main event for the year, the 12th Health Libraries Inc. Conference, is shaping up to be a great day. Our theme this year is '*Breaking out of your shell*' and we have attracted a broad range of speakers. Our keynote this year is a senior clinician and information-consumer who will share his experience of engaging with librarians and library services. This is followed by a series of presentations taking us from clinical librarian experiences, to evidence-based practice tools, and systematic review participation. Keeping with tradition, we have included a number of 'lightning talks' so we can share recent library innovations.

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HLI could not run this event without sponsors. This year we had 25 health-trade members sign-up for our event. While we could only accommodate 22 stands; this didn't deter our trade – some have taken up delegate registrations and are looking forward to engaging with you on the day. I believe there will be 'give-aways' and prizes galore this year, so please make some time for them.

To support our members to attend events that may otherwise be out of reach – this year's Pat Nakouz Award went to Gemma Siemensma as a contribution towards registration for the 8th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference (EBLIP8), in Brisbane, held 6–8 July 2015. Read more in *Health Inform* 24(1) 2015.

With the Pat Nakouz Award, members can apply for financial assistance of up to \$1,000 annually to attend conferences, professional development opportunities or undertake research on the proviso that a report be written for our *Health Inform* journal. Details are on the website.

Also on the website – Vol. 24(1) of our official journal *Health Inform* is available. Vol. 24(2) will be our annual conference issue, due out in December.

HLI's new logo is serving us well; it's bright and recognisable and may have contributed to attracting 14 new members this year. In addition to the website, HLI has a new e-list service as VICNet has closed their doors. HLI also keeps in touch with members via LinkedIn and Twitter (@Hlinc), so I encourage you all to connect and follow us.

The committee has not engaged an auditor this year, as it is not a requirement for an incorporated entity of our fiscal size under the *Incorporated Associations Act (2012), amended Model Rules (2013)*. Our 2014/5 financials were lodged and accepted by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

While a number of committee members have nominated to continue, we are looking for a member with financial or Excel skills for Treasurer. *Why not step up and develop a new skill!* The committee will explore other options if we cannot find such a person from within the membership.

Again I would like to give special thanks to those who volunteer their time to ensure HLI stays relevant to members. This year the committee consisted of Laura Foley, Kathryn Rough, Angela Morais, Jeremy Taylor, Jo Wishart, Elizabeth Deans, Gemma Siemensma, Van Duong and Steven Chang.

Finally I would like to thank everyone involved in making 2015 a success. If it wasn't for the dedicated committee, presenters, event hosts and support from the membership, Health Libraries Inc. would not be able to continue.

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