



PDI Alert

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Message from the Chair

Ruiling Guo, PDI Section Chair

Dear Members:

This issue of PDI Alert arrives near the start of Year 2009. As you read through this issue, you will see that our colleagues have been dedicated to carrying on the work on behalf of the Section to ensure that we are represented within MLA. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to Christina Seeger, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, for her excellent work on planning the Section programs for MLA'09, to Sue McGuinness for dedicated work as Secretary/Treasurer, to Marilyn Steinberg and Patricia McNary for their representation on the Section Council, to Sharon Giovenale, Web Developer, for updating our Section Website in a timely manner, to Rhonda Sager, who has taken over management of the Pharm-lib list, to Vee Kwon, Governmental Relations Committee Liaison and to Gerri Wanserski, Past Chair and Liaison to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Library and Educational Resources Section (AACP-LER).

Thanks to Amy Knehans, our Membership Committee Chair, for welcoming our new members on behalf of the Section and for leading discussions among the Section members about ways of fundraising for the PDI section. I also want to thank Joanne Doucette, our Newsletter Editor, who has made efforts in putting all the items together for this issue to share updated information with all our members.

Priscilla Stephenson, our Bylaws Committee Chair, has been working diligently on a draft of the PDI Bylaws for compliance with the current changes in the MLA Bylaws. The proposal will be voted on by the attendees of the Business meeting in May 2009 at MLA'09 in Honolulu.

Christina Seeger, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, has been busy planning the EMBASE.com Lecture for MLA'09 and a co-sponsored program with SIG Mental Health and Relevant Issues Section. Our invited speaker for the EMBASE.com Lecture will be Shannon Brownlee, Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation and a visiting scholar at the National Institutes of Health. You will see details of the programs in this issue. If you can make the trip to the MLA meeting in Honolulu, please mark your calendar so as not to miss Ms. Brownlee presentation. I encourage you all to attend our Section programs and the Business meeting. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

The Section continues to have a relationship with other Sections of MLA and with librarians within other organizations such as the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Libraries and Educational Resources Division (AACP-LER). Thanks to Gerri and Shannon for their wonderful work in organizing the joint activities with AACP-LER last May for the AACP Annual Meeting.

You may also be aware that Gerri Wanserski, our past Chair, retired in July 2008. Gerri had been very involved and committed to MLA and the PDI Section for a long time. She still provides us with suggestions on Section work. I really appreciate her dedication and wish her a wonderful retirement.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who have been involved in the Section activities and given your input and comments whenever I asked for help. I appreciate all the hard work that you have done for our Section. I look forward to seeing more members get involved in our Section activities this year.

Best wishes to you all in the Year of 2009!

Ruiling Guo
Chair, MLA/PDI Section Chair

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Pharmacy and Drug Information (PDI) Midyear Report

Objective 1: Recruitment, Membership and Leadership in the Profession

The Pharmacy and Drug Information Section (PDI) has gained 11 new members this year. The Section Membership Chair, Amy Knehans, sent welcome letters to each new member on behalf of the Section. The Section continues the pilot project on its second year by providing a \$1,000.00 stipend to the Section's Chair-elect/Program Planner. This is to encourage participation and acknowledge the contributions and efforts made by these individuals to ensure that section members are represented within MLA and that the MLA annual meeting is an enriching experience for them. Priscilla Stephenson, Bylaws Committee Chair, is working on a draft of the PDI Bylaws in compliance with the MLA Bylaws that have been changed recently. The proposed Section Bylaws will be voted on by the attendees at the Business meeting in May 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition, the Section has been discussing ways of fundraising among the members.

Objective 2: Life Long Learning

To increase knowledge of the section members and other MLA participants on topics relevant to their specialty field, Christina Seeger, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, has been very busy planning the EMBASE.com Lecture for MLA'09 in Honolulu. Shannon Brownlee, Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, and a visiting scholar at the National Institutes of Health will be an invited speaker for the EMBASE.com Lecture on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at MLA'09.

Objective 3: Creating and Communicating our Knowledge

Joanne Doucette, the PDI Newsletter Editor, has collected items from members for the newsletter which will be published on January 15, 2009. The Section members continue to communicate through the pharm-lib list on issues pertaining to pharmacy resources and issues related to MLA/PDI and AACP/L-ER Section activities. Members also provide information to librarians at new schools of pharmacy regarding professional organizations MLA and AACP are important resources within pharmacy. Thanks to Sharon Giovenale, Web Site Manager, who has updated the PDI Website and to Rhonda Sager, who has taken over management of the pharm-lib list. In addition, the Section announced news in a timely manner and regularly shared the latest information from the Section Council with its members.

Objective 4: Building a Network of Partners

The PDI Section continues to have a relationship with other sections within MLA and with librarians within other organizations such as the American Association Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Libraries and Educational Resources Division. The Section has joint activities with these groups and maintains a formal liaison to the AACP Libraries/Educational Resources Section.

Christina Seeger, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, has been working with program planners from SIG Mental Health and Relevant Issues Section on co-sponsoring a program for MLA'09. This program is about the issues of privacy, confidentiality and accessibility of information within medical records, including disease, mental illness and medication histories. The implementation of a large-scale PHR system will be discussed to demonstrate opportunities for librarians to become active participants in the development of this important health care tool. Speakers are Linda Hogan, Professor and Assistant Dean, Medicine Founding Director, Medical Informatics, the Commonwealth Medical College, PA and Janet M. Schneider, Chief, Library Service, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, FL. Section members attended and presented at the AACP Annual Meeting. Through these activities, the Section increases collaboration between PDI and other MLA Sections and continues to keep communication between PDI and other pharmacy-related library groups.

**Election Results
PDI Section 2009-2010**

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Pharmacy and Drug Information Section
Events Sponsored or Co-Sponsored at MLA 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii
Christina Seegar, MLIS, AHIP
PDI Section Chair-Elect

This year PDI is presenting Shannon Brownlee, Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, and a visiting scholar at the National Institutes of Health, as the 2009 EMBASE.com lecturer, and co-sponsoring a session titled **Personal Health Records: How Private is Your Medical Information?** with the Relevant Issues Section and Mental Health SIG.

Pharmacy and Drug Information Section Business Meeting (TBA – Check Program)

Sunday Events

Embase.com lecture: Shannon Brownlee
Sunday, May 17, 2009 11:00am – 12:30pm (Check Program for location)

Sponsored by: Pharmacy & Drug Information Section

Speaker: Shannon Brownlee, Schwartz Senior Fellow at the New America Foundation, and a visiting scholar at the National Institutes of Health

Monday Events

Personal Health Records: How Private is Your Medical Information?
Monday, May 18, 2009 10:30-Noon (Check program for location)

Sponsored by: Pharmacy & Drug Information Section

Co-Sponsors: Relevant Issues Section & Mental Health SIG

Speakers: Linda Hogan & Janet M. Schneider

Program Description: The issues of privacy, confidentiality and accessibility of information within medical records, including disease, mental illness and medication histories, and the implementation of a large-scale PHR system will be discussed to demonstrate opportunities for librarians to become active participants in the development of this important health care tool.

Join us for dinner following the EMBASE.com lecture

Our EMBASE.com speaker, Shannon Brownlee will be joining interested section members for dinner after the EMBASE.com lecture! The dinner is scheduled for Sunday May 17th at 6pm (Location to be determined). Christine Seeger will have more information for members as the meeting approaches.

Section Council - Impact of MLA Bylaws Changes

Priscilla Stephenson, Bylaws Committee Chair

Section Council Changes Effective 1/1/09!

With the changes in the MLA Bylaws approved last fall, we no longer have elected positions of Representative and Representative-Elect for Section Council. As of January 1, our new PDI Section voting representative to Section Council is Past-Chair Gerri Wanserski. Our Chair, Ruiling Guo is a non-voting member of Section Council. At the May 2009 meeting, Ruiling will be Past-Chair and will become our voting representative to Section Council, while our new Chair, Christine Seeger, will be the other PDI member (a non-voting representative) at the all-day Section Council meeting, May 16. One of the hoped-for goals of this organization change is to provide a forum where Section leaders can meet and learn from each other.

PDI Member Accomplishments

Terry Ann Jankowski's new book, *The MLA Essential Guide to Becoming an Expert Searcher*, was published by Neal Schuman over the summer. MLA members can purchase this book at a discounted rate from http://www.mlanet.org/order/expert_searcher.html.

Bonnie Snow, renowned drug information expert and past Section Chair, released the 3rd edition of her book, *Drug Information: A Guide to Current Sources*, also published by Neal Schuman in 2008. Members can purchase her book at <http://www.mlanet.org/order/druginfo3.html>.

Welcome New Members!

The PDI Section would like to welcome all our new members for 2008. Welcome to Kefeng "Maylene" Qiu, Shelly Warwick, Dorothy Sinha, Pamela Corley, Rose Campbell, Alison Konieczny, Beatriz Varman, Mary W. Jackson, Emmanuel Nkansah, Paula Romeyn, Judy Kraemer, Jiang Chen and Julia Whelan. We are looking forward to working with you. Our membership chairperson, Amy Knehans, is available to answer questions, provide information. Her contact information is: Phone: (808)933-1915; Email: knehans@hawaii.edu

Call for Papers: Theme issue on Information Literacy Assessment

Call for contributions to Communications in Information Literacy (CIL): Special issue on assessment in information literacy instruction
(Publication date: October 2009).

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The aim of this special issue is to highlight ways in which assessment has been and can be used to inform and improve instruction in a variety of settings, from individual classroom sessions to comprehensive information literacy programs.

Manuscript topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Description and evaluation of the use of standardized assessment instruments, rubrics, audience response systems, or any other assessment methods or tools in information literacy education or library instruction
- Assessment of traditional classroom, online, and/or hybrid methods of library instruction or information literacy education
- Programmatic or curricular approaches to assessment of student performance in information literacy education or library instruction
- Design and validation of library instruction or information literacy education related assessment instruments
- Methods of assessment for learner-centered teaching in a library context
- Reviews of the literature of any of the above

Deadline for submission: Friday, May 1, 2009.

Submission guidelines can be found at <http://www.comminfolit.org/>.

AACP Annual Meeting

The 2009 AACP Annual Meeting, "Leading the Revolution" will be held in Boston! The meeting will take place on July 18 -22, 2009 at the Westin Boston Waterfront. Sue McGuinnis, the Library/Educational Resources Section Chair Elect, has been busy planning events for the section. Plan on attending the reception to be held at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on July 20th. Harvard's Countway Medical Library will provide a tour for AACP attendees. Don't miss it!

