Partnerships in health information

Building library partnerships for better health across the globe

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What's new?

Introducing new Newsletter Editor, Eve Hollis

Eve Hollis—formerly Library Services Manager at the Nuffield

Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford has joined the Phi newsletter editorial team. Since the last newsletter in January 2009 there has been a great deal happening. As Eve joins the team Phi has been working with partners to host programmes for five information professionals from Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania who have all been visiting the UK during the past few weeks.



Eve Hollis

New Phi website

Phi has a new website which is transforming the way and the speed with which we are able to

communicate our work and post news and resources, amongst many things. We would like to thank the London Deanery for developing and hosting the site and for all the ongoing support they are providing. (Phi website). Phi has also recently set up a profile on Facebook (Facebook page). Please take a look at both. NHS involvement in international



Kenya partnership members and guest viewing new Phi website

development– framework published

This framework has been developed to provide greater clarity on how NHS agencies and individuals can best maximise their potential to contribute in a sustainable and appropriate way of capacity building in developing countries. (<u>Click here for</u> <u>document</u>)

Ken-AHILA newsletter

Congratulations to Ken-AHILA, the Kenya chapter of the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA) which has launched a bi-annual newsletter to provide members with a forum for sharing news and experiences related to health information. Issue 2 available here

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From the Chair

July 2010

Dear Friends

Welcome to my second editorial since becoming Chair of Phi.

Phi continues to be as busy as ever. This newsletter captures some of the many highlights of the past year, including collaboration with the International Federation of Library Association's Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA/FAIFE).

We have also completed a one year collaborative programme with the Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET), funded by the Sir Halley Stewart Trust. We were pleased to work with THET with whom we share the objective of improving health in some of the world's poorest countries by supporting the development of effective partnerships between UK health institutions and their counterparts overseas.

During the year Shane Godbolt led on the IFLA/ FAIFE project and has been invaluable to the hosting and success of a number of exchange programmes in the UK. We thank Cath Butterfield, International Development Assistant at THET for her expert help including some maternity leave cover following the birth of Emma Stanley's son Billy. In September Emma resumed her role as Phi Programmes Officer.

Welcome to Phi volunteers Eve Hollis and Indi Munasinghe, whose skills we are happy to have on board.

And finally, it is with great sadness that I share the news of the loss of two great individuals in the health information world, Sally Hernando (former Phi Trustees and founding member of the Kenya Partnership) and Vimbai Hungwe (President of AHILA). We value the opportunity to have known and worked with both Sally and Vimbai and hope that we can contribute to the visions that both Sally and Vimbai so passionately believed in.

I hope that you all have a good summer.

Best wishes

Jackie

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Jackie Cheeseborough, Chair, Phi

Collaboration

IFLA/FAIFE—Public Access to Health Information

Last summer Phi worked with the International Federation of Library Association's Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA/FAIFE) and our partner networks in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda to deliver workshops to pilot learning materials on Public Access to Health Information (PAHI). Phi has since tailored these for use with partners in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone. This project involved the most extensive partnership working ever undertaken by Phi.

The learning materials were developed by FAIFE in cooperation with many partners including IFLA Health and Biosciences Section; Phi; a working group of Cuban librarians under the leadership of Professor Marta Terry; and East African chapters of AHILA. Visit the PAHI webpage on the IFLA website to find out more about the project and to download the learning materials.

Tropical Health and Education Trust

Both Phi and THET support partnerships for better health in some of the world's poorest countries. During 2008/2009 we developed a framework for working together and laid strong foundations for ongoing collaboration. This work has been generously funded by the Sir Halley Stewart Trust.

In Ethiopia, chosen as a focus country where both Phi and THET were working, this is producing clear benefits as each enhances the other's programmes of work and the work of respective Partners and Links. In 2009 a senior information professional contributed to a THET-coordinated national health links meeting in Ethiopia and Phi facilitated a health information literacy workshop at Jimma University (Read more). Subsequent activities have included the hosting of visitors from Ethiopia to the UK, Getachew Bayissa, Head, Department of Information Studies at Jimma University and Petros Miskir, Lecturer and Head, Central Medical Library Faculty of Medicine, Addis Ababa University. Both visitors are supporting the development of a Library Skills module within a new MSc in Advanced Clinical & Laboratory Subjects at Gondar University in collaboration with the THET supported Leicester /Gondar health link.

Phi has joined the Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance

Phi is pleased to be a founding member of the Zambia UK Health Workforce Alliance - a growing network of Zambian-based and UK-based organisations who work together to promote and improve the coordination and impact of Zambia-UK joint work in health. The Alliance was launched in June 2009 at Guy's and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, London, with the mission to;

- Support the Government of the Republic of Zambia to implement its plans to increase and develop its health workforce and its health systems and to contribute towards achieving the health related Millennium Development Goals; and to
- Provide opportunities for learning and development for health workers and institutions in both Zambia and the UK.

Currently the main project of the Alliance is to strengthen training and education of health workers in Zambia. The Alliance provides a focal point to help ensure that Zambia's health needs and requests for support and mutual development are known and understood by UK organisations and to ensure better coordination between all the many groups which have links and partnerships between the two countries - e.g. universities, hospitals and other health organisations, diaspora groups, NGOs, private companies and government departments. For further information about the activities and outcomes of this project, and the Alliance in general, please visit the Alliance's website



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Participants at the Ethiopia 'training the trainers in health information literacy' workshop in Jimma, August 2009



Partnerships

Kenya Partnership Gaining new skills in teaching Evidence Based Medicine

In September 2009 Nasra Gathoni, Librarian at the Aga Khan University, Kenya, visited the UK. The overall purpose of the visit was to join a small group of Librarian tutors and participate in a workshop on "How to teach Evidence Based Medicine (EBM)", and to attend professional meetings in Oxford, London and Bristol, as well as visiting the Map of Medicine. (<u>Read More</u>)

The evidence based medicine workshop was held at St. Hugh's College, Oxford University. Organised by the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine, it was attended by around 100 participants from across the world. The workshop provided participants with the opportunity to network, share resources, improve their searching, critical appraisal and evidence-based practice skills, and to explore together the design, development and maintenance of appropriate curricula.

Nasra said: 'I was able to appreciate that EBM can be made interesting and concepts taught in a simplified way and the visit to the libraries gave me insight on how libraries in a developed country are organized and the services offered. This knowledge can be used to introduce new services at my library or improve on existing services.'

Partnership visit to Kenya

In February this year, Library Services Manager Jane Villa and Library Manager Paula Younger visited Kenya to deliver a two-day workshop on Evidence Based Medicine resources to 20 librarians and health information professionals from around Kenya. Jane and Paula worked closely with Nasra Gathoni and members of Ken-AHILA to tailor the content of the workshop in a Kenyan context. The workshop was a follow up to a 2008 workshop which offered a general introduction to evidence based medicine and assessing web-based resources. The two day workshop was held at the University of Nairobi. The workshop was highly participatory with short presentations from Jane and Paula and lots of discussion and 'hands on' investigation of useful resources. Members of the Kenya Health Information Partnership, supported by Phi, were active in planning the workshop, which received funding from the BMA Humanitarian Fund and matched funding from the South-West Strategic Health Authority as well as some support from Swets Blackwell. Read more.



Jane Villa with Mary Muchendo, Head of Kijabe School of Nursing; Cynthia Kimani and Muthoni Gichohi from Ken-AHILA



Nasra Gathoni pictured with members of Ken-HIP at the Government Office for the South West, Bristol, UK



Participants and facilitators at the Evidence Based Medicine workshop



Presentation of workshop certificates; Paula Younger, Rosemary Kamunya and Jane Villa



Paula Younger with Symphrose Ouma (far right), Chair of Ken-AHILA; Wilfred Oduary Were, Kenyatta Hospital Librarian; Grace Amayo and Muthoni Gichohi, Ken-AHILA at Kenyatta National Hospital

Partnerships continued...

Tanzania Partnership

In April this year Lucy Reid and colleagues at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists hosted a visit for two colleagues from Tanzania, Happiness Stevens and Julius Magesa, as part of the second year activities of a DelPHE funded project aimed at strengthening health libraries services throughout Tanzania. The project includes developing health information for public use by developing 'health corners' in libraries, health information curriculum development and continuing professional development for librarians.

Rehema Chande-Mallya, Director of Library Services at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences and partner lead, is currently on a one year PhD study placement at Thames Valley University. This summer Rehema and Lucy will be presenting the work of the project at the CILIP Health Libraries Group Conference and also have a poster accepted at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' World Library and Information Congress in Gothenburg in August.



Shane Godbolt and Rehema Chande-Mallya enjoying a visit to London's West End to watch a Christmas Show

Sierra Leone Partnership

Congratulations to all those working with Sierra Leone from across the universities of Sierra Leone and Cardiff and all the groups, networks and communities they have been working with on the successful completion of a three year project on *Community Health Information for Poverty Alleviation in Sierra Leone*. Much has been achieved, and below are just a few highlights:

- Development of range of materials to support activities, including; production of street theatre skits on health topics by the internationally renowned Freetong Players; evidence briefings which are summaries of information on all the project's health topic areas; and small resource collections on health topics
- Effective engagement by health promoters and teacher coordinators with a range of community groups (market women traders, school communities, youth groups, rural communities etc), most of whom have also been trained via project funded workshops to promote health messages amongst their own communities
- Development of regular HINARI training for medical, pharmacy and more recently nursing students at the College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, University of Sierra Leone

Marking the final stage of the project Phi's Director, Shane Godbolt, and Trustee, Nick Naftalin, visited Sierra Leone in March with Stevie Russell, from University College London who was visiting AdvocAid. Stevie has written a fascinating blog on her visit and the 'Library for Pademba Road Prison' project, which is a UN supported AdvocAid initiative in partnership with the African Prisons Project (APP). AdvocAid is a civil society organisation which advocates for women prisoners in Sierra Leone. The African Prisons Project has been invited to set up prison libraries by the Commissioner of Prisons for Sierra Leone.

Through this partnership new networks and initiatives have emerged and the partners and Phi have been able to provide support and assistance with a number of activities through its network of contacts both in the UK and in Sierra Leone.

Partners from both the UK and Sierra Leone will be attending the Wales for Africa Conference in July 2010 and will also be meeting with James Massally, teacher/librarian from Freetown and Anthony Thompson Award Winner, who is currently visiting the UK (please see events announcement on page 6).

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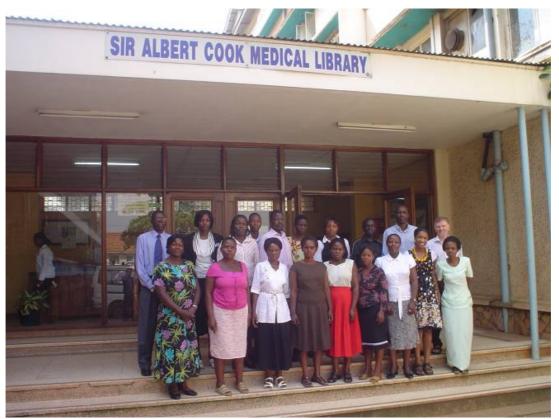
Partnerships continued...

Uganda Partnership

Makerere University, and its UK partners Phi and the Uganda Health Information partnership, were delighted to learn earlier this year of the success of their bid to the Elsevier Foundation to fund a three year project aimed at increasing access to health information for health workers in rural Uganda including providing practical training sessions for community health problem solving. Partners will combine information services with targeted rural medical outreach and reporting, demonstrating how librarians in developing countries can impact rural health workers and health outcomes.

Potenza Atiogbe and Robert Shimield took part in a partnership visit to Uganda in March 2009 to work with staff at the Sir Albert Cook Medical Library Makerere University, including training on the new library website, and they also held discussions about the future direction of the partnership. Pictures below show Potenza, Robert with colleagues from the Sir Albert Cook Medical Library.

Photos from Uganda and Sierra Leone:



Potenza Atiogbe and Robert Shimield with staff from Sir Albert Cook Medical Library during 2009 partnership visit



Potenza Atiogbe and Robert Shimield with staff from Sir Albert Cook Medical Library during a website training session



Sierra Leone Project Coordinator Nance M'jamtu-Sie presenting Shane Godbolt with a project picture book

Diary — upcoming events

Date Event

7th

July 2010 James Massally - ILIG Informal, CILIP HQ, Ridgmount Street, London

James Massally, the 2010 winner of the Anthony Thompson Award will be speaking at The International Library and Information Group of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals. James is a teacher-librarian at Annie Walsh Memorial School, Freetown, Sierra Leone. The Award has enabled him to travel to the United Kingdom this summer for a three week study tour.

8th Wales for Africa Health Links Annual Conference 2010, Cardiff

The theme this year is "Changing Lives for Good" and will focus on maternal health, child health, environmental health & the challenges involving students in Health Links. There will be speakers from Wales and from partner countries, with workshops to be held across the day.

For further details please click here

19 - 20th CILIP's Health Library Group Conference 2010, Manchester

Keeping information centre stage amid changing scenery

- ⇒ Shane Godbolt co-presenting with Alison Kinengyere (Makerere University, Uganda) Pooling resources for international development: enhancing value through partnerships
- Lucy Reid and Rehema Chande-Mallya presenting Strengthening health information and library systems in Africa through capacity building and partnership working: a case study in Tanzania

Website: Click here

August 2010 IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2010, Gothenburg

10 - 15th Open access to knowledge - promoting sustainable progress

- ⇒ Shane Godbolt and Emma Stanley presenting: *Public Access to Health Information:how partnerships can strengthen the role of librarians in developing health*
- ⇒ Lucy Reid and Rehema Chande-Mallya presenting a poster on the work of the Tanzania/UK DelPHE funded partnership project

October 2010**12th Congress of the Association For Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA) Oua-**11-16thgadougou, Burkina Faso

Health Information in Africa: Meeting Our Goals

Sub- themes:

- 1- Re-defining the role of the informational professional in the provision of health information
- 2- Use of Information and Communication Technologies to bridge the information divides in Africa

3- Collecting and dissemination health research outcomes at research institutions: open archives issues

4- Patient and the public: access to and dissemination of health information in Africa

5- Chronic diseases and neglected diseases in Africa: research and the information needs of health personnel

6- Evidence based health care in Africa: the latest information with relevance to local practice

Full details of the congress themes and sub themes, plus travel, accommodation and other information for Burkina Faso are now available on the <u>AHILA website</u>

Abstract submission deadline 31st July 2010.

November Annual Tropical Health and Education Trust Links Conference, Nottingham

2010 A platform for learning from the experiences of practitioners, the UK Health Links Conference 2010 will 4th explore good practice in health and development, examine the innovative ways in which Links are addressing challenges in global health and look at the benefits of linking to UK health professionals. Information here

Resources & Funding

Resources

Please visit the Phi website as we have a growing list of useful resources and links, including information on partnerships, health information resources, funding and much more. Resources and links on the Phi website: <u>http://www.partnershipsinhealthinformation.org.uk/resources</u>

THET Health Links Manual

THET has produced a second edition of their International Health Links Manual. Health Links are long-term partnerships formed between health institutions in developing countries and their counterparts in the UK, for mutual benefit. The Manual provides a general introduction to Links and gives guidance for Links at all stages, from establishing a new Link through to



scaling up its work and when to end it. While the manual aims to serve as a reference document for health professionals involved in, or thinking about becoming involved in Links partnerships, it will also be of interest to policy makers, health advisors, non-governmental organizations and others from the UK or developing countries who are interested in finding out more about what Links are and what they can offer. The manual is available to download or purchase at THET

Association of Commonwealth Universities— Libraries and Information Network

The ACU's Libraries and Information Network (LINK) is open to librarians in all ACU member universities, and is completely free to join. They currently have around 400 members across 300 institutions Commonwealth-wide. Members receive a free copy on LINK, the network's regular magazine, and benefit from opportunities to share professional expertise, knowledge and best practice with colleagues across the membership. For further information see <u>here</u>

The Association published in June 2009 a review entitled 'Digital resources for research: a review of access and use in African Universities.' This is freely available to non-members also. (See here)

International Health Links Centre (IHLC)

The IHLC has been set up to enhance access to health care in the developing world by promoting international partnerships that will increase the number and skills of the health workforce. The primary role of the IHLC is to act as a 'one-stop-shop' resource centre. The Centre will provide independent advice and guidance to partners in potential and existing links on the technical and administrative aspects of establishing and maintaining links. Through the dedicated 'Links Centre' open access website, a library of resources will be available to international and UK users to assist them in developing and enhancing links. In addition, the IHLC will signpost UK partners to developing country health plans, to tools that can help them evaluate the impact of their work, and indicate appropriate agencies for health professionals interested in international health links. Visit the website for more information

New funding schemes for health links and partnerships

International Health Links Funding Scheme (IHLFS)

This is a 3-year scheme running from 2009 to 2012, which provides grants, information and support to Health Links, to build the capacity of developing country health services by funding effective Links that contribute to priorities defined in the national health plans of target countries. Small grants are to support the development of new and young Links. Medium grants are to help existing Links carry out a needs assessment, develop plans for a larger initiative or carry out modest development programmes. Large grants are to support strategic capacity building programmes implemented via a Link partnership.

Small grants are for 1 year. Medium grants are 1 - 2 years. Large grants are up to 3 years. Small grants are up to £3,000; medium grants up to £15,000/year; large grants up to £60,000/year. Applications for small grants will be considered at any time; for medium grants will be considered once a year; and for large grants will only be considered in Year 1 of the Scheme. A wide range of not-for-profit health institutions and organisations can apply – see the website for a list of eligible countries. This scheme is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DfID) and the Department of Health, it is jointly managed by THET and the British Council.

Visit the IHLFS webpage for more information

New Health Systems Partnership Fund announced

DfID has recently announced a new funding scheme to support partnerships between the UK and developing countries which will allow the sharing of skills between health professionals through teaching, training and practical assistance. For further details see the DfID <u>press release</u>.

Acronym	Initiative/Organisation	Website
-	AdvocAid	http://www.facebook.com/group.php?
APP	African Prisons Project	gid=189652660081 http://www.africanprisons.org/
AHILA	Association for Health Information	http://www.ahila.org/
	and Libraries in Africa	
ACU	Association of Commonwealth Universities	http://www.acu.ac.uk/
BMA	British Medical Association	http://www.bma.org.uk/
CEBM	Centre for Evidence Based Medi- cine	http://www.cebm.net/
CILIP	The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals	http://www.cilip.org.uk/default.cilip
DFID	Department for International De- velopment	http://www.dfid.gov.uk/
DelPHE	Development Partnerships in Higher Education	http://www.britishcouncil.org/delphe.htm
FAIFE	IFLA's Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression	http://www.ifla.org/faife/index.htm
HLG	CILIP's Health Libraries Group	http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgrou bysubject/health
HINARI	Health InterNetwork Access to Research Initiative	http://www.who.int/hinari/en/
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations	http://www.ifla.org/
IHLC	International Health Links Centre	http://www.ihlc.org.uk/
IHLFS	International Health Links Funding Scheme	http://www.britishcouncil.org/pakistan-higleducation-health-links.htm
ILIG	CILIP's International Libraries and Information Group	http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgrou bysubject/international
Ken-AHILA	Kenya Chapter of the Association for Health Information and Librar- ies in Africa	http://www.ahila.org/index.php? option=com_contact&catid=40&Itemid=10
Ken-HIP	Kenya Health Information Partner- ship	http:// www.partnershipsinhealthinformation.org. partnerships/
-	Library for Pademba Prisons Pro- ject	http://padembalibrary.wordpress.com/
LINK	ACU's Libraries and Information Network	http://www.acu.ac.uk/member services/ professional_networks/libraries_network/ about_the_network
МоМ	Map of Medicine	http://www.mapofmedicine.com/
Phi	Partnerships in Health Information	http:// www.partnershipsinhealthinformation.org.
PAHI	Public Access to Health Informa- tion	http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/learning materials-for-workshops-on-public-access health-information-through-librari
THET	Tropical Health and Education Trust	http://www.thet.org.uk/
NHS	UK National Health Service	http://www.nhs.uk/
-	Wales for Africa	http://www.walesforafrica.org/index.html

Please visit the Phi website for links to more initiatives and organisations click here

Supporting Phi

Thank you to our supporters

From this newsletter you will have seen the huge amount which Phi and its partners have achieved over the past year, mostly on very tight shoe string budgets! This has only been made possible by the continued support, both financial and inkind, of Friends and other donors to our work.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you who have supported Phi over the past year, Friends, Donors, Fundraisers, and all those who have supported and hosted visitors to the UK and been involved in any way with our activities.

We acknowledge the following donors and supporters who have provided funding for our work in 2009 and 2010, including:

- * The Sir Halley Stewart Trust—for continued support of our core costs by making a further grant of £12,500 per year for staffing support to coordinate and organise Phi's programme of work in 2010 and 2011
- * The Van Neste Foundation—for providing a grant of £3,000 towards Phi's core programme of work
- * The Donald Albert Anderson Foundation—for the donation of £5,000 towards Phi's core programme of work
- * Staff at Map of Medicine—for raising over £1250 through various activities and selecting Phi as it's charity of the year in 2009
- * Pinner Parish Church-for the donation of over £400 to Phi's activities in 2009
- * St Albans Church— for selecting Phi as one of the Mayor of Harrow's charities at the *If Love Now Reigned* concert held at St Alban's Church, July 2009 and donating over £600 to Phi
- * All our individual and institutional Friends for your continued and regular support

If you or your organisation would to support the work of Phi please email Emma Stanley <u>estanley@phi-info.org.uk</u> to find out about the different ways you can get involved or visit our <u>website</u>.



Binkolo Community Health Center, Sierra Leone