

8th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries

Cologne. Germany, September 16th - 21st, 2002

*Thinking globally - Acting locally:
Medical Libraries at the Turn of an Era*



Call for Papers and Posters

Participants are invited to submit abstracts of papers and posters on the topics listed below for presentation at the Conference.

Topics:

- a. Scientific and scholarly communication:
 - Future of medical publishing
 - Role of authors, publishers, libraries
 - Copyright and legal issues
 - Preprint archives in medicine
 - Peer reviewing
 - E-publishing, E-content
 - Management of electronic journals within libraries and consortia
 - b. Consumer health information and libraries:
 - Patient rights
 - Patient-physician relationship
 - Role of the library and the information professional
 - Patient literature and info collections
 - Consumer health portals
 - c. Evidence-based medicine and health care:
 - Role of Cochrane centres
 - EBM networking
 - Usage of EBM in the daily practice of medicine
 - Decision support systems
 - Librarians as partners in the development of EBM
 - d. Medical and health information portals:
 - Marketplace in Europe and worldwide
 - Digital and virtual medical libraries
 - Evaluation of Internet resources
 - Evaluation of medical portals
 - Future of portals
 - e. Access versus holdings:
 - Future of collections in medical libraries
 - Agreements about shared or joint collections
 - E-document supply: substitution for collections?
 - f. Co-operation and competition between libraries:
 - Concentration processes within library communities
 - Downsizing and outsourcing: survival strategies
 - Value of co-operations on different levels
 - g. Quality evaluation in health care information services:
 - Cost analysis
 - Cost-benefit-calculation
 - Quality assurance
 - Standards for library service
 - Performance indicators
 - h. New management for information professionals:
 - Vision statements and general strategies
 - Aims and objectives for everybody
 - Change management
 - i. User education:
 - New models: how much for whom and when?
 - User education at the user's workplace
 - Problem-based teaching/learning and the new role of medical libraries
 - k. Learning from the past:
 - History of medicine
 - History and trends in medical and health librarianship
- Professional staff development
 - Career planning
 - Modern forms of education and training
 - Home- and teleworking

Authors are requested to **submit before OCTOBER, 31, 2001** abstracts (200 - 400 words) via the Conference website (<http://www.zbmed.de/eahil2002>).

For further information about the call for papers or the Conference, please see the Conference website (<http://www.zbmed.de/eahil2002>). The preliminary programme and announcement for the Conference including registration forms will be sent to all EAHIL members by mail at the beginning of 2002.