

Anne Harrison Award Recipients

2022 Winner – Keren Moskal

EBP Training Syllabus for Health Libraries

Design and implementation of an overarching evidence-based practice (EBP) syllabus that will organise library training for health professionals into a comprehensive sequential program comprising instructor led and self-paced modules. The program will be comprehensive in that it will cover the essential components of EBP for all health professional groups. It will also establish an exemplar for libraries operating in health care environments.

By creating an EBP syllabus and making this available for all health libraries to implement, the project will promote health libraries as essential providers of health education who advocate for and teach EBP. The EBP Training Syllabus will be the first of its kind available to health librarians in Australia.

2020 Winner - Raechel Damarell

Improving the development and reporting of search filters: An e-Delphi study of international experts in the field

This project seeks to bring together an international group of search filter developers to discuss and create consensus around filter terminology and development processes. From this consensus, we will develop tools for filter developers which include the following: Guidelines for developing a search filter which explain terms and consequences of different methodological choices. A reporting checklist for ensuring a minimum level of detail is provided in published accounts (much in the format of a PRISMA checklist) A quality appraisal checklist for end-users based on the reporting checklist.

2018 Winner - Justin Clark

The Polyglot Search Translator (PST): a tool for translating search strategies: phase 3

This project will improve the usability and functionality of the Polyglot Search Translator by incorporating feedback from librarians around Australia and internationally. This tool helps to automatically translate searches across multiple databases by modifying the database specific syntax, eliminating the need to do this manually.



A systematic review of topic-based search filters and the development of a critical appraisal instrument for assessing their quality

This project will comprise a systematic review of experimentally derived topic-based search filters and a critical examination of the methods used to develop them. High quality search filters identified by the review will then be collated in an online repository to make it easier for librarians and clinicians to find them.

2014 Winner - Cheryl Hamill

On the road to expert searching in Medline: A pilot project to establish a model for a train-the-trainer deployment

The project aims to develop a curriculum and training modules for PubMed search skills; develop teaching notes for train-the-trainer delivery of the modules; recruit a partner trainer to conduct a pilot workshop in 2015; evaluate the pilot project and modify as required, then report to the Health Libraries Australia Executive on a sustainable business model.

2014 Highly commended

Kate Davis: Essentials of health librarianship

This project will develop an online course for current and future health librarians, in consultation with an advisory group of practicing health librarians. The course will be delivered by the Information Systems School, QUT, with credit available towards a Master's degree.

Veronica Delafosse: The development of health libraries in Australia between the 1970s and 1990s

This project aims to prepare a chronological record of major issues which shaped health libraries between 1972 and 1999; personalise the events by including anecdotes from librarians as appropriate and develop an archival policy for the preservation and retention of the hard copy files.

2012 Winner – Melanie Kammermann

Census of Australian Health Library and Information Practitioners and Services

The primary aims of the project are to conduct a census of Australian health libraries and self-described health librarians working in settings other than libraries. The data collected will be publicly reported and the census will be replicable for the future. A Web based data collection and reporting system will be developed for both current and future use. Final report https://youtu.be/PQZxXZ3mFHc - Presentation of Census results



The aim of the research undertaken was to establish the views and practices of Australian health librarians in relation to expert searching and to identify professional development activities to enhance knowledge and skills in this domain. Kaye's research is available on pages 11-13 in the Dec 2011 edition of HLA News - located here: http://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA

2007 Winner – Jane Shelling, Manager, National Drug Centre Information Service, Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (Deakin, ACT)

Bringing the evidence base to the alcohol and other drugs sector which aims to offer assistance, training material and training in evidence-based practice to particular members of the alcohol and other drugs sector and the Alcohol and Drug Librarians and Information Specialists (ADLIS) group. The report was published in the Australian Library Journal, 58(1) Feb 2009, p39-46 jane.shelling@adca.org.au.nospam

2007 Final alternate year award – Ruth Sladek NICS PhD Research Scholar, Adelaide

Improving search filter development: a study of palliative care literature [BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making]

2005 - Offered but not awarded

2003 Winner – Ruth Sladek, then Director Repatriation General Hospital Medical Library, South Australia.

Undertook a study tour of clinical librarianship in England. She visited several CL programmes and presented the findings of the National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS) Clinical Evidence Researcher Study at the 2nd International Conference on Clinical Librarianship in London, November 2004 [report]

2001 - Offered but not awarded

2000 Alternate year award – Gabby Fennessy and Greg Fowler

Launched Module One of Evidence Based Practice for Health Librarians, which was a webbased, self-directedlearning module to encourage health librariansto gain an overview of the many aspects of evidence based health care. It was hosted on a Monash University website.

1999 Winner – Adam Clark, then Deputy network librarian for the Southern Healthcare Network, Monash Medical Centre, now, Manager, Bayside Health Library Services, The Alfred, Vic.

For his web-based Directory of Electronic Health Sciences Journals, a select list of electronic serial publications in clinical medical, biomedical research, nursing and allied health, designed to assist

health libraries with managing these resources. This was initially available via a Monash University website in 2000 and then later hosted by the Gardiner Library Service of the NSW Hunter Area Health Service. a.clark@alfred.org.au.nospam [report]

1997 Winner – Lorena Smirneos, then Deputy Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Alfred Hospital, now Senior Librarian, The Ian Potter Library, The Alfred, Vic.

For investigating the use of the internet and other information sources by health professionals: report on the application of a research tool. L.smirneous@alfred.org.au.nospam [report]

1995 Winner – Kathy Saurine, then Department of Community and Health Services, Burnie, Tas

For research on the relationship between hospital libraries and the private sector, the results of which appeared in her publication Health Libraries: Challenges in the Commercial Environment (Adelaide: Auslib Press, 1997)