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EBLIG is UP and Running – Jump on Board!

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After a flurry of e-mail activity early in 2005, which included expressing interest in a new Canadian Library Association (CLA) interest group and signing a petition to that effect, the Evidence-Based Librarianship Interest Group (EBLIG) held its inaugural meeting at the CLA conference in Calgary in June of 2005. The breakfast discussion covered the mission and mandate of the new group, establishing a listserv, the selection of a convener, a proposal for a new EBL journal and a host of different issues surrounding evidence based practice in librarianship.

At that first meeting hosted by Su Cleyle, the following Terms of Reference for EBLIG were discussed and approved:

1. To represent the interests of librarians involved in evidence-

based librarianship and library-related research.

2. To organize continuing education opportunities for librarians in this area.
3. To provide a means of communication between librarians involved in evidence-based librarianship.
4. To assist librarians with the dissemination of library research utilizing an evidence-based model.
5. To govern an evidence-based librarianship journal called *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice* by establishing the journal's guiding principles and ensuring that the

journal's editorial board is in place on an annual basis.

After a call for nominations on the EBLIG listserv, Lyn Currie and Virginia Wilson, both of the University of Saskatchewan, were acclaimed co-conveners of the interest group for a two-year term.

Activities of EBLIG to date have included:

- Establishment of the EBLIG listserv hosted by Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Creation of an editorial board for the new open access journal *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP)* comprising Su Cleyle and Lindsay Glynn at Memorial University of Newfoundland, and Denise Koufogiannakis and Pam Ryan at the University of Alberta
- Commissioning of a logo for EBLIG and the new journal hosted by the University of Alberta
- Sponsorship of the 3rd International Evidence Based Librarianship Conference in Brisbane, Australia October 2005
- Distribution of postcards, announcing and promoting *EBLIP* at the Brisbane conference, creating a buzz about the Canadian contribution to EBL, the new journal and the interest group
- Webcast presentation by Su Cleyle on EBL in Canada for the CLA Continuing Education Series in October, 2005
- Successful submission to CLA 2006 to run a panel session in the Leadership Track on *Good Leaders Use the Evidence: Implementing Evidence-Based Practice in Libraries* with Denise Koufogiannakis and Pam Ryan of the University of Alberta, and Margaret Haines of Carleton University as the featured speakers
- Invitation to submit a workshop proposal for the 4th International Evidence Based Librarianship Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2007

The EBLIG listserv functions as an online meeting place for librarians interested in EBL. Open to both interest group members and non-members, the listserv sees postings from Canadian, British, American, and Australian librarians. It also serves the invaluable purpose of allowing EBLIG members to get together to discuss issues and ideas when physical distance does not allow for frequent meetings. To join this discussion list and to receive all postings, send a "SUBSCRIBE EBLIG" message to LISTSERV@MORGAN.UCS.MUN.CA.

EBLIG is proud to be a sponsor and supporter of *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice*. We congratulate the energetic Editorial team on this evidence-filled first issue.