The Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada invites you to submit contributed papers or posters for its 2009 annual meeting, to be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 30-June 3. Papers and posters may describe innovative programs/practices or new research findings and should relate to the overall conference theme - “The Sky’s the Limit / Horizons illimités”.

Call for Contributed Papers

Join us under Winnipeg’s limitless prairie sky, as we explore the horizons of best practice, research, and the evolving role of health librarianship. Though papers will be accepted from a broad range of topics we invite submissions that address, in particular, activities in the following areas:

On the Horizon
- What is the future of e-health and e-resources?
- What innovative programs will support health libraries and health librarianship in the future?

Beyond the Horizon
- What opportunities exist for collaboration in the clinical practice settings?
- How can librarians partner with other professionals to support evidence-based health and knowledge management and translation?

Convergent Horizons
- How will libraries adapt to the shifting landscape of information delivery?
- How can libraries facilitate the convergence of media, technology and social networking tools?

Submission Process

To submit a paper for consideration, please send an e-mail to Analyn Baker <Analyn_Baker@umanitoba.ca> by 15 December 2008 with the following information:

- Title of the paper
- Short structured abstract (250 words or less)
- Author(s) name(s), address, email, and work phone number

All those submitting abstracts for contributed papers will be contacted by the Program Committee by 19 January 2009.

Please note that conference registration fees will not be waived for presenters of contributed papers.

Call for Posters

Poster sessions comprise visual presentations of research results, innovative library programs or notable projects. They provide a less formal alternative to contributed papers and plenary sessions and an opportunity for conference delegates to interact directly with those responsible for the poster presentations.

We invite poster submissions that reflect the overall conference theme of the “The Sky’s the Limit / Horizons illimités” and in particular, those that relate to the subthemes outlined above.

Submission Process

To submit a poster for consideration, please send an email to Analyn Baker at <Analyn_Baker@umanitoba.ca> by 15 December 2008 with the following information:

• Outline of the topic
• Brief structured abstract (no more than 250 words)
• Name(s) and contact information of the presenter(s) including address, email, and work phone number

Accepted poster presenters will be required to submit electronic versions (PDF, PowerPoint, etc.) of their posters prior to the meeting to give attendees a chance to digest material ahead of time.

Please note that conference registration fees will not be waived for presenters of posters.

Poster Details

• Poster presenters will be allotted a push-pin, display board (4’ x 8’) and table space
• A limited number of electrical connections will be available for electronic poster presentations
• If you are planning an electronic poster presentation, you must bring your own laptop computer as well as a standalone version of your presentation
• You will be required to staff your print or electronic poster during a portion of the conference
• Posters will be open to viewing by conference delegates for two days of the conference

Poster Design

• Include the title, the author(s), affiliation(s), and a description of the research, highlighting the major elements that are covered in the structured abstract
• Posters are visual – add pictures, graphs, charts etc. to make the poster interesting
• Keep text to a minimum and use a large font size so that the poster can be read from a distance
• Keep some white space - don’t overwhelm the reader with too much text or graphics
• Use color creatively
• Consider laminating the poster with a low-glare or matte finish
• Consider bringing copies of your poster for hand-out
• Ensure that you poster is set up and taken down at the specified times

Poster Links:
<http://www.soe.uoguelph.ca/webfiles/agavez/poster/>
<http://educ.queensu.ca/~ar/poster.htm>
<http://www.esf.edu/its/html/posterref.htm>
<http://www.hsl.unc.edu/services/tutorials/poster_design/home.htm>

Please contact the Poster Chair <Analyn-Baker@umanitoba.ca> for additional information about themes and sample poster topics.