



IRG eNewsletter

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Events

Joanna Briggs Institute – JBI 2013 International Convention
'The 2013 campaign for getting evidence into policy'
Adelaide, Australia
21-23 October 2013

<http://2013convention.joannabriggs.org/>

HTA MOOC (massively open online course)
University of Sheffield – Free enrolment
Course runs between 28th October, 2013 - 1st December, 2013

<http://scharr.dept.shef.ac.uk/hta/html/course-structure/hta-mooc.html>

Meta-analysis workshop
Instructors: Dr. Michael Borenstein & Dr. Hannah Rothstein
Geneva, Switzerland – October 21-22, 2013
London, UK – October 28-29, 2013

<http://www.meta-analysis-workshops.com/>

EBHC International Joint Conference
Taormina (Italy)
30th October - 2nd November 2013

<http://www.ebhc.org/>

From innovation to disinvestment: short course in health technology assessment
Offered jointly by the University of Adelaide School of Population Health and Adelaide Health
Technology Assessment (AHTA)
Adelaide, Australia
25-29 November 2013

<http://health.adelaide.edu.au/publichealth/downloads/intensive/hta-flyer.pdf>

Publications of Interest

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Website of Interest

AdverseEvents provides critical drug safety and outcome information on all FDA approved medications. AdverseEvents standardizes and normalizes data from the FDA's Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS) into a user-friendly, fully searchable, database of over 5,900 approved medications. The Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS) is a computerized information database designed to support the FDA's drug safety surveillance program for FDA approved prescription medications. AdverseEvents drug reports are freely available, but other research, analysis and alerting tools require a subscription.

<http://www.adverseevents.com/>

IRG Research Activities

Summarized Research in Information Retrieval for HTA (SuRe Info) is a section of the HTAi Vortal that provides research-based information relating to the information retrieval aspects of producing systematic reviews and health technology assessments. SuRe Info seeks to help information specialists to stay up-to-date in the latest developments in their field by providing easy access to current methods papers. It supports research-based information retrieval practice. Work on SuRe Info is well underway. The first chapters have already been completed, and further chapters will be published as soon as they are finalized. The SuRe Info tool was launched at HTAi 2013 in Seoul. Visit SuRe Info at:

<http://vortal.htai.org/?q=about/sure-info>

IRG Member Profile

Ingrid Harboe (IRG Chair-Elect)

Ingrid is a research librarian at the Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (NOKC) where she has worked for the last five and a half years. She began to work in the Specialist Health Care Unit but is now working in the Health Economics and Drugs Unit. Her main task is to prepare and perform systematic literature searches for systematic reviews and health technology assessments. She also runs courses in information retrieval and search techniques.

Ingrid has a Bachelor Degree in Library and Information Sciences (graduated in 2007). She has been an alternate director in the Norwegian Library Associations section on medicine and health for one year. Previously she has worked in the United Nations Association of Norway and the Norwegian Parliament. Prior to this she was a teacher for children with special needs and an activity organizer in a rehabilitation centre.

Member news

Carol Lefebvre has been named a 2013 MLA Cunningham Grant recipient. The Cunningham Fellowship is a fellowship for health sciences librarians from countries outside the United States and Canada. For 2013 only, the Cunningham fellowship was replaced by Cunningham grants to allow health sciences

librarians from countries other than the United States and Canada to attend the combined MLA '13, 11th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML), 7th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (ICAHIS), and 6th International Clinical Librarian Conference (ICLC), held in Boston, Massachusetts, May 3–8, 2013. These grants were supported in part by the 11th ICML. For more information on this award, visit: <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/cunningham.html>.

The IRG eNewsletter is put together by the current Chair (David Kaunelis, Canada) and Chair-Elect (Ingrid Harboe, Norway). Have any events, news, or interesting papers or websites you want to share? Just email DavidK@cadth.ca or Ingrid.Harboe@kunnskapssenteret.no.