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Editor's message

We are celebrating a very special birthday with the publication of this issue, because the new electronic version of the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association / Journal de l'Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada* (JCHLA / JABSC) is now 1 year old! I would like to thank Karen Neves for her support and guidance over the past year, as I “learned the ropes” in my transition from assistant editor to editor of the journal. I would also like to thank Andrea Hodgson, the Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA / ABSC) Board, and Sandra Halliday, incoming editor, for their unwavering support as I begin my term as editor of JCHLA / JABSC.

This issue focuses on information literacy, since it contains two wonderful articles entitled “Preparing entry-level practitioners for evidence-based practice” and “Developing information literacy skills in nursing and rehabilitation therapy students”. You will also find a very informative report from Hakim Bishawi in the United Arab Emirates, on “The Fourth Regional Conference on EMR Health Sciences Virtual Library: Role in e-Learning and Building the Information

Society”. I think it is very beneficial to all of us as information professionals to continue this exchange and sharing of our work with our counterparts in other areas of the globe.

Some of our readers may have noticed the small hiccup in the transition to electronic format, in that the indexing of JCHLA / JABSC is a little behind in the literature. I assure you that this is being attended to, and the new electronic version of the journal will be indexed in the near future.

Everyone is gearing up for the CHLA / ABSC conference in Toronto this year, “The World Around the Corner” (30 May – 3 June 2005), especially since the Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference, “Putting Knowledge to Work”, will also be in Toronto on 5–8 June 2005.

I encourage everyone to consider writing for the journal. Please feel free to contact me with content ideas or thoughts. There are many exciting trends in our field that would make excellent topics for articles, such as open access, PDAs, distance learning, biomedical informatics, etc.

Cheers,
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