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Update on plans for the Canadian PMC

Vezina K. *OA Librarian*. 2008 Sep 19

<http://oalibarian.blogspot.com/2008/09/pubmed-central-canada-pmc-canada.html>

Over the summer, NRC–CISTI and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) finalized the first step in the partnership for the PubMed Central Canada agreement process, a national digital repository of peer-reviewed health science research. With CIHR funding now in place, CISTI plans to contribute its technological expertise to build and host the infrastructure and manage and develop the e-repository.

Wolters Kluwer Health reaches agreement to acquire UpToDate

http://www.wolterskluwer.com/WK/Press/Corporate+Headlines/2008/pr_04Sep08.htm

Wolters Kluwer Health, a leading provider of information and business intelligence for students, professionals, and institutions in medicine, nursing, allied health, pharmacy, and the pharmaceutical industry, today announced it intends to acquire UpToDate, the leading evidence-based electronic clinical information resource. This acquisition will strengthen Wolters Kluwer Health's portfolio in the growing point of care and electronic medical record markets by expanding its product and services offerings. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

Patent system seen stifling medical breakthroughs

Alphonso C. *The Globe and Mail*. 2008 Sep 10

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080910.wcopyright10/BNStory/National/home>

An outdated intellectual property system is preventing lifesaving medicines and cutting-edge technologies from reaching those who need them the most, a leading expert on patents asserted. "If things don't change, we're going to all have fewer medicines to treat whatever the next diseases are," warned E. Richard Gold, director of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy at McGill University. "Not only will we not develop those drugs ... but we won't get the innovative breakthrough drugs unless we change."

More on attempts to undo the NIH policy

Baker G. *Open Access News*. 2008 Sep 11

<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/2008/09/more-on-attempts-to-undo-nih-policy.html>

The US House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the Fair Copyright in Research Works Act, H.R. 6845. The text of the legislation was introduced on 9 September. The legislation would overturn the National Institutes of Health's mandatory public access policy. The witness' written testimony is now available.

Coming soon to My NCBI: New features, new navigation, and My Bibliography

NLM Technical Bulletin. 2008 Sep–Oct;(364)

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so08/so08_myncbi_redesign.html

This is an overview of the changes coming to My NCBI in the near future.

PubMed discovery objective expands to search results screen

NLM Technical Bulletin. 2008 Sep–Oct;(364)

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/so08/so08_discovery.html

As previously announced, new resources are being added to the PubMed search results page (Summary display). Drug Sensor was the first and more will be coming. These resources are being introduced on an experimental basis. They may be made available to a small percentage of users so as to gauge their effectiveness and may even be presented in different ways to see if one format is better than another. Based on what we learn, we will decide how soon to enable a feature for all users, whether to try a different format, or even to go back to the drawing board.

Medical wiki backed by prominent colleges will go live by year's end

Viñas MJ. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. 2008 Sep 5

http://chronicle.com/free/v55/i02/02a01702.htm?utm_source=at&utm_medium=en

Medpedia, a new online medical encyclopedia to be written and edited by a collaborative group of thousands, with support from several leading medical schools, is calling for volunteers. But not everyone will be accepted. Only those who hold an M.D. or Ph.D. in a biomedical field need apply. That is one way in which the ambitious project, which plans to go live by the end of this year, hopes to set itself apart from existing medical Web sites.

Taylor & Francis to deposit NIH-funded articles into PubMed Central

15 August 2008

http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/iopenaccess_nih.asp

Academic publisher Taylor & Francis, UK, has announced that it will deposit into PubMed Central (PMC) author manuscripts on behalf of Taylor & Francis, Routledge, and Psychology Press authors reporting NIH-funded research. This service is offered as part of Taylor & Francis' new 2008 deposit agreement with the NIH.

PubMed now indexes videos of experiments and protocols in life sciences

Viñas MJ. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. 2008 Aug 20

http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/article/3260/pubmed-now-indexes-videos-of-experiments-and-protocols-in-life-sciences?utm_source=at&utm_medium=en

PubMed Central, the National Library of Medicine's online database, is now indexing videos from *The Journal of Visualized Experiments* (JoVE). According to the publication's official blog, JoVE is "the first video-journal to ever be accepted for publication in PubMed." The online, open-access journal publishes videos of experiments and protocols in the biological and life sciences and offers its video-articles to science bloggers to illustrate their posts.

New copyright bill affects universities and students

Taylor-Vaisey N. *University Affairs*. 2008 Aug–Sep

<http://www.universityaffairs.ca/2008/08/05/new-copyright-bill-affects-universities-and-students.aspx>

Many mainstream commentators voiced opposition to the reforms to Canada's Copyright Act, focusing on how it affects the public's ability to download movies and music. Reaction from the business community and entertainment industry was mixed, while reaction from the education community was largely left off the front pages. Nonetheless, there are important implications for universities and colleges in C-61.

Graduate Professional Certificate in Library Sector Leadership at the University of Victoria

18 July 2008

<http://publicadmin.uvic.ca/gradcerts/library.htm>

The Graduate Professional Certificate in Library Sector Leadership is designed to strengthen the capacity of librarians to serve in management and leadership roles in Canada's public, private, and government libraries. The program has been developed in partnership with leaders in the University of Victoria Library. It is designed to meet ongoing demands from professional librarians for comprehensive training in management, leadership, and business skills.

Open access to large-scale drug discovery data

23 July 2008

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Information/News/pdf/Press23July08.pdf>

The Wellcome Trust has awarded £4.7 million (€5.8 million) to EMBL's European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) to support the transfer of a large collection of information on the properties and activities of drugs and a large set of drug-like small molecules from publicly listed company Galapagos NV to the public domain. It will be incorporated into the EMBL-EBI's collection of open-access data resources for biomedical research and will be maintained by a newly established team of scientists at the EMBL-EBI. These data lie at the heart of translating information from the human genome into successful new drugs in the clinic.

Research funding agencies commit to strategic directions for Canadian Common CV

23 July 2008

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36723.html>

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Quebec's three research-funding agencies renewed their vision for the Canadian Common CV and reached an agreement to implement a new, long-term business plan. The plan is designed to leverage advances in information and communication technology for the benefit of researchers across Canada.

Reaction to proposed copyright reforms mixed

Hill D. *Law Times*. 2008 Jul 28

http://www.lawtimesnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4177&Itemid=82

The reaction to Bill C-61, the latest round of proposed reforms to Canada's Copyright Act, introduced in the House of Commons in June by Industry Minister Jim Prentice, has varied—from little reaction at all to outrage over the bill's anti-circumvention provisions. The bill has been heavily criticized for the lack of public consultation on the matter, as well for having given the appearance that it was the result of heavy lobbying by American media industries to replicate the US Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Former employees of Google prepare rival search engine

Helft M. *The New York Times*. 2008 Jul 28

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/28/technology/28cool.html?em&ex=1217563200&en=95ba72c8be8ddb50&ei=5087%0A>

In her 2 years at Google, Anna Patterson helped design and build some of the pillars of the company's search engine, including its large index of Web pages and some of the formulas it uses for ranking search results. Now, along with her husband, Tom Costello, and a few other Google alumni, she is trying to upstage her former employer. Their company, Cuil, unveiled a search engine that they promise will be more comprehensive than Google's and that they hope will give its users more relevant results.

Government copyright bill runs counter to emphasis on environment

Geist M. *Ottawa Citizen*. 2008 Jul 22

<http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/bustech/story.html?id=0ea363f6-f0e0-4a69-9a9f-414e4e65a4cb&p=1>

Canadian politicians entered the summer recess expecting to get an earful about the environment from their constituents. To the surprise of many, the digital environment has joined the physical environment as one of the hot button issues of the summer. Bill C-61 establishes new barriers to the reuse of electronics. Bill C-61 also creates new barriers in the race toward network-based computing, which forms part of the ICT industry's response to the fact that it accounts for more carbon emissions than the airline industry.

Research Data Strategy Working Group: opening new pathways to Canadian research data

23 July 2008

<http://data-donnees.gc.ca/eng/about/backgrounder.html>

NRC-CISTI Director General and Chair of the Research Data Strategy (RDS) Working Group Pam Bjornson is pleased to announce a collaborative effort to address the challenges and issues surrounding the access and preservation of data arising from Canadian research. The RDS Working Group is a multidisciplinary group of universities, institutes, libraries, granting agencies, and individual researchers bonded by a shared recognition of the pressing need to deal with Canadian data management issues. The group is focusing on the necessary actions, next steps, and leadership roles that researchers and institutions can take to ensure Canada's research data is accessible and usable for current and future generations of researchers.

Google Knol opens to public

Phillips A. *ABC News*. 2008 Jul 24

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/AheadoftheCurve/story?id=5441051>

In a move widely seen as the Silicon Valley behemoth's answer to Wikipedia, this week Google opened Knol, its own user-generated encyclopedia, to the public. Unlike Wikipedia, people who write entries on Google's encyclopedia are identified and could even earn a profit from their articles with ads. The more times the article is viewed, the more an author can get paid. Google, of course, gets a cut of the profits.

PubMed Central submissions jump sharply under new NIH policy

Library Journal. 2008 Jul 24

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/info/CA6581624.html?nid=2673#news1>

In the months since passage of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) mandatory public access policy in late December of 2007, the number of submissions to the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) PubMed Central (PMC) repository, where authors are now required to deposit their NIH-funded research papers, has risen significantly. According to NIH statistics, submissions to PMC began steadily rising in December 2007, soon after it became clear a mandatory policy would be adopted in 2008. By the first month following passage of the new policy, January 2008, monthly submissions to PMC hit an all-time high of 1255, and have continued to increase significantly every month so far this year.

Introduction to health services research: a self-study course

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http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ja08/ja08_hsr_self_study.html

The e-learning course “Introduction to health services research: a self-study course” is a free and open set of modules and case studies that students may study as time permits. This is a self-paced course with no instructor. The completely revised e-learning course introduces students to health services research—its key issues, its history, the innovators and leaders who contributed to the field’s development, and the many key organizations that produce and make health services research accessible to researchers, librarians, and the public.

Drug sensor added to PubMed results page

NLM Technical Bulletin. 2008 Jul–Aug;(363)

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ja08/ja08_drug_sensor.html

The PubMed Summary results page will soon show results from other high-quality resources in a column to the right of the PubMed search results.

PubMed training materials updated

NLM Technical Bulletin. 2008 Jul–Aug;(363)

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ja08/ja08_pm_training_updates.html

The June 2008 edition of the PubMed training workbook is now available for download from the NLM Web site. The current edition of the PubMed workbook has been reorganized to better emphasize search techniques and reflects changes through June 2008 including the changes to Automatic Term Mapping and the new Citation Sensor. The manual is available for downloading in Portable Document Format (PDF) and Microsoft Word formats.

Unprecedented degree of collaboration: Canadian funding agencies form consortium to support cancer stem cell research

Research Money. 2008 July 7;22(11)

Several influential research organizations have come together in a consortium to fund collaborative cancer stem cell research between Canadian and Californian scientists—an initiative that will soon be expanded throughout Canada and internationally. The Cancer Stem Cell Consortium (CSCC) was launched in San Diego last month with more than \$100 million in funding from the founding participants. But that amount could climb much higher as discussions with other organizations including the private sector bear fruit.

Nature Publishing Group to archive on behalf of authors

8 July 2008

http://www.nature.com/press_releases/archive.html

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) has encouraged self-archiving, including in PubMed Central, since 2005. Later in 2008, NPG will begin depositing authors’ accepted manuscripts with PubMed Central (PMC) and UK PubMed Central (UKPMC), meeting the requirements for authors funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), The Wellcome Trust, the Medical Research Council, and a number of other major funders in the US, the UK, and Canada who mandate deposition in either PMC or UKPMC. NPG hopes to extend the service to other archives and repositories in future.

Open Access Policy will give researchers worldwide immediate access to OICR data

30 June 2008

http://www.oicr.on.ca/portalnews/vol2_issue3/access.htm

The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) is taking the lead in 2008 and making the research it funds available to the public through an open access policy that takes effect 1 July. OICR's policy, Access to Research Outputs, provides the guidelines for OICR's scientists when they publish their work and describes the institutional repository where all publications from OICR scientists will be deposited for public accessibility.

ProQuest signs agreement to acquire dialog business from Thomson Reuters

12 June 2008

<http://www.proquest.com/en-US/aboutus/pressroom/08/20080612.shtml>

ProQuest, a Cambridge Information Group company, has signed an agreement under which ProQuest would acquire the Thomson Reuters Dialog business. The transaction is expected to close pending a successful completion of the formal consultation period and other customary closing conditions. Financial terms of the transaction are not disclosed. The acquisition of Dialog would allow ProQuest to deepen its penetration in the corporate library and professional research markets with a valued brand, authoritative content, and precision search tools.

RefWorks introduces new current awareness service — RefAware

<http://www.refaware.com/newsevents/RefAware%20-%20Press%20Release%20-%202003.04.08.pdf>

RefWorks, the leading provider of Web-based research management, writing, and collaboration tools for the academic and research communities, has announced the release of RefAware, a new online personal research assistant and monitoring service that enables members of the academic community and other researchers to stay abreast of the latest publications and research in their field instantly.

EBSCO Publishing introduces EBSCOhost 2.0

28 June 2008

<http://www2.ebsco.com/EN-US/NEWSCENTER/Pages/ViewArticle.aspx?QSID=235>

EBSCO Publishing, one of the leading providers of online research databases, is introducing the next generation of its popular EBSCOhost user interface, EBSCOhost 2.0—offering a clean new look and feel. Users will notice a technologically sophisticated, yet familiar search experience. The new interface offers an intuitive approach to searching online databases. EBSCO Publishing's Chief Information Officer, Michael Gorrell, says the essential element of the redesign was recognizing the expectations of millions of Internet users who also rely on EBSCOhost. "People are accustomed to working on the Web, and they have come to expect that all sites operate in similar sophisticated yet intuitive ways. We felt it was important that our redesign allowed research databases to seem natural and familiar to all users."

Meetings, conferences, and workshops

2009 Super Conference

28–31 January 2009, Toronto, Ont., Canada. For details check the conference Web site at http://www.accessola.com/olabins/content_page.asp?cid=5.

2009 ALISE Annual Conference

Association for Library and Information Science Education. 20–23 January 2009, Denver, Colo., USA. For details check the conference Web site at <http://www.alise.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=62136&orgId=ali>.

ALA 2009 Midwinter Meeting

American Library Association. 23–28 January 2009, Denver, Colo., USA. For details check the conference Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/home.cfm>.

Technology/09

Common Ground. 30 January – 1 February 2009, Huntsville, Ala., USA. For details check the conference Web site at <http://t09.cgpublisher.com/>.

Electronic Resources & Libraries

University of California, Los Angeles. 9–12 February 2009, Los Angeles, Calif., USA. For details check the conference Web site at <http://www.electroniclibrarian.org/ocs/index.php/erl/2009>.

ACRL 14th National Conference

Association of College & Research Libraries. 12–15 March 2009, Seattle, Wash., USA. For details check the conference Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/seattle/seattle.cfm>.

Professional development

Education Institute: Ten trends & technologies for 2009

Tuesday, 13 January 2009

1:00 pm ET (1 hour) – Audio conference

Instructor: Michael Stephens

Member: \$54.00; Non-Member: \$74.00

What technologies and trends should librarians be watching? Transparency, Micro-content, Open Source, and more will be included. What's the next big thing as we move into 2009? Join librarian and Tame the Web blogger Michael Stephens for a discussion of 10 technologies to be aware of now and beyond. How do trends impact library services?

Education Institute: Designing effective questionnaires: What every librarian needs to know!

Friday, 16 January 2009

1:00 pm ET (1 hour) – Audio conference

Instructor: Lisa M. Given

Member: \$54.00; Non-Member: \$74.00

This session will explore strategies for effective questionnaire design, including issues related to layout, question selection, and preparation for data analysis. Related topics, such as enhancing response rates and practical tips for data management, will also be discussed. Participants will have the opportunity to critique and revise an existing questionnaire.

Education Institute: Using information technology to teach information literacy

Thursday, 15 January 2009

3:00 pm ET (1 hour) – Web conference

Instructors: Trudi Jacobson and Tom Mackey

Member: \$75.00; Non-Member: \$95.00

This session will explore effective models for integrating technology into information literacy instruction and will cover three key areas: the collaborative Web, course management systems, and portfolio and on-line assessment tools. One of the highlights of the program will include a discussion of using blogs, wikis, and RSS in a course about Social and Community Informatics that also combines information literacy, oral discourse, and service learning.

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Copyright: Understanding and applying the rules

Wednesday, 14 January 2009

1 day (6 hours); 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Instructor: Jean Dryden

Fee: \$199.00 (US\$191.00)

For course details visit <http://plc.fis.utoronto.ca/coursedescription.asp?courseid=26>

Led by an expert in Canadian copyright, this practical course uses a combination of lecture, cases and discussion to guide you through the key provisions of the Canadian Copyright Act and to provide tools to analyze and deal with copyright issues and problems.

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Copyright in images

Thursday, 15 January 2009

1 day (6 hours); 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Instructor: Jean Dryden

Fee: \$199.00 (US\$191.00)

For course details visit <http://plc.fis.utoronto.ca/coursedescription.asp?courseid=199>

Through lecture, examples, discussion, handouts, and case studies, this 1-day course will present the copyright rules that apply specifically to all types of “artistic works” and the application of the rules within the overall context of the Canadian Copyright Act.

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Freedom of information and privacy protection

Monday, 19 January 2009 – Sunday, 8 March 2009

7 weeks (Web)

Instructor: David Hopkins

Fee: \$395.00 (US\$379.00)

For course details visit <http://plc.fis.utoronto.ca/coursedescription.asp?courseid=176>

This instructor-led online course discusses, in practical terms, best management and protection of personal and sensitive information as well as access to public-sector information. Participants are provided with knowledge and tools to ensure proper control over organizational information resources and compliance with legislative requirements.

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Web site implementation and management

Saturday, 24 January 2009 – Saturday, 14 March 2009

8 weeks (24 hours); 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Instructor: Patrick Donoahue

Fee: \$595.00 (US\$571.00)

For course details visit <http://plc.fis.utoronto.ca/coursedescription.asp?courseid=100>

Learn how to design, build, and maintain a Web site in this broad survey course that covers everything from basic HTML to Web design tools to promoting your site. As part of the course, students will design an entire Web site and implement its framework. The course focuses on creating Web sites to international standards as set out by the W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) and WAI (Web Accessibility Initiative). Students will develop Web site projects using XHTML and CSS—also known as “best web practices.”

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Advocating for libraries and library issues: A plan for success

Monday, 2 February 2009 – Sunday, 15 March 2009

7 weeks (Web)

Instructors: Kathleen DeLong and Pam Ryan

Fee: \$395.00 (US\$379.00)

For course details visit <http://plc.fis.utoronto.ca/coursedescription.asp?courseid=209>

This Web-based, instructor-led course is for participants seeking ways to effectively position their library for success with decision-makers and constituents. Advocacy is about raising awareness and gaining commitment that leads to action. Successful libraries understand the advocacy process and exercise professional leadership in gaining the attention and commitment of decision-makers to address the library’s issues. Advocacy may relate to policy, funds, support, or partnership, and may be directed to external or internal decision-makers. The course includes how advocacy relates to promotion and marketing, how to understand your decision-makers’ environments and their perceptions of libraries, and how to identify and engage key stakeholders. Participants will develop an advocacy plan for a particular issue of concern (objectives, target groups, obstacles, communication tools, and evaluation) tailored to their own individual situation or environment.