

health field expressed an interest in the material which lead back to a paper based edition and there is also a CDROM licensed version for organisations to host on their Intranets.

Where can you find it?

"The Internet & IT for busy nurses and therapists" can be found at
<http://www.carol-cooper.co.uk/book/>

Libraries for Nursing Study Day Report

Olwen Revill

Sue Woodburn

LfN organised a very successful study day at the newly refurbished Royal College of Nursing in Cavendish Square, London on the 29th November 2001. After a welcome from Rebecca Davies, LfN Chair, Jackie Lord the Head of Library and Information Services at the RCN London gave an overview of new RCN e-services which are being launched as part of the RCN's information strategy. These services include free access for members to BNI plus and a link to a select number of full-text journals, subject specialist websites and databases of care pathways and clinical guidelines. The RCN will be working with Biome to launch Internet Nurse, a guide to searching for information resources, and is also one of the partners working on NMAP the gateway to Internet resources for Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Professionals. In May 2002 a competency-based internet teaching tool will be launched as part of the lifelong learning portal along with knowledge portals for specialties.

The next speaker, Sarah Cull also from the RCN, gave further information about the e-journals pilot. Currently this provides access to a number of Blackwell Science journals which may be increased after the evaluation in May. At the moment RCN members must register via an online registration form, eventually this will not be necessary.

The third RCN speaker was Vickie Orton who provided information about the Libraries for Nurses website (<http://www.nursing-libraries.org.uk>) which is due to be launched in January 2002. This site will provide information about libraries that are available to nurses throughout England and Wales.

Lunch included a tour of the refurbished RCN library and demonstrations of BNIplus, Internurse and Biomed Central.

The afternoon session began with a tour of the National Electronic Library for Health with Nick Rosen the Nursing and Allied Health Lead for NeLH. Nick provided an overview of the resources available via NeLH including the clinical guidelines and care pathways databases, the Cochrane Library, Evidence-Based On Call, Zetoc, the reference section and Hitting the Headlines where the Centre for Reviews and Dissemination post evaluations of papers that have been mentioned in the national press. Nick also demonstrated the professional portals, including the Librarian's portal, and the recent "My Workplace" initiative (<http://www.myworkplace.nhs.uk>) which is a communication tool and includes access to a diary, email, notes, discussion groups, bookmarks and a CV creator.

The final speaker was Fiona Godlee from Biomed Central who discussed the changing face of scientific publishing in the face of initiatives such as Biomed Central.

The majority of participants had come to the study day with a view to gaining more information about new developments in electronic sources for nurses, including NMAP and NeLH. In addition, participants wanted an insight into the new services provided by the RCN to its members, and a tour of the newly refurbished RCN Library.

The whole day evaluated extremely well:

- "Excellent day, very informative, good atmosphere, very good location"
- "Well worth the journey, very interesting"
- "It was the first one I had attended...I gained lots of tips...always useful to be able to chat with fellow workers from different work places"

Participants found the information about current and future initiatives available to nurses very encouraging and interesting, and are looking forward to promoting the new developments and new RCN services to nurses in their workplace. Not surprisingly, networking and making contacts was also cited as a major achievement of the study day.
