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Editorial

Welcome to the first Libraries for Nursing Bulletin of 2010. We have an interesting range of articles for you in this issue.

Delivering information skills training is an important aspect of the work of most UK health librarians, but how often is this training extended beyond medical staff and healthcare students? Phillip Barlow's report describes his experiences of delivering a series of information skills training courses for medical secretaries at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

As increasing numbers of journals are published in electroniconly format a number of new questions are raised for indexers. Debbie Priddey from the British Nursing Index (BNI) outlines the challenges that changes in the publishing industry are bringing for BNI as well as providing an overview of the history and development of the database.

We also have an article introducing 'The Knowledge Network' a new service for NHS staff, healthcare students and associated partners in Scotland which has replaced the NHS Scotland e-Library. The Knowledge Network provides access to over 12 million information and learning resources including collections of articles, books, journals, guidelines, policy documents and evaluated websites. Our article explains some of the new customisation features and social networking tools available to registered users and highlights the resources of particular relevance to nursing staff.

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Our 2009 Study Day on the topic of web 2.0 was a great success with over 90% of delegates rating it as excellent or good. If you did not attend the event you can read Julia Abell's report on page 11 and you can view the speakers' presentations and a short summary of their talks on our website www.cilip.org.uk/lfn The LFN committee are in the process of planning the next Study Day which will be held in the Autumn, provisionally in York. More details will be available in the next issue of the Bulletin.

As you will see from the cover of the Bulletin Libraries for Nursing has started using Twitter. If you wish to follow us we are libs4nurs and we can be found at http://twitter.com/libs4nurs. We plan to use Twitter to keep our members up to date with news from the group and details of our Study Days.

A subscription renewal form for 2010 is included along with the Bulletin. The cost of subscription has remained the same for many years; we hope you continue to support the work of Libraries for Nursing by renewing your subscription.

Our next Bulletin will be published in early summer; contributions of articles and current awareness suggestions are welcome.

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