

News from Alberta

- ❖ **Save the Date - MLA-CHLA joint conference in 2016.** The annual conferences for CHLA/ABSC have been scheduled to 2017. Join your Canadian colleagues for the 2014 Annual Conference in the international city of Montreal (June 16-20, 2014), Vancouver, BC (June 19-22, 2015), and the Joint MLA-CHLA conference in Toronto, ON (May 13-18, 2016). The conferences include two full days of continuing education courses, and provide a forum for information sharing, networking, advocacy, and addressing topical issues of relevance.
- ❖ **News from our members.** PNC-MLA member, Maria Tan, is the successful candidate for a library internship at the University of Alberta's John W. Scott Health Sciences Library. The UofA Libraries is the sole university in Canada to offer these internships, which provide a valuable opportunity for recent MLIS graduates in Canada to explore a career in academic libraries, to engage in professional development and training, to be mentored by seasoned information professionals, and to develop a professional network. Maria sees this internship as an excellent springboard for a career in health librarianship!



- ❖ **Research Data Management.** Academic research libraries in Canada (and abroad) are becoming increasingly engaged in issues surrounding research data - such as stewardship, curation, re-use, and ownership. Libraries and librarian roles are evolving as new strategies and library infrastructure are developed to support research and e-science.

- ❖ **Online MLIS program at University of Alberta (UofA) launched.** Forty-nine students are taking part in the inaugural offering of the UofA's fully online MLIS program this September. The program's concentration is community-focused librarianship with an emphasis on Canadian content and context. <http://tinyurl.com/SLISOnline>

- ❖ **Highlights from NAHLA.** The Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association (NAHLA) chapter of CHLA had an active year with three Leading Edge sessions, two social events its annual NAHLA Trends Mini-conference. The *Research Exposition* forum, where NAHLA members to present their research, is becoming an annual favorite. The annual conference was graced by the presence of Dr. Steven Aung, pioneer in the integration of western, traditional Chinese and complementary medicine, who spoke on *Integrated Compassionate Medicine for the 21st Century and Beyond*.

Contributed by Marlene Dorgan, head of the John W Scott Health Sciences Library, her new intern, Maria Tan (our PNC/MLA member), and Lisa Tjosvold, current president of the Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association (NAHLA).