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## **PH/HA Reports / Announcements**

### **From the Editor**

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This is my last newsletter as editor, as the summer issue will see the transition of the somewhat static format to a more interactive blog with Amy Harper as the new editor. It has been an enjoyable (and fast) two years!

### **From the Chair**

Lisa Wallis, Chair of PH/HA Section, [L-Wallis@neiu.edu](mailto:L-Wallis@neiu.edu)

Though the view out my window says otherwise, spring is nearly here, and so is MLA '08. I look forward to seeing all of you May 16-21 here in Chicago. I have begun to develop the business meeting agenda and welcome your submissions. Please send your agenda topics to me at the above email address. A brief summary and estimate of time needed would also be very helpful.



One certain topic on this year's agenda will be the new technologies. The Cool Web Things Task Force members continue to explore new ways to communicate within the section, and Chair-Elect Christine Marton has assembled a particularly relevant section program entitled "The Role of Health Sciences Librarians in Applying Web 2.0 Technologies and Their Uses in Clinical and Public Health Practice and Instruction". The final dates and times for both the business meeting and the section program will be announced soon. Please plan on attending if you are going to be in Chicago.

Until then, thanks again to all members for keeping this section active and engaged.

### **New Leaders for PH/HA**

Marcus Banks, Immediate Past Chair, PH/HA, [marcus.banks@library.ucsf.edu](mailto:marcus.banks@library.ucsf.edu)

Please join me in welcoming new leaders to PH/HA!

### **Chair-Elect: Mellanye Lackey**

Bio: Mellanye Lackey is the Library Liaison to the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina (UNC). Prior to joining the UNC staff, Mellanye was an Associate Fellow of the National Library of Medicine. Mellanye is PH/HA's current Membership Chair, and was a 2007 recipient of the Sewell stipend to attend the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. This was the second time Mellanye earned the Sewell. Mellanye earned her Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan.

### **Secretary-Treasurer: Alison Aldrich**

Bio: Alison Aldrich is the newly appointed Technology Outreach Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest Regional Medical Library, National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Prior to her move to Seattle, Alison was an academic health sciences librarian at Wright State University. Alison is already active in PHHA, as a member of the Cool Web Things Task Force. Alison has both a Masters of Science in Information from the University of Michigan, and a Masters of Public Health from Wright State University.

### **Membership Chair: Helena VonVille**

Bio: Helena VonVille is currently the Directory of the University of Texas School of Public Health Library. She received a BFA in Dance from The Ohio State University and MLS from Rutgers, The State



University of New Jersey. During her years as a librarian, Helena has worked as a social sciences reference librarian (Princeton University), education/psychology librarian (The Ohio State University); Internet trainer (Amigos Library Services); and as a catch-all reference/instruction librarian at Montgomery College, a two-year community college. She joined UTSPH in 2001 and began working on her MPH in Fall, 2003. Helena hopes to graduate in May 2008.

### **PH/HA Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee: Marie Ascher**

Bio: Marie Ascher is the Head of Reference & Information Services at the New York Medical College Health Sciences Library in Valhalla, NY, where she has worked since late 2001. Prior positions include Public Health Information Specialist at The New York Academy of Medicine Library where she led several information outreach programs and created the Grey Literature Report, and Deputy Head Librarian at the Hunter College Health Professions Library, where she also completed coursework towards an MPH in the Community Health Education program. Marie has been active in PH/HA for several years, including serving as Chair during 2003-2004, participating on all three versions of the Core Public Health Journal project (Oversight Committee v.2.0 and 3.0) and acting as MLA Allied Representative to the Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce (2004-2007), Editorial Committee (2004-present). In addition Marie has served on the MLA Health Information Literacy Task Force and the 2007 National Program Committee, and has held leadership positions in the NY/NJ Chapter, and is active in several other sections, including the Public Services, Medical Informatics, and Research sections.

This is a great group, I'm sure you'll agree. Thanks to everyone who voted in our section election.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Mellanye Lackey, PH/HA Membership Chair, [mjlackey@unc.edu](mailto:mjlackey@unc.edu)

The section gained 46 members during 2007. Please welcome the latest members of the section:

Patricia H. Dawson	Rider University
Peter Shipman	Medical College of Georgia
Diane Gelarden Cooper, AHIP	National Institutes of Health
Lisa Massengale	University of Illinois at Chicago



Jennifer Cassidy	Western University of Health Sciences
Meredith Solomon	University of Maryland
Feili Tu	University of South Carolina
M.J. Tooley, AHIP	Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore
Margaret Sampson	Children's Hospital of Eastern ON
Robin Featherstone	National Library of Medicine
Jo Ann Mackey	Cambridge College
Rick A. Brewer	University of Kentucky
Ouida Charles	Genentech

All new members receive a welcome letter via email. The letter tells them about the section and invites them to join the PH/HA listserv. Also, a gentle reminder to renew your membership to the PH/HA section when you renew your MLA membership.

## **Status Report on Version 3 of the Core Public Health Journal Project**

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Thanks to the work of Matt Wilcox, Ann Madhavan, Debra Revere, Barbara Folb, Marie Ascher and Beata Pach, a new version of the Core Public Health Journals is well on its way to completion.

The PH/HA Core Public Health Journal Project began in 2000 and has become an essential tool for librarians serving public health, as well as public health professionals who desire a vetted list of key journals in their area of specialty; researchers conducting systematic reviews; and public health students working to understand the breadth of public health.. The project's aim is to identify a list of core public health journals for use by a variety of audiences dependent on the public health literature, including libraries and public health organizations in any or all of the specialty areas covered. The list assists libraries and faculty in selecting journals for purchase and in evaluating their own collections.

The Project updates its lists every 2 years. The call for volunteers to work on Version 3 was announced in December 2007 and over 35 volunteers have now been assigned subject areas and are in the process of



preparing the journals database. Work will be completed by the end of April 2008 and the final list will be released at the PH/HA section business meeting at the annual MLA conference in Chicago in May 2008.

## **Future of the Newsletter Survey**

Blog/Newsletter Conversion Team, Cool Web Things Task Force

First, a thank you to the 31 PH/HA members who completed the recent survey conducted by members of the Cool Web Things Task Force. Your input is appreciated. Overall, responses and comments support the idea of moving the section newsletter to a blog format, with 79.3% of respondents indicating it's a great idea.

Publishing with blog software will allow for shorter, more frequent news updates from PH/HA members and regular column contributors—a preference that a number of respondents brought up. Many commented that the newsletter in its current format is “too long to read in one sitting” and “somewhat overwhelming”.

Therefore, this Spring 2008 newsletter will be the last published in Word and PDF file formats. The newsletter conversion team, led by Alison Aldrich, will contact MLA to set up a section blog, develop editorial guidelines for posts, and then turn over the editorial duties to incoming editor Amy Harper. All PH/HA members will be invited to contribute content at any time, though a schedule will be established for regular columns.

Survey respondents did request PDF files for archiving purposes, so the team will find a way to capture blog content on a regular basis and save it in PDFs. In addition, blog readers will have the option of receiving email updates when new content is published; users of RSS readers will be able to subscribe to the feed.

Again, we appreciate your input and look forward to this exciting new technological development for the PH/HA section.



## Sewell Stipend Recipients' Experience for 2007

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APHA 135TH ANNUAL MEETING AND EXPO  
NOVEMBER 3-7, 2007 WASHINGTON, DC

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting Report

By: Mellanye Lackey, Debra Berlanstein, Ann Glusker, Kay Hogan Smith, Cynthia Kahn, Lisa McGuire, Leslyn McNabb, Lori Rosman, Kimberly Wentworth, Nancy Schaefer, Joey Nicholson

The Sewell Fund <http://www.sewellfund.org/> awarded seven librarians stipends to attend this year's American Public Health Association Conference (APHA), held November 4-7, 2007 in Washington, D.C. This year's recipients were:

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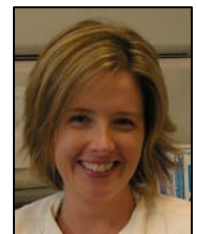


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As with previous conferences, over 13,000 public health professionals convened to share their work, network with colleagues, get inspiration and new ideas. Despite the large numbers, the Sewell recipients managed to personalize their experiences and maximize their conference attendance.

Several recipients contributed to the conference by volunteering at their university's or organization's booth in the exhibit hall. **Leslyn McNabb** from the CDC reported, "I really enjoyed this part of my APHA experience as I [met] doctors, public health practitioners, and others with a wide range of interests. I



helped one doctor who wanted health statistics from NCHS (CDC's National Center for Health Statistics)."

One of the benefits of attending any conference is the **potential for projects and collaborations** that result from meeting other attendees. This year's recipients were no exception.

**Debra Berlanstein** met faculty members from University of Maryland, Baltimore's School of Medicine. Sitting with them during a scientific session began conversations which led to teaching opportunities and the possibility of inclusion on a grant next year. Debra wrote, "I believe that seeing me outside the university at APHA gave me more credibility and demonstrated how seriously librarians are involved in their work and how much we want to understand the research of the people we serve."

**Lisa McGuire** made valuable connections with the University of Minnesota's director of student recruitment and with members of the school's alumni board. They were interested to hear Lisa talk about social networking sites to facilitate online connections and alumni access to full-text/citation databases.

**Kimberly Wentworth** commented, "My attending the conference helped develop the relationship and create goodwill between the Library and the Department of Public Health. I look forward to promoting this partnership."

**Lori Rosman** found that connecting with her mentor offered "an opportunity to network with her assigned School of Public Health Departments at Hopkins. I'm looking forward to collaborating on several projects." Lori made contacts with the Director to the MD Assn. of County Health Officers, who is also Bloomberg School of Public Health Liaison to Local Health Departments in MD. As a result of the meeting, Lori might present an information access session (specialized resources, searching tips, etc.) at a MD Public Health Assn. mtg. Lori continued her networking success with individuals from Baltimore City Health Care Access, the National Library of Medicine, and the Center for a Livable Future at Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Cynthia Kahn** leveraged a conference session to the advantage of her professional research. "The most exciting experience of APHA happened at the civil rights talk; I met my hero, Dr. Walter Lear. I hope to write about Dr. Lear and his work as part of my PhD.... I was thrilled to meet him in person."



**Ann Glusker** met several local and national contacts about jobs after getting her MLIS. She also made contact with the Minnesota Population Center, which integrates health surveys and data extractions, the Census Bureau, and the Calif. Health Interview Survey.

**Mellanye Lackey** met several researchers conducting innovative GIS work, and she learned about geomasking (slightly skewing a geographic data point to preserve privacy) and global disease surveillance. She left with tips for making complex maps more user-friendly.

Some of the **resources discovered** by attendees include:

- Keep Antibiotics Working [www.keepantibioticsworking.com](http://www.keepantibioticsworking.com)
- MyPublicHealth.org <http://mypublichealth.org>
- VisualDX [www.logicalimages.com](http://www.logicalimages.com)
- US Cochrane Center [www.cochrane.us](http://www.cochrane.us)
- Whyville <http://www.whyville.net>
- National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System [http://www.fda.gov/cvm/narms\\_pg.html](http://www.fda.gov/cvm/narms_pg.html)
- Public Health Works Project Mapping Demo <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/phn/default.aspx>
- Open Source GIS for Public Health and Policy <http://mailer.fsu.edu/~ljordan/research/handout.pdf>
- Environmental Health WebMaps <http://gis.cdc.gov/ncehatsdrwebmaps/>
- Kids health by Nemours <http://www.kidshealth.org>
- Bodylove public health radio soap opera <http://www.soph.uab.edu/bodylove/why.htm>
- Commonwealth Fund (<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/>)
- Physicians for a National Health Program (<http://www.pnhp.org/>).
- National Violent Death Reporting System, (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/profiles/nvdrs/default.htm>)
- CDC "office" in Second Life
- MMWR RSS Feed
- NIH YouTube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/NIH4Health>)

The newly-formed **Health Informatics Section** offered scientific sessions and social events for the first time this year. These sessions were highly relevant and interesting to several of the attendees. **Mellanye Lackey** reported, "Through these sessions, I was able to meet librarians doing similar work to mine as well as researchers at my home institution. I networked with public health researchers conducting information-based projects and was able to raise awareness about the good work that



librarians do. I encouraged them collaborate with librarians at their home bases. Also, I promoted the grants available through the NN/LM and the IMLS, and talked with them about ways that librarians can offer valuable input – beyond a literature search.”

Find out more about the section at <http://www.pubhiit.org/>. Section leadership is currently looking for volunteers.

APHA offered a wide range of **programs and scientific sessions** for attendees. Here are highlights from a few:

### **Health Behavior Change Through Innovations in Technology**

Highlights: Technology innovations used with CDC’s flu campaign and other promotional public relations initiatives. Creative uses of 2.0 technology (e-cards, reaching out to “mommy bloggers”, images on Flickr, second life avatars), usability testing and defining a target audience.

### **Achieving Service Improvement Through Public Health Informatics**

Highlights: Evidence-based public health informatics training. Colleagues from the UVA Health Sciences Library explained their training sessions and lessons learned. MyPublicHealth: Knowledge Management for Improved Public Health Decision Making, a customizable portal to organize and display information. Easy access to reliable information will help public health professionals make decisions quickly. Panelists spoke of the value of librarians during Q&A. It was great to have outsiders rallying our cause.

### **The History & Future of Public Health**

Highlights: An historical overview of public health in the United States in this century. Also fascinating was Dr. Rosner’s experience with his highly regarded book *Deceit and Denial* about lead poisoning in the U.S. and subsequent legal problems encountered with paint and chemical industry’s major players.

### **Disaster and Emergency Medicine: Policy Considerations**

Highlights: The new Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC) at the National Library of Medicine. The Center will provide disaster information management and research, identify relevant literature, team librarians with emergency planners and develop new tools and services.



**Leslyn McNabb** reported that the CDC Public Health Library and Information Center has done related work providing information services during disasters. One project armed librarians with a laptop of literature as they integrated into response teams. Librarians are assigned to the Director's Emergency Operations Center (DEOC), most recently for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Routine involvement of librarians in the DEOC is something she'll explore because of this session!

### **Performance Measurement in Communities: Bringing Health Care & Public Health Info. Systems Together for Population Health Improvement**

Highlights: The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care applies epidemiology to medical care by identifying practice patterns in communities. Ensuring electronic information systems are available to doctors, patient information is secure, and public health interests are top concerns. Dr. C. Everett Coop spoke of partnerships between medical (treatment) and evaluation (public health) to realize better medical outcomes and better evaluation.

### **The National Health Interview Survey: 50 Years of Progress.**

Highlights: A great introduction to the National Health Interview Survey, which offers a range of data such as health status and behaviors, acute and chronic conditions, healthcare access and utilization, and health insurance coverage.

**Ann Glusker** has interest in the survey for use in her own health department's assessment activities. Ann was impressed that the panel of researchers and statisticians delivered a clear presentation appropriate for (educated) lay people. She also "learned a great deal about the NHIS itself, and [the session] spurred thinking about shortcomings and advantages of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey [BRFSS]."

Other scientific sessions attended by this year's recipients included:

- Water, Water, Everywhere: Is it safe to drink?
- APHA International Health Film Festival: AIDS Crisis in Africa
- LGBT Youth Research
- Promoting Maternal and Child Health: Abortion Access
- How to Write a Successful APHA Learning Institute Proposal
- Bugs, Drugs and Flu: Human Health Impacts of Intensive Animal Agriculture
- Climate Change: A Challenge to Public Health
- Infectious Disease Surveillance Poster Session
- Disability, Health and Health Promotion



- Community Innovations for Sustainable Food Systems
- Sustainable Seafood: Optimizing Health and the Environment
- GIS Mapping, Global Health Surveillance and Public Policy

Abstracts of all conference sessions are available at  
<http://apha.confex.com/apha/135am/techprogram/>.

## Overall impressions

**Kay Hogan-Smith** left the conference invigorated and with a renewed sense of purpose. She wrote, "Wow, this was an amazing meeting! I was so impressed with the caliber of the scientific sessions, the people and the energy. There are some very smart people doing great work in public health. No doubt that feeling was helped by the attitude of easy acceptance of librarians as valuable colleagues embodied in almost all of my contacts with the public health attendees at this conference. I think as librarians it would not be difficult for us to assume a broader presence in the daily work of public health workers, especially those in academic fields. As we've realized with so many other targeted users, the primary obstacle there is their lack of awareness about what we do and how our particular expertise could help enhance the quality of their research and projects."

**Lori Rosman** found that the "conference is a great venue to learn about the latest research, best practices and emerging issues in public health. Sessions cover a wide range of topics and demonstrate the enormous breath and depth of public health and the role it plays in prevention of disease both locally and globally. There are so many topics to choose from that it is important to identify well in advance which sessions will be most beneficial."

**Leslyn McNabb** attended a session on gun violence and observed "amazing professionalism from all involved.... [She] learned that sometimes the sessions (or topics) that force you out of your comfort zone can be the ones that teach you the most." Leslyn also found that the theme of the national conference, Politics, Policy and Public Health, affected "each state or local public health official who attended this meeting, who deal with their own microcosm of politics and policy each day. Attending this meeting reinforced my commitment to serving scientists (CDC or not), reinforced ideas for projects I already had, and gave me really good new ones!"



**Kimberly Wentworth** “Attending APHA was an excellent opportunity for professional development. At first, I was overwhelmed by the size of the meeting, the enormous number of sessions and the thousands of attendees. Throughout the week, I became inspired by the public health practitioners who attend each year and have built strong professional networks.”

**Debra Berlanstein**, a first time attendee, “was struck by the enormity of the meeting, the number of attendees and the depth and breadth of the program. For the first time it was possible to understand all of the areas that public health encompasses, and how many different professionals are involved.”

**Lisa McGuire** “came away from the meeting with a greater understanding of how broad public health is as a field and how interconnected it is to other disciplines. As a librarian in an academic setting, I [had] an idea of what public health was, but until [I went to] a meeting of this size and scope [I didn't] appreciate the vast diversity of public health work.”

**Cynthia Kahn** “was grateful to have had the opportunity to network with [her] library colleagues, university colleagues and subject area colleagues at the meeting. She hopes that the librarians in attendance at the meeting can encourage others to take part in public health information need and information seeking avenues, including attendance at future public health meetings.”

**Ann Glusker** gained a new appreciation for the breadth of public health. She specifically learned a great deal about public health informatics and how it may shape the future of public health practice. She plans to stay atop the trend with educational opportunities focusing on informatics. Attending the conference gave her confidence that she'll find a niche in a tight job market.

All recipients commented that they now feel they will be more effective in their work and collaborations with an enriched understanding and deeper knowledge of the field of public health. Win Sewell, your generosity has proved fruitful once again.



## Partners Welcome National Agricultural Library

Submitted by Kristine Alpi, AHIP

The big news is that PH Partners has a new partner -- the National Agricultural Library (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/>)! Cathy Alessi, R.D., Team Leader, Nutrition Information Specialist, Food and Nutrition Information Center, will be the National Agricultural Library representative. This new collaboration will improve our ability to get information on key public health issues related to nutrition and agriculture to the public health workforce.

We met via conference call on January 15 and discussed potential new projects and areas for collaboration among the Partners. Let me know of your ideas!

Nancy Allee, chair of the Partners Training Subcommittee, and Ron Bialek, Executive Director of the Public Health Foundation, are teaming up to teach at the MLA Annual Meeting. They will offer the course "The Community Health Status Indicators Project: An Important Resource for Determining and Improving Community Health" (CE305) (<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2008/ce/305.html>) on Saturday, May 17, 8:00 a.m.–noon. This course is being sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and therefore the cost is only \$100. The CHSI data is not yet available from the Public Health Foundation website and therefore did not appear in the January issue of Preventing Chronic Disease as previously reported in anticipation.

I do not have more to report on the voluntary accreditation standards, but I hope to complete a review of them to discuss with the PH/HA membership and others prior to the MLA Annual Meeting. Please let me know of any issues you would like to have brought forward to the Partners. I will also post a call for items to the PH/HA list when the next meeting is scheduled.

Kristine Alpi, the MLA Representative for Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce, relocated to North Carolina effective March 17, 2008. She is the Director of the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Library of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/vetmed/>) at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The College of Veterinary Medicine offers a degree in Veterinary Public Health, so Kris will remain active with public health issues and in PH/HA. Her new contact information is:



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## **News from /about the National Library of Medicine (NLM)**

### **Update from the National Library of Medicine, Division of Specialized Information Services**

Submitted by Colette Hochstein, [Colette@nlm.nih.gov](mailto:Colette@nlm.nih.gov)

Division of Specialized Information Services, NLM

The [Division of Specialized Information Services](http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/) (SIS, <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/>) at the [National Library of Medicine](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/) (NLM) creates information resources and services in toxicology, environmental health, chemistry, and HIV/AIDS. Another component of SIS, the [Office of Outreach and Special Populations](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/), seeks to improve access to quality and accurate health information by underserved and special populations. Many SIS products help to address the toxicology and environmental health information needs of the general public.

### **Dietary Supplements Labels Database**

<http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov>

The National Library of Medicine has released a new resource focused on dietary supplements. The Dietary Supplements Labels Database <http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov> includes information from the labels of over 2,000 brands of dietary supplements in the marketplace, including vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanicals, amino acids, and other specialty supplements.

The database is designed to help both the general public and health care providers find information about ingredients in brand-name products, including name, form, active and inactive ingredients,



amount of active ingredient/unit, manufacturer/distributor information, suggested dose, label claims, warnings, percentage of daily value, and further label information.

Links to other NLM resources, such as MedlinePlus and PubMed, are provided for additional health information. In addition, links to related Fact Sheets from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) are also available.

### **WISER 3.0 Is Now Available for Windows Mobile Smartphone**

WISER 3.0 for Windows Mobile Smartphone can now be downloaded at <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>.

WISER plans further capabilities in future releases, including additional substance category support (with more categories), additional tools/reference materials for radiologicals and chemicals, and biological mode (biological substance list and related tools and reference materials).

### **Carcinogenic Potency Database (CPDB) Now Accessible via TOXNET**

<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/htmlgen?CPDB.htm>

CPDB, the Carcinogenic Potency Database, was developed by the Carcinogenic Potency Project at the University of California, Berkeley, and by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. It reports analyses of animal cancer tests on 1547 chemicals. Results for each chemical are now searchable via the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Toxicology Data Network (TOXNET®). <http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/> CPDB includes 6540 chronic, long-term animal cancer tests (both positive and negative for carcinogenicity) from the general published literature as well as from the National Cancer Institute and the National Toxicology Program. Such tests are used in support of cancer risk assessments for humans. Information that is important in the interpretation of bioassays is reported in CPDB for each experiment.

Users can search for results on each chemical in TOXNET via chemical name or name fragment, or by Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (RN). Results include a summary for each sex-species tested, including carcinogenicity, target organs, and carcinogenic potency values. Detailed results from each experiment on the particular chemical are given in a plot format suitable for screen viewing.



Chemical structure, InChI (<http://www.iupac.org/inchi/>), and SMILES codes (<http://www.daylight.com/smiles/>) are reported.

CPDB is also available in several formats that combine results for all chemicals, including summary tables and formats that can be read into statistical databases. Links to these are available via TOXNET, on the CPDB support page "Overview" (<http://potency.berkeley.edu/>).

## Resources and Announcements

### Maternal and Child Health Resources

#### National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center

Georgetown University has been awarded a three-year cooperative agreement for the National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center. The center, co-located with the Maternal and Child Health Library at the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health (NCEMCH), provides access to the latest professional and consumer information, including research, training materials, and sources of help for families affected by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, miscarriage, stillbirth, and other infant death. The center's Web site is located at <http://www.sidscenter.org>. Its toll free information line is 1-866-866-7437.

#### Historical Publications from the U.S. Children's Bureau

The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University has posted approximately 450 documents published by the U.S. Children's Bureau between the years of 1912, when the Children's Bureau was established, and 1969, when the Bureau's functions were divided up among several agencies. These publications, available electronically for the first time, give an historical perspective on such topics as child health, infant mortality, child labor, and public health services for mothers and children, including services for children with physical and cognitive disabilities. This collection is available at <http://www.mchlibrary.info/history/childrensbureau.html>.

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