



AHILA e-Newsletter



The Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA) is a professional association founded in 1984 with 46 member countries, partners and collaborators worldwide. Its aims and objectives are to: improve provision of up-to-date and relevant health information; encourage professional development of health librarians; promote resource sharing in Africa and exchange of experiences; promote the development, standardisation and exchange of health databases in Africa

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From the President's desk

AHILA is proud to host the **14th Biennial AHILA Congress** this year in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 20 – 24 October on the theme *ICTs, access to health information and knowledge: building strong knowledge societies for sustainable development in Africa.*

We are deeply grateful for the hard work of Prof Elizabeth Kiondo, Dr Tandi Lwoga, and Dr Rehema Chande- Mallya, the local country chapter of AHILA in Tanzania, the local organising committee and other distinguished colleagues in hosting this meeting. During the conference, 44 conference papers and 11 posters will be presented by health information professionals, scientists and practitioners from Africa, Europe and USA.

We are delighted that the Congress will incorporate the **2nd HIFA International Conference** (Healthcare Information For All, HIFA.org), to review progress made since the launch of HIFA at AHILA 10 (Kenya, 2006) and ways of achieving Healthcare Information For All in Africa. Other Congress highlights include key-note presentations and the following workshops:

Authorship/Publishing Skills & Research4life Programmes (Lenny Rhine, Librarians without Borders®/Medical Library Association (USA) and Gaby Caro, HINARI/WHO Geneva)

Evidence Based Health Care & Critical Appraisal (Information, Training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA) and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS))

We also look forward to announcing the winners of grant sponsored by Phi for the best PAHI proposal and of the prize sponsored by CABI for the best short report on AHILA activities at country level.

On a personal note, I should like to thank all my colleagues in AHILA for the honour of being your President since 2010.

I look forward to seeing you at AHILA next week!!

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PAHI GRANT 2014

Phi (**Partnerships in Health Information**) in collaboration with AHILA announced a second round of Small Grants for Improving Public Access to Health Information (PAHI) to support health librarians/ health information professionals in carrying out a small project of their choosing.

The challenge was to develop an idea which will promote public access to health information in an AHILA member country. The grant is for GBP1000.

The successful proposal will be announced at AHILA 14 during the opening ceremony!

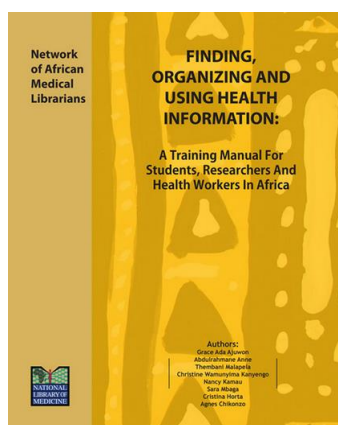
CABI PRIZE 2014



Once again Phi and AHILA collaborated on a Short Report on Health Information Activities competition, which was generously sponsored by **CABI** publishers of the world-renowned bibliographic *database*, *Global Health* which gives researchers and students unparalleled access to all the world's relevant public health literature. **The award of GBP500** is for the best short report showcasing health information activities in an AHILA member country. The award aims to strengthen the activities of AHILA members and/or chapters at country level. **The successful report will be announced at AHILA 14 during the opening ceremony!**

A chance to meet the authors!

Finding, Organizing and using Health Information: A Training Manual For Students, Researchers And Health Workers in Africa.



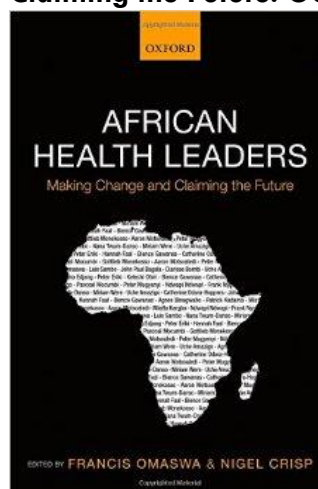
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The vision of the Network of African Medical Librarians is to strengthen health sciences education, research and outreach for better health outcomes in Africa. All are active AHILA members and most will be present at the AHILA congress! If you are not already using and promoting this excellent resource for your users then find out more from those who are. This is your chance to meet the authors and learn from their experience. Download the book using the link.

http://karibouconnections.net/medlibafrica/training_module/index.html

For your Library!

African Health Leaders: Making Change and Claiming the Future. OUP. 2014



Francis Omaswa and Nigel Crisp Editors

Most accounts of health and healthcare in Africa are written by foreigners. *This book redresses the balance.* Written by Africans, who have themselves led improvements in their own countries, the book discusses the creativity,

innovation and leadership that has been involved tackling everything from HIV/AIDs, to maternal, and child mortality It celebrates their achievements and shows how, over three generations, African health leaders are creating a distinctively African vision of health and health systems.

'Essential reading for every African health information specialist and health worker. This is a truly inspirational and informative book.' Gracian Chimwaza, Executive Director, ITOCA

For your diary

Save the dates!
WLIC 2015
Cape Town
15-21 August 2015



International Federation of
Library Associations and Institutions

<http://conference.ifla.org/files/assets/wlic/2015/documents/wlic-2015-brochure.pdf>

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