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Resolutions:

a. Health Information professionals need to be more proactive in inter-professional collaboration so that their presence is felt and their expertise appreciated. For example, in research during Systematic reviews, information dissemination in communities through use of ICT, mass or social media and development of materials to enable health workers perform their duties better. This can also be done through subscribing to authentic databases with evidence based information such as Hinari, Elsevier, Jaypee Digital and MEDBOX.

b. Improve the rigor of research within the health information field and improve on skills in scholarly writing and publication. This will improve on the quality of papers presented during such congresses.

c. Health information workers need to engage more in Continued Professional Education programmes to increase their knowledge, enable them to be more dynamic or versatile and remain relevant. Scan for new opportunities and put emphasis on specialization such as training in Health Sciences Librarianship.

d. There is need to build and maintain more collaboration with other Associations, consortiums or programmes such as US National Library of Medicine and University of Winchester – Partnerships in Health Information.

e. While strengthening Country Chapters, Regional collaboration should be introduced so that countries within the same region work together to share experiences and good practices. Alongside this there should be creation of a mailing list for all members to foster inter-country/member collaboration.

f. Emphasis should be placed on continued ease of communication and information sharing amongst the English Speaking, French Speaking and Portuguese speaking health information professionals in Africa. All future Congresses to have translators during the proceedings.