



## Librarians' notes

### Hello!

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce myself to the people in my new workplace. I am your librarian, on duty at the Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Montréal library since September 4. I have just completed my Master's degree in Information Science, with a major in Electronic Information Management, at the Université de Montréal's École de bibliothéconomie et des sciences de l'information. I previously obtained a Bachelor's degree in Science with a major in Nutrition, which led me to work in the field of health in Africa (Mauritania), more specifically in hygiene, nutrition, childcare and vaccination.

I acquired my management experience while working for pharmacies and IBM Canada. As a parent of a dysphasic child, I have served on the board of directors of the Association québécoise pour les enfants dysphasiques (AQEA -- Quebec Association for Dysphasic Children). These 20-odd years of work experience have helped me realize that my main interests lie in management, training, and information retrieval, popularization and dissemination.

For SOLIDAGE, I have enthusiastically taken on the task of designing, implementing and delivering virtual library services and providing the IHRT (Interdisciplinary Health Research Team) with the documentation they require.

**Marie-Josée Leboeuf**, Librarian

### PLUM-age

*I'm monitoring everything closely for you. In other words, I'm keeping track of electronic documentation related to all IHRT fields of research.*

*This issue provides you with a list of websites focussing mainly on health care costs.*

#### **KU-UC(Knowledge Utilization – Utilisation des connaissances)**

In French: <http://kuuc.chair.ulaval.ca/francais/master.php?url=recherche.php>  
In English: <http://kuuc.chair.ulaval.ca/english/master.php?url=recherche.ph>

A bilingual portal listing health-related websites and electronic publications available on the Internet. The sites and publications are summarized and indexed to make them accessible via search engine or an index of categories and key words such as "Ageing", "Use of Services", "Funding", etc. You can also link several key words together via Boolean operators to narrow down your search.

#### **NYAM – Library – Grey Literature Publishers**

<http://www.nyam.org/library/greylit/greylitorgs.html>

The New York Academy of Medicine has compiled a list of American non-profit organizations and government agencies that publish grey literature related to the field of health. The NYAM library has acquired these publications and is incorporating them into its catalogue. Some of them are available on-line and the rest may be ordered. The NYAM also publishes the quarterly "Grey Literature Report", accessible on-line at: <http://www.nyam.org/library/greylit/glrindex.htm> The report lists the library's most recent acquisitions, classified by organization.

### AD-age

**We'll not reach our goal singly but two by two, As we learn about each other two by two, we will all get to know each other, We will love each other and our children will laugh At the dark legend in which a solitary person weeps\***

*(Paul Éluard)*

**\*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: This excerpt is not an official translation.**

#### **WHO – National and Regional Statistical Agencies**

<http://www.who.int/library/reference/desk/statistics/index.en.html>

A directory of websites linking us to other directories that list many national statistics bureaus, developed by the WHO, the UN, US federal agencies, the European Union and university sites. A few links to sites providing information on national governments are located at the end of the list.

### ON-LINE PUBLICATIONS

#### **The Future Cost of Health Care in Canada, 2000 to 2020: Balancing Affordability and Sustainability**

Conference Board of Canada, October 2001

<http://www.conferenceboard.ca/press/documents/FutureHealth.pdf>

A new study pointing out the necessity for a public discussion on the funding of the Canadian health care system. The study focuses on long-term perspectives, taxation and health care expenses.

## ON-LINE PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

### **Safeguarding Patient Care: Notes for Remarks to the Federal Standing Committee on Finance,**

Ontario Hospital Association, October 2001

[http://caohat03.oha.com/oha/reports.nsf/\(\\$Att\)/pspr53114c/\\$FILE/PresentationtoStandingCteeofFinanceOct16.pdf?OpenElement](http://caohat03.oha.com/oha/reports.nsf/($Att)/pspr53114c/$FILE/PresentationtoStandingCteeofFinanceOct16.pdf?OpenElement)

A presentation on the continuity of the Ontario health care system. Principal topics covered: increase cost of care, level of efficiency in Ontario hospitals, federal funding of health care, federal budgetary imbalance, federal budgetary measures for 2002/2003.

### **Fiscal Implications of Aging: Projections of the Age-Related Spending**

OECD, September 20001

<http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00009000/M00009666.pdf>

This study discusses ageing-related expense projections applicable to OECD countries over the next five years. These results are based on national models using a macroeconomic and demographic framework standardized for all countries. According to the authors, expenses related to the ageing of the population should increase by an average of 6 to 7% of the GDP over the projected period.

### **Le choix privé universel: une proposition pour réformer le système de santé canadien / Universal Private Choice: Medicare Plus. A Concept of Health Care with Quality, Access and Choice for All Canadians, Institut économique de Montréal, September 2001**

English version:

<http://www.iedm.org/etudes/universalprivatechoicev2.pdf>

French version:

[www.iedm.org/etudes/Choixpriveuniversel3.pdf](http://www.iedm.org/etudes/Choixpriveuniversel3.pdf)

This document provides a new approach to funding, insurance and the delivery of medical and hospital services. The authors propose a new concept of universal private choice, while maintaining the right to universal health insurance as a basic, publicly-

funded service. Aside from health insurance provided by the State, this choice includes alternative solutions with respect to medical care.

## ***In the Stacks***

### **Quality Indicators**

Check out a series of articles on quality indicators for medical care of at-risk vulnerable elderly persons published in the supplement of the **Annals of Internal Medicine**, October 16, 2001, Vol. 135, No. 8, Supplement, pp. 641-758. These indicators resulted from the first phase of the ACOVE (Assessing Care of Vulnerable Elders) Project, a 6-year joint venture between Pfizer and RAND Health. Visit <http://www.rand.org/health/new/acove.html>.

This periodical is available in hard copy format at the IUGM library and complete electronic versions of individual articles are also available through Université de Montréal PROXY.

### **Are you developing research instruments?**

The Bristol Activities of Daily Living Scale was established with the help of caregivers providing care to persons with dementia who are living at home, in order to assess the changes taking place in these patients over the course of their illness. As reported in the **International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry** (Vol. 15, No. 7, p. 656-661), a study was conducted to analyse this scale's sensitivity to changes, as applied to Alzheimer's patients being treated with anticholinesterase medication.

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*The IHRT documentation centre focuses specifically on documentation related to the research topics encompassed by the 3 main branches of the research programme. The purpose of these branches is to: 1) determine the current and future health and social service needs of frail elderly persons; 2) document current health care and social service access, use, effects and costs; 3) determine innovative measures with respect to care delivery, effective clinical intervention and integrated service systems.*