Continuous Professional Development and Workplace Education Program in the National Library of Health Sciences, Finland

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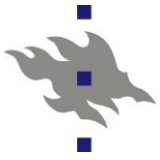terhi.sandgren@helsinki.fi

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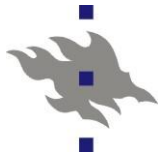katri.larmo@kela.fi

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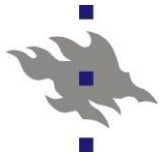
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The National Library of Health Sciences - Terkko

- research library of the Medical Faculty of the University of Helsinki
- the scientific library for the Helsinki University Central Hospital
- national resource library in medicine and health sciences
- WHO Information Service Centre in Finland
- Workforce: approximately 40 FTE
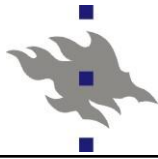- Terkko - Terveystieteiden keskuskirjasto

Description of the program – development, participation and topics

- Since 2005
- 23 training sessions held
- avg 10 participants/session

- Topics

  a) services and information resources that the library buys

  b) services that the library produces

  c) specific topic and the information resources related to that topic

Description of the program - topics

2005

- Ovid Medline, RefWorks, JournalNavigator and BookNavigator, ISI Web of Knowledge, Health Statistics Information Sources, Terkko SearchNet, Evidence Based Medicine, Legislation databases

2006

- Drug information resources, Mobile services, PubMed, Medic and MeSH, Health Care Classifications and Nomenclatures, FeedNavigator, Health Information Sources for Laymen
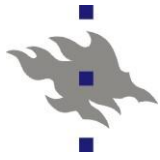
2007

- Terkko Document Space, Journal Club (subject: Evidence-Based Librarianship), PsycInfo, SciFinder Scholar (Chemical Abstracts), Journal Club (subject: Systematic information retrieval)

Evaluation of the program

- Opinions about subjects and quality
- Suggestions for the future
- Questionnaires: distributed 33, completed 30
- Participants: 23, non-participants: 7

Evaluation of the program – positive comments

- usefulness
- expectations: skills, information, inspiration
- planning
- teaching methods
- topics
- advance information

Evaluation of the program-things to do differently

- material
- tempo
- topics

Future of training program

Topic ideas for the future

- the library's electronic services
- general subjects relating to the library profession and information environment
- subjects related to medicine