Libraries in Medical Education (LIME): A Special Interest Group of NEGEA

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About LIME:

Comprised of health sciences librarians from medical schools in the Northeast U.S. and Eastern Canada, this Special Interest Group is dedicated to:

* Promoting communication between librarians and other NEGEA members on research and curricular initiatives.
* Enhancing librarians’ knowledge and skills of current trends and issues of interest in the medical education community.
* Increasing the knowledge and skills of NEGEA members through librarian-sponsored programming at annual retreats.

Methods:

In 2006, health sciences librarians from within the NEGEA area drafted and submitted a proposal to become an official NEGEA SIG. The LIME SIG in the CGEA and the Libraries/Educational Resources Section of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) served as models.

Results:

In 2007, LIME was officially accepted by the NEGEA as a Special Interest Group. Already, over thirty-five health sciences librarians have joined LIME and the group continues to grow. We look forward to an exciting future of collaboration within NEGEA.

FACT: On average, health sciences librarians provide over 33,000 education sessions annually. (AAHSL, 2005).

FACT: Each year, librarians teach over 310,000 students. (AAHSL, 2005).

Future Direction of the LIME SIG:

* Addition of a LIME resource page on the NEGEA web site.
* Creation of a directory of library education coordinators throughout the region.
* Listing of member schools and their libraries including information on activities, resources and statistics.
* Mapping of AAMC course-specific competencies to locations within a standard curriculum in which library educators can or already play a role in undergraduate and graduate instruction.
* Leading training workshops for NEGEA members.
* Active and ongoing participation within other levels of the NEGEA.

ALL NEGEA MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE LIME SIG AND TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

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