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Welcome

WELCOME to the 4th edition of the PEPLN Newsletter. PEPLN is an initiative launched by AFPC in partnership with Canada Health Infoway to foster integration of the Informatics for Pharmacy Students e-Resource within pharmacy programs, and to highlight emerging trends in Digital Consumer Health. This issue includes information about the Knowledge Transfer workshop where Peer Leaders from across the country shared their successes and challenges, the types of integrations that occurred, an update on project numbers and more

Inter-Professional Initiative - Université de Montréal

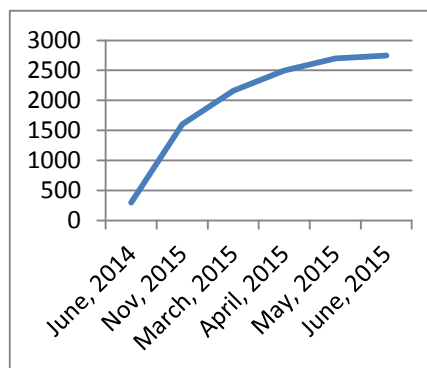
Gilles Leclerc, PEPLN Peer Leader from Université de Montréal, will be leading an inter-professional e-Resource Integration Project, in collaboration with their Inter-professional faculty operations committee.

Université de Montréal's well-established inter-professional committee and educational programs provide a unique platform to explore utility of the e-Resource by other health disciplines.

The project will include assessment of student learning and training needs on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) and raise awareness on e-Health issues within the ranks of academics. The project will provide valuable information about the utility of the e-Resource by students in other health disciplines and what customizations to the e-Resource may be required for optimal use by other health profession groups.

PEPLN by Numbers

The *Informatics for Pharmacy Students – e-Resource* was officially launched in January, 2014. Since initiation of the PEPLN project, the number of users has continued to grow! By the end of June 2015, the e-Resource had enrolled over 2700 individuals!



If you haven't already done so, you may access the e-Resource at: <http://afpc-education.info/moodle/index.php>





Participants in the 2015 PEPLN Knowledge Transfer Workshop

(L-R) – Chris Louizos, Gilles Leclerc, Lisa Bishop, Marion Pearson, Terry Damm, Kelly Grindrod, Valerie Leung, Marie Rocchi, Donna Pipa, Beverly Stotz, Harold Lopatka (Photographer – Anne Tran Fazzalari)

Unable to attend the workshop – Teri Charrois, Jeff Taylor, Casey Sayre

PEPLN project participants met for a **'Knowledge Transfer Workshop'** June 12 – 14, 2015 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Attendees included Peer Leaders from:

- University of British Columbia
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of Manitoba
- University of Waterloo
- University of Toronto
- Université de Montréal
- Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Nova Scotia Community College Technician program,

Other participants included representatives from Canada Health Infoway, and AFPC project staff.

Workshop Program:

Friday:

- Group dinner and networking
- Guest speaker- *"Building and Sustaining Academic Peer Networks"* - Bill McEvily, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

Saturday:

- Canada Health Infoway Update – Valerie Leung
- Peer Leader Reports – Local Integration Projects
- Group discussion – Sustaining and Building upon the network and potential enhancements to the e-Resource

Sunday:

- Focus group discussion – Ken Cor, Facilitator, Director of Assessment, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Alberta



Local Integration Projects

As expected, the local PEPLN integration projects were distinct and diverse. Peer Leaders and their colleagues considered the unique opportunities and challenges within their Faculty for the 2014 – 2015 academic year, arriving at many unique ways of integration. Below is a summary of the types of activities that occurred across the various faculties. The final project report will include detailed Case Studies from each of the participating faculties.

Type of Activities	Credit course or optional activity
Pre-readings for lectures	Credit courses
Pre-lab activities/assignments	Credit courses
In class activities	Credit courses
Pre-experiential requirements	Credit courses
Experiential learning rotation	Credit courses
Contests/awards	Credit course and optional
Conference/symposia	Optional activity
Lunch and Learn (faculty and/or students)	Optional activity
Online self-directed activities	Optional activity

Next Steps

The PEPLN project is now entering the Evaluation Phase. The focus group discussions and a document analysis conducted by an external body will contribute to this.

In addition, based on discussions with Peer Leaders at the Knowledge Transfer Workshop, the project team has identified the following next steps for the initiative:

- Update the e-Resource
 - Working on Version 2 for Winter 2016 (*the current version will continue to be used for the 2015/2016 academic year*).
 - Commitment to maintaining/updating the e-Resource
- Continue to encourage integration of pharmacy informatics through competency framework* and e-Resource.
- Establish a Special Interest Group in Pharmacy Informatics.

Further information on the above will be provided as it becomes available. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Donna Pipa, Project Manager if you would like a status update.

*The AFPC *Pharmacy Informatics – Entry to Practice Competencies for Pharmacists* is available on the AFPC website at <http://www.afpc.info/system/files/public/AFPC%20ICT%20Informatics%20Brochure%20In%20house1%5B1%5D.pdf>

Announcement

Amélie-Véronique Dubé, Education Counselor for the Faculty of Pharmacy at Université Laval, has taken on the role of Peer Leader for the faculty. Welcome Amélie-Véronique!

Project Team

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