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Welcome

WELCOME to the 6th edition of the Pharmacy Informatics SIG Newsletter. This issue includes information about Phase 3 of the project, the Peer Leaders at each school of pharmacy, the project initiation workshop held in August, 2016 and an update on the e-Resource.

Note: Previous issues of the project newsletters can be found at <http://www.afpc.info/content/pepln-newsletters>

Project Overview

Phase 3 of the partnership between the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) and Canada Health Infoway (Infoway) is based on a 'Pharmacy Educator Informatics Network'. This Network will build on the learning from the first 2 phases - *Pharmacists in Training* (PIT) initiative and the *Pharmacy Educator Peer Leader Network* (PEPLN) project. The focus of the Pharmacy Educator Informatics Network is to conduct initiatives that will continue to integrate informatics competencies and use of the *Informatics for Pharmacy Students e-Resource* into pharmacy curriculum and support the transition of students from the classroom and labs to the practice setting.

Objectives of the project are:

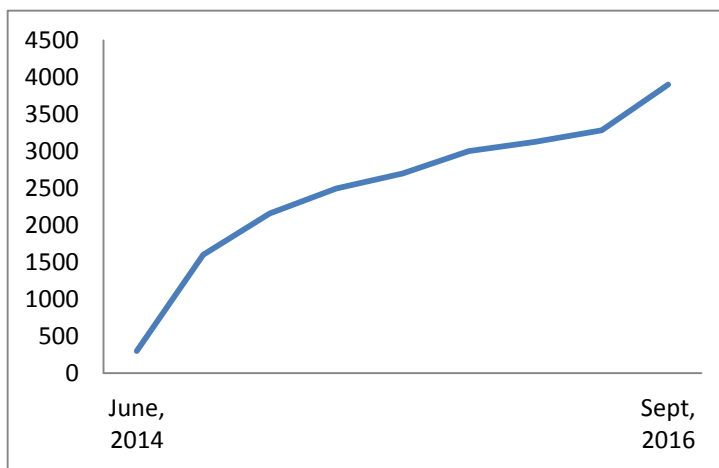
- Build educator network capacity and ability to increase digital e-health integration and related curriculum change
- Continuously improve the quality of the e-Resource.

Activities will include:

- Expand the existing pharmacy educator network
- Create a curriculum map of informatics competencies
- Review/revise the e-Resource
- Translate sections of the e-Resource into French

e-Resource Numbers

The *Informatics for Pharmacy Students – e-Resource* was officially launched in January, 2014. Since that time, the number of users has continued to grow! By the end of September, 2016, the e-Resource had enrolled over 3900 individuals!



Pharmacy Educator Informatics Network Workshop

Peer Leaders met for a project initiation workshop on August 22 - 24, 2016 in Toronto, Ontario.



Participants in the 2016 Pharmacy Educator Informatics Network Workshop

Front Row (L-R): Marie Rocchi, Natalie Kennie-Kaulbach, Lisa Bishop, Genevieve Tirman, Chris Louizos, Cindy Hollister, Harold Lopatka

Back Row (L-R): Aleksandra Bjelajac, Donna Pipa, William Wong, Jason Perepelkin, Renette Bertholet, Jason Min, Gilles Leclerc

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Peer Leader Workshop – Presentations:

- Pharmacy in the Emerging Digital Health Ecosystem – Ron Parker, Canada Health Infoway
- Panel Discussion – Tips from Peer Leaders for Integration Projects – Lisa Bishop, Marie Rocchi, Gilles Leclerc, Chris Louizos
- The Art of Building Relationships – Joelle Walker, Canadian Pharmacists Association
- Changing the Pharmacy Curriculum – A Case Study from U of Montreal – Chantal Pharand, University of Montreal
- Version 2 of the e-Resource and plans/process for Version 3 – Marie Rocchi, University of Toronto
- Mapping Curriculum to Achieve Educational Outcomes – Lavern Vercaigne, University of Manitoba

During break out group sessions, participants discussed strategies for engaging colleagues and recruiting champions.

Peer Leaders:

University	Peer Leader
British Columbia	Jason Min
Alberta	Renette Bertholet Teri Charrois
Saskatchewan	Jason Perepelkin
Manitoba	Chris Louizos
Waterloo	William Wong Kelly Grindrod
Toronto	Aleksandra Bjelajac Mejia
Montreal	Gilles Leclerc
Laval	Genevieve Tirman
Dalhousie	Natalie Kennie-Kaulbach
Memorial	Tiffany Lee



e-Resource Update

Following a “soft launch” in May 2016 for Version 2, student and faculty evaluations indicated that access and navigation issues were much improved over Version 1. Preliminary feedback from students indicated that the redesign (*shorter amounts of content, dispersed over 12 Chapters*) was effective, with many students stating that the length of most Chapters was “ideal”. As before, interactivity was highly valued. Based on feedback that links to URLs was not easily discerned, all URLs were highlighted (*in burgundy, for optimal viewing*) in time for the fall 2016 academic term. Version 2 is now ‘open access’, i.e. there no longer is a need for a school email address in order to register for access. More information about Version 2 can be found at http://www.afpc.info/system/files/public/Informatics%20e-Resource%20Version%202%20Announcement_F.pdf

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

Work is already underway for development of Version 3. All chapters are being reviewed to ensure that the content of the e-Resource remains current and of on-going value to pharmacy students. Reviewers were identified from several stakeholder groups including:

- Peer Leaders (current and former)
- Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists Pharmacy Specialty Network (PSN)
- Canada Health Infoway’s Pharmacist Reference Group (PRG)
- AFPC’s Pharmacy Informatics Special Interest Group (SIG)
- Canada Health Infoway experts/staff
- Other individuals with expertise and interest in Informatics, including American counterparts

Feedback from the reviewers will be reviewed by an Editorial Advisory Committee. In addition, 3 chapters of the e-Resource will be translated into French.

Digital Health Week

Welcome to Digital Health Week 2016! This year the week-long event will be held from November 14 – 20, 2016.

Digital Health Week recognizes how digital health is transforming the delivery of care across the country. Digital Health Week was established in 2014 by a community of leading health care associations, organized by Canada Health Infoway under the national public engagement and education initiative, Better Health Together. Since its inception, there have been great strides made in digital health awareness and uptake in Canada. AFPC has been a participant in Digital Health Week since the beginning.

Digital Health Week 2016 is designed to spark a conversation with Canadians about their health care experiences, and the role of digital health. Through interactive learning and discussion events between health care organizations, leaders and patients, Canadians will be inspired by the potential of digital health to make them, and their families, healthier. The conversations during Digital Health Week will inform digital health in Canada and support Canadians in moving from *patients* to *partners* in managing their health.

Join the conversation throughout the week via #ThinkDigitalHealth or learn more at www.betterhealthtogether.ca.

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