

Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association

Research Committee Annual Report 2004 8 October 2004

The Research Committee completed several major tasks this year:

Research Spotlight column in *Southern Expressions*

- Promoted and encouraged chapter research with articles in “Research Spotlight” column :
 - “Award-Winner Says Research is Possible for Solo Librarians,” Rita Smith, Fall 2004; 20(4): 16-17.
 - “Research in the Chapter,” by Priscilla Stephenson, Summer 2004; 20(3): 13-16.
 - “Funding Available for Your Research Project,” Rita Smith, Nita Ferree, Spring 2004; 20(2): 16
 - “Chapter Research Survey,” by Priscilla Stephenson, Spring 2004; 20(2): 16.
 - “Recipient of 2002 Research Project Grant Continues Work on Skill Inventory for Literature Searching,” by Rita Smith, Win. 2004; 20(1): 13.
 - “Award Winners 2003: Research Papers and Posters,” by Priscilla Stephenson, Win. 2004; 20(1): 11-13.
- A survey of members’ ongoing research interests and projects was completed using SOCHAP-I. Results were published in a “Research Spotlight” column.

Web Page

- Updated the Committee pages on the chapter web site. Updated pages included the members’ names and a revision of the Committee’s strategic plan.
- Coordinated the evaluation of research papers and poster presentations at the 2003 Annual Meeting held in Coral Gables, FL. Awarded prizes to authors of 2 research papers and 3 poster presentations; posted their abstracts to the Research Committee’s pages on the chapter’s web site, and published results in the newsletter and on SoChap-I mailing list.

Research Project Grant

- Received progress report on 2002 Research Project Grant and published it in the Winter 2004 issue of the newsletter. John Orriola, grant recipient, will present a full report at the Biloxi meeting.
- Revised guidelines for applications, to require a Letter of Intent due May 15 as a first step. After committee review, successful applicants will be invited to submit full proposals by August 1 for review by the committee. Those applicants will be referred to the Research Mentors who have agreed to assist with preparation of the full applications. Revised guidelines were announced and posted to the chapter web site.
- Solicited and evaluated three letters of intent received for the 2004 Research Project Grant. Invited full applications from all three.
- Received two full applications and voted to recommend funding for one of these.

Research Papers and Posters

Based on recommendations from 2003 reviewers, reviewed and revised the evaluation criteria used for judging annual meeting research papers and research poster presentations. Prepared for the second year of awards for research papers and posters to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Biloxi.

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