

Index to Chiropractic Literature

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New improved ICL launched on July 9, 2009

2009 has been one of the busiest years on record for Index to Chiropractic Literature; one that we feel makes the Index a world class open access resource for the chiropractic profession and world wide users.

Since the 2005 upgrade of the ICL Web site and database, the editors and members of the index committee have been developing a “wish list” for additional improvements. Funding for an upgrade to ICL was sought and approved at the March 12, 2009 meeting of the Chiropractic Library Collaboration. Immediately after the meeting the editors began discussions with the programmers at Anne Holmes & Associates, the company that managed our last upgrade. The Web site they developed then has served us well, but we continued to have problems updating existing pages and creating new ones. We needed more control over the content and therefore spent part of the funding on a new Web site built using Wordpress (Open Source software). This will allow us to train others to maintain the web pages at the new site and give us more control to edit content.

Features of the new site include:

- Interactive features such as a blog with user comment capability, a *Contact Us* form, an entitled *Ask a Librarian*, and RSS feeds from the blog
- An *Open Access Library* with links to free online articles, books, patient handouts, journals, and search tools that are chiropractic or health related
- *More Web Resources* with sections on *Getting Published*, *Practice Guidelines*, *Organizations* and more
- A Site Meter that provides details of recent visitors to the site, including maps, indicating the impressive geographical reach of ICL

After gathering feedback about ICL from librarian colleagues, faculty and students, we contracted a number of exciting upgrades to ICL's search features. These include:

- Automatic generation of a search history, replacing the current *Save Search* required to save individual search statements
- A *Hold Citations* feature that enables users to collect records during a search session
- The addition of an ID field in all records, which is also searchable
- The re-naming of several navigation buttons to increase clarity (e.g. Select Subject and Select Author are now Online Subject Index and Online Author Index)

Once all the new features of the database were working perfectly, we had the programmers integrate the database with the beta site. We are very excited about the new Index to Chiropractic Literature and plan to promote it extensively to students, faculty and chiropractors around the world. Besides ensuring that the indexing is kept up to date, we have accomplished much on the Web site since the new improved site was launched.

- Continuing maintenance of the site, including elimination of ALL CAPS for authors and subject headings: Phyllis, Anne and CMCC's Deanne Collier spent many hours during the summer cleaning up the author and subject indexes and giving ICL a much more professional look. The conversion of old titles to upper and lower case continues. Phyllis worked on completing subject heading assignments for entries that were in process citations
- New help section: Anne created the following pages under the new menu item Help: ICL Search Tips; Subject Searching; Author Searching; Text Word Searching; Using the Search History; Managing Results; More Tools for Searching; Finding Full Text; Keeping up to Date; Guidelines for ICL Indexers. (The latter is also imbedded in the online indexing form.)
- Journal RSS Feeds: This new menu item under ICL Journals currently contains twelve pages for peer reviewed journals, many not indexed in ICL. These pages include links to the journals as well as to their RSS feeds, providing users with yet another way to keep up with the literature.
- Twitter account – <http://twitter.com/chiroindex>
Since August 27, 2009 users have been able to follow additions to the ICL database and Web site, including new issues indexed and new resources added to the site. The Twitter link is on the home page and is entitled "What's new in ICL?"
- Ask a Librarian: Many users have used our contact form to ask questions about ICL, literature searching, access to full text and related topics. We provide answers in a timely manner and we believe this is a very helpful feature for our users.
- Site Meter: This is an interesting feature that allows people to view the traffic on ICL in many different forms. Find this feature under About Us >> Site Meter.
- RefWorks filter: Users may choose the official ICL filter when downloading into RefWorks.

Other news about ICL:

ICL featured in the January, 2010 issue of *MLA News* (news and updates section)

Annette Osenga submitted an announcement titled "Chiropractic Librarians Announcement Open Access Resources" telling other medical librarians about Index to Chiropractic Literature. We believe this outreach to other medical librarians will increase their awareness of the site and increase the use throughout other health care professionals.

Brochure

Annette Osenga (Life Chiropractic College West) and her staff have created an excellent brochure to help promote ICL. It is available from the ICL Web site under About Us >> Documentation. We have permission from the ACC-RAC 2010 organizers to have this brochure included in ACC-RAC registrants' packages. Download the brochure from <http://tinyurl.com/ICL-brochure>.

World Federation of Chiropractic – <http://www.wfc.org>

There is now a page devoted to ICL on the new WFC site, under About Chiropractic >> Searching the Research.

Blog – <http://clibcon.wordpress.com>

We maintain a password protected blog for CLC members, where we upload documentation such as newsletters and policy statements. We also provide links to resources helpful to the ICL indexers, and contact information for CLC executive members, libraries and indexers. (Password is *chirolib*.)

ACC-RAC Workshop, 2010

CLC's Chair and ICL C0-Editor and Web Editor (Anne Taylor-Vaisey) and ICL's Editor (Phyllis Harvey) highlighted ICL by facilitating a workshop on literature searching on March 19, entitled *Accessing Chiropractic Literature – an easy process*. (See the post-conference Web site: <http://chirolitsearching.wordpress.com/>; password is *accrac2010*).

Selected Statistics for ICL from the July 9 inception to March 7, 2010 for the new site

<i>Number of unique visitors to the site:</i>	16,609
<i>Number of total visits:</i>	45,672
<i>Number of pages viewed:</i>	352,489
<i>Number of hits:</i>	1,378,087

January 2010 has been the busiest month to date for the index.

Use spikes for the index around 10am to noon and then again between 6 and 7 in the evening. We assume this is central time since the server is based in central time zone.

Top countries using the site:

United States; Canada; Australia; Great Britain; Sweden; Netherlands; Russian Federation; Germany; New Zealand

In the first two months of 2010, the Russian Federation has viewed 2,133 pages.

Top robots:

Googlebot; MSNBot; Yahoo Slurp; Ask; Voila

The average visit is 615 seconds (10.25 minutes)

7.9% of visitors spend more than an hour at the site

6.7% of visitors spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour at the site

5.4% of visitors spend between 15-30 minutes at the site

Note from the Editor:

I want to thank Anne Taylor-Vaisey for all her hard work in designing and populating the new site. Both the Editor and CLC are grateful for her skill and voluntary services in creating this wonderful resource.

Appendix C: Update on Chiropractic Subject Headings (ChiroSH)

What's New with the Chiropractic Subject Headings, 6th Edition? Chiropractic subject heading thesaurus becomes official!

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In the Spring of 2009, we put the finishing touches on the 6th edition of Chiropractic Subject Headings (ChiroSH). New features include more scope notes and additional references to Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) to aid users in properly constructing ChiroSH subject headings with MeSH subheadings. The new scope notes refer ChiroSH users to MeSH terms when adding subdivisions ("qualifiers") to ChiroSH terms. Because ChiroSH is patterned after MeSH, medical subdivisions may be applied to chiropractic main headings—but, like MeSH, the combinations must follow prescribed patterns. This extra detail will help indexers for the Index to Chiropractic Literature apply ChiroSH terms in a standardized way.

You can find the 6th edition of ChiroSH on the Index to Chiropractic Literature Web site under About Us>>Documentation:

http://www.chiroindex.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/chirosh_6th_ed_2009.pdf

In the autumn of 2008, ChiroSH was accepted by the Library of Congress for use as an official thesaurus. Now it has its own code for use when adding chiropractic subject headings to bibliographic records.