

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual FLICC Forum on Federal Information Policies



# Evolving Information Policy: Open Access and New Constraints

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The increase in electronic publication and the availability of the World Wide Web provide new opportunities to expand access to literature resulting from federally funded research and archive that material to ensure its long term availability. Like open access initiatives in academia and publishing trends in both the commercial and nonprofit sectors, the Federal Government is exploring ways to enhance access to valuable scholarly information resources.

On February 3, 2005 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) officially announced its policy to make available through its digital repository, PubMed Central, all final version, peer-reviewed manuscripts reporting results of research supported in whole or in part by NIH funding. Beginning May 2, 2005 the NIH will make these manuscripts readily accessible to the public within 12 months after publication of an NIH-supported research study—or sooner if the publisher agrees. NIH's policy builds on the historic mandate of the National Library of Medicine to promote the broadest possible access to the latest medical information in order to improve decision making by medical professionals, as well as patients and their families.

In the words of the NIH policy, "It has long been NIH policy that the results and accomplishments of the activities that it funds should be made available to the public...that widespread access to and sharing of peer-reviewed research publications generated with NIH support will advance science and improve communication of peer-reviewed, health-related information to scientists, health care providers, and the public... The policy is intended to: 1) create a stable archive of peer-reviewed research publications resulting from NIH-funded research to ensure the permanent preservation of these vital published research findings; 2) secure a searchable compendium of these peer-reviewed research publications that NIH and its awardees can use to man-

age more efficiently and to understand better their research portfolios, monitor scientific productivity, and ultimately, help set research priorities; and 3) make published results of NIH-funded research more readily accessible to the public, health care providers, educators, and scientists...NIH intends to maintain its dialogue with publishers and professional and learned societies as experience is gained with the policy."

Though the argument for broad access to health and medical research funded by taxpayers is particularly compelling, similar arguments could be made for most government research: Should the public have to pay a private sector publisher to learn from research supported by tax dollars?

At the same time, the threat of terrorism and other security issues have motivated new exemptions from open access. In addition, Executive Order 13233, issued by President George W. Bush in November 2001 to implement the Presidential Records Act, authorizes indefinite restriction of public access to archived presidential documents that, under previous rules, were largely available to the public after 12 years. The President and Congress continually struggle to achieve the proper balance between the citizen's right for access to information and the government's responsibility to protect certain categories of information.

What are the implications of these divergent initiatives, which on one hand promise unprecedented access to information generated by government funding, while on the other, take from the public purview information historically accessible to all?

The 2005 FLICC Forum on Federal Information Policies will explore the opportunities and risks of this evolving information environment and will consider the impact of both on federal libraries and information centers. ■





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### Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:30     **Welcome and FLICC Awards Ceremony:**  
• Kathryn M. Mendenhall, Acting Executive Director, FLICC  
• James H. Billington, The Librarian of Congress
- 9:30 - 9:40     **Introductory Remarks:** James H. Billington
- 9:40 - 10:10    **Keynote Speaker:**  
Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health
- 10:10-10:30    **Break**
- 10:30-11:30    **Panel Discussion on Open Access:**  
*Moderator:* Jane Bortnick Griffith, Assistant Director, National Library of Medicine  
*Panelists:*  
• Sharon Terry, President and CEO, Genetic Alliance  
• Brian Nairn, CEO, Elsevier Science and Medical Division  
• David Stern, Director, Yale Science Libraries & Information Services
- 11:30-11:45    **Q & A**
- 11:45-1:00     **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:00-1:40      **Afternoon Keynote:**  
J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, NARA
- 1:40-2:40      **Panel Discussion on Initiatives to Protect Information:**  
*Moderator:* Kathy Eighmey, Director, Library Services, DHS  
*Panelists:*  
• Sharon Fawcett, Deputy Assistant Archivist, NARA  
• Michael A. Domaratz, Co-Chair, Homeland Security Working Group,  
Federal Geographic Data Committee, U.S. Geological Survey  
• Elizabeth Withnell, Chief Counsel, Privacy Office, DHS
- 2:40-2:55     **Q & A**
- 2:55-3:15     **Break**
- 3:15-3:50      **Wrap-Up:**  
• Jeffrey Seifert, Analyst in Information Science and Technology Policy,  
Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
- 3:50-4:00      **Closing Remarks:** Kathryn M. Mendenhall

*Join FLICC for a reception honoring its 40 years of service immediately after the Forum from 4:15 to 6:00 pm in the Madison Hall of the Library of Congress*



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### Registration Information and Form

<p>Date Thursday, March 24, 2005</p> <p>Time 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. There is no entry to the Library of Congress prior to 8:30 a.m.)</p> <p>Place Mumford Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Madison Building, The Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue S. E., Washington, D.C. 20540</p> <p>Metro Capitol South (Orange and Blue Lines)</p> <p>Sponsor FLICC Education Working Group</p>	<p>Registration \$160—FEDLINK Members \$173—Federal Registrants (not FEDLINK Members) \$185—Non-Federal Registrants Fees include refreshments and resource packet. Visit the FLICC Educational Programs Web site at <a href="http://www.loc.gov/flicc/feveform.html">http://www.loc.gov/flicc/feveform.html</a> to register online or fax the registration form below. <b>Request ADA Accommodations five business days in advance at (202) 707-6362 TTY or <a href="mailto:ADA@loc.gov">ADA@loc.gov</a>.</b></p> <p>Information Call FLICC (202) 707-4800; TTY (202) 707-4995</p> <p>Cancellations Cancellations must be called into the FLICC office (202-707-4800) 48 hours prior to the start of an educational program or the full fee will be charged.</p>
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## **2004 FLICC Awards**

The 2004 FLICC Awards are the sixth national presentation of these honors and recognize the many innovative ways that federal libraries, librarians and library technicians have fulfilled the information demands of government, business, scholarly communities and the American public in Fiscal Year 2004. This year's winners are:



**Federal Library/Information  
Center of the Year (Large)**

Dudley Knox Library  
Naval Postgraduate School  
Monterey, California



**Federal Librarian  
of the Year**

Barbara D. Wrinkle, Chief  
Air Force Libraries Branch  
San Antonio, Texas



**Federal Library/Information  
Center of the Year (Small)**

Edwards Air Force Base Library  
Edwards Air Force Base, California



**Federal Library Technician  
of the Year**

Mary Alice B. Mendez, Library Technician  
Defense Language Institute,  
English Language Center Library  
Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

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