The Development and Future of the Medical Librarianship in Taiwan

In Taiwan, the medical library can be categorized as medical center, regional hospital, district hospital, medical school, and research institution libraries. Based on different objectives and resources from their parent institutions, each of the abovementioned organizations differs in terms of space, collection, budget, services and numbers of library staff. Thanks to the Medical Library Committee, Library Association of the Republic of China (Taiwan) (LARMIC), who provides comprehensive services to medical libraries; appointed the heads and directors from leading medical libraries as the LARMIC committee members, the LARMIC holds a two-day annual meeting and training workshop for medical librarians, provides the best practice and new knowledge to the library staff of every mid or small size library in Taiwan area. By the year of 2008, the LARMIC has been established for the 30th year. Besides all forms of celebrations, the committee also delegates the authors to conduct a survey in regard with the current status among all medical libraries in Taiwan, as a reference for the development direction for the next decade. This study introduces the professional development of Taiwan’s medical librarianship from the past 30 years, as well as reports results of the above survey to sketch the current status, professional development of Taiwan’s medical librarianship from the past 30 years.

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