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**Sophie Regalado wins CHLA/ABSC Canadian Hospital Librarian of the Year Award**

Hamilton, Ontario, June 15, 2012. The Canadian Health Libraries Association/ Association des bibliothèques de la Santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC) is pleased to announce the winner of the Canadian Hospital Librarian of the Year Award: Sophie Regalado, Manager of Library Services, St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay, Ontario. The award was presented on June 14, 2012 at the closing banquet of the CHLA/ABSC Annual Conference in Hamilton, Ontario.

Created in 1993 by the CHLA/ABSC Board of Directors, the CHLA/ABSC Canadian Hospital Librarian of the Year Award recognizes the contribution of an individual hospital librarian to the advancement of health care and health librarianship in Canada. The award is offered annually.

Since 2004 when Sophie began her career as a health sciences librarian at St. Joseph's Care Group, she has made a significant impact locally, provincially and nationally.

At St. Joseph's Care Group, among her many accomplishments, Sophie: successfully merged two separate libraries while fostering a team environment ; created the first Library Users' Advisory Subcommittee to offer dynamic user-driven library services; spearheaded corporate-wide access to electronic biomedical databases; built institution-wide awareness about copyright issues; collaborated with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine to bring St. Joseph's Care Group its first Online Public Access catalogue; was a site coordinator for a research project examining the impact of providing ready-made evidence-based information resources to nurses via mobile devices.

At the provincial level, Sophie's contribution to the Ontario Health Libraries Association includes serving as Association Webmaster in 2005-2011 and currently as President. She earned the Ontario Health Libraries' Association's Outstanding Achievement Award in 2009, and also served as President of the Northwestern Ontario Health Libraries Association in 2007-2008.

At a national level, Sophie served as the Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries' Association/ Journal de l'Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada Assistant Editor (2007-2009), Editor (2010-2011) Editor-in-Chief (2011 to present). During her term on the editorial team, Sophie revamped the editorial model and made numerous improvements to the management processes of the journal. Sophie is a Senior Member of Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

**About CHLA/ABSC**

Established in 1976, CHLA/ABSC is a professional organization of approximately 400 individuals in the health sciences library field in Canada.

Through its programs and publications CHLA/ABSC encourages the professional development of its members whose foremost concern is the dissemination of health sciences information to those in research, education and patient care.

It is with great pleasure that the CHLA/ABSC members and the Board award this prize to Sophie Regalado.