

 <p>Building on the Past ... Preparing for the Future</p>	<p>Florida Health Sciences Library Association 2006 Annual Meeting Ramada Inn and Conference Center, Tallahassee, FL April 5-7, 2006</p> <p>http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/fhsla/conferences/annual2006.html</p>
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Conference Invitation

A great meeting has been planned for the 35th anniversary of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association! The Program and CE Committees have been very busy planning what we hope you'll agree is a full and exciting event. Our theme this year, **Building on the Past...Preparing for the Future** is focused around library disaster planning and recovery. We'll have a unique opportunity to network with our colleagues who have been there and to think about what steps we need to be taking in our own libraries. The meeting will be held in our state capital, Tallahassee, Florida on April 5-7, 2006.

A few new things have been added this year. We have a CE class being offered on Wednesday afternoon as well as three on Thursday. See the course descriptions for more information. Also on Wednesday afternoon Florida State University College of Medicine will be opening its doors for a tour of its facilities and the new Florida A & M Science Library will also be open for a tour. Another new feature will be additional time with the vendors on Thursday afternoon. Prior to the banquet on Thursday we are being treated to a tour of the old Capitol building, followed by our banquet on the 22nd floor of the current Capitol building overlooking the city. Our early morning risers will also enjoy a Tai Chi session with Peggy Hsu on Friday.

Our banquet speaker will be Dr. Robert Brooks, Associate Dean of Health Affairs, Florida State University College of Medicine. Dr. Brooks served as Secretary of Florida's Department of Health and chief medical officer for the state of Florida from 1999 until joining FSU in September 2001. He also served from 1994 to 1999 in the Florida House of Representatives. Board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases, he teaches health policy and oversees Centers of Excellence in Terrorism and Public Health, Patient Safety, and Rural Health. We are delighted that Dr. Brooks will be speaking to us on "Public Health Issues in Florida". He is a dynamic and excellent speaker!

Our keynote speaker will be Ada Seltzer, Director of the Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Her talk will focus on the experiences of various libraries in the Mississippi and Louisiana areas following Hurricane Katrina and the recovery efforts. We certainly want to learn from our colleagues who have faced (and are still facing) such a major disaster. She is also a familiar face for FSHLA members having served as its President from 1985-1986!

Janice Kelly will provide us with the RML Update as the luncheon speaker followed by a panel discussion on the "Nuts and Bolts of Library Disasters and Recovery" with Ada Seltzer, Janice Kelly and Aimee Reist. Ms. Reist is the former director of the FSU College of Information Studies Goldstein Library where she successfully managed a challenge with mold in her library.

Our full and fun-packed Annual Meeting is fast approaching. There will be informative sessions as well as time to network and mingle with others. We are also inviting our neighboring Alabama and Georgia Health Sciences colleagues to join us so there will be new people to network with also.

We hope you are as excited as we are! Please be sure to take note of the registration deadlines and reserve your spot now! You won't want to miss this year's meeting!

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