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The Systematic Review Project: A Status Report

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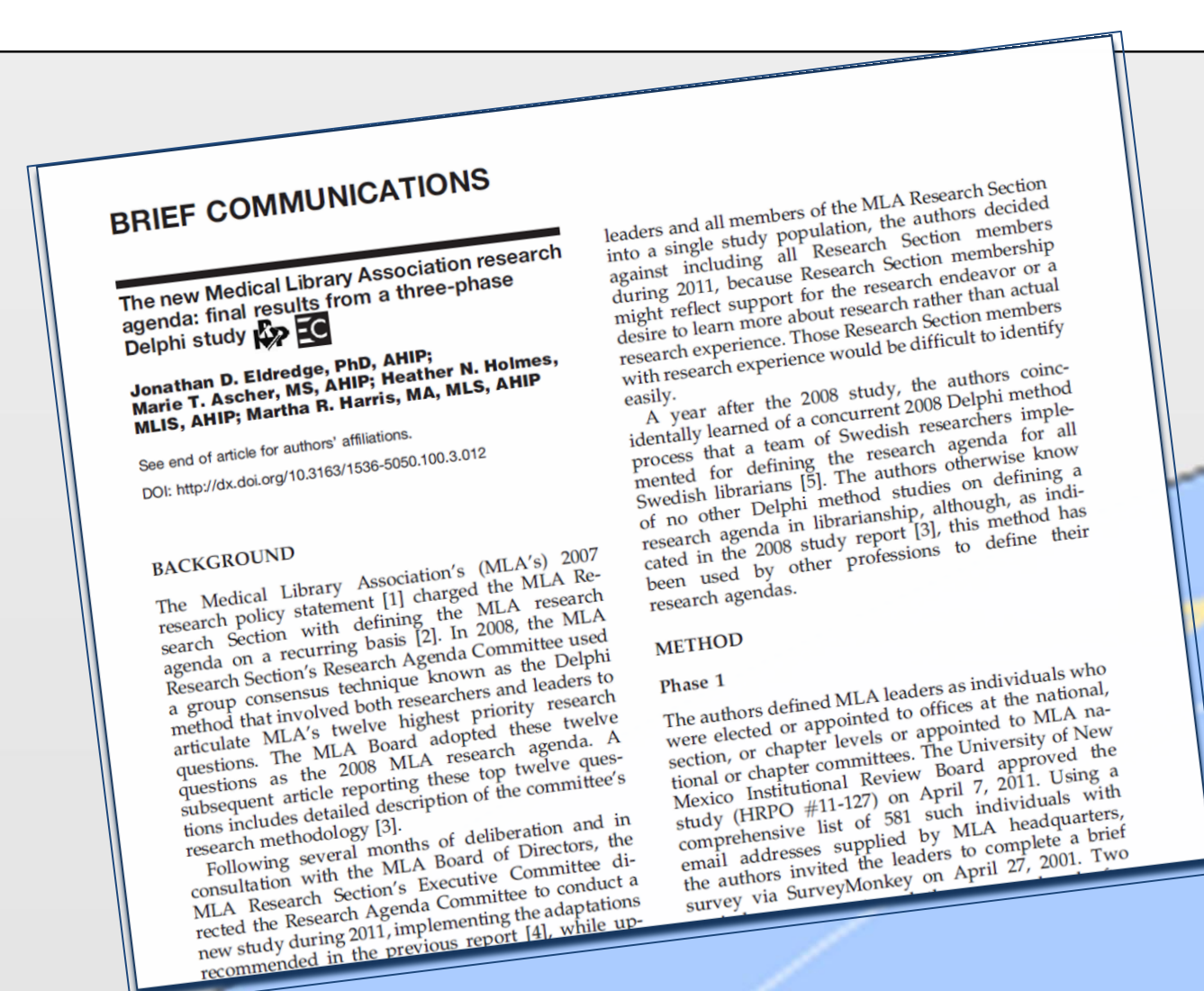
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MLA Research Section, Research Agenda Committee

The MLA Research Agenda...

15 Questions...

15 Teams working on systematic reviews...



Objectives: The Research Agenda Committee of the MLA Research Section published the second MLA Research Agenda in 2012. The Research Agenda is a list of "the most important and answerable questions facing the profession." In 2013, the committee proposed teams of librarian researchers be deployed to conduct systematic reviews to determine the evidence relative to these questions.

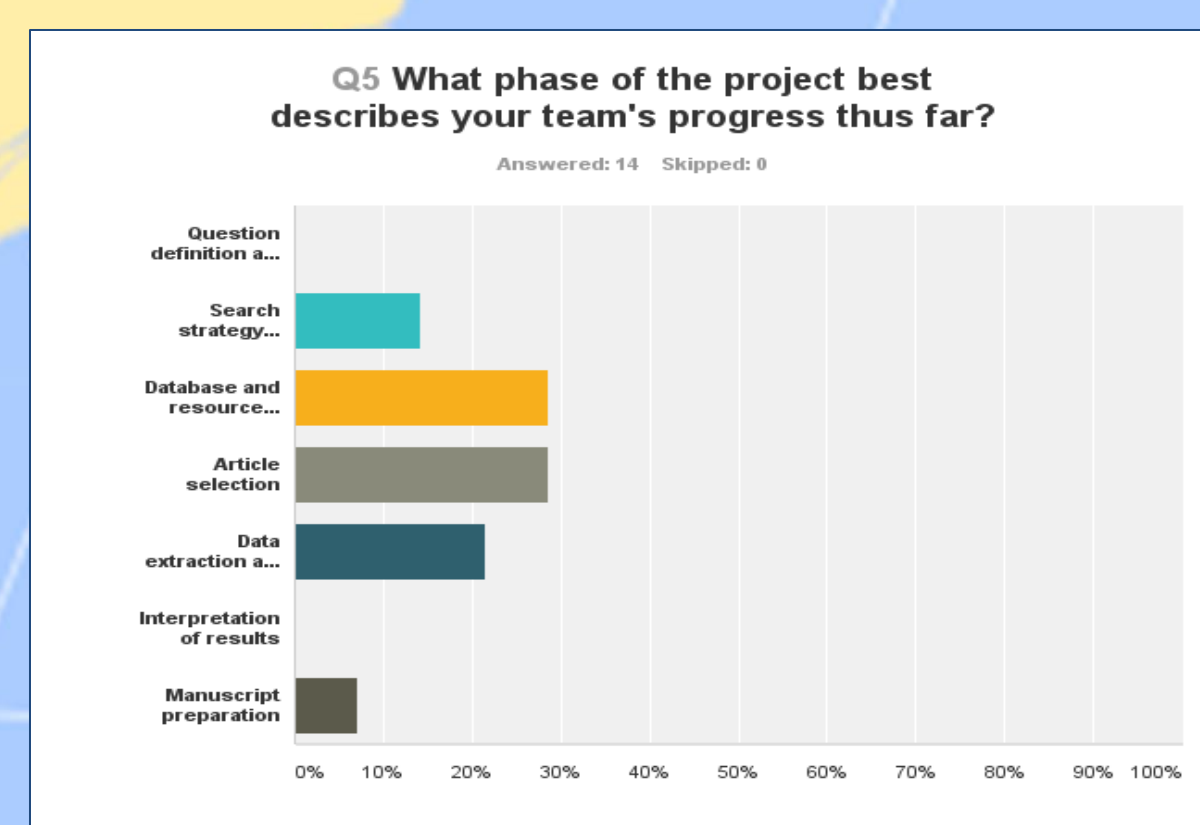
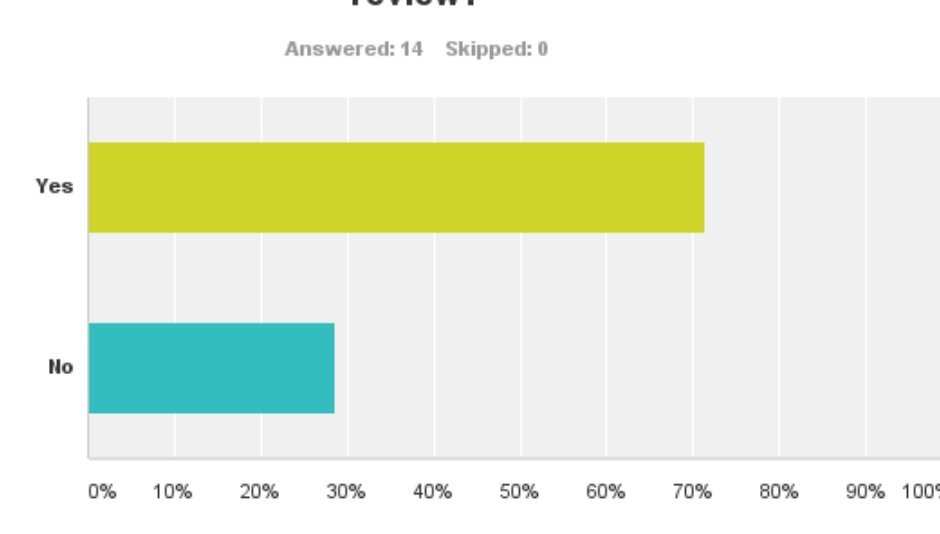
Methods: The teams are currently in the process of conducting systematic reviews. Most teams aspire to complete their systematic reviews, each representing a question in the Research Agenda by summer 2014. Several of the systematic review teams are presenting at the MLA annual meeting on various aspects of their progress. This poster will present the status report of the project as a whole. It is a fascinating and important project with so many members involved. The results of the project will drive research directions in our field and provide a starting point and knowledgebase from whence to begin the next phase of our evidence-based practice.

Results: This poster presents the status report of the project as a whole. It is a fascinating and important project with so many health sciences librarians and MLA members involved. The results of the project will drive research directions in our field and provide a starting point and knowledgebase from whence to begin the next phase of our evidence-based practice.

Conclusions: Several teams are on target to complete their reviews by summer 2014, while others will not be completed until a later date. The Research Agenda Committee is coordinating the project and will assure the eventual completion of reviews for all fifteen questions.

Which may be slightly different questions...

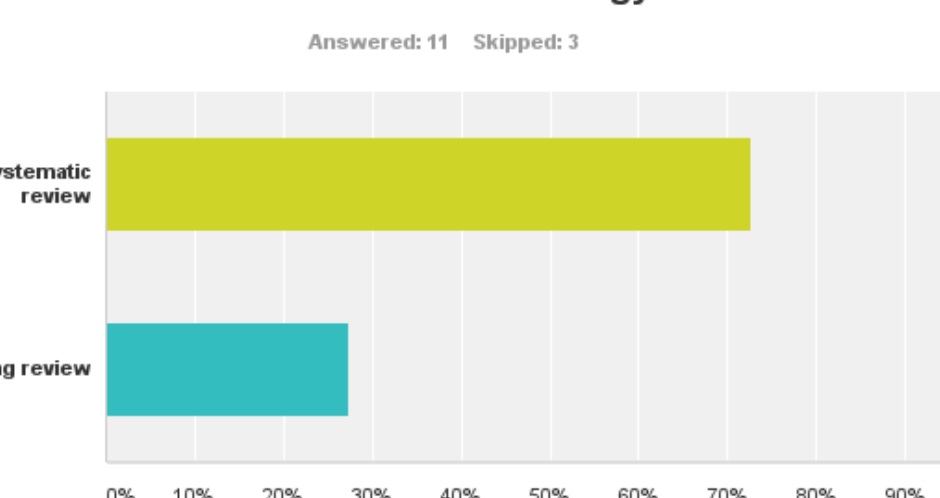
Q3 Did you feel you had to redefine your question in order to proceed with your review?



Different teams are in different phases...

And sometimes a systematic review was not the best methodology...

Q4 In the end did your team decide to do a full systematic review, a scoping review, or some other methodology?



And then there have been other types of outcomes...

"Most of my team is new to systematic reviews, so we have spent some meetings simply learning the methodology. Building this research capacity within the health librarian community is an important achievement in itself." -- Catherine Boden, Team 15 Leader

"Team members have expressed an increase in their understanding of the systematic review process and have implemented processes and services in their institutions as a result. Their comfort level has improved and they have expressed confidence in undertaking more research." -- Lindsay Alcock Glynn, Team 7 Leader

HELP WANTED

We lost one of our team leaders early on, so one team never really got off the ground. If you are interested in this project please contact us at one of the above email addresses. This is a great project with a lot of opportunities for growth and achievement.

Team Presentations at MLA 2014

Alcock Glynn, L et al. (Team 7). **The Value to and Impact of Health Sciences Libraries and Information Services on Academic and Clinical Practices: A Systematic Review.** May 19, 2014, 11:13 AM - 11:32 AM Room: Regency A, Gold Level, West Tower

Anderson PF et al. (Team 6). **Tools for Building Our Information Future: Emerging Technologies Vital to Medical Libraries.** Poster Number: 201. Tuesday, May 20, 1:00 PM – 1:55 PM

Anderson PF et al. (Team 6). **Future Technological Practices: Medical Librarians' Skills and Information Structures for Continued Effectiveness in a Changing Environment.** Monday, May 19, 2014, 11:32 AM - 11:51 AM Room: Columbus KL, Gold Level, East Tower

Other Forthcoming Presentations/Publications

Team 1: Submitted a manuscript to a prestigious journal, presenting at CHLA Montreal, June 2014 and submitted to Five-chapter "Quint Essential" meeting, Denver, CO, October 12-16, 2014.

Team 6: Presenting at Health Libraries Group Conference, Oxford.

Team 7: NLHLA Conference 2014 (Newfoundland and Labrador Health Libraries Association) (occurred May 9, 2014).

Team 10: CILIP HLG Conference, Oxford, England. 24-25 July 2014.

Team 13: Presenting at CHLA, Montreal. June 2014.

Team 15: Presenting at CHLA, Montreal. June 2014.

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And to the over 120 librarians working on this project!

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