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Dear Colleague,

In an attempt to continue to enhance collaborative New England region libraries' support of e-science initiatives for their research institutions, the Lamar Soutter Library at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, in cooperation with the Regional Medical Library of New England and the Boston Library Consortium, is planning a regional symposium. This day-long symposium will serve as an educational and collaborative opportunity for science librarians to discuss e-science resources, in addition to future roles that libraries and librarians might take on to support their institutions.

The broad goal of this symposium is to increase awareness amongst New England area librarians of the importance of e-science and the role of the library in support for scientific research. In order to do so, the event will begin engaging the New England area library community in the structured development of a strategy for regional collaboration to deliver e-science resources and services and to educate regional librarians about Biotoools and NCBI resources, the definition of e-science, and their roles in supporting Life Sciences Initiatives.

The symposium will be held on Monday, April 6, at the Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. As space is limited, the event is by invitation only, open to you and a colleague or to two librarians per library. The agenda for the day will be as follows:

- 9:00-9:30 Registration, Welcome, and Continental Breakfast
- 9:30-10:00 Morning Address: **Chancellor Michael Collins**, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- 10:00-11:30 Panel Discussion: **Linda Watson**, University of Minnesota; **Michele Tennant**, University of Florida- Gainesville; **Kelly Smith**, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- 11:30-12:15 Biotoools: **David Lapointe**, University of Massachusetts Medical School; NCBI Resources: **David Osterbur**, Harvard University
- 12:15-1:30 Lunch Provided  
Lunch Address: **Dr. John Sullivan**, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- 1:45-3:00 Breakout Sessions and Facilitated Group Discussion
- 3:00-3:30 Closing Remarks
- 3:30 End

The outcome from the event will be a written report with specific recommendations for area librarians to explore in supporting scientific research in their institutions, to be made available following the symposium. The event is free of charge, and registration is required to attend. I hope that you consider participating in what should prove to be an informative and thought-provoking experience. Please RSVP with the names and contact information for each attendee by Monday, March 23 to Raquel Rivera, by email: [raquel.rivera@umassmed.edu](mailto:raquel.rivera@umassmed.edu) or by phone: 508.856.1267.

Thank You,

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