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Websites of Interest

**European Medicines Agency Clinical Data**
https://clinicaldata.ema.europa.eu/web/cdp/

From the website: This website contains clinical data published under the European Medicines Agency (EMA) policy on the publication of clinical data. The clinical data have been submitted by pharmaceutical companies to support their marketing applications for human medicines under the centralised procedure and have been assessed by the Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP). New users need to create an EMA account to access clinical data on this website.

**OpenTrials**
https://explorer.opentrials.net/

From the website: Open Knowledge is developing Open Trials, an open, online database of information about the world’s clinical research trials. We are funded by The Laura and John Arnold Foundation through the Center for Open Science. The project, which is designed to increase transparency and improve access to research, will be directed by Dr. Ben Goldacre, an internationally known leader on clinical transparency. OpenTrials is building a collaborative and open linked database for all available structured data and documents on all clinical trials, threaded together by individual trial…The intention is to create an open, freely re-usable index of all such information, to increase discoverability, facilitate research, identify inconsistent data, enable audits on the availability and completeness of this information, support advocacy for better data and drive standards around open data in evidence-based medicine.
Medline Transpose
https://medlinetranspose.github.io/
From the website: MEDLINE Transpose was developed to mitigate a common problem among information specialists: converting search syntax between PubMed and Ovid MEDLINE interfaces. This project is a collaboration between the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) and the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care South West Peninsula (PenCLAHRC). MEDLINE Transpose is still being tested, so there may be mistakes or errors.

AdHopHTA
http://www.adhophta.eu/
From the website: AdHopHTA (Adopting Hospital Based Health Technology Assessment) was an EU funded research project that developed three products for improving the practice of hospital-based HTA: (1) a handbook of HB-HTA; (2) a toolkit for setting up and running an HB-HTA unit; and (3) a database of HB-HTA reports.

Anne O’Tate
http://arrowsmith.psych.uic.edu/cgi-bin/arrowsmith_uic/AnneOTate.cgi
Anne O’Tate is an alternative interface for searching PubMed. Developed by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), this freely available text mining tool is designed to mine search results data for relevant words and phrases, MeSH headings and bibliographic data. It can be used to help researchers to refine and improve their search strategies.

Jane: Journal/Author Name Estimator
http://jane.biosemantics.org/
From the website: Have you recently written a paper, but you’re not sure to which journal you should submit it? Or maybe you want to find relevant articles to cite in your paper? Or are you an editor, and do you need to find reviewers for a particular paper? Jane can help!

IRG Member Activities
If you are a member of the HTAi Information Retrieval interest group and would like to share your research activities with other IRG members in this newsletter, please contact davidk@cadth.ca.

At HTAi 2017

Ingrid Harboe (left), outgoing IRG Chair, receives a gift from incoming Chair Siw Waffenschmidt (right) at HTAi 2017 in Rome.
Lisa Tjosvold
Lisa is a new member of the IRG Executive Committee. She is an Information Specialist at the Institute of Health Economics (IHE) with a cross-appointment at the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. She has over 15 years of expertise in systematic review searching through her work with IHE, the Alliance for Canadian Health Outcomes Research in Diabetes (ACHORD), the Cochrane Child Health Field, and the Alberta Research Centre for Health Evidence (ARCHIE). She has also taught numerous graduate level sessions on systematic review searching and evidence-based practice resources at the University of Alberta. Her research interests revolve around standardizing search practices. She looks forward to working with the IRG executive and all the IRG members!

The IRG eNewsletter is put together by the following IRG members: David Kaunelis (Canada); Catherine Voutier (Australia); Dagmara Chojecki (Canada); and Jaana Isojärvi (Finland). Have any events, news, or interesting papers or websites you want to share? Just email DavidK@cadth.ca.