



Fusions
MLA'09

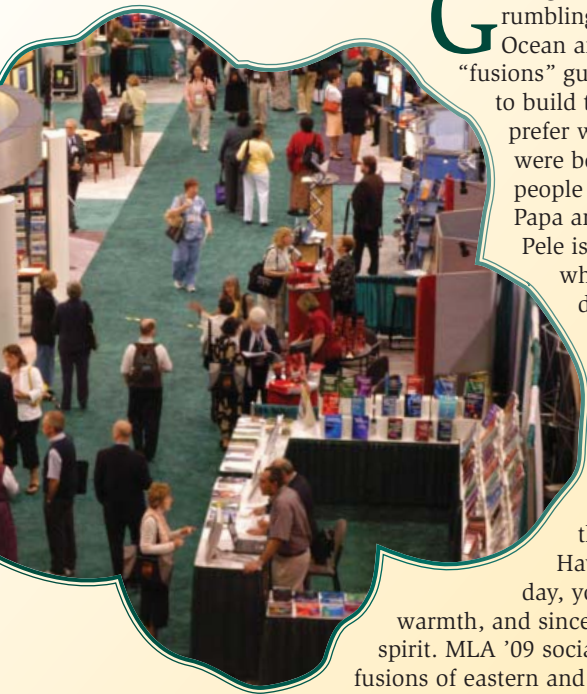
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Call For Participation



Geologists tell us that millions of years ago, rumblings occurred on the floor of the Pacific Ocean and through seismic eruptions, magma “fusions” gushed out from vents in the ocean floor to build the beautiful Hawaiian archipelago. We prefer what the legends tell us. The islands were born of Papa, the earth mother, and the people of the islands were born of the union of Papa and Wakea, the sky father. The goddess Pele is embodied in the lava and new land, which spews from the volcanoes to this day. Fusions indeed! *Aloha mai kakou* to this unsurpassed island paradise!

Today, Oahu, known as the gathering place, is the ultimate global setting for the 2009 Medical Library Association (MLA) annual meeting. From the moment you land in Hawaii, you will be energized by the fresh, floral air and caught up in Hawaii’s breathtaking natural beauty. Each day, you will be mesmerized by the charm, warmth, and sincerity of Hawaii’s people and their aloha spirit. MLA ’09 social activities will reflect the seamless fusions of eastern and western cultures. The MLA ’09 theme, iFusions, uniquely connects the meeting location with the

continuing fusions of events, opportunities, and technologies that face MLA members and leaders in today’s explosive information worlds.

Taking part in MLA ’09 educational programming will give you an opportunity to explore new trends and paradigms that can create unimagined and unparalleled “i”nformation and “i”nnovative fusions for you, your institution, and your professional alliances. It’s all about creating synergies or bringing together the challenges encountered in our day-to-day lives. MLA ’09 will focus on concerns ranging from work–life balance and environmental issues to the impact of Web 2.0, scholarly communication, space planning, curricular design, and strategic initiatives.

At MLA ’09, members will be inspired by the island’s fusions of technology and the aloha spirit. The Hawaii Convention Center—within close proximity to cultural, entertainment, dining, and shopping venues—represents the unique culture of Hawaii with indoor/outdoor spaces, a rooftop tropical garden, glass-enclosed meeting rooms, and Hawaiian art.

Each day, the warm, tranquil clear blue waters of the Pacific will provide a delightful starting point and finale to the time you will spend connecting with colleagues, attending stimulating presentations, and pursuing a multitude of learning opportunities. By the close of the meeting, your mind and soul will be renewed and infused by this blend of cultures, the aloha spirit, and Hawaii’s natural wonders, as you transform new information fusions into opportunities at your home institution.



An Open Invitation



Papers

The 2009 National Program Committee (NPC) invites abstract submissions for contributed papers that explore the newest ideas, best practices, and fusion-related themes. Consider what is best in local practices, valid research results, current trends, use or development of innovative technologies, and future projects that highlight what is best about health sciences libraries and information centers and the role librarians and information professionals play in making health information available to all. Handouts and electronic presentations from the paper presentations will be posted to MLANET.

Plan to submit your abstract, using the structured abstract guidelines at www.research.mlanet.org, by Monday, October 6, 2008.

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Posters

The 2009 NPC invites proposals for best ideas expressed as a poster or electronic demonstration. The range of opportunities for self-expression is unlimited. Consider the use or development of innovative technologies, local best practices, valid research results, current trends, and future projects that highlight the power of partnerships, the best about health sciences libraries and information centers, and the roles that librarians and information professionals play in making health information accessible to all. Posters will be available for viewing during MLA '09. Posters and related handouts will be posted to MLANET prior to the meeting.

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Registration

Materials will be available in early January 2009. Discounted MLA member fees for early registration packages (before April 2009) are:

Super Inclusive: \$430

Includes admission to all sessions, exhibits, the Welcome Reception, the Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, the MLA Reception, and audio CD. This package provides the best value.

Inclusive: \$405

Includes admission to all sessions, exhibits, the Welcome Reception, the Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, and the MLA Reception.

Conference only: \$295

Includes admission to all sessions, exhibits, and the Welcome Reception.

Location for Meetings and Exhibits:

Hawaii Convention Center
1801 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

Accommodation:

Hilton Hawaiian Village
Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa
2005 Kalia Road
Honolulu, HI 96815
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Rates:

Garden View: \$199 plus tax
Partial Ocean View: \$215 plus tax
Ocean View: \$250 plus tax



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