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Chair's Report

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By the time that this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, I hope that you will already have made your travel arrangements to attend the Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. I believe that this will be a very good meeting; the Preliminary Program looks very promising. I would like to draw your attention to some of the activities of the Biological Sciences Division so that you include them in your list of activities for the meeting.

The Division will be celebrating its 55th Anniversary as an SLA Division in 1990. Therefore, we will mark that occasion on Sunday evening, June 10, 1990 at the Division Open House. We will be sharing our evening Open Houses with three other Divisions, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical, and Environment and Resource Management. As a result, we are looking forward to a big turnout so make sure that you will be there. We will hold Open Houses each evening, Sunday through Wednesday, from 5:00 until 7:30. I hope that you will come, visit for a while and meet other members from BSD as well as the other Divisions.

We are hosting three programs during the Conference. On Monday, June 11, 1990, from 1:30 until 3:00, we are co-hosting a program on Biotechnology that will feature speakers from the North Carolina and Pennsylvania Biotechnology Centers as well as a speaker from the Food and Drug Administration. This should be a lively discussion of the future for biotechnology from speakers who are very interested in it. On Tuesday, June 12, we are cosponsoring a program on the impact of environmental changes in Pittsburgh. The speakers will discuss the topic from a number of facets that should be of

interest, particularly with the resurgence of concern about the environment. Tuesday afternoon, from 1:30 until 4:30, Patricia Yocum will moderate a presentation on "Gene Sequence Databases." This program follows the outline of the presentation at the Great Lakes Regional conference, which was very popular. We have allotted three hours to this program in anticipation of the interest it will generate.

On Monday afternoon, we will hold the Division Business meeting. It is very important to the officers that many of you attend that meeting since it is our one opportunity to discuss with the membership directly what the Division needs to do. Since we are involved in writing the Long Range Plan for the next five years, we need to hear your suggestions and ideas. The meeting will be from 3:00 until 5:00 so we can adjourn to our Open House.

We will host two field trips in Pittsburgh. On Wednesday afternoon, we will visit the Presbyterian University Hospital to tour its organ transplant facilities. This is where so many liver transplants for children have been performed. A presentation from a member of the Hospital staff on the bioethics of organ transplants will be part of the tour. The tour will be preceded by lunch at the College Club. Thursday afternoon's tour will also include lunch. This will be a picnic lunch held in Schenley Park. After that we will tour the Phipps Conservatory and then the Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation. This should really be a pleasant note on which to end the Conference.

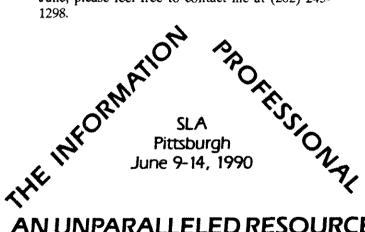
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As a new note, this year the Division will cosponsor a CE program on Thursday. In conjunction with the Environment and Resource Management Division, we will offer the course, "Toxicology Information: An Introduction." The instructor is Philip Wexler, who has written the valuable resource, Information Resources in Toxicology. This is also an MLA course but we will be offering at a lower price than MLA currently does. Since this is a new addition to our Conference programs, I will be very interested in your reactions.

The members of the Pittsburgh Chapter of SLA have been very helpful to all the Program Planners. I would like to extend my own heartfelt thanks to our Local Arrangements Chair, Lynn Labun. Lynn has been actively involved in all of the planning for this Conference and she has answered every questions that I have asked. Without her advice and legwork, we would not be as well organized as we are. We all owe you a debt of gratitude, Lynn.

I hope that you all accept the invitation of the Mayor of Pittsburgh to visit that lovely city and I hope that I get many opportunities to speak to you at our various Division events. If you cannot attend the Conference or would like to suggest an idea before June, please feel free to contact me at (202) 245-1298.



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Toxicology Information: An Introduction

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Students interested in "strictly" online information may not have their needs met by this course.

Instructor:Philip Wexler, National Library of Medicine Time:9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Date:Thursday, June 14, 1990 Cost:\$125.00 members SLA/MLA/ASIS \$150.00 non-members Class will be limited to 25 people. MLA Continuing Education credits available. Sponsored by the Environmental and Resource Management and Biological Sciences Division, SLA.

This is the same course that will be offered at MLA in Detroit.

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San Antonio Conference Plans

Barbara Montanary-Schader, Chair-Elect

The planning for SLA in San Antonio has already begun!

I met with all of the incoming division chairs at SLA midwinter in January and I was impressed with the number of interesting and challenging ideas for programs. The 1991 conference theme will be "MASTERMINDING TOMORROW'S INFORMATION - CREATIVE STRATEGIES FOR THE 1990's". This is a nice broad topic which will encourage us to take a look at new information technologies or find new ways to use current technologies.

Some of the topics which I thought might be of interest to Biological Sciences Division members include optical disk storage, setting up laboratory notebooks archives, climate change/global change, copyright issues, and genetic diversity/genetic preservation for plants and animals. Other topics of possible interest include Toxicology Roundtable, CD ROM on LAN, locally mounted databases, fax etiquette, electronic access to government information, Desktop Publishing, post processing of online searches, the ergonomically correct information technology office/library, spanning influence beyond the library, and thesaurus development. Please let me know if any of you have additional ideas for conference programs. Also please send me a note and

tell me what you think of the above topics. Which do you prefer? Which are most relevant to you? I would like as much feedback as possible on the conference programs so that there is something for everyone in San Antonio.

San Antonio is a city of much charm, cultural diversity, and historical significance. There are a number of possibilities for field trips - a world class zoo, Botanic Gardens, the Southwest Foundation (a private biomedical research foundation with 3500 nonhuman primates and 4000 animals of other species renown for its research into an AIDS vaccine and its humane care of all of its animals), Aranas (a nature preserve for plant species), and many others. Where would you like to tour? Again, please send me a note with your preferences.

Your timely feedback regarding program topics and tour destinations will greatly help me with my planning and will ensure that you have the kind of programs you want!

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Not all requests can be accommodated, but I will do my best to see that everyone who is interested in serving the Biological Sciences Division in any capacity will have the opportunity. The BSD is only as strong as its participating members. And I want to thank the few people who have already written to me to express their interest in serving BSD in any available capacity. Send this form to Barbara Montanary-Schader, Baxter Healthcare Corp., T&V Division, 2132 Michelson Dr., Irvine, CA 92715.

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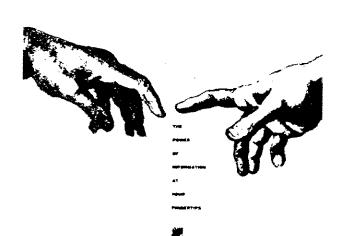
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