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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Larry Kelland

During the past two months a lot of progress has been made toward our goal of providing programs for the annual conference in Indianapolis. There has also been much activity in our Division regarding the Web and our listserv.

The Professional Development Committee has developed a CE course on molecular genetics. They have also set up a tour of the Indianapolis Zoo including a visit to the Zoo Library and a presentation by the Zoo Librarian. The Indianapolis Program Planning Committee put together the following programs: Continental Breakfast Before Visiting the Exhibits; Biomaterials; Environmental Health Effects of Agricultural Waste; Science Sites: The Best of the Best; Back to Nature; New Crop Development. The Contributed Papers Session is: Cooperation is the Key: How Biological, Medical, and Life Sciences Librarians and Information Specialists Have Shared Electronic or Print Resources to Meet Users' Needs.

The Fund Development Committee has already obtained funding for the programs and is seeking more. The Nominations and Elections Committee has a slate of candidates, to be announced in this issue. The Public Relations Committee is placing an article in Information Outlook on our new name and scope note. These and other committees have been very active.

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The people at SLA Headquarters are putting on programs centering around the visit by the European Community Ambassador to the United States, Hugo Paemen, to the annual conference in Indianapolis, Monday, June 9:

1 - Luncheon with the Ambassador. Our Division will co-sponsor.

2 - Peace and International Conflict Management.

3 - Global Cooperation Among Information Professionals: Barriers and Benefits. We will Co-sponsor.

4 - Reception for the Ambassador with the European Chapter and conference participants.

The Social Sciences Division is taking the lead for these programs, and several divisions co-sponsor each.

As we are all aware, our listserv is an important vehicle for effecting changes and corrections where needed. We did finally obtain the updates to our entry on the SLA Web page. We now have our new name and scope note on it now. I want to thank Janet Weiss, Jo Anne Boorkman and others who worked to get this updated.

There have been many proposals for a change in the name of our listserv: BIOLIB, BIOLIBS, BIOSLA, BIOLIFE, BLSDNET, BIOMEDNET, BIOME, BIOMENET. I have also seen at least one proposal to just leave it at BSDNET. My own feeling is that we need to vote on these. It is good to see how active and dedicated our division is.



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Nominations and Elections Committee Update

Renee Bush
Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

Thanks to all who accepted nominations for the offices of Chair-elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Information about each candidate follows.

Further nominations, entered by petition of twenty Division members, must be filed with the Nominations and Elections Committee no later than 9 February.

Ballots with information about all candidates will be mailed on 3 March.

Chair-elect:

Name of Candidate: **Anne Marie Malley**

Education: MLIS University of California, Berkeley
BA History and Political Science,
University of California, Berkeley

Current Position: Biodiversity Resource Center
Coordinator, California Academy of Sciences,
1992-present.

SLA Activities: Indianapolis Program Committee; Contributed Papers Committee, speaker 1996 Boston Conference, "A Day in the Life of the Biodiversity Resource Center: Environmental Resources on the Internet", organizer and presenter 1995 Montreal Conference, "Life on the Web: Biology Resources on the Internet"; speaker 1993 Cincinnati Conference, "Biodiversity: Preserving the Earth's Natural History"; member, Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Environmental Resources Management Division, and Natural History Caucus.

Interest in Position: I am interested in developing programs and activities that provide an opportunity for all members to share their ideas, network within the division and develop strong contacts with colleagues outside the division.

Name of Candidate: **Janet Cooper Weiss**

Education: B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison (Psychology)
M.L.S. Rutgers University
M.A. Rider University (Human Services Administration)

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Current Positions: Medical Librarian, Takeda America Research and Development Center, Inc. 1997-present
Medical Librarian, DesignWrite, Inc. 1997-present

Previous Positions: Reference Librarian, Rider University; Technical Services Librarian, Janssen Research Foundation; Research Information Associate, Ortho Pharmaceuticals; Reference Librarian, Rutgers University Library of Science and Medicine; Medical Librarian, Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals

SLA Activities: Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Public Relations Committee, 1996-present, chair; Fund Development Committee 1995-1997. Princeton-Trenton Chapter, Fund Development, Chair, 1993-present; President, 1992-1993; Program Chair/President-Elect, 1991-1992; Treasurer, 1989-1991. Northeast Regional Conference Steering Committee, 1991-1993. New Jersey Chapter, Treasurer, 1976-1978.

Interest in Position: SLA has given me a tremendous support network and the opportunity to enhance my skills through programs, conferences, and continuing education sessions. I am interested in participating in the leadership of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division so that I could work to provide others in our membership with similar opportunities.

Secretary:

Name of candidate: **Barb Butler**

Education: MS Range Management, University of California Davis
MLIS University of California Berkeley

Current Position: Science Librarian, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, University of Oregon (1992 to present)

Previous Position: Coordinator, Biodiversity Resource Center California Academy of Sciences (1991-1992)

SLA Activities: Seattle Program Committee 1995-1997; Publication Committee 1995-1997.

Interest in Position: Working in a one-person, remotely located branch library, I recognize the importance of professional involvement and I find I get more out of professional meetings when I am directly involved with administration or program planning. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as BLSD Secretary.

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Name of Candidate: **Elizabeth Lamont**

Education: MLIS McGill University, Montreal, Quebec; MA History and Philosophy of Religion, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec -- in progress

Current Position: Interim Chief Librarian, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

Previous Positions: Assistant Medical Librarian, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

SLA Activities: Member, Biological and Life Sciences Division (BLSD) 1993-; Biological Science Programme Coordinator 86th Annual Conference, Montreal 1995; BLSD Public Relations Committee, 1996-.

Interest in Position: I would like to serve the Board and the Division members because quite simply I have received so much from my membership -- professional growth, networking, and CE are just a few of the opportunities that BLSD continuously makes possible. I would be delighted to serve such a progressive and active Division.

Treasurer:

Name of Candidate: **Peggy Jones**

Education: BA Knox College (Biology/Art);
MILS University of Michigan

Current Position: Librarian, Pritzker Research Library, Children's Memorial Institute for Education and Research, Chicago, IL, Oct 1997-present.

Previous Positions: Reference Librarian, Brennemann Library, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL, Feb-Oct 1997; University Library Resident, Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, 1995-1997.

SLA Activities: Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Contributed Papers Session, 1996-2000.

Interest in Position: I am interested in becoming a member of the Division Executive Board because I think that the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is a strong and active part of SLA. I feel I can make a contribution with my strong record-keeping skills and ability to coordinate many activities.

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Name of Candidate: **Eleanor MacLean**

Education: B.Sc. McGill University
MLS McGill University

Current Position: Head, Blacker-Wood Library of Biology, McGill University, 1988-

Previous Positions: Reference Librarian, Engineering Mathematics and Science Library, University of Waterloo 1969-1972; Librarian, Blacker-Wood Library of Zoology and Onithology, McGill University 1972-1988; Librarian, Botany-Genetics Library, McGill University, 1983-1988; Acting Head, Osler History of Medicine Library 1990/91

SLA Activities: Biological Sciences Division - Director 1984/85-1986/87, Chair 1988/89, Member Contributed Papers Committee 1995/96- ; Natural History Caucus Program Planner for Montreal, 1994/95; SLA Bylaws Committee Chair, 1996- ; Scholarship Committee Chair, 1986/87 and 1991/92, Montreal Conference Planning Committee Deputy Chair 1993-1995; Sci-Tech Division - Secretary 1991-1993, Chair, 1996/97; Eastern Canada Chapter - President 1983-84, Bulletin Editor, 1974-75;

Interest in Position: I have served the Division and the Association in a number of different positions and would like an opportunity to continue doing so in a new capacity for which I for which I gained relevant experience by serving as Treasurer of the McGill Association of University Teachers from 1993-1995.

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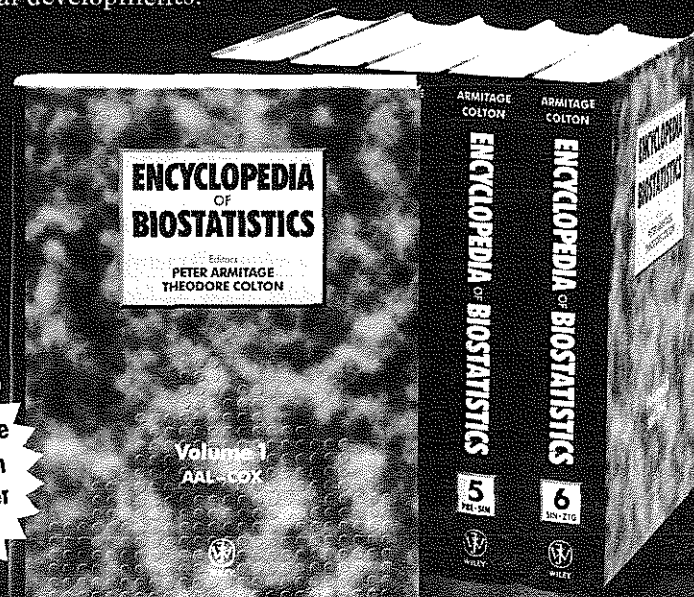
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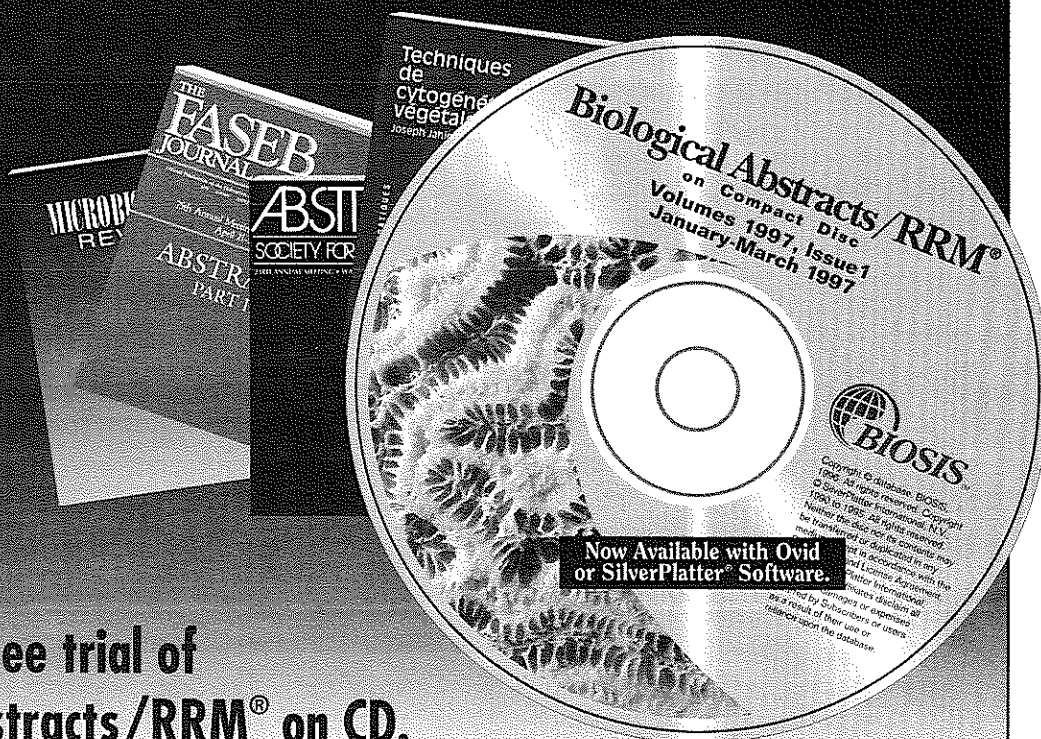
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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Susan C. Curtis
Government Relations Liaison

The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 requires open meetings for government advisory groups. Recently the Animal Legal Defense Fund charged the National Research Council with closing its doors during discussions of a guide to animal care produced by the National Institutes of Health. The National Research Council claims that it is exempt from the law, but the Justice Department has sided with the animal-rights activists. The National Research Council may appeal to the Supreme Court. If it fails to get satisfaction in the courts the National Academy of Science will lobby Congress to get an exemption.

The National Science Foundation's practice of making heavy use of temporary workers, known as IPAs or rotators, has come under scrutiny from the Congress. This year's Senate appropriations bill for NSF requires not only the itemization of salaries and benefits paid to NSF staff, but also for those individuals employed under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA). NSF employs 137 rotators. They comprise approximately one-fourth of its total scientific staff. In contrast, the NIH has only a few IPAs, and gives them far less decision-making authority. Concern is mounting that the IPA program at NSF is draining the agency's program funds since the salaries for the rotators are treated as grants.

India is praising the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for nullifying a patent it granted two years ago for the medicinal uses of tumeric. This may be one of the first cases in which a patent on a Third World traditional folk remedy has been contested and won. Supporters of traditional healing applauded this move to stifle the commercialization of folk medicine.

Public Printer Michael DiMario has announced two appointments. First, Francis J. Buckley, Jr. is recommended to become Superintendent of Documents. Mr. Buckley comes from the library community and has a long history of involvement in federal publication distribution. Between 1968 and 1994 he was with the Detroit Public Library. Most recently he served as director of the Shaker Heights Public Library in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He has served on numerous committees including ALA's Government Documents Round Table, the Legislation Committee, and the Ad Hoc Committee to Form a Coalition on Government Information. He was a member and chair of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. He currently serves as chair of the Inter-Association Working Group on Government Information Policy which was formed to recommend and review proposed changes to Federal laws on information dissemination. Mr. DiMario also announced the appointment of Robert T. Mansker as Deputy Public Printer. Mr. Mansker has served on the Joint Committee on Printing as Minority Staff Director since 1995. Previously he worked as an administrative assistant to several members of the Texas House of Representatives and as press secretary to Congressman Martin Frost.

The Digital Future Coalition is lobbying to educate legislators about the complex issues surrounding protecting copyrighted material online while retaining the existing fair use protections the library community demands. Senator John Ashcroft has introduced S.1146, "The Digital Copyright Clarification and Technology Education Act" based on the recommendations of the Coalition. SLA is urging its membership to support this draft legislation.

The Government Printing Office announced good news for depository library community regarding the privatization of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The journal will once again be distributed through the depository program!

BIOLIFE: STUDENT COLUMN FOR BIOFEEDBACK

David Duggar

Chair, Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee

Ten years can be a long time. It's a decade. It's a symbol of the aging process. We celebrate 30, 40, 50 years of age often with surprise parties or "tricks or gags" thrown by friends or coworkers. A person may spend up to ten years at home to raise children before returning to the workforce fulltime. A person may decide on a career change after ten years at one job. A person may be promoted or tenured after ten years working up the ladder. In these instances it can take longer or be a lot sooner before the person reaches what s/he is looking for: change, success, fulfillment, experience, the feeling of contributing to something significant.

In ten years it will be 2007. SLA is considering many sites for the annual conference that year, one being New Orleans. The Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter, my chapter, averages 100 members each year, which is 50-70 more than the number of students in our Division during a given year. Where will you be in ten years? To be realistic (and sadly told by the numbers), of the 100 members currently in the chapter, some are already retired and a significant number are in their 40's and 50's. Ten to twenty percent of the chapter are students. In ten years, the 100 members will be very different. Those currently retired will be inactive in the chapter; those now in their 50's will be looking strongly at retirement options; the 40's will be the chapter's memory; the 30's will be the standbys to step in when the going gets rough; the 20's will be the life blood holding offices, running programs, and trying to encourage the new 20's to join SLA and be a professional through active participation by holding offices and working on committees. The new 20's are brand new faces, eager to change the world and looking for their niche.

Right now, you are our new 20's. You may be 30, 40, or 50 years old but you are just starting librarianship after undergoing a job change or decision to re-enter the workforce. You are our new blood and we need you to join the profession by taking an active role. Yes, your first ten years will be a time to find your niche, to change from reference to cataloger to solo, from government to corporate to academic, from specialist to generalist to archivist. But during those ten years you will be called and asked to give your input and time and accept the transition from a new face to an active body.

At year one you are a "blank slate" but at year ten you are an "authority". Start to take part now so that you can pass on your knowledge and passions to those who will be knocking at the door in ten years.

Start today by sharing your experiences and expectations. Send me a paragraph, two paragraphs, a page, or even more, to include in this column in the next issue of BIOFEEDBACK. Talk about what classes are advisable to take, what continuing education you found useful, conference experiences, programs of value to you or other students, and items you feel relate to your peers. BioLife is where we want to hear from you, our 20's.

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You can email your column contributions to me at ddugga@lsu-mc.edu or mail to: David Duggar, LSUMC-S Library, PO Box 33932, Shreveport, LA 71130-3932. I'll submit anything you send for the column and if time-dated will post to BSDNET-L. Or post it yourself to BSDNET-L and if let me know if it can be reprinted in BIOFEEDBACK. For the Division to help you during your first ten years, we need to know what you need. Speak out and let us hear your voice. For in ten years you will be the one helping the new students in our Division and SLA.

BLSD LIAISONS TO SLA STUDENT CHAPTERS AND LIBRARY SCHOOLS

David Duggar

Chair, Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee

WANTED: BLSD Liaisons with SLA student chapters or library schools

Mission: To spread information and promote biological sciences librarianship as a career to those in and considering going in to library school

Objectives: Help encourage students to contribute news and information to BioLife, the student column of Biofeedback

Ensure that notices sent by the Division were actually distributed to the students

Give support to students to request more help from the Division (i.e. request for mentors, speakers at a student program on campus, etc.)

Give encouragement to students to take a greater role in the Division.

Note: All of these things could be done by phone calls to the student chapter library school professor, dean/director, or chapter officers. It would be nice if the liaison could physically visit the school or chapter at some point, but the voice of a professional in the same town (or nearby town) may help a lot more than Student Relations Committee members who live five states (or more) away.

If interested, send the following information to: David Duggar, Chair, Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee, BLSD, SLA, LSUMC-S Library, PO Box 33932, Shreveport, LA 71130-3932 or ddugga@lsu-mc.edu or fax (318) 675- 5442.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and/or email: _____

Student Chapter/Library School wish to be Liaison to: _____





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BSDNET-L List Owner

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Please let me know if you have any questions,
Alesia McManus
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North Carolina State University
(919) 515-2936
alesia_mcmanus@ncsu.edu

MEDICAL SECTION NEWS

David Duggar
Chair, Medical Section


Last issue was very BIG on the Medical Section, so I'll try to be brief. We exist! Join!

I have sent a request to SLA HQ for a list of the signers of the Medical Division petition to invite them to our Section and Division. Our Section is growing, and we have a number of new members. Please welcome to our Section not only our newest members but a few who joined at the end of the 1996-97 year:

Valori Banfi	Barbara E. Benisch	Joanne M. Berger
Elizabeth R. Bucciarelli	Cheryl A. Capitani	Ximena Chrisagia
Zana C. Etter	Teresa Frydryk	Lindy J. Furlonger
Morgan Gwenwald	Ann E. Koopman	Roslind K. Lett
Anita Loscalzo	Janet Mathers	Martha Nagy
Rebecca A. Schwindeman	Stefan B. Stackhouse	Nancy F. Stimson
Janet Stith	Janet Cooper Weiss	

As many of you know, SLA has a webpage and on this page is a listing of Division Leaders. Our Section is listed under our Division but Section leaders have not been added to the webpages. I have asked SLA to consider doing this. I encourage everyone with access to the world wide web to look at SLA's webpage and send comments to SLA about any errors or things that you think would make it of even better service to you. As of this morning I've sent them four messages about our Division and Section listing and they have already responded with changes!

Indianapolis is racing up to the marker. The flags are being unfurled and stripes and stickers added to the muscle cars. If you've seen the ads comparing these hot racers to regular cars, your brain may have stormed up a few ideas on programs that cross divisions. Mine thought - race cars, racetracks, racing medicine. Anne Marie Malley is chairing our Division's program committee for the Indianapolis conference. The Medical Section will have a business meeting again this year. We will also be listed on a number of Biomedical and Life Sciences Division programs that relate to the health sciences. But don't just look at our Section and Division (of course we want to you attend our programs!), look at Transportation, Science- Technology, Pharmaceuticals, and Environment and Resource Management. Some programs offered by other Divisions may surprise you by relating to the health sciences. And it is not too late yet to suggest an idea for a small program, tour, or cosponsorship for 1998. I am still looking for a close-by library we could visit or use for an open house. If you have suggestions for Minneapolis send them to me and Lorri Zipperer. And if you have ideas for Philadelphia, it really is not too soon to start considering them. We want the Medical Section to be an active and energetic part of your SLA experience. Give us your input. Our engines are roaring and the starting lanes are filling up!



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DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

First Call for 1997/98

Applications accepted until March 15, 1998

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division will give its third Distinguished Member Award at the 1998 annual SLA Conference in Indianapolis. Our Division has many distinguished members and this award gives us opportunity to recognize their many contributions. Please take a few minutes to read the selection criteria and then nominate one of your fellow BLSD members.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The award honors a member who has been active in the Division for at least the past four (4) years.
2. Particular attention will be given to contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.
3. The following broad criteria will govern the selection process:

Nominees must excel in one or more areas:

Outstanding leadership in the Division, at meetings, and/or in committee work.

* Special and notable service to the Division, such as participation in special projects.

* Participation in workshops, seminars, teaching courses, public speaking activities, fund raising.

* Publications and editorial contributions to Biofeedback and/or the professional literature.

* Innovations in the work place.

* Mentoring activities, which result in publicity and acclaim for the profession and/or the Division.

* Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of special librarianship/information science

4. The contributions made by the candidate shall have been made over an extended period of time and shall be deemed to have had an enduring effect on the Division and/or the profession.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the attached nomination form. Attach documentation describing the outstanding professional achievements or contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA and to special librarianship/information sciences. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination, in confidence, with your name, phone number and e-mail address to:

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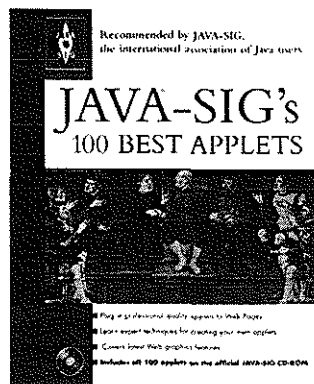
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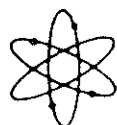


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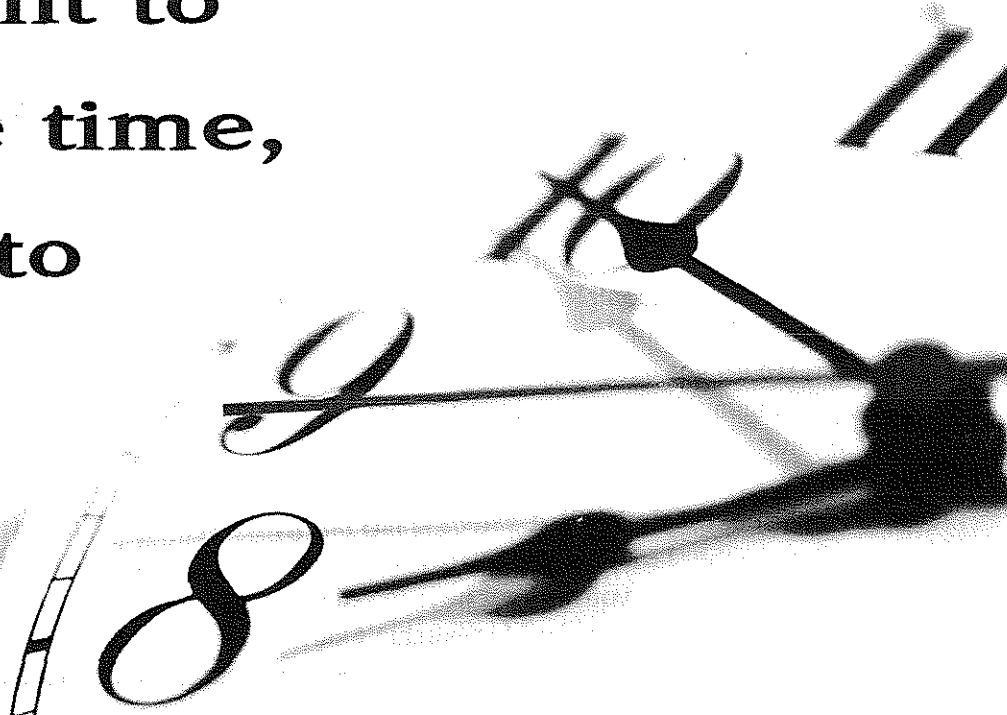
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In addition, the faulty SLA database has not generated reports for new *elective* members of BIO since the start of 1997. So, if you have added BIO to your membership as an elective (extra) Division this year, you will not be listed in the Biofeedback New Members column. In addition, you will not hear from the Membership Committee--because we don't know that you exist! I invite all new BIO elective members to send me your contact information so that we can introduce you to your fellow BIO members.

1998 membership renewal notices are being mailed to members on the January-December membership cycle. Please send in your dues PROMPTLY. Early in 1998 SLA will send the BIO Division an allotment check based on the number of members in the Division as of the end of 1997. Early renewals mean a larger check, which means the Division has more money for its programs and services.

Last but not least, the Membership Committee has revised and updated the BIO Member Brochure. You will find a copy inserted in this issue of Biofeedback.

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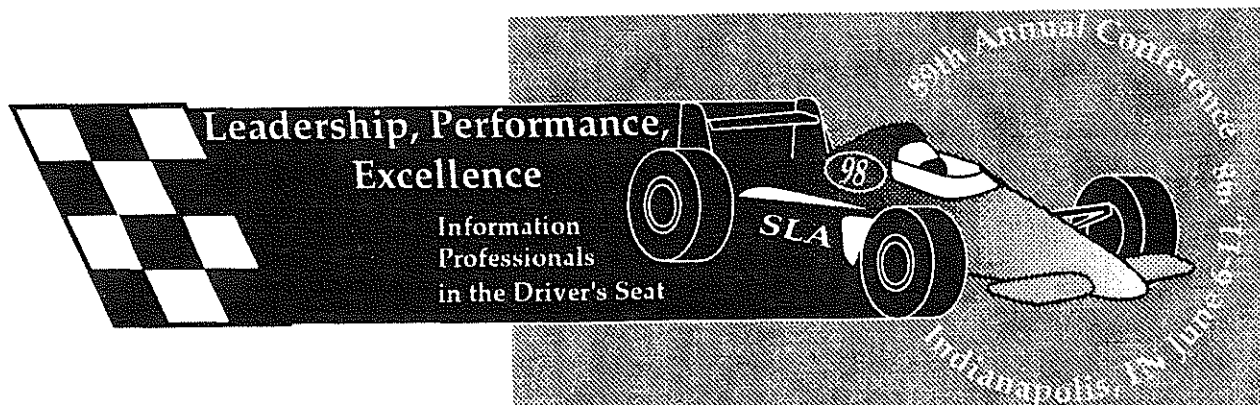
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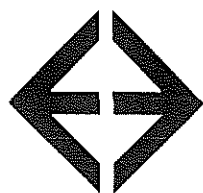
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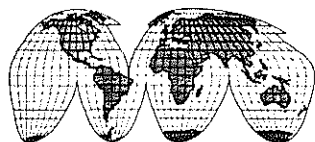




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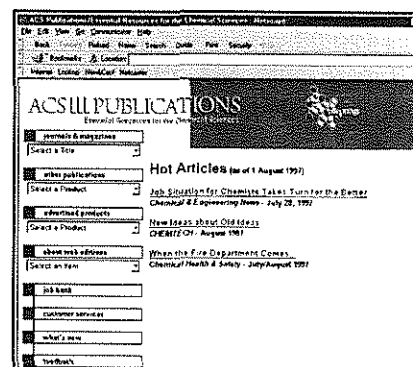
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