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Message From the Chair:

By Laura Osegueda

Happy December to all Division members. I am glad to finally be able to say that, knowing that the majority of our division members will be receiving a notice of the publication of this issue of *Biofeedback*. Thanks to Janet Weiss and Irene Laursen for the changeover of our listserv to SLA.

With the wonderful success of our Toronto conference programs accomplished and the 2005 member survey results tallied, it is time to move on to our goals for 2005-2006. One of my key goals for the upcoming year is to get more new people involved in the division and one of the best ways is to sign up for a committee. In order to accomplish these goals, we still need some volunteers. Feel free to email me at laura_osegueda@ncsu.edu if you have questions about any committee or to volunteer.

Baltimore is right around the corner. John Tebo and his 2006 Program Committee have been working diligently to plan a diverse array of programs, including the return of the popular "Humor your Stress" program. We plan to have more networking opportunities at the conference this year, taking advantage of the Inner Harbor location for the Medical Section reception and the proximity of the National Aquarium for a behind the scenes tour. I plan to work closely with the strategic planning group formed by the past chair, Peggy Jones, to assure that the division is serving the needs and desires of our members.

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Announcements

New Division Listserv

By Janet Cooper Weiss, Chair-Elect

Breaking News! The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division has a new discussion list. sla-dbio was opened for business in mid-November, and all current members of the Division were automatically added. We hope that you will use the new list to post jobs, ask for help with reference questions, and communicate with other division members.

Posting to the list:

- By email: sla-dbio@lists.sla.org
- Over the Web: http://lists.sla.org/cgi-bin2/admin_lyris.pl?enter=sla-dbio

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Systems Thinking Perspectives: project update

By Lorri Zipperer

The Systems Thinking Perspectives: Innovation in Knowledge and Information Delivery Web site – hosted by the BioMed Division and funded by a 2004 SLA Endowment Fund grant -- was launched in June of 2005.

It builds on a CE courses on Systems Thinking presented in Nashville and Toronto and is slated to inform future sessions in Baltimore and Denver by SLA members who have embraced the concept and its application to information work. Over 70 individuals have taken the online version of the unique assessment (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=88692854536>) to help the project coordinators, Lorri Zipperer (Zipperer Project Management) and Jan Sykes (Information Management Services, Inc), create benchmarks and draw conclusions on our profession's acceptance and application of systems thinking behaviors in the work place. Analysis of the results thus far and other topical discussions are taking place on the project blog (<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Systems/blog.htm>)

Zipperer and Sykes will be contacting BioMed members via email in the fall of 2005 to gauge response to the site via a short survey. They seek to understand the site material's effectiveness as a motivator to gain and share the information profession's knowledge of, and experience with, systems thinking. In addition, they plan to hold a conference call before the end of the year with interested Division members to discuss the site. What is learned through these outreach measures will enhance future

applications of the assessment tool and site expansion. The team has already been approached by librarians who wish to use it in their own institutions to further learning and generate behavior change and team development from a systems perspective.

To learn more about the project, visit the Web site at: <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Systems/> or email Lorri Zipperer lorri@zpm1.com for more information or if you are interested in participating in the conference call.

Medical Section Update

*By Bonnie Stephenson, Medical Section
Chair*

Save The Date – June 15, 2006 Baltimore Annual Meeting

If you are planning on attending the annual SLA meeting in Baltimore next year (June 9 – 16, 2006), mark your calendars to save this date: Thursday, June 15, 2006. Here is your chance to see two of the greatest institutions in the world. The DBIO division and the Medical Section will be leading an all day field trip from Baltimore to the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

A bus will transport the group from Baltimore to NLM and NIH, about a one-hour ride. We will receive a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the NLM operations, including the History of Medicine room. NIH will provide us with an opportunity to view their new exhibit on Forensic Medicine. You do not need to be a division member to attend, so encourage your

colleagues to join you on this trip. Lunch and round-trip transportation are provided in the ticket price of \$50.00 per person.

This will be a ticketed event, which requires designating your request at the time you make your conference reservations and pay your fees. Don't be disappointed...register early to assure you have a ticket to this great event. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Medical Section Chair, Bonnie Stephenson, stephenb@questdiagnostics.com, or 949-728-4689.

are now available from <http://www.mlanet.org/education/institute/>; check the Web site frequently for application information.

That's it for now. Check back in the next issue of Biofeedback for highlights from the 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship, MLA's Southern Chapter Annual Conference, and possibly for news on programs for the Annual Conference in May 2006 in Phoenix.

MLA Liaison Report

By Michele Tennant, Liaison to the Medical Library Association

Dear DBIO Members,
As your new liaison to the Medical Library Association, I am pleased to begin reporting on MLA events in *Biofeedback*. However, I'm a little apprehensive – Claudia Lascar's shoes will be difficult to fill!

Here's what's new:
MLA's Professional Development Committee is currently accepting ideas for continuing education courses and symposia to be held at the MLA annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, 18-23 May 2007. Visit <http://www.mlanet.org/education/amcourses.html> to submit your ideas; deadline is 5 January 2006.

MLA has developed a "CE Institute on Web-based Instruction". Sixteen MLA-approved CE instructors will be chosen to attend the institute, and learn how to transform their "live" CE courses to web-based ones. Goals, objectives, and faculty



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BECOME A DIVISION LEADER: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 2005/2006 Nominations and Elections Committee of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the offices of **Chair-Elect** and **Treasurer**. Those elected will begin serving in 2007.

The term span for the Chair-Elect is three years (Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair). For the Treasurer, it is two years.

The **Chair-Elect** is Chair of the Fund Development Committee and raises funds to support programs at the Annual Conference for the Chair-Elect year. In addition to the Annual Conferences, the Chair-Elect is expected to attend the Winter Leadership Summits for the years that s/he is Chair-Elect and Chair to represent the Division in Cabinet and attend leadership training. The Division's Chair-Elect and Chair detailed descriptions of duties are located at <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/index.html>

The **Treasurer** serves as a member of the Division's Executive Board, is responsible for all the Division financial records and for preparing and submitting the Division's annual Financial Report. Detailed description of Division Treasurer duties is found at <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/treas.htm>

Questions about these positions may be sent to Ruth Gustafson, the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at ragustafson@ucdavis.edu

Nominations (including self-nominations) may be sent to any of the 2005-2006 Nominations and Elections Committee members:

Ruth Gustafson, Chair	ragustafson@ucdavis.edu
David Duggar	DDugga@lsuhsc.edu
John Sisson	jsisson@uci.edu

Diversity Leadership Development Award

Nomination Deadline is January 4, 2006

The Diversity Leadership Development Program (DLDP) Committee would like to invite nominations for the Diversity Leadership Development Award.

Two of the committee's goals are to help accelerate the advancement and visibility of members who represent a diverse population of the Association by mentoring them for more leadership opportunities within the Special Libraries Association and to ensure that the Association remains vital, relevant, and representative of its diverse membership. This award provides \$1000 to attend the SLA National Conference in Baltimore, complimentary conference registration and an assigned mentor to help candidates understand the roles and mechanics of SLA leadership.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must have been a member of SLA for at least 2 years.
- Applicants are eligible based on SLA's definition of diversity, which includes but not exclusive to, race, ethnicity, physical abilities, religious beliefs and/or sexual orientation.
- Applicant must have between 3-10 years of professional library information experience.
- Applicant cannot be a current SLA Diversity Leadership Development Committee member.

Only applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements [at the time of application] are submitted to the DLDP Committee for award consideration.

If you know of someone who meets these eligibility requirements, please encourage them to apply. Up to five winners are chosen each year. This is a wonderful opportunity to network and gain leadership skills!

The application deadline is January 4, 2006. For more information and the application form, please see:

<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/awardsrecognition/awardsdescriptions/dlpnomform/index.cfm>

Last Year's Winners were:

David Lisario (2004)
Tamika Barnes McCollough (2004)
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Matildah Misengo Sakala (2004)

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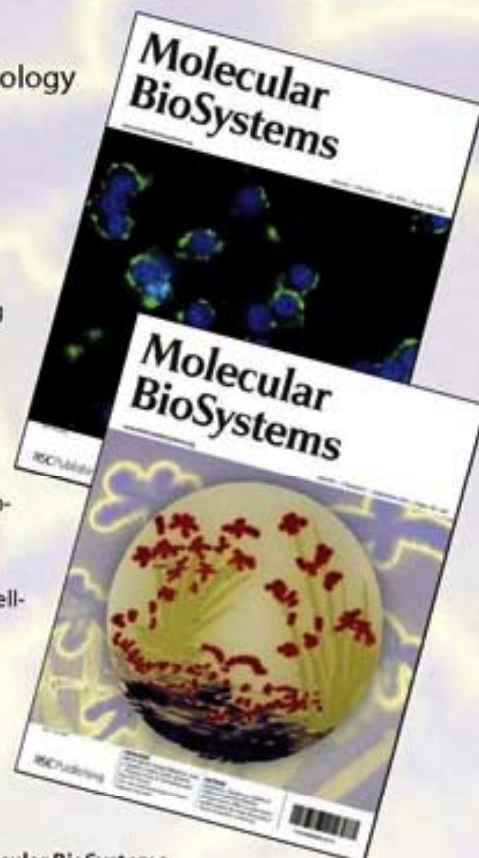
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Book Review

Bioimaging in Neurodegeneration

Edited by Patricia A. Broderick, David N. Rahni and Edwin H. Kolodny,
313 pages, \$165.00
Totowa, New Jersey: Humana Press, 2005
ISBN: 1-59259-888-9

Reviewed by Claudia Lascar

Neurodegenerative disorders are characterized by progressive damage or death of neurons leading to a gradual deterioration of the bodily functions controlled by the affected part of the nervous system. Neurological disorders of different etiology may cause identical clinical symptoms requiring additional diagnostic procedures for a precise differential diagnosis. Brain imaging offers a noninvasive, or minimally invasive, *in vivo* technology to assess the physiological and pathological changes in the central nervous system. This recently published book, *Bioimaging in Neurodegeneration*, highlights the current status of interventional and intraoperative brain imaging techniques with special emphasis on novel modalities. In the preface the editors explain the aim of this work is to “bring together neurodegeneration with bio- and neuroimaging technologies that actually enable diagnosis and treatment.”

The book is organized into four sections that are further subdivided into a total of 23 multi-author chapters. Most of the authors are from research centers in the U.S., but a few are from Canada, Italy, the U.K.,

Netherlands, Belgium, and Japan. All authors are experts in this field. The text has been edited by three of the authors.

The book opens with a remarkable first report of imaging nitrous oxide anesthesia in living tissues with the Broderick Probe. This technology offers the promise for selective nano- and microimaging nitrous oxide during surgical interventions. The first section of the book reviews the relative abilities of magnetic resonance (MR) imaging, proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS), positron emission tomography (PET), and single photon emission tomography (SPECT) to detect Parkinson's disease and monitor its progression. The authors allude to the growth in application of PET and SPECT to differentiate between the various neurodegenerative disorders. PET imaging plays also an important role in assessing clinical improvements in fetal tissue transplantation.

The second section of the book expands on imaging techniques used in the diagnosis, treatment, and research of Alzheimer's disease. Many tools, such as electron microscopy (EM), atomic force microscopy (AFM), surface plasmon resonance (SPR), nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), circular dichroism CD spectroscopy, electron spin resonance (ESR), and fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET), add to our understanding of the biophysical and biological properties of the amyloid beta peptide. This protein is central to the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's dementia. The feasibility of amyloid tracers for PET to quantify and monitor dementia progression has been demonstrated. The therapeutic

efficacy of MR-based volumetry remains to be tested.

The third section of the book discusses the role of functional bioimaging techniques in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of epilepsies. Intraoperative MRI (iMRI) is increasingly used for guiding, monitoring, and controlling curative surgical procedures. Cutting edge imaging modalities, such as neuromolecular imaging (NMI) and intrinsic optical signal (IOS), hold the promise of powerful intraoperative techniques for brain mapping.

The fourth section covers imaging modalities in leukodystrophies, inherited neurodegenerative disorders that affect the myelin development. MRI has proven invaluable for the identification, localization, and characterization of the white-matter features, although spectra are not specific to a particular disease. MRS, perfusion MR imaging, diffusion tensor imaging (DTI), and magnetization transfer imaging (MTI) have the potential for better characterization of histopathological changes caused by each syndrome.

It is a daunting task to provide a compendium of the current bioimaging knowledge on a large group of disorders that have heterogeneous clinical and pathological expressions. The editors have fulfilled this task admirably. The illustrations accurately portray the subject matter and are also available on a companion CD. *Bioimaging in Neurodegeneration* may prove helpful to a wide audience of neuroradiologists, radiologists, neurologic surgeons and neurologists, as well as psychiatrists and other clinicians with an active interest in this field. I would strongly recommend it to biomedical libraries.

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Virtual Seminar Set for 7 December, 2:00–3:30 p.m. EST/19:00–20:30 GMT

Companies' risk from violating copyright laws has spiked with the burgeoning use of electronic communications and corporate Intranets. Copyright is a strict liability statute—neither ignorance nor inadvertence reduces a company's liability. How can library, information, data, and knowledge management professionals help their organizations mitigate or manage risk and avoid costly mistakes?

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is presenting "Copyright for the Corporate Librarian: The Importance and Consequences of Copyright Issues in the Digital Environment." The SLA Virtual Learning Series seminar is scheduled for 7 December, 2:00–3:30 p.m. EST/19:00–20:30 GMT. The speaker is Laura N. "Lolly" Gasaway, law library director and law professor at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

The fee is US\$109 for SLA members and US\$159 for non-members. The number of participants at each site is not limited. The average number is about 10 participants per site.

Recorded "replays" should be available by 9 December. Replays include an Internet link to the audio and video components of the seminar, a PDF of the handout, and 30 days of unlimited usage. The replay fee is US\$69 for SLA members and US\$119 for non-members.

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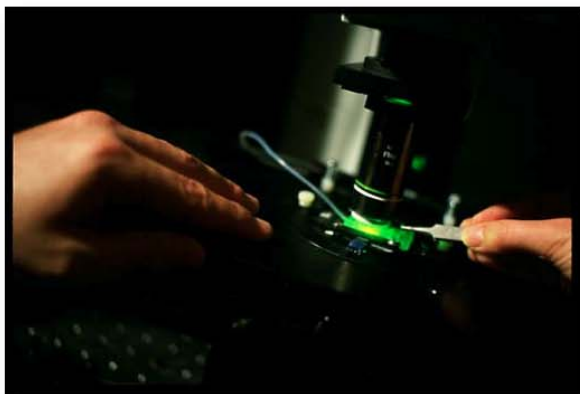
For more information or to register for "Copyright for the Corporate Librarian: The Importance and Consequences of Copyright Issues in the Digital Environment" go to the seminar page. (<http://www.sla.org/content/learn/learnmore/distance/2005virtsem/120705vls/index.cfm>)

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Member News

Kudos

(A column featuring and honoring our colleagues in the SLA Biomedical and Life Sciences Division)

By Claudia Lascar, Public Relations Committee Chair

It is with great pleasure that we announce the awards, achievements, announcements, and accolades of our members: **Eugene Garfield, Judith Kammerer, Lucy Rowland, Michele Tennant, and Lorri Zipperer.**

Dr. Eugene Garfield, pioneer in the field of bibliometrics, celebrated his 80th birthday on September 16, 2005.

A Happy Belated Birthday Wish to Dr. Garfield, and Many Happy Returns!

Judy Kammerer, Library Director, Dr. William C Herrick Community Health Care Library, Grossmont Healthcare District, La Mesa, CA, was awarded the National Library of Medicine 2005 Fellowship in BioMedical Informatics. This Fellowship is directed at medical educators, medical librarians, medical administrators, and young faculty “to become familiar with the conceptual and technical components of medical informatics.” Applications are reviewed for admission on a competitive basis. Fellows received full benefits to participate in a weeklong survey of lectures and hands-on computer exercises at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. The fall session, taught by nationally known faculty, was

held from September 25 through October 1, 2005. Judy hopes to learn the ways in which new technology can be used to better serve the health information needs of consumers living in both rural and urban communities.

Judy has a B.A. in Sociology from University of California, San Diego, and an M.A. in Communicative Disorders from San Diego State University. After twenty-five years as a medical transcriptionist, medical editor, and educator, she decided to change her career. Judy entered the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University distance education program in August 2001. She received her M.L.I.S. in December 2003. That same month she was hired by Grossmont Healthcare District to be the Library Director of the Dr. William C. Herrick Community Health Care Library. The Library is a comprehensive consumer health library that is free, open to the public, and accessible via the Internet, at www.herricklibrary.org.

Judy was also successful in applying for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine 2005-2006 Express Outreach Award for a Health Information Outreach Project. Judy’s project, “Creating Rural Networks in the Grossmont Healthcare District” will facilitate access to health information for rural residents. This program will focus on training public health nurses and public branch librarians from East San Diego County to find reliable consumer health resources. The nurses will have customized prescription pads that they can use to point patients to first-rate online health information. Judy has been co-editor of the

SLA San Diego *Chapter Bulletin* since January 2004.

Judy exemplifies a new breed of librarian who is proactive in the process of re-tooling and transformation to meet the challenges of emerging information technologies. She is focused on her organization's mission and demonstrates value-added and innovative approaches to the delivery of consumer health information

Lucy Rowland, Head, Science Collections & Research Facilities, University of Georgia (UGA) Libraries, has been selected to be included in the *Marquis Who's Who in America*, the landmark 60th Diamond Anniversary Edition, for the third consecutive time. *The Marquis Who's Who* is compiled from self-completion questionnaires submitted by individuals. The editorial staff of this publication will carefully evaluate the biographical information, using more than 80 proprietary standards. The process assures that only outstanding individuals are selected.

Lucy graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, with a B.S. in Biology/Zoology, a minor in Chemistry (1969), and an M.S. in Microbiology (1972). She began her career as a microbiologist at UGA, and was involved in research and publishing activities. Lucy left the laboratory environment, using her specialized expertise to secure a career path in one of the largest academic and research libraries in the country. She made this career move in 1975 to become the Subject Specialist in Biological Sciences for the UGA Libraries. Upon completion of her M.L.S. from University of Maryland, College Park, Lucy was appointed Head, Science Collections and Research Facilities,

UGA Libraries. She wears multiple hats as the Biomedical and Life Sciences Bibliographer and the Head of the Veterinary Medical Branch Library and Map Library. She also supervises libraries at Sapelo Island Marine Institute, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, Tifton Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, and Agricultural Experiment Stations at Griffin and Tifton. Trying to juggle many different roles and responsibilities might create physical and mental exhaustion for many people, but Lucy thrives in such a challenging environment. She has a strong personal identification and moral purpose to make a difference in her university, her profession, and in the lives of others. Lucy's favorite Woody Allen quote, "80% of success in life is showing up", depicts her positive attitude and common sense in dealing with job complexity. She is a professional who embraces and adapts to change with determination and optimism. Lucy is a true leader in the field of academic librarianship. She displays the characteristics, behaviors, talent, and passion recognized by Wittenborg, as being important in a leader. "The leaders I most admire are visionaries, risk takers, good collaborators and communicators, mentors, and people with uncommon passion and persistence. They have personal integrity, they are assertive and ambitious for their organizations, they are optimists even in bad times, they think broadly and keep learning, and they build relationships and communities. They bring energy and a sense of fun to their work, they are opportunistic and flexible, and they are not easily deterred" (Wittenborg, 2003).

Following are some highlights of Lucy's career. Lucy served on several important committees at UGA, both in the Library department and university-wide, such as: Libraries Faculty Advisory Board (1984-88, 1994-97); Libraries Department Heads

Group (1984-); Medical College of Georgia, School of Nursing, MSN Program Advisory Committee (1986-90); College of Veterinary Medicine, Educational Resources and Computer Advisory Committee (1991-); Student Learning Center User Group (1998-2003); Committee on Research and the Undergraduate Experience (1999-2001); and several accreditation SACS Self Study Committees (1988-1990, 2000). Lucy has been successful in balancing institutional commitments with external professional activities. She has been active in many professional organizations, such as: American Society for Microbiology (1969-), New York Academy of Sciences (1984-), American Planning Association (1988-1998, 2000-), Congress for the New Urbanism (1998-), Special Libraries Association (1989-), Council for European Urbanism (2003-), and International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture, and Urbanism (2003-). She participated in project planning activities for SLA as member of the National Program Planning Committee (1998-2000). Lucy's professional commitment to the SLA, Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is demonstrated by her tireless years of service and significant contributions. She served as Division Chair (1995-1996), Division Conference Planner, and Program Convener (1996), Bylaws Committee, Chair (1996-1998), Nominations and Elections Committee, Chair (1998-1999), Chair and Co-founder, Contributed Papers Session, (1994), Awards Committee, Chair (2000-2001), Awards Committee, Member (1998-2000); and Liaison to SLA International Relations Committee (2002-2004, 2005-2007). Lucy was instrumental in establishing the Medical Section (1996), the adoption of a new scope note, and new name for the Division (1997). In recognition for her "extraordinary leadership", "intellect and strength", "integrity and courage", and "for

her ability to see the picture whole and to see the picture clear", Larry Kelland, Division Chair, presented her with the 1998 Distinguished Member Award (Kelland, 1998). According to Larry, "for three intense years she worked tirelessly to articulate the strengths of the Division, the wisdom of keeping it whole and the centrality of health science librarians to both. Working respectfully within the authorized framework and drawing on her expert knowledge of organizational structures and procedures, she was instrumental in retaining coherency for the life sciences within the Association and in the founding of the Medical Section. She was the driving force in changing the Division's name and in revising the Division's scope note to make explicit its broad interests and future directions. The vitality evident in today's Division is in no small way owing to her sustained efforts and unflagging belief in the value of our community" (*ibid*).

Lucy is a proponent of patient safety in health care as a long-standing member of the Communications Committee of the National Patient Safety Foundation (1997-). The Foundation's mission is to "improve measurably patient safety in the delivery of healthcare by its efforts to identify and create a core body of knowledge; identify pathways to apply the knowledge; develop and enhance the culture of receptivity to patient safety; raise public awareness and foster communication about patient safety."

Lucy is a strong exponent of the new urbanism movement, a community design philosophy that advocates for regional planning and the balanced development of jobs and housing. She is the founder, owner, and moderator of *Pro-Urb: The Practice of New Urbanism* Listserv, (1999-). Lucy is also the editor of the *The New Urban Post*, which publishes the best of the online

discussions about new urbanism, exploring a specific topic in depth, in eight to twelve pages, with each new issue (2001--). She is also co-chair of the Education Task Force of the Congress for the New Urbanism (2004-).

Lucy's achievements as evidence of her need to perform the very best, render Oliver Cromwell's remark, "*He* who stops being better, stops being good", narrow, insidious, and in need of paraphrasing.

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Dr. Michele Tennant, the Bioinformatics Librarian, Health Science Center Libraries and University of Florida Genetics Institute, University of Florida-Gainesville, taught an invited class "Molecular Biology and Genetics for Librarians", at the 9th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML 9) September 20-23, 2005, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. In addition, Michele gave a presentation and poster at this international meeting.

Tennant, Michele R. and Mary-Jo Koroly. A library-based bioinformatics program for

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Lorri Zipperer launched a new blog, *Patient Safety: Focus on Information and Knowledge Transfer* on September 16, 2005. Lori's purpose for creating this blog is "to facilitate a multidisciplinary opportunity for the sharing of stories, successes and tools that illustrate the importance of effective information and knowledge delivery in patient safety." This initiative represents another concerted effort to facilitate an open discussion of patient safety issues.

Lorri is the principal at Zipperer Project Management in Evanston, Illinois. She earned an M.A. in Library & Information Science from Northern Illinois University in 1991 and has been in the information field for over two decades, the majority of which has been focused on the delivery of health care information. She has embraced a non-traditional library career path, which requires a high level of creativity, flexibility, and willingness to adapt to rapid change. She is a fine example of a 21st-Century librarian who thinks "outside the box." Through a combination of education,

research and consultancy activities, Lorri has accumulated considerable practical experience and expertise on patient safety, knowledge management, systems thinking, and publication and content creation.

Lorri was a founding staff member of the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF). NPSF was launched in 1996 to improve health care safety by studying why accidents in the health care system occur and implementing safeguards to prevent such failures from injuring patients. Lorri served as managing editor for the NPSF's on-line quarterly newsletter, *Focus on Patient Safety*, from its very first issue, Winter 1997, to the Summer 2000 issue. In 2002 she returned to NPSF and continues in the same capacity to the present day. Each issue of *Focus* contains useful articles drawing from a wide range of issues and current patient safety events. Editorial emphasis of this publication is placed on maintaining a diverse range of views from different expert groups. Lorri also launched and moderated for several years the NPSF's discussion list, Patientsafety-L.

Lorri is currently serving as the managing cybrarian for the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHRQ)-funded speciality portal, *AHRQ Patient Safety Network (PSNet)*. *PSNet* was launched on April 12, 2005.

Lorri has recognized the important role medical and public librarians could play in fostering communication and collaboration with clinicians and nursing staff to raise public awareness of patient safety issues. She expressed her opinions in print in *Journal of Hospital Librarianship* (2002), *Nursing Economics* (2003), *MLA News* (2003), *Journal of the Medical Library Association* (2004), *Information Outlook* (2005), *Quality and Safety in Health Care* (2004), and *Consumer Connections* (2004).

She also delivered presentations on this subject, most recently at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Special Library Association, in Toronto, Canada.

Together with Roxanne Goetz, cofounder of Consumers Advancing Patient Safety (CAPS), Lorri worked with Linda Walton, Associate Director, Galter Health Sciences Library, Northwestern University, to develop the Partnering for Patient Empowerment (PPECA) program. PPECA is the first community partnership involving a public library and a healthcare institution.

Lorri introduced "systems thinking" to the library field as the premise for advancing knowledge management (KM) in our organizations. KM represents a significant change in the way organizations manage people, processes, and information. In 1998 Lorri published an article, "Librarians in evolving corporate roles", in *Information Outlook*. In it she identified many positions of applicable experience for librarians in the corporate structure. The dynamics of the global economy place a premium on organizational knowledge, and libraries' role as a junction of external and internal information is critical to operational activities. Peter Senge, founder of the Center for Organizational Learning at MIT's Sloan School of Management, advanced the "system thinking" concept in his seminal book "The Fifth Discipline" (1990). Senge's framework was very different than the traditional forms of analysis, being structured around "personal mastery," "mental models," "shared vision," and "team learning." Together with Sara Tomson and Rebecca Corliss, Lorri developed a continuing education course, "Systems Thinking for Librarians". This course was first presented at the June 2004 SLA Annual Conference in Nashville on behalf of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. It

was so well received that it was offered again in June of 2005 in Toronto. Moreover, in late 2004, Lorri and Jan Sykes received an SLA Endowment Fund Grant to study the relationship between systems thinking concepts and *Competencies for Special Librarians of the 21st Century* (see reference). According to Lorri and Jan, the objective of the Systems Thinking Perspective Project and Web site is “to help information professionals more effectively impact their respective organizations by heightening their awareness of the myriads of interactions that are at play in what may, on the surface, appear to be fairly straightforward transactions”, The Web site offers “a self-assessment to determine behavior that supports or detracts from “systemsness” with an online component to collect benchmarking data to learn where our profession sits on the systems thinking scale, a crosswalk to literature and SLA competencies that support systems behavior, and a blog to allow for sharing of stories and experiences”.

Lorri’s professional appointments within the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division include Medical Section, Chair (1998/1999), Director (2001-2003), Publication Committee, Chair (2001-2005), Program Committee, Member (2001/2002, 2000/2001, 1999/2000), and Long Range Planning Task Force, Member (2000-2001). She also serves on the steering committee for the Chicago Patient Safety Forum. Lorri has just completed a term as a 2004-2005 Patient Safety Leadership Fellow where she explored how information and knowledge transfer behaviors affect an organization’s ability to learn.

Here were some of the most creative ways of thinking that made Lorri a leader and innovator in the library field. She has clearly demonstrated that “thinking outside the box” means coming up with creative

ways to solve problems. Lorri deserves our admiration and respect.

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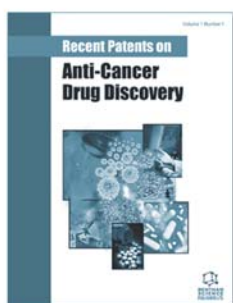
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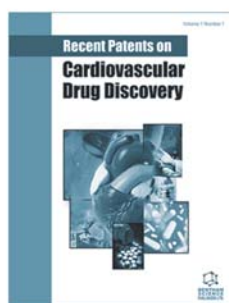
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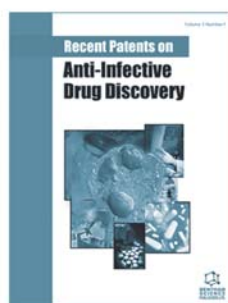
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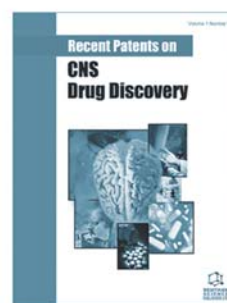
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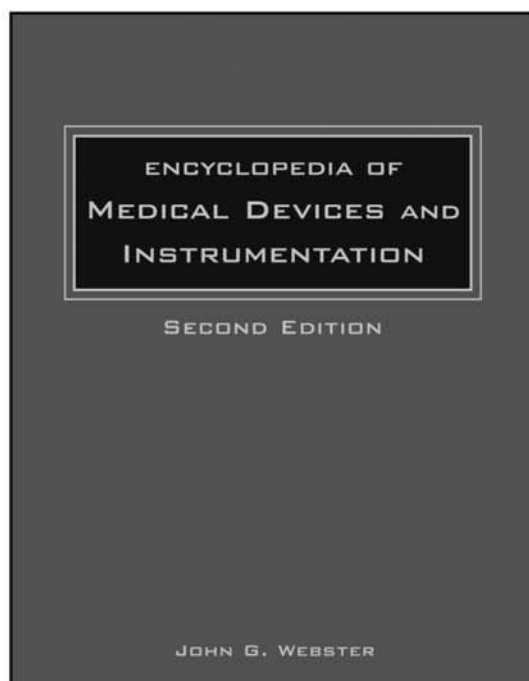
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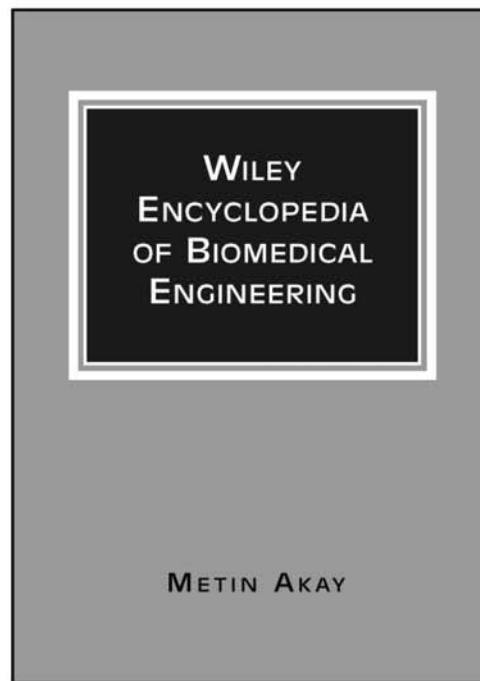
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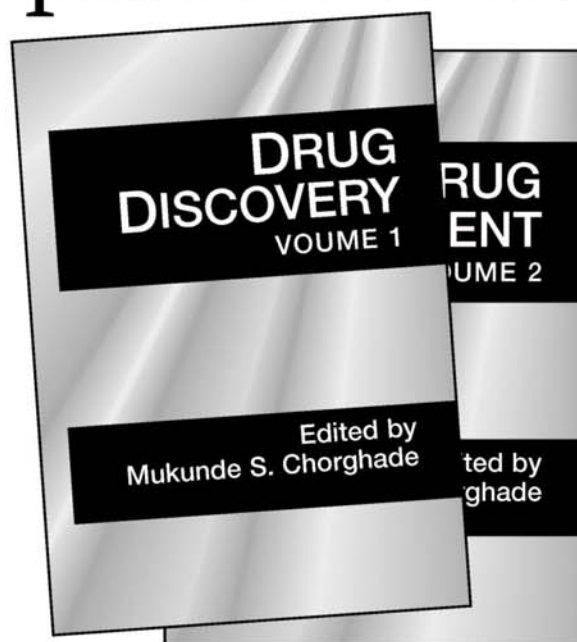
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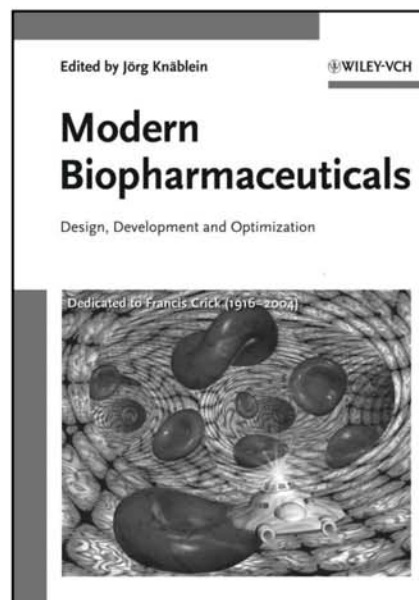
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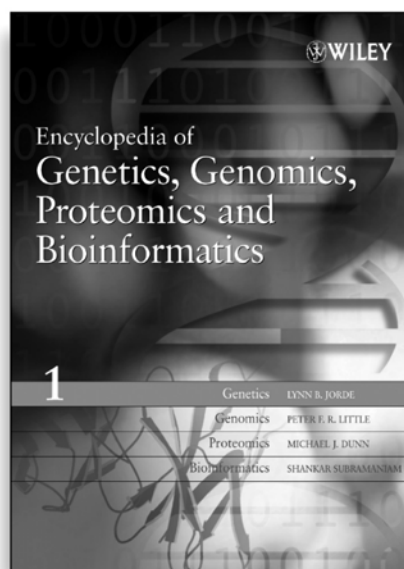
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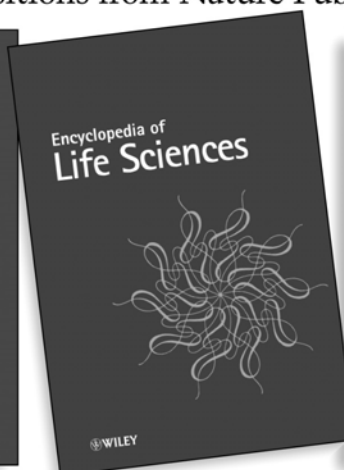
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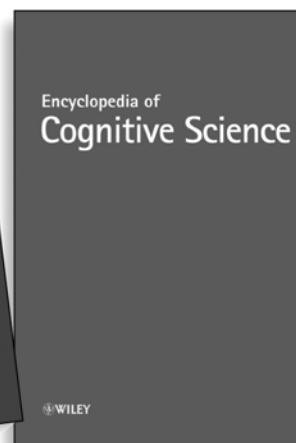
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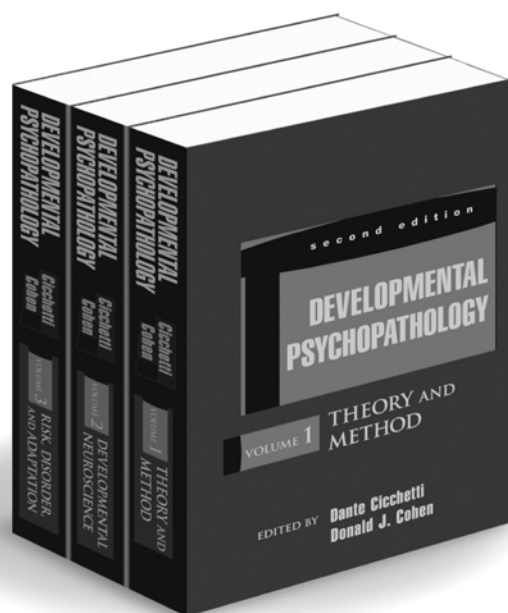
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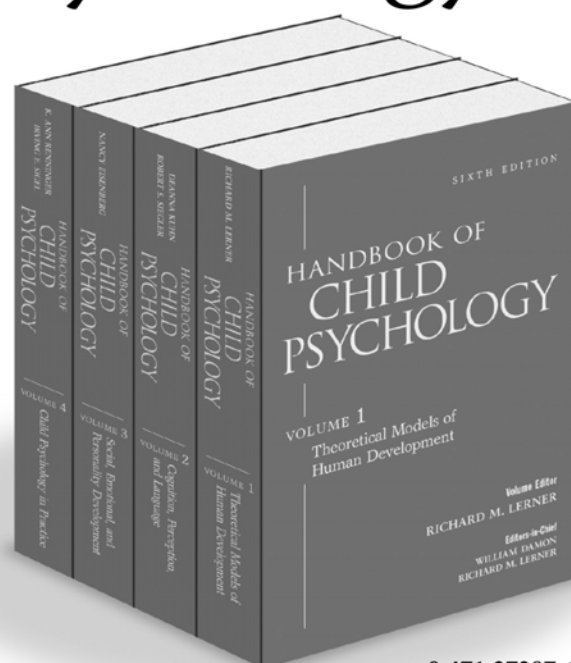
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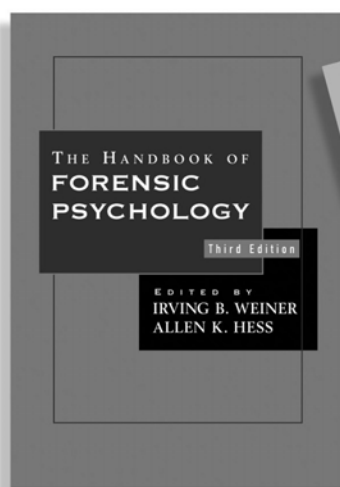
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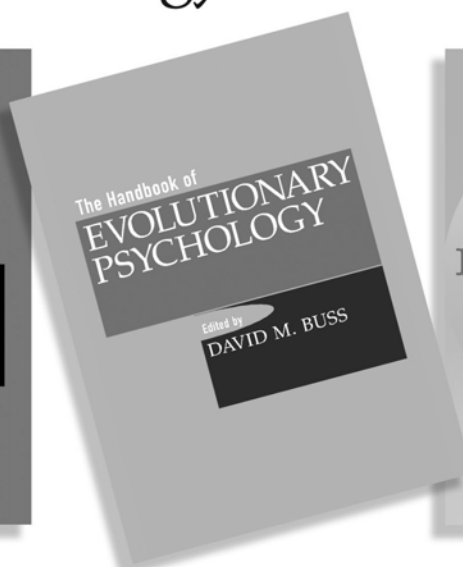
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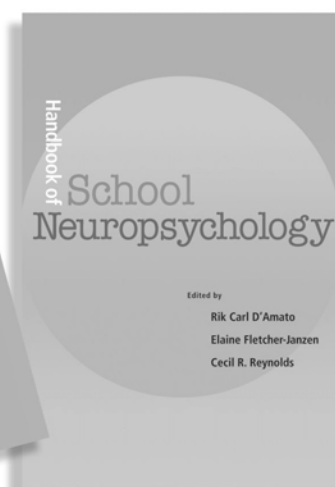
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