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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Judy Wojcik

The Annual Conference in Minneapolis is almost here! The Fund Development Committee raised \$6500, the Vendor Relations Committee raised \$1000, and the Medical Section raised \$500 for our Minneapolis programs. That is a record total of \$7500 in sponsorship!! The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division wants to thank each of our sponsors for their wonderful support:

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Come join the fun in Minneapolis, June 5th through June 10th! Here's a quick overview of our programs:

6/6/99 Sunday 9 AM-11 AM
Continental Breakfast/Roundtable
Discussion with Majors, Elsevier
Science, CISTI and BIOSIS

6/7/99 Monday Noon -1:15 PM
Another Winner's Circle of Science Sites

6/7/99 Monday 1:30 PM-2:45 PM
Superfish and Tolerant Corn: Transgenic
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Roundtable

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WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON *BIOFEEDBACK*!

Judy Wojcik
BLSD, Chair

Do you eagerly await the arrival of your issues of *Biofeedback* in your mailbox? Did you know that you can read *Biofeedback* on the division's Web page? Here's the address:
<http://nucleus.cshl.org/CSHLlib/BLSD> How would you feel if the newsletter went **TOTALLY ELECTRONIC**? You would no longer receive a paper copy, but you could read the electronic bulletin via the Internet. The Executive Board will be discussing issues relating to *Biofeedback* in Minneapolis, and I really need member feedback on the idea of a totally electronic newsletter. Please e-mail me at jwojcik@hprhs.com and tell me if you want to continue receiving a paper copy of *Biofeedback* or if you would be just as happy reading it on the Web. Thank you very much in advance for each one of your comments !

The primary reasons for going totally electronic are that it would significantly reduce cost in terms of printing and postage, and it would reduce labor in terms of preparing *Biofeedback* for printing and distribution, but most importantly it would speed up the delivery of the information.

ELECTION RESULTS, 1999

Lucy Rowland
Nominations and Elections Committee, Chair

The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce the following individuals will begin serving their terms on the 1999-2000 Board following the Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis:

Chair-elect	Virginia Lingle
Secretary	John Tebo
Director	Julia Perez

We thank the other candidates, Barb Butler, Tom Turner, and Nancy Kozlowski, for agreeing to run this year as well.

Lucy Rowland, Chair; Barbara Schader; Patricia Yocum

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Patricia Yocum
Chair, 1999-2000 NEC

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division invites nominations for the offices of Chair-elect and Treasurer. Those elected will begin serving after the annual conference in Philadelphia in June 2000.

The obligation for the Chair-elect is three years (Chair-elect, Chair, Past Chair) and for the Treasurer is two years.

Briefly, the duties include:

Chair-elect is Chair of the Fund Development committee and raises funds to support programs at the annual conference the year prior to becoming Chair. In addition to the annual conferences, the Chair-elect is expected to attend Winter conference the years that s/he is Chair-elect and Chair to represent the Division in Cabinet and to attend DACOLT.

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the Division's finances and for distributing funds for expenses incurred.

Full descriptions of the duties are available from the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee (pyocum@umich.edu). Committee members will be at Annual Conference in Minneapolis and would be happy to talk about the offices and potential nominees.

1999-2000 NEC
Patricia Yocum, Chair
Fred Roper
Barbara Schader

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Anne Marie Malley
Chair-elect, BLSD

I would like to encourage all division members to volunteer for a committee. Several committees would really benefit from additional members, and membership on a Committee is a great way to get to know your fellow members. Committee appointments are two-year terms and can be renewed for another two years. The list of committees is available at the end of *Biofeedback*.

If you would like to discuss committee activities before volunteering, feel free to call or e-mail me at: 415-750-7101 or amalley@calacademy.org

If you are interested, please fill out the form on the next page and mail or fax it to me:

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jonathan Nabe
Publications Committee, Chair

In the last issue of *Biofeedback*, the Publications Committee solicited columns from published librarians, discussing their experiences and offering their advice on the publication process. We have had good response, but are still looking for more. Address any questions or submissions to Jonathan Nabe, jnabe@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

One of the most common types of publications for librarians is the collection development article. In this introductory column, Diane Schmidt, Biology Librarian at the University of Illinois, discusses writing books and articles focusing on the resources available on a given subject. As you may know, she knows whereof she speaks - having a long record of producing these guides, valuable for everyone in the field.

Writing a Guide to the Literature

Diane Schmidt
Biology Librarian
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

As librarians, we all face the problems of dealing with questions that fall outside of our areas of expertise or use a body of literature we have never accessed before. Writing a guide to the literature is an excellent way for a librarian to use his/her experience and knowledge, and help other librarians and users at the same time. As co-author of two book-length guides to the literature of the life sciences (2nd eds. Of *Using the Biological Literature* and *Guide to Information Resources in the Botanical Sciences*, both with Elisabeth Davis) and sole author of another (*A Guide to Field Guides*, currently in press), I've had some experience with the business. Writing a guide to the literature can be done, even by real people with too little time and too much to do!

Think about the subject guides you'd like to have in your library. Are the existing guides adequate and up-to-date? If not, perhaps you are the person to fill the void. Do you have access to a sufficiently large collection to allow you to personally examine most of the resources you'd like to include? If not, you'd better make friends with your local ILL librarian right now, and allow extra time to finish the project. Will you include Web sites? Will you have time to do all of that Web crawling at work? If you aren't sure that you have enough material (or chutzpah) to create a book-length literature guide right off the bat, consider writing an article about your subject. Many library journals print literature guides, and writing an article is good preparation for doing a longer work. There is nothing like writing a subject guide to make you an expert.

Once you are convinced that preparing a book length subject guide is a job for you, you need to find a publisher. You should have a clear idea of what will be included in your book before you talk to a publisher. On the other hand, the publisher will probably have ideas about the format of the guide as well, so don't do too much work in advance. However, there are some technical details you will need to consider. For instance, will you prepare the index yourself, or have the publisher farm it out to a professional indexer? If you do it yourself, you can save \$200-\$300 (usually taken out of your royalties), but the indexing needs to be done in a rush after copyediting and a bad index will decrease the value of your book.

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How do you choose a publisher? See who has published other guides. Ask colleagues. Visit publishers at SLA's Exhibit Hall. Once you and a publisher have a meeting of minds, you will be sent a contract. Read it carefully before you sign it—you will be held to the details! This being the scholarly publishing field, don't expect much from your royalties, which are typically about 10%. You won't be able to quit your day job, no matter how well your guide sells.

Your publisher will, of course, want the manuscript ASAP. However, you need to allow plenty of time to complete the manuscript. In fact, allow yourself MORE time than you think you will need. In my experience while preparing a second edition, it was possible to update a chapter in a month by faithfully spending an hour or so a day on the project. You would need to allow more time when starting from scratch, or if you can only work on the project intermittently. Also, allow plenty of time for quality control before you send in the manuscript. This will save you much grief in the copyediting stage, which needs to be done quickly (usually within a couple of weeks after receiving the galleys). Once you've returned the galleys, sit back and wait for your 5 free author's copies (let's see, that's one for me, one for the library, one for Mother...). You're an author now!

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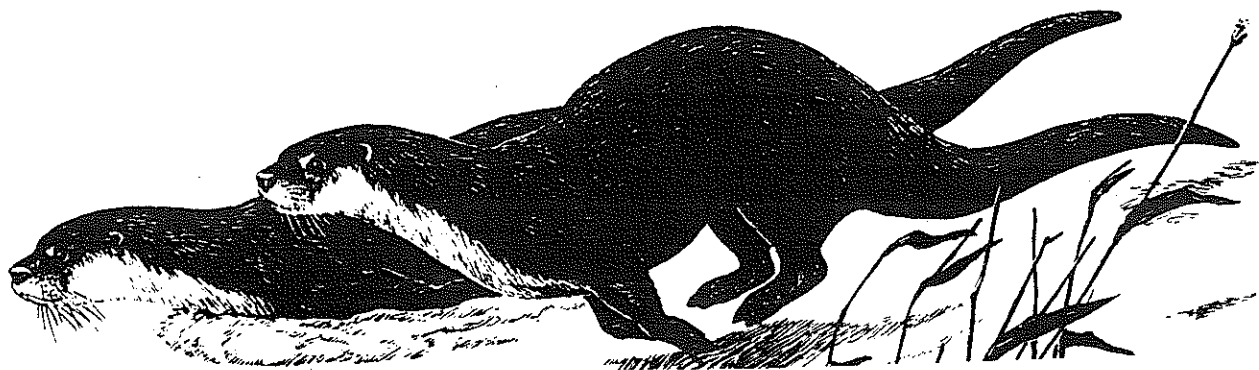
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Vendor Relations Committee, Chair

At our Annual Conference in Minneapolis this year, a series of short presentations by interesting vendors will begin during the Division Breakfast. The Division Continental Breakfast begins on Sunday, June 6th at 9:00am and the vendor presentations begin at 10:00. Vendors who will be meeting with us this year are: Elsevier Science, Majors Scientific Books, Inc., CISTI, and BIOSIS. Remember to mark your calendar for this exciting Conference event.

Are there any vendors in particular who you are interested in meeting with in the future? Now is an excellent time for us to hear your preferences for future Conference Roundtable Discussions. Let us hear which vendors or which types of vendors interest you the most.

Looking for a way to participate more in our Division? Would you like to have the opportunity to write a review for *Biofeedback*? Please consider joining the Vendor Relations Committee by contacting me, Division Chair Judy Wojcik (jwojcik@hprhs.com) or Division Chair-Elect Annie Malley (amalley@cas.calacademy.org) and letting us know of your interest.

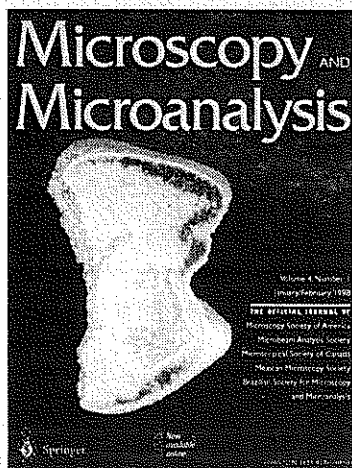


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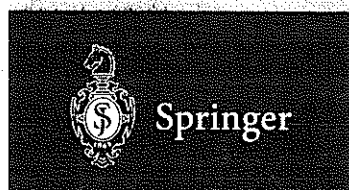
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CISTI/ SWETSCAN SERVICE FOR ENDUSER DOCUMENT DELIVERY

Irene Laursen
Member, Vendor Relations Committee

College and university libraries have long been trying to balance the need for ownership of higher-cost/lower-use journal subscriptions in the sciences with options for faster access through document delivery to its library users. In recent years, transmission of documents via the Internet and/or facsimile has helped reduce the wait for receipt of interlibrary loan copies. CISTI is now offering a document delivery service with several attractive features which support the direct ordering of documents by endusers.

CISTI offers a Swetscan search engine and document ordering interface, which provides a very helpful environment for enduser-initiated ordering of journal articles. Startup costs include the annual site license for use of the Swetscan search engine (\$4,500.) and a one-time customization (of screens) fee (\$750.). These are in addition to the CISTI document charge and copyright fee for each document order. Document charges vary, depending upon the length of the document and the level of service requested.

Features of the Swetscan search engine include a set of Help Screens to describe the kinds of searches available: tables of contents and individual journal article searches. Users can search for individual journal article citations by keyword in article title, author, ISSN, and year. Searches for tables of contents rely upon similar elements of information--journal title, ISSN, and year(s). Some truncation is available (*).

Services available include "direct" document delivery (\$9. per document, with page limitation) for documents supplied by CISTI or the Canada Agriculture Library, "link" (\$13. per document, with page limitation) for documents supplied by one of two partner libraries (in England or Chinese Taipei), and "global" (the most expensive of the three options). Special "custom" services like urgent handling, clean or color copies are available, but at additional charges. More details are listed at the Document Delivery section of CISTI website (URL = <http://www.nrc.ca/cisti/docdel/ocdel.html>).

New accounts take about a week for CISTI/Swetscan to process. Notification to both the enduser and a coordinating librarian is recommended, so that one can retain a local list of user accounts in case an enduser loses the account information. Periodic use reports are available to assist a coordinating librarian in monitoring the level and nature of use of the service by endusers at his/her site.

The coordinating librarian can specify at the time of establishment of the new account how the requested items will be delivered. Facsimile or ARIEL transmission is selected for delivery of "direct" requests. Other types of requests may arrive differently. Order requests are processed weekdays 8:30am to 4:30pm at CISTI.

Wellesley College Library has been using the CISTI/Swetscan service since early August 1998, in an almost year long experiment to provide enduser document delivery to faculty in the sciences, especially for high cost/lower use journals identified in an ongoing journals use study.

Our preliminary assessment is a positive response from both science faculty and librarians (three of us have promoted the service to individual science departments). Faculty are delighted to have the needed article in two to three days time, but several have already asked us when they can expect to see abstracts (or fulltext with graphics) added to the service. The Library is pleased that science faculty can list their document orders, monitor the status of pending orders, and cancel very recent orders for a limited time period. The web-based nature of this service means that it is available on both PC and MacIntosh computers, since the sciences vary (by department) in which platforms they maintain. Telephone support is available from CISTI/Swetscan staff weekday daytimes.

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There has been an early adjustment period, for the Library and CISTI, to learn about each others expectations and become aware of a couple of computer glitches. For example, the web-based Swetscan search engine requires the use of Netscape 3.0 browser. A few faculty using earlier versions experienced bombs and crashes. Also, when the database is being updated, there is no specific alert that this is happening. Academic endusers may use the system at all sorts of nontraditional hours to place their requests.

Special funding of this pilot project during its initial year has been provided by the Vice President for Information Services. Further evaluation of the enduser service, and identification of sources for future funding are expected to occur later this spring.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Susan C. Curtis
Government Relations Liaison

Harold Varmus, Director of the National Institutes of Health, is working on a proposal for an e-print server for biomedical research papers. He recognizes that many scientific societies and traditional journals are suspicious of this approach due to the potential for revenue losses. He points, however, to the Los Alamos server that accepts and mounts papers in physics thereby facilitating the inclusion of complex data displays. Increasingly biologists and geneticists are working with large sets of data that are best understood in a dynamic computer environment. While the Los Alamos server does not attempt to provide peer review before papers are made available, Varmus envisions a board of editors that would filter biomedical submissions.

NSF has also noted the increased use of supercomputers by the biomedical community. Between June 1997 and May 1998 the amount of time allocated to biologists on the National Science Foundation's supercomputers jumped 54%. Researchers may be turning to the NSF since NIH is deficient in supercomputing resources according to a committee charged with investigating its resources. The committee found that biologists need "teraflop machines." These are a hundred times more powerful than the supercomputers now in common use. Biologists want these more powerful machines to conduct longer simulations and investigate larger molecular systems. Academic institutions are likewise seeing an increased use of computer resources on the part of their biology and genetics faculties.

In another note from NIH, Harold Varmus announced that the head of the new NIH Vaccine Research Center is Gary Nabel from the University of Michigan. His charge is to move basic research into clinical trials more quickly. The hope of creating an AIDS vaccine prompted the establishment of the center. Dr. Nabel's previous work has focused on therapeutic cancer vaccines and a possible Ebola vaccine.

The GODORT Cataloging Committee sponsored a Q & A program with the Government Printing Office at ALA Midwinter. Thomas A. Downing, chief of the Cataloging Branch of GPO, spoke about the policies of his department for cataloging government Internet resources. GPO has two full-time staff maintaining the 2200 PURLS (persistent URLs) directing users to federal documents. Whenever possible the PURLs are put in the 856 field of an existing record to avoid having duplicate records; one for print and one for the electronic version. GPO is also adopting the use of a "collected works" note for groups of files located at a single site. This practice means that each document will not be cataloged at the piece level.

Laurie Hall, a Systems Analyst at GPO, also answered questions at the session. She is working on the Federal Depository Library Program Electronic Collection. Presently it consists of the basic legislative and regulatory publications, other web sites for which GPO has negotiated access, other independently maintained government information web sites, and electronic government documents distributed to depository libraries. Her primary concern is future collection policies and archiving initiatives. She assured the library community that GPO is committed to maintaining permanent public access to the depository library electronic collection.

MEDICAL SECTION UPDATE

Lorri Zipperer
1998-99 Chair, Medical Section

The new Medical Section of the Biological and Life Sciences Division (BLSD) is in its third year of life and we are looking for interested members to help us carry on into the new millenium and beyond!

Priorities and initiatives for the new section are still under development and you can take part in shaping the future by choosing to hold an office.

The following basic initiatives have been set forth by the current chair:

1. The Medical Section will support the strategic plan of the BLSD and consider its priorities when planning its activities and efforts.
2. The Medical Section will capitalize on the knowledge of its membership in order to educate and further enhance the professional development of medical and other librarians in SLA by having a speaker from the Section at its annual business meeting.
3. Increased membership of the Medical Section, and overall Division, will be encouraged by drawing members from other SLA Divisions that are related to medicine, such as the Insurance and Employee Benefits, Information Technology, and Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Divisions.
4. Increased traffic of a bio/medical nature on the **BSDNET-L** listserv will also be encouraged through a campaign to get leaders in the Medical Section to contribute on a regular basis.
5. Medical Section members will also be encouraged to contribute substantially to *Biofeedback* at least once a year; chairs of the Section should contribute at least twice a year. In addition, news items that highlight and raise visibility for Section members' activities, awards, and items of interest to medical librarians will be shared in *Biofeedback*.
6. The Medical Section will also help develop a presence at MLA, in order to encourage cooperation and to share expertise. Collaborative efforts might include having Section members participate in programs as speakers, helping to sponsor an activity of the corporate librarian section of MLA, or other relevant programs.

If you are interested in a possible role with the section in the coming year, please contact : Lorri Zipperer, 1998-99 Medical Section Chair.

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I would like to encourage members of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division to subscribe to BSDNET-L to be informed about current happenings in the Division as well as to have an easy way to contact your colleagues if you have questions or need to disseminate relevant information. See the list of listserv commands below.

Other listserv news: I will be changing jobs in the near future. My colleague at NC State, Barbara Hedges, has agreed to serve as co-listowner so the listserv will continue to be maintained at NC State University. I will investigate transferring the listserv to my new place of employment. You shouldn't see any change in service.

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To subscribe to BSDNET-L, send the message: `subscribe BSDNET-L firstname lastname`

The subscription request is forwarded to me for verification so there may be a slight delay between the time you send your message and the time you are subscribed.

To unsubscribe to BSDNET-L, send the message: `unsubscribe bsdnet-l`

If you will be out of the office, please either postpone BSDNET-L mail or temporarily unsubscribe to the list since replies from an automatic messaging system will be forwarded to the list.

To postpone mail, send the message: `set bsdnet-l mail postpone`

To resume mail, send the message: `set bsdnet-l mail noack (or ack)`

For assistance with other settings, send the message: `help set`

To post a message to BSDNET-L, once you are subscribed, send the message to `bsdnet-l@listserv.ncsu.edu`

This listserv is unmoderated so anything you send to this address will be automatically posted to BSDNET-L.

BSDNET-L does have a searchable archive. To search the archives, get a list of files in the the archive by sending the command `index listname`, where `listname` is BSDNET-L

Then, get the requested file from the specified archive by sending the command, `get listname documentname`, where `listname` is BSDNET-L

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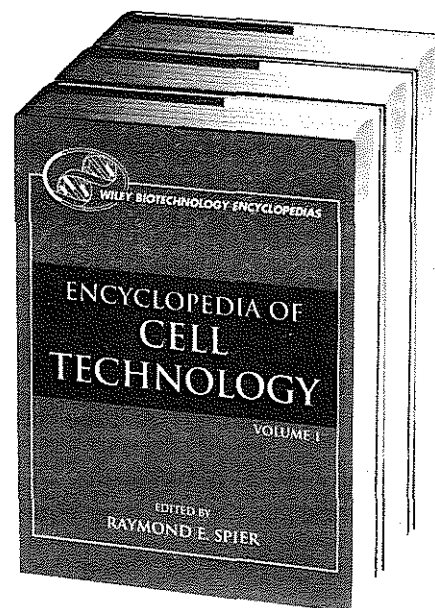
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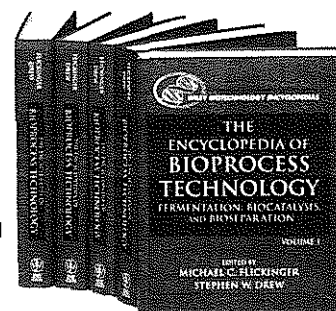
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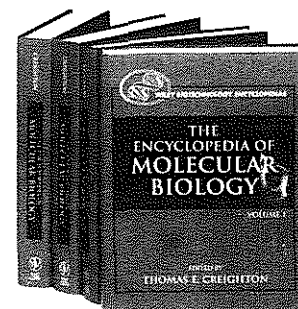
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The CE course **ONLINE RESOURCES IN ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE** will be presented on the last day of the SLA Conference Thursday, June 10, 1999 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The speaker will be the experienced online educator Bonnie Snow. The moderator will be BLSD member Michelle Tennant. While SLA members will have to pay \$220 for this course, the lucky student member whose entry is drawn in this contest will attend the class free. Our division will even pay for lunch.

The winner will agree to act as a "student intern" aid to moderator Michelle Tennant, which means he or she will help greet registrants as they begin the course and pass out any handouts. The CE course award is non-transferable.

Only currently active student members of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association are eligible.

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The deadline for entering these drawings is April 16, 1999. While **Biofeedback** publicity for this drawing may appear after the April 16th deadline, the drawing is also being publicized via the BSDNET-L listserv brand email discussion list, the BLSD web site, and direct mailings to student group advisors and student members.

Just e-mail, fax or send the form on the next page to Tom Cutshall of the Biomedical and Life Science's Division's Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee.

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MONDAY JUNE 7: 4:30-6:00 p.m. "SLA President-elect's Reception for Students"

Host: Susan DiMattia, SLA President-elect

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SLA Chapters will be recognized for their support of Student Groups.

1999 LANDMARK MEMBERS CELEBRATED

David Duggar
Chair, Membership Committee

1999 is a membership landmark for many members of the Biomedical and LifeSciences Division. We are honored to recognize the special librarians and information professionals who have contributed with their dedication and time to the Division for twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, forty, and forty-five years.

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And, of course, our Division Chair, Judy Wocjik, has had a landmark year, not only as Chair of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division but also as a longtime member of the Division.

THE 1999 ANNUAL SALARY SURVEY IS ON ITS WAY!

The 1999 Annual Salary Survey instrument will be sent to a random sample of SLA's membership in April. In order to provide compensation information that truly reflects your expertise, education, and experience, we need **all** members who get a 1999 SLA Salary Survey in the mail to return it right away.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

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In accordance with SLA's bylaws, deactivation of unpaid members on the January through December membership cycle took place in February. To avoid further interruption of benefits, members who have not yet submitted their dues payments should do so as soon as possible. Lapsed memberships will be reinstated immediately upon receipt of dues payments. If you are aware of any friends or colleagues who have not yet paid their 1999 dues, please encourage them to do so promptly!

Effective January 1st, SLA's dues have increased. As per a vote passed by the Association's membership in the summer of 1998, dues amounts are now:

Member	\$125/year
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Membership dues include affiliation with one SLA Chapter and one Division. Additional Chapters and Divisions are now available at a cost of \$15/year each. Caucus affiliations have increased to \$12/year each.

On January 1st, the Association switched to an anniversary date renewal system. This change will, over time, help ease the heavy amount of renewals processed by Headquarters in June and December. It is hoped that this change will also reduce the confusion which new members have experienced in choosing a dues cycle. Current SLA members will not be affected by this switch, as their expiration dates will remain unchanged. New Association memberships will run for one year from the month in which applications were received.

For those on the July-June cycle, the first renewal notice will be sent in April, a second in May, third in June, fourth in July, and deactivation notice on August 15.

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Darlene Tan, BSc, MLIS is the acting Regional Librarian for the Canadian Forest Service Library, Natural Resources Canada - Atlantic Region. She is in charge of the main library in Fredericton, New Brunswick and the Branch Library, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The two library collections cover scientific and technical subjects related to forestry, forest engineering, forest economics, forest and land use policy, biodiversity, sustainable development, botany, entomology, genetics, and ecology. The library collects scientific journals and newsletters, books, Canadian and some U.S. government technical reports, some provincial and state government documents, and publications from forestry-related private sector organizations. We also have archival materials from the CFS and its predecessor federal agencies. Darlene graduated from the School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia in May 1994. Previous to the above-mentioned position she worked part-time as a Reference Librarian, Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick for almost 2 years. Prior to her move to Fredericton, New Brunswick she worked in various libraries: government, special and academic.

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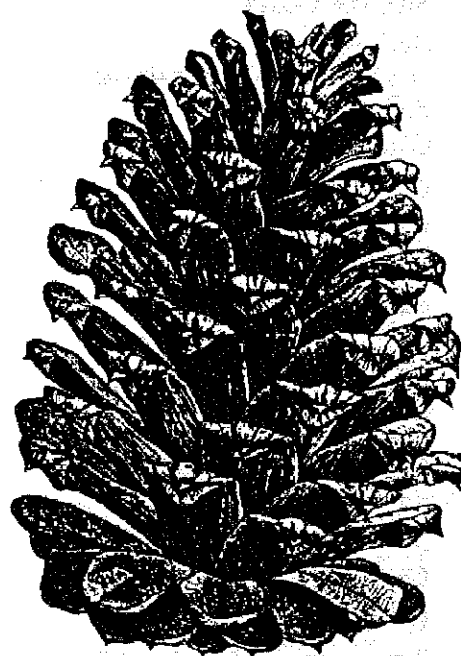
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