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Message From the Chair:

By Laura Osegueda

Hi, it's me again, but now I am your division chair. Toronto was a sensational conference and all of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) programs were a success, thanks to the thorough planning and hard work of Christina Woodward (cwoodward@nt.thc.on.ca) and her hardworking committee. Be sure to read the Toronto Conference Highlights later in this issue and check the DBIO Web site for program summaries even if you attended the Toronto conference, as you might not have been able to get to all of the division's programs. They will be a hard act to follow, but John Tebo and the 2006 program planning committee already have many great programs lined up for Baltimore. Peggy Jones will be chairing a Strategic Planning Taskforce to follow up on issues raised by the survey undertaken this past spring. Peggy and I would welcome comments from any division member as we continue the review process.

I need committee volunteers for the following committees: Bylaws, Fund Development, Membership, Professional Development, Public Relations, Publications (Chair), and Vendor Relations. If you are interested, you may contact the committee chair for further information (see the list of committee chairs at the end of this issue), send me an email at laura_osegueda@ncsu.edu, or call me at (919) 513-6218. One of my goals this year as division chair, is to bring in more new people to committees.

I am also hoping for more communication this year when we get the new DBIO Announce listserv up and running in August. This will be a simple way for us to get news out to all division members. It will make it

easier to distribute *Biofeedback* and to carry out email voting in the spring. I look forward to working with you over the next year.

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Announcements

Michele Tennant Receives 2005 Division Distinguished Member Award

By Barbara Hedges, Awards Committee Chair

Michele Tennant was awarded the 2005 Distinguished Member Award for the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association at the SLA Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada, on

June 7, 2005. The award is for service to SLA and to the profession. Michele is the Bioinformatics Librarian at the University of Florida Health Center Libraries. To paraphrase a nomination letter: "She has been a tireless champion of the library profession, serving many leadership positions within the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA, and also the Medical Library Association (MLA). She represents the best characteristics of librarians."

Michele has chaired the Biomedical and Life Science Division, as well as participated in many of its committees. She has mentored new librarians into the profession of medical librarianship. Michele has taught continuing education courses for SLA, MLA, and the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

In 2003 Michele co-authored a paper which was named one of the top 20 educational papers of the year by the American Library Association's Library Instruction Roundtable: Tennant, M.R., & Miyamoto, M.M. (2002). The role of medical libraries in undergraduate education: a case study in genetics. *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 90(2), 181-193. She recently received the 2005 Estelle Brodman Award from the Medical Library Association for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year.

Michele has a B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of Southern California, a Ph.D. in Biology from Wayne State University, and an MLIS from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Christina Woodward Receives Chair Recognition Award

By Peggy Jones, Past Division Chair

What can I say about **Christina Woodward**?

Efficient, organized, calm in the face of crisis, innovative, diplomatic, cheerful... I can't think of anything to describe her that isn't a superlative. Christina literally leapt tall buildings in a single bound (well, not literally) to get the DBIO events to where they needed to be, while at the same time changing jobs and moving her household more than once. She is truly a superhero, and for that I think she deserves a great round of applause. And a small token of our appreciation, Christina.

Systems Thinking Perspectives Web site launched

<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Systems/>

We are pleased to announce the availability of a new Web site on systems thinking for librarians. The objective of the Systems Thinking Perspectives project 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 intent of the site is to build on the seminal work of Peter Senge by providing a collection of resources about systems thinking, with a focus on how systems thinking can benefit information professionals and help them increase leverage in their interactions with professional colleagues. Core elements of the site include 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 between colleagues to better understand and support adoption of this provocative way of thinking.

The project is funded through 2005 by an SLA Endowment Fund Grant and is being coordinated by SLA members Lorri Zipperer, Zipperer Project Management and Jan Sykes, Information Management Services, Inc. Its organizational sponsor is the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division of SLA.

For more information contact:
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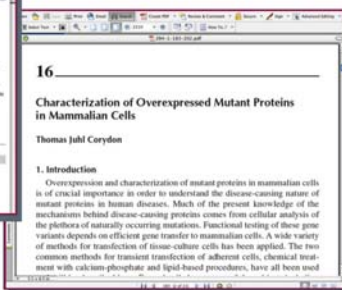
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Toronto Conference Highlights

Vendor Roundtable

June 5, 2005, 9:30-11:00 am

Reported by Susan Kendall

This year, the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Vendor Roundtable again featured four diverse vendors. Beth Ten Have from **BIOSIS** (now owned by Thomson Scientific) told us that new source titles for that database have an international focus. BIOSIS is enhancing navigation, revising their bacterial taxonomy, and extending backfiles. She also showed us MEDLINE, which has newly been added to Thomson's platform. This will allow simultaneous searching of BIOSIS, MEDLINE, and Web of Science.

Adriana Acosta from **Elsevier** talked about their new bibliographic database, SCOPUS, which indexes 14,000 scientific, technical, and medical titles from 4000 publishers. It also includes patents from the U.S., Japan, and Europe. Both Embase and MEDLINE have been incorporated into the SCOPUS database. Cited references are also included, but as yet they only go back to 1996.

Emma Irvin spoke for the **Cochrane Collaboration**, an international, not-for-profit organization that produces the Cochrane Library, a collection of regularly updated evidence-based health care databases. Each review group, which includes both physicians and librarians, maintains a database of controlled trials in their areas. When people sign on to do a review, they also agree to do lifetime updates. **Wiley** publishes The Cochrane

Library for the Cochrane Collaboration, but it is also available on some other platforms.

Finally, Carrie Esch from **BioOne** updated us on that collaboration of scholars, librarians, societies, and commercial printers to put journals online that could not afford to do so on their own. The project is now 5 years old, and they have a waiting list for journals to be included. The areas of focus are zoology, botany, ecology and environmental science. They will be adding journals aggressively in the next several years and are considering including grey literature from zoos, aquariums, and the like. They will be exploring different pricing models such as offering separate subject clusters for sale and are engaged in a survey of librarians to determine their direction in various areas.

Digitization Projects in the Biomedical and Life Sciences—Contributed Paper Session

June 6, 2005, 7:30-9:00 am

Reported by Joanna Blair

The program on "Digitization Projects in the Biomedical and Life Sciences" was a popular session featuring three diverse digitization projects. Approximately 70 attendees joined moderator Barbara Butler at the EBSCO-sponsored breakfast session.

Erica Burnham from McGill University Libraries in Montreal discussed the opportunities and challenges of digitizing an entomological rare book collection. This

collection was selected for digitization because the resources were high-use and inconveniently located. The project is still in development but will ultimately digitize twenty books as well as the field notes of Henry Herbert Lyman, the entomologist who donated the books. Ms. Burnham reported that costs are higher than expected, averaging twenty dollars per digitized page. It should also be noted that Ms. Burnham presented her work flawlessly, despite a projector failure.

Patricia Martin from Taubman Medical Library at the University of Michigan shared her experiences publishing local content on medical student's PDAs. Reference librarians at Taubman Library aimed to provide information to their patrons at the point of need, in this case, at a patient's bedside. Librarians collaborated with other campus departments to obtain suitable content and formatted three locally-developed items for student PDAs. The items included a training manual for new interns, clinical antimicrobial updates, and a guide to the neonatal unit for physicians. Ms. Martin also described the process of conducting usability tests and interpreting the outcomes.

Susan Kendall and Ann Marie Karle-Zenith from Michigan State University Libraries presented "Creating a Digital Library of Original Taxonomic Literature." This project is funded by the National Science Foundation and focuses on historic scientific literature of euglenoids: unusual single-celled eukaryotes containing chloroplasts. Seventy-five primary sources dating from 1817-1920's were digitized in a variety of formats and metadata records developed for each document. The metadata was designed to be compliant with the Open Archives Initiative for Metadata Harvesting and to be easily transferred to MARC format. One of

the main challenges of this project is accommodating the name changes that have occurred for many species—a challenge that is being met through strong partnerships with campus experts.

Who Owns Scientific Knowledge and Who Deserves To?

June 6, 2005, 11:30-1:00 pm

Reported by Claudia Lascar

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division and the Science and Technology Division cosponsored this program, with generous funding from Dialog, IEEE and Portland Press. A panel of four internationally recognized experts examined the key issues and the wide-ranging consequences of scientific knowledge ownership. This session was very well attended, with standing room only. The well-rounded discussion of broad topics more than made up for the space inadequacy.

Members of the panel were:

- Dr. Anthony So, M.D., M.P.A. Director, Program on Global Health & Technology Access, Duke University, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy.
- Dr. Miriam Shuchman, M.D. Core Faculty, Center for Clinical Ethics and Humanities in Health Care, State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Medicine
- Dr. Richard Gold, Director, Center for Intellectual Property Policy, McGill University
- Mr. Richard Elliott, Director, Legal Policy & Research, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto Office

Dr. So gave the definition of patents, and examined the interests of various constituencies with regards to the use of patents in medical research and diagnosis. Scientists studying genomics are interested in promoting the public domain. The human

genome data was released freely under “Bermuda rules” and made available to scientists around the world. Researchers in the biotechnology industry have adopted “working solutions” to circumvent the limitations of intellectual property rights (Walsh, 2003). Government agencies believe that patents of the SARS corona virus genome will preserve access for researchers in their quest to find a cure for this disease. Universities, like biotech companies, have filed several thousand patent applications for single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) to protect the rights of their scientists and researchers to experiment on these nucleotides, in case another company or university will engage in commercial activity. Patients’ interests are at stake in the controversy between the pharmaceutical industry and the manufacturers of low-cost HIV/AIDS drugs (generic drugs). Patents are the main reason why patients in underdeveloped countries do not have access to these drugs. Fixed-dose combination drugs (FDC) for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, such as lamivudine (3TC) have introduced “The Anticommons Problem”, since they involve multiple patents held by different parties. A required license to only one component of an FDC is enough to cause a barrier to its availability. The debate over human embryonic stem cell research has the potential to prevent patients’ access to effective medical treatments and the development of vaccines. A survey of US laboratories’ adoption and use of genetic testing for hereditary haemochromatosis indicated that 30% of them have discontinued offering it or not developing genetic testing because of patents (Merz, 2002).

Dr. So continued his presentation by examining all aspects of a drug's life cycle from R&D, through launch, then patent expiration and introduction of generic

counterparts. Dr. So argued that it is possible to ensure that the patent system still fulfills its ultimate goal of maximizing social benefits and advancing innovation by loosening intellectual property rights (IPRs) to facilitate the approval and entry into the marketplace of generic drugs. He offered some enabling strategies such as 1) reagent repositories of tissue, cell lines, and other biological materials, 2) “protected commons” approaches, such as “Bermuda Rules”. “Protected Commons” initiatives imply shareable goods as goods that are protected within a community of practice, 3) open access repositories to scientific publications (an issue which is close to our heart), 4) “humanitarian license” to protect in advance the possibility of sharing a patent with third parties for the benefit of people in need and developing countries.

Dr. Miriam Shuchman addressed the plight of scientists and medical researchers whose intellectual property rights have been violated. She presented case studies of several people: 1) Victor J. DeNoble, fired by Philip Morris (maker of Marlboro cigarettes), who was ultimately the first whistle-blower for the tobacco industry; 2) David J Graham, who blew the whistle on his FDA bosses because they silenced his findings on Vioxx; 3) Betty Dong, whose publication was delayed six years because the sponsoring drug company didn't like the research outcome; 4) Nancy Oliveri, who was fired four times and reinstated four times, harassed and sued over more than 5 years, before being exonerated both as a physician and a researcher over the safety and effectiveness of L1 -- an experimental drug for thalassemia, a rare blood disorder; 5) Cesare Maltoni, whose research on the carcinogenesis of vinyl chloride in experimental animals at doses much lower than allowed was not made known for years due to a “confidentiality agreement”;

6) Edward Taub, a behavioral neuroscientist doing experiments with monkeys designed to better understand the mechanism of paralysis, who was brought to trial by an animal rights group; and, finally, 7) Helena Wachslight-Rodbard, whose article was first rejected for publication and then copied by her own reviewers for publication in another journal. All these stories of intimidation, legal threats, dismissal, and outright theft ultimately hinder our public interests of promoting and preserving health, civil liberties and individual freedoms. Random House recently published Dr. Miriam Shuchman's book, *The Drug Trial: Nancy Olivieri and the Science Scandal that Rocked the Hospital for Sick Children*.

Dr. Richard E. Gold spoke about how governments can attempt the arduous task of balancing private and public interests. Intellectual property rights are protected globally by the World Trade Organization's Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Agreement (TRIPS). There is conflicted discourse regarding the perceived unequal application of TRIPS upon poor countries and communities. Patents have raised the cost of drugs, putting them out of the reach of the majority of the world's population. Dr. Gold proposed that governments need to identify short to medium goals and think "outside the box."

Mr. Richard Elliot, argued that global access to medicines challenges intellectual property rights. The World Health Organization (WHO) Constitution attests that health and access to drugs are fundamental rights of every human being. Under the TRIPS treaty, underdeveloped countries were given until 2006 to ensure their laws complied. This dateline has been extended to 2016 in the case of pharmaceutical patents. Developed countries were given until January 1996, and developing countries

were given until January 2000. The Declaration on the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement and Public Health (Doha Declaration), an amendment to TRIPS, allowed governments to issue compulsory licenses on patents for medicines or take other steps to protect public health. In other words, governments can bypass patents for public health reasons. The government of Canada was the first to introduce legislation to enable export of drugs to developing countries. The major gain for India, Brazil, and other developing countries, following Doha Declaration, was that, under compulsory license, medicines for HIV/AIDS and cancer could be obtained at cheap rates and exported to other countries unable to manufacture them. The pharmaceutical industry and the United States government felt threatened by these measures since they affect profits and market share. It took the "anthrax crisis" and the "Cipro Affair" to highlight the hypocrisy of the American government.

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This report is a reprint from the August issue of *SciTech News*, The official bulletin for the Chemistry, Engineering, Materials Research and Manufacturing, and Science/Technology Divisions and the Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division of SLA.

Environment in Crisis: Amphibians in Decline

June 7, 2005, 11:30-1:00 pm

Reported by Diane Schmidt

Moderator: Carolyn Mills

Speakers: Dr. David Green and Eleanor MacLean

By now all of us have probably read news stories about the decline in amphibian numbers and the extinction of increasing numbers of amphibian species. This very interesting program featured two speakers discussing this timely issue. The first, Dr. David Green of the Redpath Museum at McGill University, spoke about causes of amphibian decline. He focused on frogs, showing slides of some famous or bizarre species. These included two recently extinct species, the gastric brooding frog of Australia and the golden toad of Costa Rica. Dr. Green stated that there are a number of postulated causes for population declines in amphibians, from UV radiation to predatory kids with nets (his own son, present in the audience, illustrated this slide-gee, thanks Dad!) but the number one cause according to the IUCN is habitat loss. Frogs have suffered worse losses than salamanders or caecilians. From his own research on Fowler's Toad populations in Canada and the US, Dr. Green notes that one problem that makes frogs more vulnerable to decline is their high variance in local populations, which may make them more susceptible to habitat loss. After Dr. Green's presentation, DBIO's own Eleanor McLean provided information on print and electronic bibliographic resources on amphibians, listing several excellent Web sites, books, journals, and recent articles. The Web sites included AmphibiaWeb (<http://www.amphibiaweb.org/>), the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species (<http://www.redlist.org/>), and, for those in need of pictures and sounds, Frogs and

Toads in Color and Sound

(<http://www.naturesound.com/frogs/frogs.html>). Eleanor also mentioned a very important forthcoming book by Michael Lanoo, *Amphibian Declines: The Conservation Status of United States Species*, which will be published in 2005 by the University of California Press. About 40 people attended the session.

Winner's Circle of Best Science Web Sites

June 8, 2005, 1:30-3:00 pm

Reported by Dorothy Barr

Before it was even held, this session, a regular program every year, was discussed at the DBIO Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday morning. Some felt that the information would be better disseminated on a regular basis to all DBIO members via *Biofeedback*. Certainly any list of Web sites is best shared online, so that readers could simply click on desired links. Nevertheless, information was shared in the session that went well beyond mere lists of sites. If, in future, the Winner's Circle is incorporated into *Biofeedback*, perhaps rotating subjects so that each issue would include the Circle for one discipline, the list should certainly include comments and notes comparable to those given by the presenters at this session.

Chemistry was presented by Bob Buchanan of Auburn University. He has a Ph.D. in Chemistry and worked as a research chemist before becoming a librarian. He presented ten Web sites that were either new or substantially revised in the past year and distributed a list that included not only the new ones but also previous winning sites. For a new librarian like me (2004 LIS grad), that was very helpful, and the list will be incorporated as a resource in my chemistry folder. Check out his list at <http://www.sla.org/division/dche/2005/buchanan.htm>.

Claudia Lascar of City College of New York took a multidisciplinary approach. Her **General Science Websites – Something New – Something Old** included general and specific subject directories, looked at <http://www.science.gov> in some depth, and discussed search engines such as Google Scholar and Scirus (<http://www.scirus.com>) as well as general science resources. She included a list of helpful journal articles. Her PowerPoint is at http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Toronto/generalscience_files/frame.htm.

Lori Zipperer, Zipperer Project Management in Evanston Illinois, presented **Patient Safety** sites. Because the topic was more precise, this was more focused and specific than the other presentations. Lori noted that patient safety is not about quality or patient education, but is a separate area. It is a growing field and one in which there is an emphasis on sharing information. Safety can't wait for peer review, so it's important to pay attention to the grey literature and other sources of information. She gave a list of Web sites (<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Toronto/circle2.pdf>), but three portals are especially useful:

- AHRQ Patient Safety Net – <http://psnet.ahrq.gov> – just launched in April, it is, or at least will be, a good central place to go.
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement - <http://www.ihl.org/ihl> - easy to search and a good source for grey literature.
- National Patient Safety Foundation - <http://www.npsf.org> – the closest thing to a portal for this type of information, it offers an easy basic search and the most comprehensive range of information.

Finally, there are various resources to help us keep up with new websites in general: The Resource Shelf (<http://www.resourceshelf.com/>), various librarian blogs, the Librarians' Index to the Internet (<http://lii.org>), which has a New Sites column complete with RSS feed, and more. By the way, LII lists two recent new sites: Better Hair Through Chemistry and Blue Iguana Recovery Program. Something for everyone – just like the conference session.

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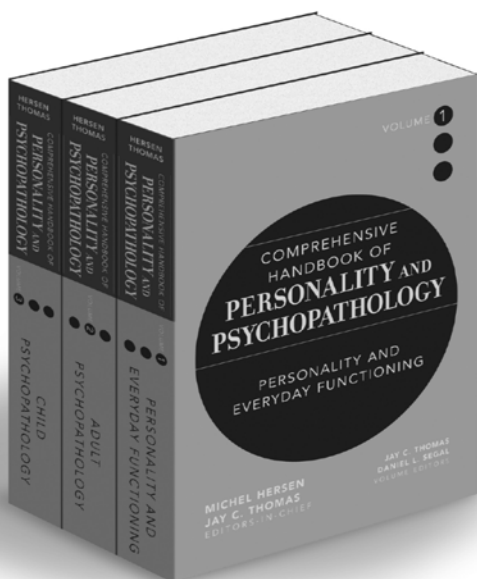
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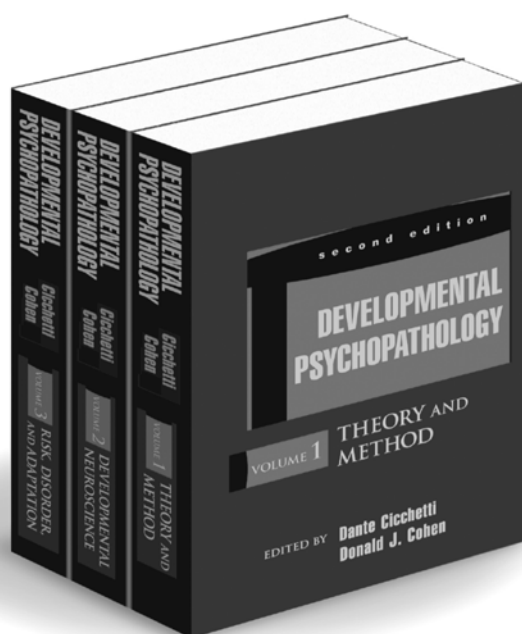
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1. FreeMedMatrix from Medical Matrix at <http://www.FreeMedMatrix.org> offers an interface to free, full text, peer-reviewed, clinically oriented articles archived by MEDLINE, plus free clinical images, news articles, videos, and animations. In addition, the site offers a search gateway to articles from medical specialty journals available free from Biomedical Central and PubMed Central. And there's more. FreeMedMatrix also guides users to the large number of journals that are now providing free "Open Access" to their archived content six or more months after publication.

2. *NIH News in Health*, which replaces the *NIH Word on Health*, is a free health newsletter from the National Institutes of Health. This new monthly newsletter offers practical health news and tips based on the latest NIH research. The July issue is now online at <<http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/>>.

3. The National Library of Medicine's Division of Specialized Information Services (SIS) released a new design for its web site at <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov>. All the SIS web pages have been re-formatted, including: Environmental Health and Toxicology <http://tox.nlm.nih.gov>, Chemical Information <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/chemical.html>, HIV/AIDS <http://aids.nlm.nih.gov>, Outreach Activities and Resources <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/outreach.html>, and Directory of Health Organizations <http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/dirline>.

The PubMed brochure was revised and is available at

<http://nnlm.gov/nnlm/online/pubmed/pmtri.pdf>.

4. *The Open Access Bibliography: Liberating Scholarly Literature with E-Prints and Open Access Journals* (<http://info.lib.uh.edu/cwb/oab.pdf>) presents over 1,300 selected English-language books, conference papers (including some digital video presentations), debates, editorials, e-prints, journal and magazine articles, news articles, technical reports, and other printed and electronic sources that are useful in understanding the open access movement's efforts to provide free access to and unfettered use of scholarly literature. Most sources have been published between 1999 and August 31, 2004; however, a limited number of key sources published prior to 1999 are also included. Where possible, links are provided to sources that are freely available on the Internet (approximately 78 percent of the bibliography's references have such links). The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has also published this bibliography as a printed book (ISBN 1594076707).

5. PubMed's Single Citation Matcher has two new enhancements. There is now a First Author Search option. Next to the Author name box on the Single Citation Matcher screen there is now a check box, "Only as first author." First author searching uses data from the Author field, so use the last name + initial(s) format to enter a name, then click in the "Only as first author" check box. Alternatively, you can search by first author directly in the search box on PubMed screens. Enter an author name followed by the new first author search tag, [1au] The second enhancement is Autocomplete for Journal Titles. This feature will suggest titles as you enter a title abbreviation or full

title. When you see the title you are looking for, you can stop entering and select the title. Titles displayed by the autocomplete menu are in a ranked order based on the number of citations in PubMed. You do not have to select from the autocomplete list if you prefer to paste in a title or abbreviation copied from elsewhere.

6. There is a new NLM classification poster available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/class/nlmclasspost.html>. Ordering information is at the bottom of the page. *The Online National Library of Medicine Classification* is available in a newly revised edition at <http://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/class/>.

7. The National Library of Medicine has recently launched Asian American Health <http://asianamericanhealth.nlm.nih.gov>, an information portal with links to Web sites, documents, databases, and other resources that address issues affecting the health and well-being of the over 11 million Asian Americans in the United States, including Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Asian Indian and Pakistani, and Vietnamese populations.

8. Medical editors have issued guidance on ghost writing in the April 30, 2005 issue of the *British Medical Journal* <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/content/full/330/7498/988-a?etoc>.

9. *Dear Doctor* is a new online exhibit at <http://carmichael.lib.virginia.edu>. This is a collection of letters between Dr. James Carmichael of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and his patients between 1819 and 1830. The physical collection is in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, University of Virginia. In addition to the correspondence, the Web site also

includes a photo essay of the landscape of the Carmichael letters, newspaper articles, book excerpts, court records, maps, WPA reports, and extensive listings of "Who's Who" and "Places Mentioned" in the letters, with links to related sources of information.

ASIST Liaison Report

By Louisa Worthington Rogers, Liaison to ASIST

American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST)
2004 Annual Meeting, Providence, RI

This is a summary of sessions of possible interest to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA).

SESSION: "Can Web Citations be a Measure of Impact? An Investigation of Journals in the Life Sciences", Liwen Vaughna, University of Western Ontario lvaughan@uwo.ca and Debora Shaw, Indiana University shawd@indiana.edu

The authors discussed whether Web citations would replace ISI-based measures of impact. They examined traditional and Web citations to journal articles in biology and genetics and found a significant correlation between citations in these two formats. Each article in the sample of 1500 research articles was searched in Science Citation Index (SCI) and then in Google (selected because it is the largest Web search engine). Correlations between Web and ISI citations were examined using either the Pearson or Spearman correlation coefficient tests (depending on whether frequency distributions were not skewed or very skewed, respectively).

Journals with a higher number of Web citations tend to have more citations indicating intellectual impact (citations from papers or class readings, in contrast to citations from bibliographic services or the author's or journal's home page). Web citations show a broader geographic coverage and capture a greater number and variety of uses of journal articles.

Conclusions: The dominance of print-based scientific information is being challenged. Web citations could provide a balance to geographic or cultural biases in ISI. However, Web citations are more vulnerable to manipulation.

SESSION: "Visual Mapping and Visual Content Representation", Xia Lin, Drexel University linx@drexel.edu

The author's focus is visual content representation. He is developing systems that will automatically generate concept maps from literature databases, such as MEDLINE. He discussed the usability and usefulness of using concept maps as a graphical interface for searching and browsing. He pointed out that people can quickly apprehend relationships on graphics, which helps to understand the knowledge structure.

ConceptLink creates visual images for medical concepts. It is also a visual interface for PubMed/MEDLINE. It guides the user to construct search concept maps generated instantly from users' queries. See the sample "instant keyword associative map (of the lung)" at the link below. Although this work is not yet available publicly, the author gave us the URL to his working version, which shows a MEDLINE example. See <http://project.cis.drexel.edu/conceptlink>

SESSION: "Reference Services and Knowledge Bases: When is Help Helpful?" Scott Nicholson and R. David Lankes, Syracuse University rdlankes@iis.syr.edu

Nicholson and Lankes discussed the lack of archival standards for the hundreds of existing digital reference services that makes it difficult to create a searchable knowledge base across services. They reviewed the plans for the Digital Reference Electronic Warehouse (DREW) and then presented the status of DREW at the Information Institute of Syracuse. This is an NSF-funded project that will create archival standards for reference transactions, create anonymization tools and apply bibliomining to create a management information system. See <http://vrd.org/> for information about the Virtual Reference Desk Conference in San Francisco in November 2005.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

There was a lot of talk about blogs, feeds, metadata and ontology. Some highlights:

- User-submitted metadata in Dspace at MIT, Margret Branschofsky, MIT, margretb@mit.edu Dspace at MIT has been capturing qualified Dublin Core metadata from non-librarian submitters since March 2002. Coexisting with this metadata are qualified Dublin Core records created by extracting and crosswalking MARC records from the Libraries' catalog. This talk provided an overview of the resulting metadata picture. <http://libraries.mit.edu/dspace-mit/>
- Managing information from scientific research projects: Exposing hidden knowledge, Joseph Busch (moderator), Taxonomy Strategies,

jbusch@taxonomystategies.com This panel discussed the importance of information from scientific projects and the efforts that are underway to expose the hidden knowledge of these resources in ways that are beneficial to researchers and organizations. Increasingly the output of scientific research projects is digital and often considered ephemeral and hard to find. Discussion focused on the development of core metadata sets, along with ontologies and other techniques for knowledge organization.

- Feeds and knowledge management, Jessica Baumgart, Harvard University Office of News and Public Affairs, jessica_baumgart@harvard.edu A big piece of KM is making knowledge available for sharing, and feeds are a quick way to learn about site updates or get content delivered. Feeds give people a bit of knowledge at a time. Example: Feedster <http://www.feedster.com/>
- Blogs for information dissemination, Garrett Eastman, Rowland Institute, Harvard University, eastman@rowland.harvard.edu “The Rowland Institute at Harvard is dedicated to experimental science over a broad range of disciplines. Current research is carried out in physics, chemistry, and biology, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary work and the development of new experimental tools.” Garrett Eastman of Rowland Institute discussed sources of science information. One interesting site is HubMed: pubmed rewired at www.hubmed.org This is an

“alternative interface to the PubMed medical literature database.” Check out “Today’s News” in *The Scientist* on BioMed Central at www.biomedcentral.com . Also check Garrett’s News Archive at <http://www.rowland.harvard.edu>

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web, gave the keynote address on the “Semantic Web: the Web of Machine Processable Data”. He mentioned the importance of this development to the life sciences. Mr. Berners-Lee is the director of the W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) with the mission to lead the Web to its full potential. He holds the 3Com chair at the Laboratory for Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

OTHER NEWS:

The Medical SIG of ASIST did not sponsor a session for the 2004 conference, although they had a successful panel on taxonomies and ontologies the previous year. Plans are being made for a 2005 session. Topics under consideration include medical informatics and evidence-based medicine.

The 2005 ASIST Annual Meeting, “Sparkling Synergies: Bringing Research and Practice Together”, will be held Oct 28-Nov 2, 2005, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Book Review

Patient Safety: Essentials for Health Care, 3rd Edition

By Cecily Pew (editor)

192 p., \$75.00 (paper)

Joint Commission Resources, 2005

ISBN: 086688-9019

Reviewed by Lorri Zipperer

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) in Oakbrook, IL, has been recognized by experts as being a key driver in setting patient safety as a priority for health care¹. This workbook reinforces that assertion by compiling JCAHO information in a user-friendly text that supports the adoption of patient safety initiatives and the use of tools to sustain medical reduction efforts.

The crux of *Patient Safety* is the 2005 patient safety standards for the various types of organizations accredited by JCAHO: ambulatory care, behavioral health care, critical access hospitals, home care organizations, general hospitals, long term care organizations and office-based surgery practices. The book includes matrixes that illustrate how the Joint Commission's safety standards are specifically applied to these environments. The matrixes can serve as worksheets for organizations preparing for accreditation visits or that seek to understand their adoption of important safety elements such as disclosure of unanticipated outcomes, information-based decision-making and staff perception of safety risks. Buttressing that section is a chapter outlining JCAHO's contribution to patient safety and a walkthrough of the 2005

JCAHO Patient Safety Goals and how they interface with other JCAHO accreditation standards.

Throughout the book, sidebars provide quick tips and checklists to help guide development and implementation of initiatives that support patient safety. These are short and to the point. Although often drawn from JCAHO-published materials, it would have been helpful for these to regularly include citations to the original resources. Some of the sidebars do reference more in-depth non-JCAHO resources on their topic; it would be better if they all did.

Patient Safety: Essentials for Health Care will give the reader both background on the issue of patient safety and an introduction to the current challenges involved with reducing medical error. It is a resource any information professional should be aware of who works in a healthcare environment that is accredited by JCAHO

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Member News

Kudos

*By Claudia Lascar, Public Relations
Committee Chair*

Eugene Garfield was elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. This year's new Fellows included Nobel Prize-winning physicist Eric Cornell and the Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Eugene Garfield is the Founder & Chairman Emeritus of The Institute for Scientific Information (now Thomson Scientific) and the President & Founding Editor of the scientific newspaper *The Scientist*. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry (1949) and the Master of Science in Library Science (1954) from Columbia University. The University of Pennsylvania awarded him a Ph.D. in Structural Linguistics (1961).

Dr. Garfield's career is distinguished by several fundamental innovations in scientific communication and information science. He is known as "the father of citation indexing" and the originator of the Citation Impact Factor. He invented the Science Citation Index (SCI) primarily to improve traditional information retrieval methods. He was inspired by H. G. Wells's vision in his book *World Brain*.¹ He correctly anticipated that "Science Citation Index ... will be a giant step in the direction of the World Brain which, I believe, far from being authoritarian, is a step in the direction of freedom because of the improved communication and access to world knowledge."² The SCI has become an important tool for navigating the scientific

literature. SCI not only can retrieve related papers that do not share title or keywords,

but also provides an historical perspective on landmark work, permitting the user to see where this work has been cited subsequently.

The concept of citation analysis today forms the basis of much of what is known variously as scientometrics, bibliometrics, informetrics, and webometrics.

Scientometrics concerns how often and in what situations a scientist writes a paper citing a scientist in another field. This, in turn, has led to a study of the development and politics of science and the scientific community. Bibliometrics focuses on the publications themselves. It concerns the mathematical and statistical analysis of patterns that arise in the publication and use of scholarly materials. Informetrics has a broader scope than Bibliometrics, because it also covers non-scholarly communities in which information is produced, communicated and used. Webometrics, or cybermetrics, can be defined as using of bibliometric techniques in order to study the relationship of different sites on the World Wide Web, such as document field attributes, indexing characteristics, index and document growth, domain characteristics, user querying characteristics, browsing patterns, frequency distribution of image tags within Web pages, and resource utilization.

His participation in the Welch Medical Indexing Project at Johns Hopkins University led to the revision of the "Current List", precursor of the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) list used in *Index Medicus*. Dr. Garfield recognized the

benefits of hospital libraries in helping health professionals provide quality health care through a variety of services, such as computer searches, clinical medical librarianship, and consumer health education. He understood that “it is precisely the need for more specific information that makes libraries, indexes and especially librarians more relevant.”³ Dr. Garfield's inventions continue to have a profound impact on the way we think about and study scholarly communication. For example, Google, the most popular search engine on the Internet, employs an algorithm that is an adaptation of the impact factor. Instead of counting references in the professional literature, as done in citation indexing, Google ranks Web pages through an influence-weighted counting of hyperlinks to each Web page. Dr. Garfield's outstanding contributions to information science are well documented in the publication *The Web of Knowledge: A Festschrift in Honor of Eugene Garfield*, edited by Blaise Cronin and Helen Barsky Atkins.⁴

Dr. Garfield is a strong advocate and supporter of biomedical research. In partnership with Research! America, the nation's largest public education and advocacy organization, he established in 2002 The Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award. This award honors significant research on how medical or health research impacts the economy.⁵

We also know Dr. Garfield as a member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) of the Special Libraries Association (SLA). He has contributed substantially to our electronic discussion list and Members' Publications List. In 2001, DBIO conferred upon him the Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies in

Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship for his overall contribution to the field of information technology.

Dr Garfield has posted all his work in full-text on his Web site, creating one of the first open-access self-archives or repositories (<http://www.garfield.library.upenn.edu/>). According to him “posting and sharing one's preliminary publications are an important part of the peer referring review process and does not justify an embargo by publishers on the ground of ‘prior publication’. It was not the case before the Internet, and, except for unusual clinical situations, has not changed because of the convenience of the Internet.”⁶ Heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Garfield.

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Joanne Gard Marshall received a Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, from McGill University, her alma mater, on June 30, 2005, and presented the convocation address to the Faculty of Education. She holds a Ph.D. in Community Health from the University of Toronto (1987), a Master of Health Science Degree from McMaster University (1978), a Master of Library Science from McGill University (1968), and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary (1966).

At the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Annual Conference in Toronto, SLA President, Ethel Salonen, unveiled the new online learning system, the first of its kind designed specifically for library and information professionals, called "Click

University". This project could not have come to fruition without the work of Joanne Gard Marshall. Dr. Marshall chaired the Special Committee on the Competencies for Special Librarians (1995–1997), which drafted "The Competencies of Special Librarians in the 21st Century".¹ The Competencies document lists eleven professional and thirteen personal competencies needed by new entrants to the field. She also contributed to The Competencies Survey, as member of the Advisory Committee.² The goals of the survey were to provide a benchmark of information studies curricula and to identify competency areas better served by continuing education programs offered through professional associations. SLA expects to offer courses based on these competencies.

Dr. Marshall participated in the KALIPER (Kellogg-ALISE Information Professions and Education Reform) Project. This groundbreaking project, under the auspices of the Association for Library and Science Education (ALISE), analyzed the nature and extent of major curricular changes in library and information science (LIS) education. One of the most significant attributes of library and information work in the 21st century is its multidimensional nature. "Factors influencing the schools include, among other things, the image of LIS on campus, the multidisciplinary nature of Information as an intellectual domain, the variety in backgrounds of faculty members, competition to control the educational turf within the domain of Information, and the role of the library profession vis-à-vis other fields within the domain".³

Dr. Marshall was funded by SLA in 1991 to study the impact of the special library on corporate decision-making.⁴ Managers and executives from five major financial institutions in Canada were asked to request

some information from their special library related to a current corporate decision-making situation and to evaluate the impact of the information received. Better-informed decision-making was reported by 84% of the responses. Special libraries are particularly effective in supplying new knowledge in decision-making situations and in increasing the level of confidence of managers and executives in the decisions being made. In the same year, she also carried out the Rochester Study on the impact of the hospital library on clinical decision-making.⁵ Nearly all (96.5%) of the physicians said that information provided by their hospital librarians contributed to better-informed clinical decisions, and 93% reported that the information provided them with new knowledge, resulting in cost savings and improved patient care at their institutions. She believes that librarians need to measure the outcomes of their services, using evidence-based medicine principles to “make the most convincing claim for our expertise in the increasingly competitive information service marketplace. The nature of evidence in information practice is different because we are not dealing with drugs or medical treatments and because a much wider array of research methods is employed in the field. Despite these differences, the quality of our research can still be assessed, and we can choose to apply the research findings from the best studies. If studies are not available, we can develop techniques for collecting best practices from reliable sources and sharing them in a way that will allow us to improve our services”.⁶

We also know Dr. Marshall as a member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) of the Special Libraries Association (SLA). In 2000 she was awarded the Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies in Biomedical and Life Sciences

Librarianship for adapting emerging technologies to improve access to information in the biomedical and life sciences. Heartfelt Congratulations to Joanne Gard Marshall.

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New Members of the Division

By Irene S. Laursen, Membership Committee Chair

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.

April 2005

Susan Cunningham, Baton Rouge, LA
Michelle L. Diaz, Saint Joseph, MO
Erin K. Ferguson-Crow, Saint Louis, MO
Vicki A. Hendricks, Parsippany, NJ
Rebecca Hurley, Waltham, MA
Cheryl Jacocks-Terrell, Richmond, VA
Jennifer Lai, San Diego, CA
Carla H. Lee, Charlottesville, VA
Ophelia H. Y. Ma, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Quenby Mahood, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Andrew C. McDonald, Blackwood, NJ
George Nichols, Minneapolis, MN
Heather B. O'Daniel, Albuquerque, NM
Teresa Prior, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada
Krista M. Reichard, Vancouver, WA
Sylvia Savage, New York, NY
Pamela L. Shaw, Zion, IL
Julia F. Slejko, Boulder, CO
Julie A. Stielstra, Winfield, IL
Karen F. Thompson, Saint Paul, MN
Andrew J. Wahl, Calveton, MD
Anna M. A. Woods, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

May 2005

Suzanne Cholwek, Rockville, MD
Susan Coffin, Olmsted Falls, OH
Renee DeGannes, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Ann Dibble, Battle Ground, WA
Matthew Eberle, Cambridge, MA
Laura M. Jones, McLean, VA
Bob Koechley, Madison, WI
Diane M. Kozelka, Albuquerque, NM
Meghan M. Lordan, Cambridge, MA
Rebecca A. Pappert, Chapel Hill, NC
Gunther Sampson, Hatfield, PA
Caroline P. Stewart, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Elizabeth M. Vitek, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Donna J. Wolfe, Princeton, NJ

June 2005

Brooke Ballantyne, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada
Susanne E. Barker, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
Judy P. Bolstad, Berkeley, CA
Debra Bowen, Escondido, CA
Modesto Bravo, West Palm Beach, FL
Julie Cardinal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

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 Laura E. Fase, San Francisco, CA
 Andrea Freeman, Vancouver, British
 Columbia, Canada
 Donna G. Gay, Raynham, MA
 Paul Howard, Salem, OR
 Shane Leff, San Diego, CA
 Malcolm Mackenzie, Belmont, MA
 Meris Mandernach, Chicago, IL
 Taryn Resnick, College Station, TX
 Gay Richards, North Shore City, New
 Zealand
 Alison M. Scott, Urbana, IL
 Karen Tempest, Melbourne, Victoria,
 Australia
 Rebecca A. Ulrey, Grand Haven, MI

New Member Profiles

*By Irene S. Laursen, Membership
 Committee Chair*

If you are a new or recent member of the Division, I invite you to submit a brief profile to share in a future issue of *Biofeedback*. Biomedical and Life Sciences Division members come from many different corners of the globe. Sharing our backgrounds, unusual combinations of skills, or other insights can help us get to know each other, even if we do not have the opportunity to attend conferences regularly, especially in early stages of our careers. So please don't be bashful to contact me if you are interested. You can reach me at ilaursen@wellesley.edu or by FAX: 781-283-3642 (Shared FAX; please include ATT: Irene Laursen).

Bob Koechley, who received his Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999, brought almost fifteen years' experience in Internet tool development and applications to his position as Director of Information Management at Promega Corporation, a

biotech research and development company. His position supports biotechnology research focused on building tools and systems for discovery. In 1996, Bob edited a Highsmith Press book, *Libraries and the Internet*. He is also the librarian for the satirical weekly newspaper, *The Onion*, "America's Finest News Source."

Ophelia Ma is an Information Services Librarian at the University of Victoria, where she works closely with the departments of Biology, Earth and Ocean Sciences, and Environmental Studies. Her fascination with phytoplankton led her to pursue a Bachelor's degree in 2002 with a major concentration of Oceanography, and a minor in English literature. In 2004, she earned her MLIS degree, also from the University of British Columbia. She has lived her whole life in British Columbia and simply adores the West Coast. Ophelia loves to read and enjoys wildflowers as well as phytoplankton.

Recent Member Publications

*Submitted by Claudia Lascar, Public
 Relations Committee Chair*

April – June 2005

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Committee Volunteers Needed

We need people for the following committees of the Division:

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Professional Development
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Publications (Chair)
Vendor Relations

Committees are a great way to meet new colleagues, share knowledge and experience, and participate in shaping the future of the Division and librarianship.

See the complete list of Division committees and Chairs on page 38 of this newsletter. If you have questions or want to volunteer, email or phone Laura Osegueda laura_osegueda@ncsu.edu, (919) 513-6218

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**Biomedical and Life Sciences Division
Special Libraries Association
Outgoing Board Meeting
4 June 2005
Toronto
Sponsored by Swets Information Services**

Present: Peggy Jones (Chair), Ruth Gustafson (Nominations and Elections), Barbara Hedges (Awards), Chris Hooper-Lane (Chair, Medical Section), Susan Kendall (Biofeedback, Vendor Relations), Claudia Lascar (Public Relations), Irene Laursen (Membership), Eleanor MacLean (Treasurer), Laura Osegueda (Chair-elect), Laurie Scott (Director), Nancy Stimson (Past chair), John Tebo (Archivist), Anne Turhollow (Secretary), Carol Vreeland (BSDNET-L), Janet Cooper Weiss (Professional Development), Christina Woodward (Toronto Program), Lorri Zipperer (Publications)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by chair Peggy Jones. A thank you was extended to Swets for sponsoring the board meeting.
- II. The minutes of the Nashville board meeting were moved, seconded and passed for approval.
- III. It was moved, seconded, and passed to ratify the Executive Board votes that had occurred via e-mail during the business year. This was the approval of the awardee for the DBIO Distinguished Member Award.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Eleanor MacLean distributed copies of the year to date cash flow report, the 2005 budget planning chart, and a list of the 2005 conference division contributors. The division has current income of \$33,604.53 and expenses of \$24,261.70 with \$15,587.01 in reserve funds. There was some discussion of the categories used for the budget: the lines for Procedures was removed as it had not been used for three years running and there are several other categories [not specified] that can be removed in a few years.

It was recommended that we increase the amount of support for division officers attending the Leadership Summit. The Board agreed that the Division would provide up to \$1000 each per meeting for the program planners (current and next year), the chair, and the chair-elect, up to a total of \$8,000 a year. The \$1000 would not need to be provided if an employer supports one, but the division would support self-employed officers. Eleanor has sent the appropriate wording to Laurie Scott for the recommended practices.

- V. Director's Report –Laurie Scott reported that the recommended practices are 90% complete; several people still need to respond. Laurie received a round of applause for her work.
- VI. Appointed Positions Reports

- A. Archivist – John Tebo received at the end of April the boxes containing the archives. They will be unpacked later this summer. He will begin scanning the contributed papers and the annual reports. The Board briefly discussed the issue of addresses and phone numbers appearing on the new member lists and whether or not they should be removed. This was deferred until later. Carol Lepzelter-Berry has sent John two files of previous version of the division's website.
- B. Biofeedback Susan Kendall reported that Biofeedback has \$2000 of advertising income. There has been a recent increase in the amount of advertising and she wondered if we should limit the number of ads per issue or if we should raise our rates. Other divisions (ERMD and Pharm) charge \$250/ad; we charge \$160. It was suggested that these questions should be tabled for the incoming board to discuss. Advertising in Biofeedback can serve as an entrée for vendors to move up to program sponsorship. The division does not really need the income for Biofeedback but we should put a value on the service we provide. Should we increase slightly the rate or offer smaller ads? We do not want to overburden the bulletin with advertising. It was recommended that we get rates from more divisions. It was recommended that the incoming board discuss increasing the rate and /or limiting the number of ads.

The meeting was suspended at this point (due to noise) and reconvened at 7:55pm at Novotel.

It was recommended that a more complete e-mail distribution list be created/used for announcements of publication of issues of Biofeedback.

- C. BSDNET-L – Laura Osegueda reported on the need to move the listserv over to the SLA system. She and Carol Vreeland hope to do this in the next few months. Ruth Gustafson reported that when they attempted to notify division members of voting and the survey, it was discovered that only one seventh of the members are subscribers to BSDNET-L and half of the subscribers are non-members. Laura and Carol distributed their report and the following questions were highlighted:
 - Are listservs no longer a suitable communication tool or do we need to redefine the uses of our listserv?
 - Should we just be happy that those who subscribe find it important and since we will have the announcement up and can use it for voting and other official business stay with the status quo?
 - Is it useful at this time to have it as a communication device? Should we move to a webpage or a blog as communication?

It was suggested only an announcement list needs to be created. The current BSDNET is not very difficult to subscribe to; the survey indicated that some members are dissatisfied because they didn't know what the division did or what services were offered. Members should be automatically signed up to an announcements list, which they can opt out of. Those who have used the Communities of Practice are not satisfied with the software and one is immediately cut off if one fails to renew membership in SLA; there is no grace period. It was agreed that there should be two listservs – one for announcements and one for discussion.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Awards Committee – Barbara Hedges (assisted by her fellow committee members Julia Perez and Sonia Dorfman) reported that she posted the awards nomination information to the listserv in April. They did receive nominations for the Distinguished Member award but none for the Winifred Sewell award. They did select a Distinguished Member awardee, but choose not to award the Sewell award. Next year the awards information will be published earlier and information will also be placed in Biofeedback.
- B. Contributed Papers Committee – Peggy Jones reported for Barbara Butler. The committee is back up to four members: Barbara Butler (chair), Todd Hannon is Junior Co-Chair, Jonathan Nabe is the Second Year Member, and Nita Feree is the First Year Member. There will be three papers presented at this year's session, which is now in the morning with breakfast. The authors were required to assign and transfer copyright to SLA, but refused to do so. Many wished to know SLA's rationale for this action. Peggy will raise the issue at Division Cabinet.
- C. Fund Development Committee – Laura Osegueda distributed her annual report. The other committee members were Peggy Jones, Ophelia Morey, Michelle Foss, and Janet Weiss (ex officio). Many vendors reported that they did not have as much money to contribute this year. We will need to use money from the division resources for this conference. For Baltimore, we will do more co-sponsored programs as well as focus on regional topics and speakers. We can use non-exhibiting vendors for support. They will not appear in the official conference program, but we can advertise them on the website, listserv, and flyers for a program. Peggy would like a larger committee and would like to keep the members on the committee for the full length of allowable service (6 years).
- D. Governing Document Committee – Nancy Stimson reported that there was no work this year as Dave Duggar had done it all last year.
- E. Membership Committee – Irene Laursen reported that 16 members would receive longevity awards this year, including 60-year member Doris Bolef. Marianne Doherty, who retired in April, will receive a special appreciation award for 37 years for membership and professional service. Irene had received questions from Dav Robertson about whether the division is growing or declining; we tend to float between 720-780 members. The text of the letter sent to lapsed members will now include a sentence pointing out career disruption information on the website.
- F. Nominations and Elections Committee – Ruth Gustafson gave the election results: Janet Weiss is incoming chair-elect, Jason Price incoming secretary, and Barry Brown is the incoming director. The online election turned out to be tricky; information is included in her report distributed via e-mail. The single slate election also turned out to be difficult. The committee found it difficult to get candidates and many voters did not see any point to voting (there was 12.6% return rate). Next year the committee will try to get two to three candidates per office; please send recommendations to Ruth.

- G. Professional Development Committee – Janet Weiss thanked Lorri Zipperer for her work on the Systems Thinking class. The class is being co-sponsored with Engineering Division. 14 people have signed up for the class: 11 are taking both sections. We are past the break-even point.

There are two post-conference tours planned: the harbor cruise has the minimum number of people signed up. The library hopping tour has had no takers so far. Christina Woodward will lead the group (if any one shows up) beginning from the Convention Center. Peggy commented that fewer tours were offered this year; is there less interest in tours? People commented on the fact that registering for the tours was not easy; it was not part of the conference registration process and there was no link to the tour registration form. Lack of interest in the library tour may be due to the fact that a large number of Toronto libraries were offering open houses all week.

SLA will run the continuing education courses in the future and will be less dependent on the divisions. A task force is being formed. SLA is planning a huge rollout of online CE courses. Christina has a report on the sale of tickets from the end of May.

- H. Public Relations Committee – Claudia Lascar, chair, was assisted by committee members: Nancy Curtis, Carol Lepzelter-Berry, and Margy Grasberger. They put out the annual call for members' publications. The compilation will be distributed at the annual business meeting; it is very short this year. Carol is updating the website. They have also developed a draft for a Medical Section brochure. They recommend that a public relations campaign take place for the Medical Section and will need an additional two-three members. A meeting of the committee should take place during the annual conference and include the chair, chair-elect, Medical Section chair, and Medical Section chair-elect. The survey results and a strategic plan should be incorporated into the campaign. Claudia's term is expiring at the end of conference.

The Medical Section website is being updated. Lorri Zipperer suggested that some of the Division funds should be spent on a PR consultant.

- I. Publications Committee – Lorri Zipperer reported that there was a drop in the number of book reviews. Seven items were reviewed, but 16 review copies had been requested (fewer are being given out). A number of roving reporters have been lined up; please let Lorri know if you write up a presentation. This meeting is the end of Lorri's term of service.
- J. Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee – Peggy reported for Hadiya Drew. There are 44 new student members. Two students will be attending the business meeting.
- K. Vendor Relations Committee – Susan Kendall, chair, was assisted by committee members: Suzanne Duncan, Ophelia Morey, and Bebbie Rhodes. The Vendor Round Table session is tomorrow at 9:30am. Susan would like to step down from the committee.

In honor of the division's 70th anniversary, refrigerator magnets (heart-shaped of course) were and will be distributed. Three (LL Bean, Target, and Amazon) \$50 gift certificates will given out by drawings at the Vendor Round Table, the Contributed Papers session, and the Business meeting.

- L. Toronto Program Committee – Christina Woodward distributed spreadsheets detailing conference expenses and the division's schedule of programs. There was a round of applause for Christina and her committee.

VIII. Medical Section Report – Chris Hooper-Lane reported that Bonnie Stephenson is the incoming chair and Michelle Foss is the chair-elect. They have met with Karen Freeman, head of communications at HQ. Chris will work on redesigning the section's website and has revived the column in Biofeedback. Brent Mai is coming to the Incoming Board meeting, however it was indicated that the initiative last year to form a Medical Division is now "on the back burner."

A gentle reminder that the incoming board meeting is at 7am.

IX. Liaison Reports

- A. MLA – Claudia Lascar has initiated a new column in Biofeedback. She is stepping down as the MLA liaison. MLA now considers SLA to be a direct competitor, so she was not allowed to put a brief description of the Medical Section in the MLA News. Eleanor reported that Joanne Marshall, president of MLA, was awarded an honorary doctorate from McGill University at the Health Sciences Convocation. Chris reported that he had sent an invitation to the Medical Section reception to the local MLA members.

- B. ASIST – Peggy reported for Louise Worthington that the annual meeting would be in Charlotte, North Carolina on October 28 though November 5.

- C. IAMSLIC – Ruth reported for Jean Crampon. The annual conference is in Rome in October and will sponsored by the FAO.

X. Natural History Caucus – Ruth reported for Steve Johnson. The caucus is growing; it has five new members for a total of 52. She discovered that the SLA search engine does not bring up all the members, and that this may be a problem with other searches. The annual business meeting will be on Sunday at the Royal York Hotel from 3-4pm, followed by dinner at the Saint Tropez Restaurant at 5pm. The programs at this conference include the harbor cruise and a session "Environment in Crisis: Amphibians in Decline." Ruth is the incoming convener and will serve for the next three years. She will be responsible for the conferences in Baltimore, Denver, and Seattle. She is considering a small survey of the membership to increase activity of the caucus.

XI. Old Business/New Business

- A. Endowment Fund progress – Lorri Zipperer reported that she had created some materials for the website and will post flyers announcing the project as well as the announcement at

the business meeting. She held a focus group to develop the materials. The web address for the systems thinking site is <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Systems/>.

- B. Change in Association year – ramifications for the Division – Peggy announced that the incoming board members will serve 18 months. There are questions about how this will affect elections – when will they take place? What will the meetings be called at conference? However this will probably shorten the meetings. There is a difficulty in that the main treasurer’s report is due in January and will probably need to be done by the past treasurer. (Eleanor has agreed to serve an extra six months.) However these are issues for the incoming board to deal with.
- C. Survey results – Ruth Gustafson gave a brief report on the survey results. Her report will be discussed at length at the Incoming Board meeting. There were 177 returns; the majority were not negative. Those responding to the survey announcement on BSDnet were mostly members with 20 or more years in the division; when the survey was announced on a membership list created by Ruth with assistance from HQ, this switched to 1-5 years of membership. There were lots of concerns expressed about the division’s website. Many were unhappy with the length of the survey.

Peggy responded that there is definitely a lot for the division to work on. A task force was formed with Peggy volunteering to serve as chair; Lorri Zipperer, Janet Weiss, and Irene Laursen also volunteered. Just before the conference, Carol Lepzelter-Berry sent two redesigns of the website for board members to evaluate. These will be discussed at the Incoming Board meeting.

- D. Baltimore 2006 Program – John Tebo said there will be two sponsored programs plus two co-sponsored programs in addition to the “boilerplate” programs: Vendor Round Table, Academic Round Table, and the Winners’ Circle of Websites. However, the Winners’ Circle may not go forward, as the other divisions are not interested in carrying forward with this program. They are looking for speakers from the Washington DC, and Baltimore area from places such as the National Aquarium, Project Muse, and the FDA. Laura suggested we might want to consider a poster session; Claudia suggested new technologies might be a good theme. There will be more information on programming at the Incoming Board meeting.
- XII. Announcements – Eleanor MacLean reported on the SLA Board meeting. The board approved the new fee structure, but the membership will also have to approve it as it is over a 12% increase. The new structure is \$99 for those with a salary of \$35,000 and under; over \$35,000 will be \$160; there are separate categories for students and retired. Because the bylaws change on electronic voting must be passed first, voting on removing the 12% limit on the dues increase will occur later in the year, probably in the early fall.
- XIII. Adjournment – Peggy thanked everyone for their work and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

**Biomedical And Life Sciences Division
Special Libraries Association
Incoming Board Meeting
8 June 2005, Toronto
Sponsored by Ebsco and ACS**

Present: Laura Osegueda (Incoming Chair), Janet Weiss (Chair Elect), Peggy Jones (Outgoing Chair, Governing Docs), Barry Brown (Director), Jason Price (Secretary), Eleanor MacLean (Treasurer), John Tebo (Baltimore Program Chair), Barbara Hedges (Awards), Susan Kendall (Biofeedback Editor), Bonnie Stephenson (Chair, Medical Section), Jean Crampon (IAMSLIC Liaison), Irene Laursen (Membership), Claudia Lascar (Public Relations), Buzz Haughton

Absent: Todd Hannon (Contributed Papers Committee), Ruth Gustafson (Convener, Nat. Hist. Caucus; Nominations & Elections), Carla Lee (Publications), Hadiya Drew (Student Relations/Career Guidance), Carol Lepzelter-Berry (Website)

Open: Diversity, Professional Development, Vendor Relations (?)

I. Call to Order

Laura Osegueda called the meeting to order at 7:30am. Thank you to ACS and EBSCO for hosting the breakfast meeting.

II. Introductions

The members of the incoming executive board were introduced.

III. Old Business – From outgoing board meeting – Laura Osegueda

1. Reminder: The outgoing board approved an increase conference support for Chair, Chair Elect, current & next year's Program chairs
 - i. \$1000 per conference x 2 conferences/year = max \$8000 per year from division
 - ii. Where institutions cover conference expenses, this money should be left for the division
2. Advertising in Biofeedback (Kendall)
 - a. Information:
 - i. More vendors are requesting advertising space in biofeedback
 - ii. We sold more than \$2000 in advertising last year
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Should we set a limit on the proportion advertising in each issue?
 - ii. Should we increase the price per full page to \$250? (current \$160 Full, \$80 half)
 - c. Extensive discussion
 - i. Some reluctance to 100% increase because we don't like it when they do that to us
 - ii. Increasing the cost might not limit requests for advertising at all
 - iii. \$250 is closer to what other divisions charge for newsletter advertising

- iv. Some discussion of new price for half page: more than half of full page price?
- d. **ACTIONS TAKEN:**
 - i. Fee per full page ad raised to \$250, half page \$125 (unanimously approved)
 - ii. Recommend monitoring % of issue that is advertisements, but not limiting (yet)
- 3. SLA copyright policy on contributed papers at SLA conferences (Osegueda & Butler)
 - a. Question: Why required to sign copyright over to SLA?
 - b. **Action required:** Osegueda will Take to Board of Directors for comment
- 4. Community of Practice – loss of access (Osegueda & MacLean)
 - a. Information
 - i. Recent practice has been to cut users off when their membership payments are overdue, without any notice or grace period
 - ii. On their request for grace period because of issues from slow institutional payment of membership dues, SLA staff responded indifferently
 - iii. Osegueda & MacLean feel that, at minimum, there should be a notification that late membership dues payments will result in loss of access to COP
 - b. **Action required:** Osegueda will formally contact members of Board of Directors/Pam Rolo
- 5. Discussion of survey results (Jones)
 - a. **Action required:** Jones to chair task force to make recommendations to Board of Directors
- 6. Webpage revisions (Osegueda)
 - a. **Action required:** URLs of mockups from Carol Lepzelter-Berry to be sent to board for comments, which will be forwarded to Carol
 - b. *New idea:* Form committee to support expanded Division web presence (?)
 - i. Beyond webpage subcommittee of PR?
- 7. Change in Association Fiscal Year and Terms of Committee Appointments (Osegueda)
 - a. Information: Current board will serve through Dec 2006 because of SLA change to align Governance & Fiscal years
<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/pressroom/pressrelease/2005prelease/pr2515.cfm>

IV. Committee Reports with Ideas & Concerns

- 1. Awards committee (Hedges) -- NR
- 2. Contributed papers committee (Hannon) -- NR
- 3. Fund development committee (Weiss)
 - a. *Need committee members*
 - b. **Action required:** Need to implement a procedure to centralize the distribution of letters of thanks and memos of understanding (must be renamed as **Invoice**) to Donors
- 4. Governing documents committee (Jones) -- NR
- 5. Membership (Laursen)
 - a. Information: Plan to implement conference buddies next year supported by outgoing board

- b. *New idea*: Consider participation in a New members reception for multiple divisions
- 6. Nominations & elections (Gustafson) --NR
- 7. Professional Development (*OPEN*)
- 8. Public Relations Committee (Lascar)
 - a. Medical section to beta new SLA toolkit to recruit to members to larger organizations
- 9. Publications (Carla Lee, U of Va) -- NR
- 10. Student Relations/Career Guidance (Hadiya Drew) -- NR
- 11. Vendor Relations (Diane Schmidt to take over?) -- NR
- 12. 2005 Toronto Program Committee
 - a. Question: Approve \$100 Honorarium to each of the four speakers from the “Who owns scientific knowledge” Session?
 - b. Information: None of the speakers were SLA members
 - c. ACTION TAKEN: Unanimous approval
- 13. 2006 Baltimore program committee (John Tebo)
 - a. Question: For greater awareness of division: Open House or Suite?
 - i. Board & Cabinet suggested we try a Suite, with following uses:
 - 1. Incoming Board Meeting on Saturday
 - 2. Division Old & New Members reception on Sunday
 - ii. ACTION TAKEN: Unanimous approval
- 14. Medical Section Report
 - a. Program in Baltimore –
 - i. Information: J. Hopkins or National Library of Medicine/NCBI a 45 minute ride
 - ii. CE--Basic cancer genetics--Michele Tennant planned for Sunday AM
 - iii. CE on PubMed -- Full day Saturday or PM Sunday?
 - iv. Suggested separate business meeting/program from off site field trip
 - i. M-W Medical division reception on site (Tuesday evening?) –note might also be able to do use Division suite if reserved for longer period
 - v. Thursday – plan full day NLM tour
- 15. Liaison Reports – Question as to value of printed reports at Business Meeting
 - a. Generally encouraged

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Treasurer – Eleanor MacLean
 - a. Reminder -- Board should use ‘treasurers forms’ on web site for reimbursements
 - b. Reminder -- Default committee budgets are \$100 – please submit requests for different amounts ASAP
- 2. Note new Systems thinking initiative website –
<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Systems/>

The meeting adjourned with thanks at 8:40 AM.

Revised and submitted on 26 July 2005 by Jason S. Price – Please send comments if you find this outline form of minutes difficult to follow (Or if you especially like it) -- jpricein@gmail.com

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