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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Larry Kelland

Highlights of the SLA Winter Meeting, Arlington, VA January 21-25, 1998

Winifred Sewell won the Hall of Fame Award for sustained, distinguished service to the Association, and Larry Wright won the Rose Vornelker Award for exceptional service to the profession in mentoring students and professionals in the field. Congratulations to both!!!

We had a reception at the recently refurbished Library of Congress. Dr. James Billington, Librarian of Congress spoke. The Library is absolutely stunning. If you visit Washington, you definitely should see it.

A few of the highlights of the SLA Executive Board Meetings (these were open to the members): There will be an electronic version of *Information Outlook*. A proposal to move DACOLT from Sunday to Wednesday at the annual conference was discussed. Division Cabinet voted to move it to Wednesday so that the new Chair-Elects could attend. Two people at Division Cabinet (one of them me) commented, why not keep it on Sunday and have Chair-Elect-Elects attend. Chapter Cabinet voted to keep it on Sunday. The SLA Board voted to table it until the annual conference in Indianapolis and consider it then. The Medical Section information is now on the SLA Web page, under our Division. Two resolutions were passed, to honor the Medical Library Association on its 100th birthday, to be announced at its annual conference in May in Philadelphia, and to honor the H. W. Wilson Company also 100 years old.

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The Awards Committee submitted names for awards (as listed above), and has started the ball rolling for the Distinguished Member Award. They have secured the list of 40, 50, and 60 year anniversary members for recognition.

The Bylaws Committee has submitted their complete report to committee chairs and it includes our name change among other bylaws changes.

The Fund Development Committee has raised \$3400 from several sponsors and will probably raise more shortly.

The Membership Committee has developed a membership brochure as well as a student membership brochure, and the Committee's Chair, Nancy Curtis, has kept us up to date on our membership statistics throughout the year via our listserv. We now have 625. They sent out 62 welcome packets to new members.

The Nominations and Elections Committee has obtained candidates for our top officers:
Chair-Elect: Anne Marie Malley and Janet Cooper Weiss

Treasurer: Peggy Jones and Eleanor McLean
Secretary: Barbara Butler and Elizabeth Lamont

Resumes of the candidates can be found in the Fall issue of *Biofeedback*.

The Indianapolis Program Committee has put together the program for Indianapolis, June, 1998. It includes the following programs: Back to Nature, Biomaterials, New Crop Development and Usage, Agricultural Runoff and Water Quality Issues, A Winner's Circle of Science Web Sites, and the Contributed Papers Session: How Biological, Medical and Life Sciences Librarians and Information Specialists have Shared Electronic and Print Resources to Meet users Needs. The

Committee has also planned the business meetings and breakfasts. The Committee has been working with other divisions to put the programs together: ERMD, CHE, FAN.

The Professional Development Committee has put together a tour of the Indianapolis Zoo, which includes a meeting with the zoo librarian. They have set up a CE course: Molecular Biology Information Resources.

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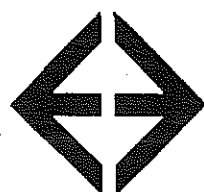
The Minneapolis Program Committee has 19 program ideas to choose from and has worked with other division at the Winter Meeting in the program planning sessions.

The Public relations Committee has sent a press release about our scope note and name change to Information Outlook. They are working on our Division web page.

The Publications Committee is working on publication guidelines based on those of ALA and ACRL.

The Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee has completed a student brochure (with the Membership Committee). The Committee's column in *Biofeedback* is now named BioLife. The Committee got corrections in to the SLA web page. The Committee has also been working with the SLA Student and Academic Relations Committee.

The Medical Section elected its officers at the Annual Conference in Seattle in June:
Chair: David Duggar; Chair-Elect: Lorri Zipperer; Secretary: Teresa Frydryk. Medical Section membership is now an option on the SLA annual renewal form. The section is working on events for the annual conference in Indianapolis.



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DIVISION MEMBERS HONORED

Patricia B. Yocum
Chair, Awards Committee

Three members of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division have been selected to receive Association Awards at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis, a great honor for the individuals and a great distinction for our Division.

Winifred Sewell has been elected to the SLA Hall of Fame. Election is accorded "a member of the association at or near the end of an active professional career for an extended and sustained period of distinguished service to the association in all spheres." (*Who's Who in Special Libraries.*, 1997-98, p. 81.) Division members warmly recall that Win was honored as a landmark fifty year member of the Division at our Annual Business meeting in Montreal in 1995. Slightly more than 100 SLA members have been elected to the Hall of Fame since its creation in the late 1950's.

Eleanor MacLean, who joined our Division in 1974, has been named an SLA Fellow for 1998-99. The distinction "is given to individual members of SLA, who are at or near the mid-point of an active professional career . . . in recognition of their leadership in the field of special librarianship and for their outstanding contributions and expected future service to the association." (Ibid, p. 84.) In addition to past service as President of the Eastern Canada Chapter, Eleanor has chaired the SLA Scholarship Committee, served as Deputy Chair of the Montreal Conference Planning Committee and is currently Chair of the SLA Bylaws Committee. Fellows, who are encouraged and expected to continue their contributions to the Association on a broad basis, were first named in 1987. Four including Eleanor were selected for this year.

Larry Wright, a BLSD member since 1984, has been named the first recipient of the Rose L. Vormelker Award. Recently established at the association level, the award recognizes members for exceptional services to the profession of special librarianship in the area of mentoring students and/or practicing professionals. It is named for Rose Vormelker a prominent business and news librarian who was noted for inspiring and mentoring hundreds of librarians over nearly seven decades. Rose served as President of SLA in 1948-49 and was elected to the SLA Hall of Fame in 1963. She died in 1994 at the age of 99. Larry is widely known for promoting the well-being of students through extensive work in the Division and in the North Carolina Chapter and especially during his chairmanship of SARC, SLA's Student and Academic Relations Committee.

Heartfelt congratulations to these fine members!

FRED W. ROPER APPOINTED MLA FELLOW

Jo Anne Boorkman
BLSD Representative to MLA

Former Biomedical and Life Sciences Division chair Fred W. Roper, Ph.D., was appointed Fellow of the Medical Library Association at its annual meeting in Seattle, in May 1997. Already a Fellow of SLA, Fred garnered further kudos from MLA in recognition of his leadership in promoting professional development for health sciences librarians. He has actively participated in the MLA Certification and Registration program, serving as chair of several task forces and committees, including the Knowledge and Skills Task Force, 1989-1992, that produced the document *Platform for Change*. This document provides the blueprint for MLA members to assess their professional strengths and weaknesses as they chart their professional direction within the rapidly changing health sciences environment. Fred's text, *Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences*, now in its third edition has become a standard resource in health sciences librarianship. Fred has also served on the MLA Board of Directors (1987-1990) and as MLA President (1994/95). Congratulations, Fred!

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

We are very sad to note that Harriett Steuernagel, a member of our Division since 1945, passed away in 1997. For over 30 years she served as head librarian at the Washington University School of Dental Medicine in St. Louis which was renamed in her honor in 1988. In 1995 she was celebrated as a fifty year landmark member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. Harriett was 90 years old when she passed away.



INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE UPDATE

Anne Marie Malley
Chair, Indianapolis Conference Committee

Indianapolis is fast approaching and the Division has put together a great many interesting programs. On Saturday, June 6 the Professional Development Committee is offering a CE Course on Molecular Biology and Information Resources that will be taught by Renata McCarthy from the National Center for Biotechnology Information. Participants will learn about molecular biology information resources, find out how their search skills apply to molecular biology databases and search systems, including Entrez and BLAST, and will review the basic concepts of Genetics.

The offerings for Sunday, include a joint continental breakfast with the Chemistry, Environmental Resource Management and Biomedical and Life Sciences Divisions. The Medical Section will have its Board Meeting in the early afternoon, and an evening event includes a reception for members of the Chemistry, Environmental and Resource Management, and Biomedical and Life Sciences divisions.

Monday, June 8 will include a full day of Division programs, including sessions on Biomaterials, Science WWW Sites, and Agricultural Runoff. A Biomaterials program will include speakers, Joel Higgins from Biomet, Inc., Rodney Pinkston from STN, Renee Bush from SUNY Buffalo and Jack Cooper from University of California, Riverside as Moderator. Biomaterials include substances such as synthetic polymers, metals, and ceramics that are used in medical devices for long-term implementation (artificial hear valves, dental fillings, hip prostheses) or temporary use (wound dressings, sutures, IV catheters). A Winner's Circle of Science Web Sites will focus upon the best science sites from Chemistry, Environment and Biology. Susan Westenbarger from EPA's Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse will moderate the session that will include Gary Wiggins from Indiana University, Laura Barnes from Illinois Waste Management and Research Center, and Anne Malley from the California Academy of Sciences. Because the session will focus upon the best sites I am expecting you all to send me your favorites (amalley@cas.calacademy.org). Agricultural Runoff and Water Quality will include a discussion with Jane Frankenburger from Purdue University and Charles Crawford from U.S. Geological Survey. The Natural History Caucus will meet in the late afternoon, and the members of the Chemistry, Environmental and Resource Management, and Biomedical and Life Sciences division will have an opportunity meet up again and taste Indiana wine.

Tuesday's activities will include the Annual Business Meeting and Continental Breakfast, and sessions on Back to Nature: Medicine from Nature, and New Crop Development and Usage. Ara Der Marderosion from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science will discuss the scientific basis for selection and screening of ethnobotanical products. New Crop Development and Usage: From Plant Conservation and Seed Bank to Production will feature James Simon from the Indiana Center for New Crops at Purdue University. Dr. Simon will provide an overview of new crop development and discuss the allied topics of crop/species diversity and conservation.

Wednesday's event will be the Contributed Papers Session. This year's theme is titled Cooperation is the Key: How Biological, Medical and Life Sciences Librarians and Information Specialists Have Shared Electronic or Print Resources to Meet Users' Needs.

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Thursday's field trip offering will be a walk through White River State Park on route to the Indianapolis Zoo. Lunch will be in the Dolphin Gallery, a room with underwater views of the dolphin tank. Susann Braun, the zoo librarian will talk about library services at the zoo, and animal handlers will circulate through the room with live animals for attendees to see and handle.

Other divisions have a great many offerings about virtual libraries, internet searching, www page and intranet design, digital libraries and information, telecommunications, copyright issues, fat free meetings, and the usual topics of library management. Indianapolis should prove to be an exciting conference.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION FOR INDIANAPOLIS

Tom A. Turner
Chair, Contributed Papers Session, Indianapolis

This year's Contributed Papers Session Committee is pleased to announce the papers chosen for presentation at the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division's Contributed Papers Session at the SLA Conference in Indianapolis. The session is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. This year's session theme is "Cooperation is the Key: How Biological, Medical and Life Sciences Librarians and Information Specialists Have Shared Electronic or Print Resources to Meet Users' Needs."

The following papers and their authors will be represented at the session:

"The HUBNET User Survey: User Assessment of a Biomedical Resources Network."

Nancy Stimson, Health Sciences Library, State University of New York at Buffalo; Martin E. Mutka, Library Consortium of Health Institutions in Buffalo, State University of New York at Buffalo.

"Harnessing Health Information for Collaboration and Cooperation: Cases in Bioinformatics and Nutrition."

Polin P. Lei, Health Sciences Library, University of Arizona.

"SCHIN, SEND, and NAND: Sharing Is Not a Four-Letter Word for These Interlibrary Loan Networks Based on the National Library of Medicine's DOCLINE System."

Thomas W. Hill, Upper Savannah AHEC Medical Library, Self Memorial Hospital, Greenwood, SC.

"Partnerships for Progress: The Evolution and Future of the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto."

Laurie J. Scott, Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto; Joan Leishman and Helen Michael, University of Toronto.

The committee would like to thank all of you who submitted abstracts for this year's program; there were several outstanding submissions again this year. Please join us for what should prove to be a memorable program.

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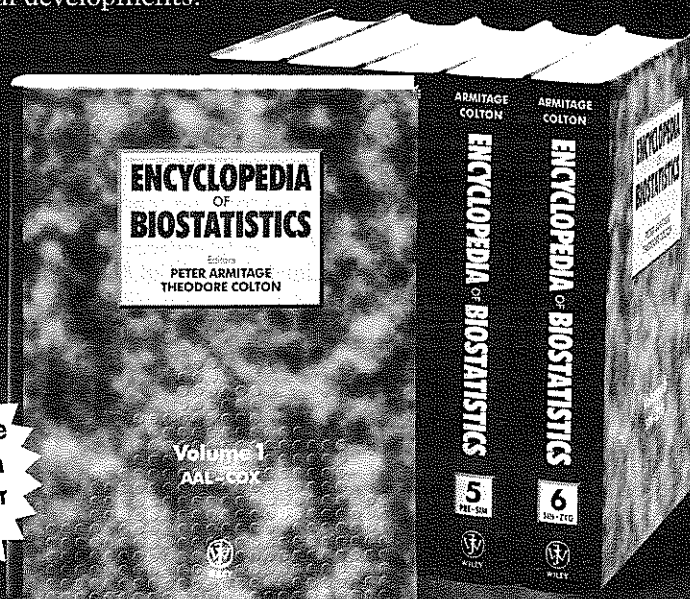
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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Susan C. Curtis
Government Relations Liaison

The Government Printing Office has modified its statement regarding electronic distribution of all federal publications. It now says that when an agency produces a title in paper and makes it available to the GPO in this format, the item will be distributed in print to depository libraries. In a January meeting at ALA Midwinter Francis Buckley, Superintendent of Documents, stated that he foresees that a significant amount of print products will continue to be distributed to depositories. This contrasts with earlier announcements that the GPO would select electronic distribution whenever possible.

Two developments concern NTIS. In December 1997 an Interagency Agreement was signed between NTIS and GPO. NTIS is now prepared to add additional libraries to its pilot project which will enable depository libraries to have free online access to scientific and technical documents that are currently available in electronic format from NTIS. NTIS and GPO have agreed that products delivered under this agreement will be subject to the rules of use and accessibility which govern material in the depository program. The project began at UC-Davis. The hope is that up to 20 libraries will participate in the test. Also, the Department of Energy and the National Technical Information Service will be working with GPO in a joint marketing pilot project where each agency will supply to one another, a list of 20 information products that are not available in the other's sales program. These orders will subsequently be passed on to the original distributor for fulfillment.

Also announced at the Midwinter meeting was the fact that depository libraries now have a free online subscription to Environmental Health Perspectives and its supplements and the National Toxicology Technical Reports.

The National Institutes of Health has announced that it plans to eliminate a category of grants designated for new grant applicants. The category, known as First Independent Research Support and Transition awards, was established in 1987, but has been found to have inadequate funds to cover both the researcher's salary and equipment. The intent was to assist in the transition between post-doctoral work and solo research. Now new applicants will apply for standard grants, but their applications will be flagged as first-timers. The hope is that new investigators will be given some latitude in the presentation of their preliminary data as they compete with their experienced colleagues.

In a December 1997 speech at the Medals of Science and Technology award banquet President Clinton extolled science as the force behind what he called the new economy. He failed, however, to discuss any new initiatives. For the past five years the administration has backed R & D funding increases, but this speech did not elaborate on future growth. His Science Adviser, Jack Gibbons described the administration's policy as one of fiscal responsibility coupled with investment in R & D. The U.S. National Science Board, however, is sharply critical of the White House, and Gibbons in particular. In its working paper, Government Funding for Scientific Research, it faults the Office of Science and Technology for its role in coordinating science policy. It advocates reviewing the research budget as a single entity each year before it is divided up for consideration by the 13 subcommittees in the National Science and Technology Council. The hope is that this approach would enable the government to invest more resources in critical concerns, such as global climate change.

It may become increasingly difficult for scientific evidence to be entered into court room evidence. A recent Supreme Court ruling affirmed the right of trial judges to determine what evidence they admit including what some view as "junk science." The decision in *General Electric Co. v. Joiner* precluded attempts by some to restrict the scope of a 1993 decision which decreed that judges were "gatekeepers." The earlier decision, *Daubert v. Merrell Dow*, eliminated the need for judges to decide whether evidence was "generally accepted" by scientists. Justice Stephen G. Bryer advocates using panels of scientists to advise judges on such matters. The AAAS is interested in providing the courts with expert counsel.

BIOLIFE: STUDENT COLUMN FOR BIOFEEDBACK

David Duggar

Chair, Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee

Happy Mardi Gras! Library students down on the Gulf Coast are currently experiencing the behavioral effects of Mardi Gras on human life. Whether this will make them better biomedical and life science librarians remains to be seen. But we are in the Season of Parades which not even El Nino can change.

While those at other library schools may not be able to share in the Mardi Gras revelry, all can share in the Division's opportunities. By now each Student Chapter Advisor or Division Liaison to a Student Chapter has received a packet of information about the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. Inside were copies of the student brochure created by the Membership and Student Relations Committees. If you have not gotten one, ask your advisor or give us a call. We'll be happy to send more out to you.

January was another renewal time for SLA memberships. Students, take advantage of your special membership rate for the two years in school. Encourage other students to join. You receive *Information Outlook* from SLA, the *Who's Who in SLA Membership Directory*, a Student Newsletter from SLA, and *Biofeedback* from the Biomedical and Life Science Division if you select this Division on the membership form. Remember, you get one Division for free! It is never too late to join or renew your membership.

In March the preliminary program for the 89th annual conference of SLA to be held in Indianapolis will be mailed to your address. Take advantage of travel awards to attend! A few that are being offered are:

S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award - offered by the Sci-Tech Division. \$750.00 offered towards the expense of attending the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Indianapolis, June 6-11, 1998. Deadline: March 2, 1998. Award winner will be announced by April 15, 1998. Apply to: Carla Lee, Chair, Awards Committee, Science-Technology Division, Special Libraries Association, Science Library, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626. cle@luc.edu FAX: (773) 508-8497. Contact Ms. Lee for guidelines.

An Essay Contest sponsored by the Arizona Chapter of the Special Libraries Association in honor of its 20th Anniversary Celebration (1978 - 1998): First Prize: \$750. Deadline: April 15, 1998. Prizes awarded no later than May 1, 1998. A panel of 3 judges from the Arizona Chapter will award the prize(s). TOPIC: Delighting our customers: The role of information professionals in the 21st Century. Apply to: Laura J. Bender, Science-Engineering Library, University of Arizona, P.O. Box 210054, Tucson, AZ 85721-0054. Contact Ms. Bender for guidelines.

Information Technology Division, Special Libraries Association, Student Award [Student membership in SLA for one (1) year. Expenses to attend the SLA Annual Conference to not exceed \$1,500] Deadline: The deadline for submission of papers will be March 20, 1998. Submissions may be mailed to: James E. Manasco, Colorado College-Tutt Library, 1021 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO 80903. They may also be submitted electronically to jmanasco@cc.colorado.edu. Winners will be announced by April 20, 1998. Contact Mr Manasco for guideline

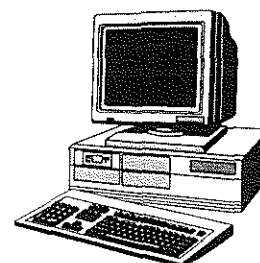
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The Biomedical and Life Science Division has many programs planned for the conference. For the starving student, there are two FREE FOOD receptions!! These are the Open House Sunday evening (6-8) sponsored by BIO, Chem, and ERMD and the Indiana Fermentation Social Monday afternoon (4:30-6) sponsored by BIO, Chem, and ERMD. Two other meal functions where you can network with your colleagues are the Breakfast gathering Sunday (10-12) and the Division's annual business meeting and continental breakfast Tuesday (7:30-8:45). We may yet be able to offer a few tickets to these two events to student members. More details as this is worked out will appear in the next issue. You are always FREE to volunteer to be a committee member, committee chair, or officer. Take advantage of the conference and network with librarians throughout the world.

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MEDICAL SECTION NEWS

David Duggar
Chair, Medical Section

It is hard to believe that in just four short months we will be gathered in Indianapolis for the annual conference. In March, the preliminary conference program will be arriving in your mailboxes. Anne Marie Malley, Division Conference Program Chair, has done an amazing job with her committee in creating many programs by the Division or cosponsored with the Division.

Below is a listing of programs as per the tentative preliminary program Anne Marie sent to me sponsored by the Biomedical and Life Science Division and other Divisions that may be of interest to those in the Medical Section.

Saturday, June 6

3:00 - 6:00 1997/98 Board Meeting of the BIO Division

Sunday, June 7

10:00 - 12:00 Breakfast Gathering with BIO, Chem, & ERMD

1:30 - 2:45 ***** Medical Section Annual Meeting ***** (COME!!!)

6:00 - 8:00 Open House with BIO, Chem, & ERMD

Monday, June 8

10:30 - 11:45 Biomaterials Program (BIO, Chem, Eng, M&M)

Issues and Resources on Aging (Social Sciences Division)

12:00 - 1:15 A Winner's Circle of Science Web Sites (BIO, Chem, ERMD)

1:30 - 2:45 *** Agricultural Runoff and Water Quality - Issues and Information *** (BIO, ERMD, FAN, MEDICAL SECTION)

Is the Pesticide on the Food or in the Water? (BIO, ERMD, FAN)

The Effect of Managed Care on Health Care Industry Information Retrieval & Dissemination (PHARM)

1:30 - 4:15 Facing the Future: A Fast Track Look on Planning Ahead for the Senior Years (Legal, Retired Member Caucus)

3:00 - 4:15 Vendor Update I: Online Health care Resources (PHARM)

4:30 - 6:00 Indiana Fermentation (BIO, Chem, ERMD) [Social gathering]
Site Snapshots: Web Site Evaluation by Division Members (PHARM)

Tuesday, June 9

7:30 - 8:45 Business Meeting and Continental Breakfast (BIO)

1:30 - 2:45 *** Back to Nature: Medicine from Nature *** (BIO, Chem, ERMD, PHARM, MEDICAL SECTION)

3:00 - 4:15 New Crop Development and Usage (BIO, Natural History Caucus)
Biopharmaceutical Roundtable Program (PHARM)

4:30 - 6:00 Vendor Update II: Online Health care Resources (PHARM)

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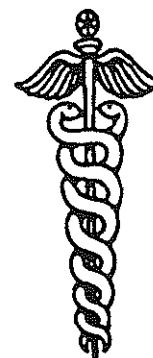
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Wednesday, June 10

7:30 - 8:45 New Board Meeting (BIO Division)
 9:00 - 11:00 SLA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
 1:00 - 3:00 Contributed Papers Session (BIO)

Thursday, June 11

9:00 - 12:30 Field Trip: Eli Lilly & Company (PHARM)
 11:00 - 3:30 Field Trip: Indianapolis Zoo (BIO)



As you can see, there is a lot going on at conference. Please definitely show your support of the Medical Section and attend those with asterisks (*) above. And consider other Divisions' programs that fit your specialty or library.

We hope to add two more items to the Final Program that you will pick up at the Registration tables. One is a "Dutch Treat Dining Out at a Local Restaurant" Sunday night. Come to the Open House for drinks and we'll depart from there for a taste of Indianapolis. On Wednesday, we hope to offer a field trip to the Indiana Medical History Museum. This may involve cab fare to and from, but will not be a ticketed event. Again, look to the Final Program for more information or come to the Medical Section annual meeting for the details. I want to thank Cristina Pope for her efforts at adding these two items to the list of activities fitting within the Section's coverage.

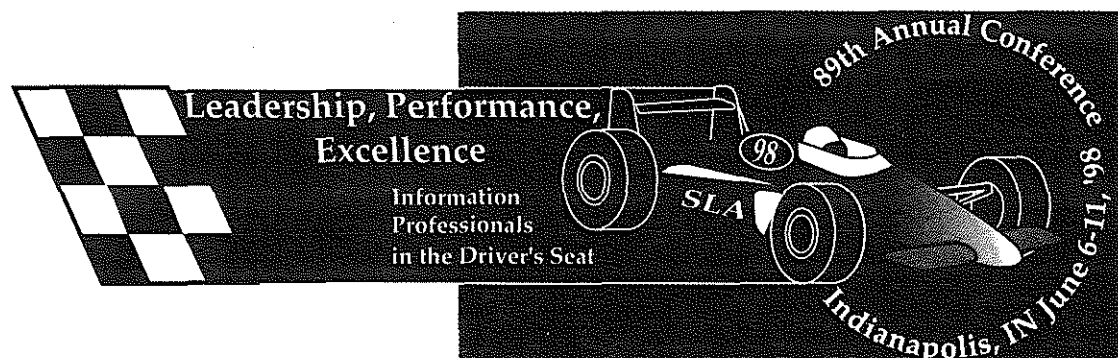
It's not too early to start thinking about volunteering to help with the 91st conference in 2000 in Philadelphia! I still have the cards from some of those in Pennsylvania and will be looking for your waving hands to serve on that committee as the year 2000 draws closer. Come to the Medical Section's annual meeting ready to serve as an officer or section liaison!

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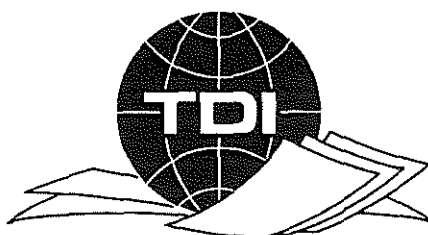
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Second Call for 1997/98

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Been impressed with a colleague's work? Appreciated what a fellow member did for the Division? Know about someone whose contributions made a difference in information services in the life sciences? If so consider nominating him/her for the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Distinguished Member Award. The third such award will be given at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

Criteria and nominating instructions are given in Biofeedback, Fall 1997. They have also been posted to BSDNET-L and can be re-issued electronically to individuals by sending me an e-mail request (pyocum@umich.edu). Nominations must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1998 to be considered for the 1998 award. Here's one way to say "Thanks for a job well done."



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Nina A. Pals is the medical librarian at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL. The library serves the medical staff, other health care professionals, employees and community members from the hospital's seven-county service area. Nina will also manage a new Patient Resource Library that will open in the spring of 1998 on a remodeled, patient-focused care floor. She has been in her current position for 11 years. Nina received her M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Lucy Rowland, MLS, currently Head of Science Collections at the University of Georgia Libraries in Athens, GA and former chair of the Special Libraries Association Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, has accepted an appointment to the Communications Committee of the newly formed National Patient Safety Foundation, in Chicago, Illinois. She will join a committee of nine experts in a variety of fields to support the communication mission of the Foundation. The Committee was formed to approach communications in a broad sense, and in that way, the activities of the Committee support the goals of each of the other NPSF committees: that of research, implementation, education and the National Health Care Safety Council, which is also an adjunct body of the Foundation. The strong, strategic emphasis of the Foundation on the use of information in a variety of ways underscored the advantages of having information professionals involved when possible. Ms. Rowland is the first of several librarians being considered that has been officially named to a committee. The NPSF is an unprecedented initiative to improve health care safety by studying why errors in the health care system occur and implementing safeguards to prevent such failures from injuring patients. NPSF board members represent every major segment of the health care system, as well as employers, medical ethicists, public health advocates and distinguished scientific research institutions. More information on the Foundation can be found by visiting its web site at <http://www.ama-assn.org/med-sci/npsf/main.htm>

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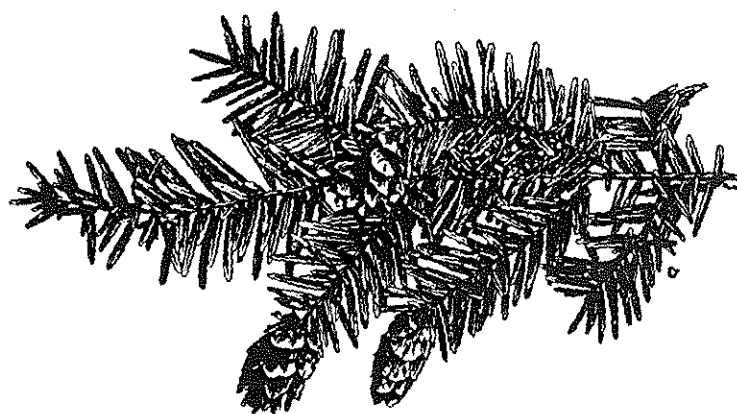
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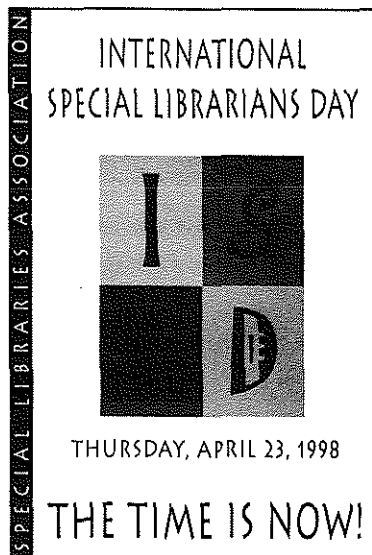
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