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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Judy Wojcik

I want to thank every committee chair for sending me a mid-year report of committee activities. Let me share some highlights from these reports with everyone.

The Awards Committee has created a new award which was approved by the Executive Board: the Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies in Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship. The first call for nominations appeared in the Fall 1998 issue of *Biofeedback*. The committee also is accepting nominations for our Distinguished Member Award. The deadline for nominations for both of these awards is March 15, 1999.

The Bylaws Committee has worked on a revision of the wording in Article IX Section 2 of the Bylaws which refers to the presentation of candidates for office by the Nominations and Elections Committee. The revision was fine-tuned and approved by the Executive Board.

The Fund Development Committee members have raised \$6250 to support the programs that we have planned for the Minneapolis Annual Conference. Thank you to every member of the committee for achieving this degree of sponsorship!

The Membership Committee has sent out welcome letters to new members, copies of *Biofeedback* and copies of the division's brochure. The committee plans to update the brochure, recognize Landmark Members, and continue the Longevity List.

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The Nominations and Elections Committee has advertized the slate of officer candidates in the Fall issue of *Biofeedback*. Candidates' resumes will be mailed with the ballots and will also appear on the division's Web Page. Lucy Rowland (chair) requested and the Executive Board approved limited balloting by e-mail for members who live outside of the US or who will be outside of the US during the election period. An ad hoc committee has been appointed to consider electronic balloting for everyone. Barbara Schader is chair and members are Margaret Henderson and Brian Westra. The committee will make a report to the Executive Board in Minneapolis.

Besides arranging our two tours and CE course for Minneapolis, the Professional Development Committee is working on having a student intern as the moderator for the CE course. The tours will be to the Minnesota Zoo and the Eloise Butler Wildlife Sanctuary/University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The CE course will be Bonnie Snow's Online Resources in Alternative Medicine.

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Address Changes

If you have a change of address or phone number, please send this information to SLA so that they can be updated. You can mail those changes to: Membership Department, SLA, 1700 18th Street NW, Washington, DC

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The Public Relations Committee has sent out a survey to the other SLA divisions' Public Relations chairs. Press releases about our division's award winners have been sent to the winners' library schools for use in their alumni publications.

The Web Page Subcommittee launched the page on June 10, 1998. There is a link to our page on the SLA Web Page. Visit our Web Page for *Biofeedback* back to Winter 1997, 1997 and 1998 Contributed Papers, resumes for the 1999-2000 officer candidates, and much more! The address is <http://nucleus.cshl.org/CSHLib/BLSD>

The Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee sent out welcoming letters to eight new student members. Please notice their column "BIOLIFE" which premiered in the Fall 1998 issue of this newsletter.

The Contributed Papers Session theme for Minneapolis is "Getting the Message Across: Innovation in Library Instruction and Training in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries". The committee has selected five papers to be presented at the Annual Conference.

The Vendor Relations Committee has written two product reviews for *Biofeedback*, one on ISI's *Web of Science* and one on OVID's *Evidence Based Medicine Database*. Also, this committee has added a roudtable discussion to the Continental Breakfast in Minneapolis, and speakers will be from CISTI, Majors, Elsevier, and BIOSIS.

The Medical Section has planned "The Role of Information in the Quality of Health Care" for Minneapolis. Also, at the Medical Section's Annual Business Meeting, there will be an educational component this year. A "Call for Presenters" has been issued, and one presentation will be given at the section's business meeting.

The Publications Committee is interested in moving into the subject of "getting published". Look for their article in this issue of *Biofeedback*.

An ad hoc committee has been formed to update the division's Strategic Plan which was last revised in 1993. Committee members are: Adam Schiff (chair), Anna McGowan, Lorri Zipperer, and Judy Wojcik.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our committees! A lot of fine work is being done in these small but necessary groups. It's never too late to join a committee! If you are interested, please contact me at jwojcik@hprhs.com or (336) 888-6101.



BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Larry Kelland
Chair, Bylaws Committee

BYLAWS REVISION

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Bylaws Committee proposes the following clarification of wording for Article IX, Section 2 of the Bylaws. The Division's Executive Board has unanimously approved this clarification:

Original Wording, June, 1998

Section 2. Each year the Nominations and Elections Committee shall present at least two candidates for chair-elect to serve a one year term and then to become chair for a one year term. In odd years two candidates for secretary and director, and in even years two candidates for treasurer shall be presented, each of whom will serve for two years. The committee shall obtain the written acceptance of each nominee prior to submission of its report.

Proposed Clarification

Section 2. Each year the Nominations and Elections Committee shall present at least two candidates for Chair-Elect. The elected candidate shall serve a 3-year term - one year each as, consecutively, Chair-Elect, Chair and Past-Chair. In odd years two candidates for Secretary and two candidates for Director shall be presented. In even years two candidates for Treasurer shall be presented. The term of office for Secretary, Director, and Treasurer is two years. The Committee shall obtain the written acceptance of each nominee prior to submission of its report.

Members will have the opportunity to vote on whether to accept the proposed clarification at the Annual Business Meeting, in June, 1999, at the Annual Conference in Minneapolis.

WINIFRED SEWELL PRIZE

Here is a message of thanks from Win Sewell regarding the Winifred Sewell Prize. I want to share her thoughts on this prize with everyone. Judy Wojcik

Dear Judy,

I was amazed and overwhelmed by the announcement of "my prize" in the Fall 1998 *Biofeedback*. I would like to thank whoever is responsible for this great honor. It's hard to see how I deserve it, but I like the idea of a prize for innovation using information technologies. It's certainly something I'd like to foster! Any recognition one is given in this life is very much dependent on the support one has had from many others. In my case I have been extremely fortunate in having friends, including many former students, who have helped me to develop my ideas and stimulated my desire to make a contribution to the profession. Anything I have accomplished has been a joint effort, and I thank the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division for helping to continue it!

Best, Win

BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION LONGEVITY LIST

David Duggar
Membership Committee, Chair

Recently added to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division web page is the Division's Longevity List. This is a historical/archival record of when members joined the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (not SLA). It is divided into two parts: Institutional Members and Individual Members. Both of these are arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically by members' names under each year. The current version of this list is based on each member's record as they appear in the Division's roster printed October 2, 1998, by SLA headquarters. This is the annual roster that SLA sends to the Division Membership Chair. Individuals may have been members of SLA longer than they were members of the Division, but it is the Division membership that is listed below, as it is used as criteria for the Landmark Recognitions.

Please verify your own SLA membership record and notify SLA if there is an error. Corrections will be made from updates received from SLA and from the next annual Division roster sent by SLA headquarters in the Fall 1999.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Janet Cooper Weiss
Chair, Public Relations Committee

International Special Librarians Day is Thursday, April 15, 1999 and the theme is *Exercise Your Resources*. International Special Librarians Day, held the Thursday of National Library Week, provides an opportunity for information professionals to promote their libraries' services and accomplishments within their organizations. ISLD was created in 1991 by the Special Libraries Association. The first celebration was so successful that the Board of Directors approved making it an annual event.

This is a great opportunity to market your library. Go to the SLA Home Page at www.sla.org. In the Public Relations area there is a section devoted to International Special Librarians Day. Order the materials there (many are FREE) to raise awareness of who you are in the organization and what you do. Have an open house, give library tours, etc. I'd love to hear about what you have done and publicize your creative ideas in *Biofeedback* so that others in the division can benefit from your wisdom and experiences. Please send your success stories to me at weissj2@war.wyeth.com.

In the spirit of International Librarians Day, the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division will be co-sponsoring a program on Digital Library Projects at the Global 2000 Conference in Brighton, England. The conference title is: Global 2000 -- The Information Age: Challenges and Opportunities, and it will be held on Oct 16-19, 2000.

**CALL FOR PRESENTOR -- MINNEAPOLIS 1999
MEDICAL SECTION BUSINESS MEETING
BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION
SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION**

To All Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarians and Information Specialists:

The Medical Section of SLA's Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is planning to launch a speakers program at its annual business meeting at the Minneapolis Conference in June 1999.

The purpose of this program is to allow the Medical Section to capitalize on the knowledge and experience of its members, while highlighting the work of an individual member. The Section also believes that members should be given the opportunity to present to their peers in a national venue. Through the sharing of our knowledge from the broad health care arena in this way, it is hoped that this event will draw interest from the membership of the Pharmaceutical & Health Technology and Insurance & Employee Benefits divisions.

The scope of the presentation is open for discussion!

ABSTRACT: A 200-500 word abstract should accurately convey the subject of the talk, its scope, conclusions and relevance particularly to the medical information arena.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: March 25th, 1999.

SELECTION OF PRESENTATION: the individual selected will be notified by April 20th, 1999.

PRESENTATION: If chosen, acceptance of your abstract reflects a commitment on your part to 1) submit a 1000 word referenced [if necessary] synopsis of your presentation to the section chair by May 15, 1999 for use in *Biofeedback* and on the medical section web page; 2) give a presentation on said topic for no longer than 10 minutes at the Minneapolis SLA conference; 3) provide appropriate hand-outs at the session, as there will be no opportunity for audio visual aids at this event.

SUBMIT ABSTRACT BY EMAIL TO:

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lucy M. Rowland
Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division will be electing members to serve on the Executive Board in early spring. Chair-elect will serve a three year term from June, 1999 through June, 2002 (the Chair-elect becomes Chair in 2000 and Past Chair in 2001). The Secretary and Director will each serve two year terms from June, 1999 through June 2001.

Candidates for office are: Chair-elect Barb Butler and Virginia Lingle; Secretary John Tebo and Tom Turner; Director Nancy Kozlowski and Julia Perez.

The resumes of the candidates are available on the Division's website at <http://nucleus.cshl.org/CSHLlib/BLSD> and all members are urged to look at them.

LIMITED ELECTRONIC BALLOTING

ELECTRONIC BALLOTING will be an option for a limited number of members for the first time this year. If you are a U.S. resident who will be outside the country during the election in March, or if you are living outside of the U.S. borders, you may e-mail one choice per office to lrowland@arches.uga.edu by March 31, 1999. Votes will be confidential.

FRED ROPER WINS THE JOHN COTTON DANA AWARD

I am very thrilled to announce that Fred Roper has been awarded the SLA John Cotton Dana Award. Our Awards Committee nominated Fred for this honor, and our Executive Board endorsed the nomination. The SLA Awards Committee selected Fred as the 1999 recipient of the award at the SLA Winter Meeting in San Francisco.

Fred Roper is superbly qualified to receive the John Cotton Dana Award. As former Associate Dean of the School of Information and Library Science, UNC Chapel Hill and in his present position as Dean of the College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Fred has mentored many library school students and encouraged them toward special librarianship and toward active membership in SLA. As a professor of Library and Information Science, Fred inspires his students toward excellence. Fred is also a role model for scholarship, having co-authored "Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences" with Jo Anne Boorkman.

Fred has been very active in SLA. He served as President of the North Carolina Chapter (1976-77), Chair of the Chapter Cabinet (1979-80), and Chair of our Biomedical and Life Science Division (1996-97). Fred was elected an SLA Fellow in 1989. He served as Chair of the SLA Student Relations Committee, as a member of the 74th SLA Annual Conference Program Committee, and as a member of the SLA Research Committee. Currently, Fred is on our division's Bylaws Committee where, last year, he helped complete a major revision of the bylaws.

Fred also served as President of the Medical Library Association in 1994-95, and he was the recipient of SLA's Marcia C. Noyes Award in 1998.

Congratulations to Fred Roper, the 1999 recipient of the SLA John Cotton Dana Award! Our division is so proud to call him a member and a friend.

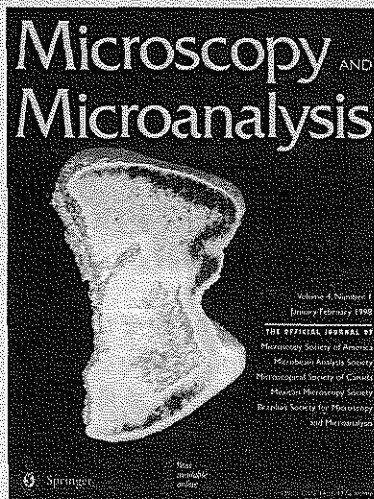
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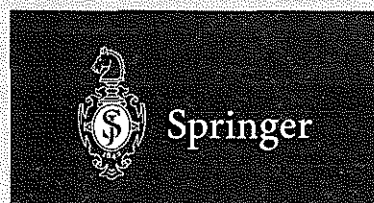
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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Jonathan Nabe
Publications Committee

The members of the Publications Committee are soliciting opinions from the Division about expanding the functions of the Committee. We would like to provide a forum for the discussion of the ins and outs of getting published, primarily for the benefit of new librarians. For many librarians, publishing is almost as important for promotion and/or tenure as it is for faculty members of the academic departments. Yet, there is little mentoring or guidance provided in this area, and library schools often fail to address the issue. This lack of information may easily leave our colleagues feeling rather helpless in the face of competition and pressure to publish. Experienced advice would be a true benefit to Division members.

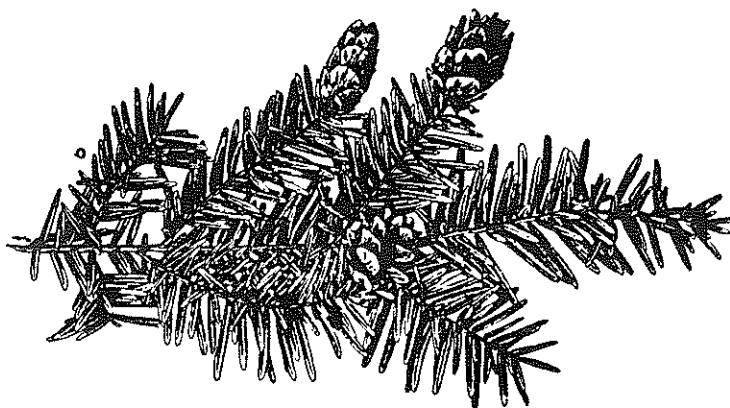
As presently envisioned, the Committee would solicit short columns for *Biofeedback* by Division members, discussing experiences in choosing subjects, writing for particular audiences, selecting and contacting the most appropriate publishers, editing, etc. The Committee would also sponsor a roundtable at the Annual Conference, involving authors, and, hopefully, representatives from publishers in library and information science. We would also provide a Web bibliography with relevant citations.

If anyone is interested in participating in these activities, or has other ideas for the Committee, please contact one of the members listed below. We especially need mentors for columns and the roundtable.

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

Susan C. Curtis
Government Relations Liaison

John Crosby, from SLA's headquarters, suggests the following for libraries that want to insure that they are in compliance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

1) Adopt a written policy providing for termination of subscribers and accounts who abuse the fair use provision; 2) Designate a person to receive notification of infringements; Post policy on web site; 3) Post name, address, phone number and email of this designated person in your library; 4) Register this "agent" with the Copyright Office. See their web site for further instructions: <http://www.cop.org/legis/interim.html>

Since the Congress has been distracted in recent months, our focus shifts to the Executive Branch stories. One that surprised many people was the announcement by Director of the National Institutes of Health, Harold Varmus, that the U.S. government will finance research using "master cells" commonly referred to as stem cells. These are taken from human "embryos." Publicly funded researchers will not be allowed to grow the cells themselves but may acquire them for research purposes from labs that do. The hope is that embryonic stem cell research could lead to therapies for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes, as well as prevent birth defects and rebuild organs. NIH claims that lab-grown stem cells do not constitute an embryo since by themselves, the cells cannot grow into a person.

The explosive interest in herbal remedies and dietary supplements has prompted the NIH to collaborate with the USDA and the International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements database producers. Now both consumers and scientists can search the IBIDS web site using keywords. A search results in citations with abstracts. Some citations link to full text articles. The site does not guarantee the quality of the research, but users can determine if the articles have been peer-reviewed or not. Check it out at: <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/IBIDS>

In another collaborative effort, the CDC and the FDA are working together to kill food bacteria more effectively to insure food safety. Priority will be given to expediting review of products/techniques such as radiation or chemicals aimed at fighting harmful bacteria. Joseph Levitt, from the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, reports that the increase in food recalls in recent years is not that there is more bacteria in the food supply, but rather that the inspection techniques have improved. He described the CDC's technology as DNA fingerprinting which finds more bacteria and finds it earlier.

Those of you who listened to President Clinton's State of the Union Address heard that Tipper Gore is heading a mental health initiative. The White House will host a conference on mental illness this spring. The President is asking Congress for \$358 million in mental health block grants for FY2000. These funds would go toward treating mentally ill people outside of hospitals. It is hoped that improved medications will allow more people to continue to live in their communities rather than be institutionalized. Specifically, the money would be available for providing in-home care for severely emotionally disturbed children and elderly people and enable them to get the treatment and medications which their insurance will not presently cover.

LONG RANGE PLAN COMMITTEE

Adam L. Schiff

Chair, Long Range Plan Committee

Chair Judy Wojcik has appointed a Long Range Plan Committee to review and revise the Division's *Long Range Plan*. The committee members include Adam Schiff (Chair), Judy Wojcik, Lorri Zipperer, and Anna McGowan.

The *Long Range Plan* was last amended in 1993, and includes a statement of the mission of the Division, Division objectives, and continuing and short term Division goals. The Division has undergone quite a few changes since the document was last revised. It has changed its name, added a Medical Section, revised the bylaws several times, developed a home page. Communication is carried out primarily by electronic mail and over the Division's electronic discussion list, BSDNET-L. New committees have been created to carry out our mission and objectives.

The Long Range Plan Committee seeks your input as we work on a new plan. What should be our Division's goals? What actions can the Division take to achieve them? Do you agree with our current mission and objective statements? Are your needs, interests, and concerns adequately addressed in our planning document? Please let me or any of the Long Range Plan Committee members know what you want to see in a new plan.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION, SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

LONG RANGE PLAN: 1991—1996—2001
(Amended by the Long Range Plan Committee, 1993)

Mission

The mission of the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is to further the objectives of the Association by providing representation and support for those professionals concerned with the provision of information services in the life sciences.

Division Objectives

In keeping with the Mission and the Bylaws, the Division will:

create and maintain a positive collegiality within the Division to attract new members and retain others,
provide opportunities for continuing education and professional development through relevant programs at
conferences,
encourage increased student interest in biological sciences librarianship,
facilitate communication among Division members through the Division newsletter, *Biofeedback*,
maintain a sound financial balance between services offered and funds available.

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Division Goals, Continuing

The Professional Development/Program Committee will develop activities for both conference and non-conference programs.

The Publications Committee will encourage members to write for *Biofeedback* (Division newsletter), *Special Libraries* (Association newsletter and journal), and other relevant publications.

Joint programming will be sponsored with other Divisions in the Association.

The BSD will sponsor a student awards program annually wherein the winner will receive a stipend to attend the SLA annual meeting. The program will be coordinated with other Divisions to assure the winner of the BSD award has not received additional award(s), from other Division(s), to attend the same SLA meeting.

A membership needs assessment will be conducted at least once every five (5) years: 1996; 2001.

At the Chapter level, Division members will be encouraged to contact and recruit library school students to join the Biological Sciences Division.

The Fund Raising Committee will develop on-going strategies for securing a financial base for the Division. Members will be encouraged to contribute to the goals of the Division through active membership on committees and programs and through participation in conference activities sponsored by the Division.

The Division Bylaws will be reviewed on an annual basis to assure the Division's rules align with Association standards. Bylaws will be considered and formulated to conform to proposals and/or activities of the membership.

Division Goals, Short Term

Increase Division membership to 6% of the total Association membership over the next five years: 1991 through 1995.

Actions:

Continue to contact former members to determine considerations for dropping membership. Invite them to renew Division membership.

Contact members of the Medical Library Association to encourage joining SLA and the BSD.

Division members who are in close proximity to one or more of the library schools will be encouraged to recruit students to join SLA and the Biological Sciences Division. This will be achieved through direct invitation or working with faculty at the school to promote the Division, its missions and goals.

The Fund Raising Committee will coordinate activities to facilitate financial resources support for Division projects and Annual Conference programs.

Actions:

Build a reserve fund to equal half of the Division's Annual Allotment over the next five years (1996).

Construct and maintain a portfolio that identifies potential sponsors and resources for fund raising.

Increase advertisement revenues in Division publication, *Biofeedback*.

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Increase participation of entire Division membership in Division committees and programs.

Actions:

Work with SLA chapters to support regional meetings to interest BSD members.

Focus on supporting interests that include librarians among the fields of: natural history, zoos, botanical gardens.

Publish, annually, a calendar of Division activities and events of interest to the membership in the "Winter Issue" of *Biofeedback*.

Invite members to volunteer to serve on committees through solicitations published in *Biofeedback*.

Establish an International Relations ad hoc or standing committee to focus on recruiting members internationally. Create networks and outreach programs for members, especially in Canada. Create mechanisms to market Association and Division activities in central and eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, South and Central America.

Survey Division membership every fourth year (1995, 1999) before reassessing the BSD Long Range Plan to determine membership needs, concerns, and interests.

Action:

Publish survey results to inform members.

Conduct a self-study annually wherein: (1) members are surveyed to determine needs/desires for program topics, workshops, Division services; (2) BSD services are examined and evaluated. The study will embrace efforts to establish a quality standard of services offered by BSD as compared with services offered by other Divisions.

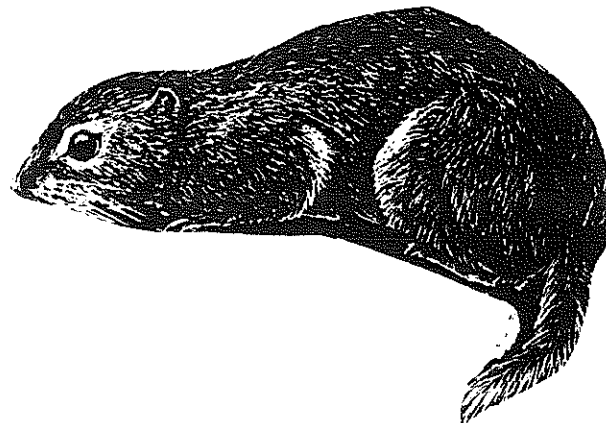
Action:

Recommendations will be submitted in a formal report to both the Division Chair and Chair-elect.

Study the Bylaws to assure the rules are in accordance within the legal standards outlined in Article XVI of the Association Bylaws.

Action:

Consider amending current Bylaws. Formulate changes in the bylaws to conform to the legal standards and to accommodate recommendations and/or proposals from the membership.



BSDNET-L: THE DIVISION LISTSERV

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

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

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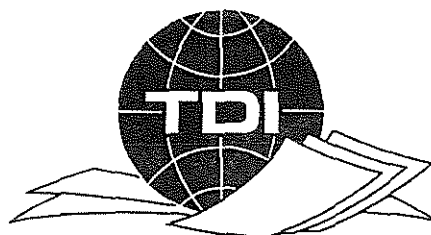
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New Discussion List.

Being a library school student is tougher than ever. Juggling family responsibilities and/or full-time employment while going to library school makes it difficult sometimes to get some "quality time" with others who are also going through the challenges of library school. A new discussion list focuses on the needs of the library school student as well as the recent library school graduate. It's called NEWLIB-L.

NEWLIB-L is being promoted as a "discussion list for librarians new to the profession who wish to share experiences and discuss ideas, issues, trends, and problems faced by librarians in the early stages of their careers. However, this list is also of interest to those who are considering becoming librarians, and to those established in the profession who might wish to mentor newcomers. The list is currently open to all librarians--academic, public, special, etc."

To subscribe, send a note to: listproc@usc.edu with the message:

"subscribe newlib-l Your Name" (do not put in the quotation marks into your message, and replace "Your Name" with your name as you wish it to appear.) Please feel free to contact Susan Scheiberg (scheiber@usc.edu) at the University of Southern California's Doheny Library for questions about the list. Or you may send a note to listproc@usc.edu with the message, "info newlib-l".

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