President’s Message

Both NCNMLG and MLA had very exciting 50th and 100th anniversary celebrations this past year. This was a remarkable time to assess who we have been and what we have done, who we are now and what we are doing now, and who we might become and what we will be doing.

Don’t forget that October is National Medical Librarians Month, celebrating the work and accomplishments of medical librarians. Take this opportunity to inform your organizations and community of your services and your contributions to health care!

Many contributions made by librarians are technology driven, but many more are service driven. Our upcoming Joint Meeting, “Planning for the Millenium,” to be held in San Jose on February 4-7, will be addressing these same issues. Our Chairs, Ron Schultz and Mary Beth Train are working very hard to provide an informative, stimulating, and provocative conference. Highlights include a program on implementing Internet access in small hospital libraries, another on how indexing is done on Yahoo!, and a reception in the new Technology Museum. I look forward to seeing you there!

The upcoming MLA Conference, to be held in Chicago May 14-20, 1999, has for its theme Present Tense—Future Perfect? The future perfect aspect is an important one for us to ponder. Many challenges exist for us; this is a wonderful time for our profession.

--Andrea Woodruff

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Copy for the September/October newsletter is due by the 15th of September.

The NCNMLG Newsletter is available in PDF format at the NCNMLG Website at:
In order to read the newsletter in this format, you will need the Acrobat Reader plug-in which can be downloaded for free from Adobe Systems’ Web site <www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html>. Once Acrobat Reader is installed, click on the PDF file icon for the newsletter and Acrobat Reader will open up on top of your Web browser and display the document right on your screen.

The NCNMLG Newsletter is published 6 times a year (July/August, September/October, November/December, January/February, March/April, May/June).
CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER
15 Copy deadline for September/October newsletter
16 MLA Teleconference
18 Fall Board meeting and program

OCTOBER
1-31 Medical Librarians month–celebrate!
16 MLA Teleconference
18 Fall Board meeting and program

NOVEMBER
1 MLA Honors nominations due
14-17 California Library Association Annual Meeting in Oakland
15 Copy deadline for November/December Newsletter

DECEMBER
TBA Deadline for acceptance of papers/posters to Joint meeting

JANUARY
15 Copy deadline for January/February Newsletter
15 Nominating Committee completes NCNMLG slate of officers
TBA Joint Meeting pre-registration deadline
TBA Winter Board meeting and program

FEBRUARY
5-7 NCNMLG/MLGSCA Joint Meeting in San Jose
5-7 Association of Mental Health Librarians Annual Meeting in Santa Monica
TBA Fall CE Class

MARCH
15 Copy deadline for March/April Newsletter
TBA Nominating Committee at Joint Meeting

APRIL
11-17 National Library Week
TBA Spring Board meeting

MAY
14-20 MLA annual meeting in Chicago, IL
15 Copy deadline for May/June newsletter

1998 Annual Meeting of The Association of Mental Health Librarians

Date: October 2 - October 4, 1998
Location: Santa Monica, California
Registration Fee: $80.00 members, $100.00 non-members
Contact: Louise Colbert, M.L.S.
California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno, CA
(209) 253-2265 x2252 email: lcolbert@mail.cspp.edu

The PubMed Training Workbook for End-Users: The Basics of Searching PubMed has been updated and is now available for download on the Web. This workbook is designed to be used in a 2-4 hour workshop for Health Care Professionals. To access this site, go to: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/web_based.html

The Workbook is available in the following download formats:

1) PDF
2) PostScript
3) WordPerfect 6.1

Thanks,
Rhonda Allard, MMS
The Medical Library Association
Centennial Distance Learning Program
Evidence-Based Health Care in Action

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The MLA Continuing Education Committee, in celebration of MLA’s Centennial, is pleased to announce a year of
distance learning opportunities. Evidence-based health care was chosen as the topic for this year-long series of
events. Plan on participating in as many as possible and build on your skills!
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*Evidence-Based Health Care in Action Teleconference
   September 16, 1998, 1:00 - 2:30 EDT p.m.
**Sponsored in part by Ovid Technologies, Inc**

The conference will provide a fundamental knowledge about the purpose, origin, and history of EBHC; demonstrate
the actual practice and process of listserv. EBHC, illustrate the roles that librarians are currently undertaking in the
process, and provide a starting point for discussion through the creation of an EBHC.

* What is EBHC?
   Dr. Roseanne Leipzig and Jean Sullivant
* What is the Librarian’s Role in EBHC?
   Dr. David Slawson
* Librarian as Teacher in the EBHC Process
   Gabriel Rios
* Clinical Search Filters
   Ann McKibbon
* Librarian as Participant in the EBHC Process
   Dr. Robert Mrtek and Carol Scherrer

* Journal Clubs, October 1998-April 1999

Suggested multi-level bibliographies will be posted on MLANET during September. Clubs may be organized in person or
electronically.

* EBHC Continuing Education Courses
   (tentative roster) at MLA 1999, Chicago
* EBM: Panning for Gold
* Critically Appraising the Gold:
   Evaluating the Clinical Literature
* EBM: A Practicum
* Meta-analysis
* Evidence-based Library Practice

* EBHC Page on MLANET
* EBHC Resources List
* EBHC Listserv Information
* EBHC Teleconference Information
* EBHC Journal Club Information

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NCNMLG Members -

Keep an eye out for your Membership renewal form. It will be coming your way soon!

Roger Brudno - Membership Chair
Stanford University’s Lane Medical Library will host this upcoming MLA teleconference.

There will be no charge for participants. The date, time, and location are:

Wednesday, September 16, 1998
10:00am - 11:30am (PDT)
Room M106 (in the Dean’s Courtyard) next to Lane Library, 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA. If you would like to attend this free teleconference, please contact James Liu for registration and parking information.

James Liu
(650) 725-4579 (voice)
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UC Davis will also host this upcoming MLA teleconference:

Wednesday, September 16, 1998 at the Cancer Center Auditorium, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA.

9:30am Registration
10:00am - 11:30am Teleconference, Agenda at: http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/ebhcagenda.html
11:30am - 12:00n Break and walk to La Bou Restaurant
12:00n - 1:00pm Lunch (go through line at La Bou on own)
1:00pm - 3:00pm Faculty presentation on use of EMHC and discussion

There is no charge for the program; however, registration will be necessary for the no host lunch and to receive MLA CE credits. Directions to UCD Medical Center follow the registration form.

Registration: Send completed registration information by September 11, 1998 by fax to: Jo Anne Boorkman at (530) 752-4718. Or email registration with the following information to the HSL Reference Desk <hslref@neuheim.ucdavis.edu>

Name:
Organization:
Address:
Attending lunch and afternoon discussion: yes no
MLA CE Credits: yes no

Directions to UCD Medical Center

From the Bay Area- Go east on I-80 (it will become Highway 50 as it comes through Sacramento); exit on 34th St.; turn left at the light, then an immediate right onto T St.; go a few blocks and turn right on Stockton Blvd.; then left at X St.; take the first left turn and park in the small parking lot (75 cents per hour). The Cancer Center is the large building at the end of the parking lot (east).

From the East - Go west on Highway 50; take the Stockton Blvd. exit; turn left at the light; left at X St; proceed as above.

From the North - Take Highway 99 south; exit on P St.; continue straight for a few blocks and turn left at T St.; turn right on Stockton Blvd.; turn left at X St; proceed as above.

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Internet Librarian '98 Conference
Monterey, California
November 3-5, 1998
An Opportunity for Reduced Registration!

Organizers of the Internet Librarian '98 Conference are making available a special discounted registration to members of library groups, and the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library wants to take advantage of this offer for staff in our region’s health sciences libraries. We are willing to handle conference registration for interested librarians who are members of the MLA chapters in our region. By registering as part of the group, the fee for the three-day conference is $149.50 instead of $299. Other expenses including hotel, transportation and per diem are not included in this total; nor are registration fees for the special pre-conference workshops. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact PSRML at 1-800-338-7657. Details of the conference, including the preliminary program, are available at the following Web site:


The deadline for group registration is early October, so anyone wishing to register with us must send us their completed form by September 30th, along with a check for $149.50 made out to Information Today, Inc. If you are interested in also registering for either of the pre-conference workshops, please add the appropriate amount to that total and mark your selection on the form. You can download a registration form from the Web site, or call us and we can fax you a copy. ALL group discount registration forms must be submitted by PSRML to guarantee the reduced rate. Please send them to:

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PSRML Library Professional Development Award

The Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library is pleased to announce its new professional development award to support Network Member library staff in developing their skills and knowledge in using technology for health information access and delivery. PSRML will make available awards up to $1,000 to librarians in Primary Access Libraries in Region 7. A total of $5,000 is available to support these awards for professional development activities which are completed any time between August 1, 1998 and April 30, 1999. Applications may be made at any time during this period. Funds may be used for a variety of purposes, including:

- Attending a specific continuing education course, extension course or workshop
- Attending a conference (e.g. The Internet Librarian; The LITA Forum at the California Library Association annual meeting; AMIA)
- Visiting other libraries or related institutions

Engaging in the above activities should be linked to a specific goal, for example:

- Developing a Web page for the library
- Setting up an Intranet for the library and its parent institution
- Developing a computer-assisted instructional package or other type of educational package to help end-users gain better access to health information resources
- Developing a consumer-health service in the library

Criteria for awards include the following:

1. Applicants must be employed at least 50% time in a health sciences library
2. Library must be a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine - Pacific Southwest Region
3. Applicants must submit a brief proposal explaining how the money will be used, and a specific statement of the expected benefits and/or projects to be achieved through this educational opportunity

Funding is not available for the following:

1. Personal memberships in organizations
2. Building library collections
3. Attending the Medical Library Association annual meeting - however, attendance at workshops, institutes, and other special meetings held in conjunction with the MLA meeting is allowable.

Awardees will be expected to report back to PSRML on how their goal(s) was met. This may be in the form of a written report and/or an article for Latitudes which describes the project they developed.

APPLICATION FORM for the PSRML Library Professional Development Award

NAME: ________________________________________________________________________________

INSTITUTION: _________________________________________________________________________

LIBID: __________________________    MAILING ADDRESS: _________________________________

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DAYTIME PHONE: _______________________ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____________________________

PROPOSAL: (Please include a brief explanation of how the money will be used, including a specific statement of the expected benefits and/or projects to be achieved through this award)

COST: (Please specify items, with dollar amounts, to be covered by the award)
Good News for Region 7!

Thanks to the generous assistance of the staff of Region 6, individual libraries in our Region can now obtain an updated list of the serials holdings records that were in SERHOLD when the last tape for our region was produced (7/98). This list is useful as a starting point for any future updating of your library’s holdings records. These individual library files will be available through October 31, 1998, so don’t delay in obtaining your file.

To get your file, follow these instructions:
Go to: http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/pnr/serhold/ftp.select.phtml#other
Fill in your SERHOLD 3-letter code, click on the "next" button.
At the following screen, click on the url that looks something like this: ftp://ftp.hs.washington.edu/rmlx/zez.txt

Let me know if you are having trouble accessing your library's file or if you need additional assistance with SERHOLD updating!
Again, please note that information regarding SERHOLD can be found on our PSR Web site at the following URL:

P.S. The attached file is in MSWORD WIN95 version 7.0a.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Specialist
The Norris Medical Library of the University of Southern California seeks applicants for a full-time position in the reference section beginning Oct. 1, 1998. Responsibilities include reference assistance in a highly automated environment including the use of the Internet and in-house electronic information systems; bibliographic database searching on locally-mounted and remote systems and CD-ROM; user education in one of the most extensive programs in the country; and special projects as assigned by the head of reference. Required: ALA-accredited MLS with a course in medical bibliography. MEDLINE training and computer literacy preferred. Salary: $31,900. Entry-level; year-to-year appointment. Benefits: 37 1/2 hour week; 22 days vacation; paid sick leave; disability plan; retirement plan (TIAA/CREF and other options); tuition remission; paid medical, dental, and life insurance. Send resume or direct inquiries to:

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Norris Medical Library, Health Sciences Campus,
University of Southern California, 2003 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033
323/442-1483; fax, 323/221-1235
AAE/EOE
Coordinator of Library & Audiovisual Services  
St. Mary's Medical Center, San Francisco. St. Mary's is part of Catholic Healthcare West, Bay Area Region.

Salary is starting at $40,000-50,000.

Duties: Oversee Medical and Patient Library operations and Audiovisual Services.

Qualifications:

+ Master's degree in Library and/or Information Science
+ 3 years experience in a medical/health sciences environment, preferably a teaching hospital
+ Expertise in reference, technical services, administration, collection development, document delivery, budgeting, program development, electronic resources, and end-user training
+ Knowledge of book purchasing and medical/healthcare books, journals, databases, and terminology
+ Proficiency in online searching across a variety of platforms; expertise with microcomputers, CD-ROMs, varied applications and networks.
+ Excellent customer service, teaching, leadership and communication skills are essential
+ Familiarity with audiovisual services is highly desired

To apply, send resume to:
Catholic Healthcare West, West Bay Region
Human Resources
Attn: K. Murphy
185 Berry St., Suite 5100
San Francisco, CA 94107

Or fax to: 415.882.7490
Visit the web site at http://www.chwbay.org
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Dear NCNMLG Members:

At the Transitional Board Meeting in June we looked at escalating costs of printing and postage and decided to try and cut down on the numbers of hard copies of the newsletter we send out. As you know beginning with vol.19 no.1 (July/August 1997) the newsletter has been put onto the webpage in pdf format. This newsletter contains instructions on how to access earlier copies of the newsletter on page 2. Future copies of the NCNMLG newsletter will go up onto the webpage first and an email message will be posted to the listservs to let members know when the newsletter is ready to be viewed and/or downloaded for printing. Please take this opportunity (if you have not already done so) to follow the directions on page one of this newsletter to join one or both of the listservs. This change is not intended to deprive anyone of a hard copy of the newsletter. Roger Brudno, the Membership chair has graciously allowed for an extra spot on the renewal form to address this concern. Should you wish to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, you need only indicate so on the form and you will get a hard copy of the newsletter each time it goes out. Thank you for helping us to address this matter.

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