A Message from the President

Happy holidays!
The year seems to have flown by! And now it’s that time of year again, when thoughts turn to good food, friends, family and gift giving. Enjoy!

This past October NCNLMG had its first program on the 10th. The theme for the program was scholarly publishing issues. For part one of the program Linda Watson, Immediate Past President of Medical Library Association (MLA), spoke and lead a discussion about open access journals and alternative publication venues. During part two, JoAnne Boorkman, David Owen, Christopher Stave, and I, shared our different experiences with writing and publication. The event was well attended and generated very lively discussion including great food for thought along with some practical advice. Thanks to the Program Committee and all the participants for making the day a success.

Next up will be the NCNMLG E-Bay auction. Looks like the details are almost worked out and all systems are going for our new fundraising effort. An announcement and call for item contribution will be coming in mid-December on the listserv. So, start looking around the house for things you might want to donate. Be creative and remember: One person’s trash may be another’s treasure.

In addition to keeping NCNMLG fiscally sound, there is also a need to preserve and document the memories and history of our activities. The Board would like to make sure that in addition to the written documentation that there is a photographic record as well. If you have any snapshots from past events, please send them to our Archivist:

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With the coming New Year, thoughts turn to the Joint Meeting. The early registration deadline is January 1, 2004 so act now to save $50 on your all inclusive registration fee. Looking forward to seeing you all in Sacramento!

Submitted by Lisa Lott Jerant
Best wishes to you and yours for good health and happiness in 2004.

The 2004 NCNMLG, MLGSCA and PNC/MLA Joint Meeting are fast approaching. The Joint Meeting Planning Committee has been working very hard to put together this fun educational event. Mark your calendar for the Joint Meeting in Sacramento January 28-31. The early bird registration deadline has been extended to January 12. Register now to take advantage of early registration discount.

Starting from this issue of the Newsletter, a new column “NCNMLG Members News” is created to acknowledge the chapter members’ professional contributions. Please send me any news about your accomplishments.

The 2003-2004 NCNMLG officers roster in this Newsletter is the latest version, which includes all of the corrections and additions.

The featured article in next issue would be a review of “Natural Standard”, a new evidence-based integrative medicine database, by David Owen, Ph.D., Education Coordinator for Basic Sciences, The Kalmanovitz Library and Center for Knowledge Management at UCSF. Stay tuned!

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Early Registration Postmarked by January 12, 2004

Information about the 2004 Joint Meeting is available at http://ncnmlg.stanford.edu/calendar/jmtg2004/. Print out the Registration form, fill it in, check your totals, include your check and mail it to the address given on the form BY JANUARY 12 for the early bird registration rate. Please contact Rebecca Davis at radavis@ucdavis.edu if you have questions.

Symposium: Stake Your Claim to Health Literacy

Wednesday, January 28, 2004
8:00am-5: 30pm

This daylong, regional symposium will focus on language and cultural access to health information. For more information about the program and registration, visit http://ncnmlg.stanford.edu/calendar/jmtg2004/symposium.html.

Scholarly Publishing: A Discussion Led by Linda Watson, AHIP

Submitted by Eve Melton, MLIS, Health Sciences Librarian, Memorial Medical Center, Modesto, CA.

On October 10th, 2003 at Chiron, located in Emeryville, NCNMLG hosted a discussion about Scholarly Publishing, which was led by Linda A. Watson, AHIP, Director of the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, VA and past MLA President.
Linda graciously agreed to lead our group in a discussion about Scholarly Publishing Issues and an Open Access Model. Some of the key points under Scholarly Publishing Issues we discussed were:

- Costs and Pricing Structures
- The Publishing Industry
- Licensing
- Copyright issues and fair use
- Archives and Repositories
- Access
- Education

We also discussed the Open Access Model and a history of its beginnings and the intent behind it. Linda expressed that it is important that Libraries and Universities support this new model; and invest in institutional memberships with publishers, such as BioMed Central. She went on to describe her experience with promoting Open Access. If you would like to read more about this endeavor, her recently published article: Exploring new ways of publishing: a library-faculty partnership. Watson LA, Login IS, Burns JM. J Med Libr Assoc. 2003 Apr; 91(2):245-7, is freely available on PubMed Central http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/

So what is our responsibility as Librarians? Linda stated it well on one of her slides “…librarians have a responsibility to become fully informed, understand all perspectives and participate in the national dialog.”

It is important that we learn the pros and cons of Open Access, and that we learn what the misconceptions are, what the benefits are, and why publishers and scholars may be reluctant to accept this new model. We need to educate ourselves and be prepared to explain the benefits of this new model of publishing.

Linda’s discussion nicely paired with a panel of four our own NCNMLG members who have publishing experience. Our four illustrious panel members were:

**Christopher Stave** – Online and Instructional Services Coordinator at Lane Medical Library, Stanford. He wrote “Field Guide to Medline: Making Searching Simple.” Christopher gave us a lively, and very candid description of his dealings with the publisher Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

**JoAnne Boorkman** – Head of the Carlson Health Sciences Library, UC Davis. JoAnne is one of the editors of “Introduction to Reference Sources in Health Sciences.” JoAnne discussed the differences between publishing in the 1980’s and publishing now. She discussed what it was like to collaborate with Fred Roper and other Librarians.

**Dr. David Owen** – Education Coordinator for Basic Sciences at the Kalmanovitz Library, UCSF. Dr. Owen’s book “The Herbal Internet Companion”, has won an outstanding book award 2002 from the International Herb Association. David discussed the joys of working on a labor of love, and that writing a book about something that you are really interested in is both fun and challenging. When asked how he finds time to write, “He said on weekends and nights”, He also said not to worry so much about your grammar, spelling, etc. The copy editors will find all your flaws, and will be happy to tell you how to correct them.

**Lisa Jerant** – Instruction Librarian, UC Davis. Lisa recently had her article “Not virtual, but a real, live, online, interactive reference service.” Lisa discussed who she first started writing, and that starting with book reviews was a really great way to break in to the industry.

This was a fabulous, informative, and well-attended meeting. For those of you who did not get a chance to attend; I encourage you to learn about Open Access Publishing. I also encourage you to take the chance and try publishing or writing an article. I have jumped in to the fire with this article, and found it to be a pleasant experience. -- Eve Melton
The first annual NCNMLG Distinguished Member awardees lunch was held September 9, 2003. All ten of the awardees gathered to welcome the newest recipient, Linda Grix, to renew acquaintances, and to reminisce about their many shared NCNMLG experiences. The awardees gathered at Spenger's Restaurant in Berkeley, the site of many NCNMLG meetings from 1970-1995. The Distinguished Members are: Ysabel Bertolucci, JoAnne Boorkman, Rebecca Davis, Linda Grix, George McGregor, Justine Roberts, Len Shapiro, Dorrie Slutsker, Jacqueline Wilson, and Nancy Zinn.

Linda Grix, the NCNMLG Distinguished Member awardee for 2003, received her AMLS from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She also served an internship in Medical Librarianship at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Linda has been a leader in the Northern California health sciences library community having worked at UC-San Francisco, UC-Davis, Chinese Hospital, Saint Francis Hospital, and provided a full range of library and information services to institutional and individual clients as a hospital library consultant and biomedical information specialist. Linda was one of the first people in the country to work with and evaluate AIM-TWX an early predecessor to Medline. She also was an instructor at PSRMLLS workshops for hospital librarians. Linda’s successful consulting service to small hospitals and underserved hospitals in Northern California has been a model of good customer service and entrepreneurship. She also educates hospital administrations regarding the value and need for library services in hospitals, no matter their size or location.

In Spring 2002 she was an invited consultant to the Library at the National Institute of Pediatrics in Hanoi, one of Vietnam’s largest hospitals. Linda has also been a resource both locally and nationally on how to develop and manage a library consulting business.

Linda has been an active member of NCNMLG since the 1970’s. She made significant contributions toward the advancement of health science librarianship by contributing to NCNMLG activities. She served as President from 1977-78. During Linda’s Presidency major by-laws changes were made as well as three important new committees (CE, Exchange, and Newsletter) created. She also served as Legislative Committee Chair, Joint Meeting Steering Committee, Newsletter Reporter, and Chair of the Nominating/Elections Committee. Linda was the first Chair of the Awards and Honors Committee and developed the guidelines followed today. She was also a member of the Awards and Honors Committee and served as Parliamentarian last year.

Linda also served as Chair of the Sacramento Area Health Sciences Librarians. She was the first elected coordinator of SFBLN. Other highlights include serving as a lecturer at the UC-Berkeley Library School, participation on the California AHEC System Library/Learning Resources Program Planning Committee, and as Executive Board member and programs director for the SLA Sierra Nevada Chapter.

In addition, Linda also made significant contributions to the MLA. She has been a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Sciences Librarians.
Knowledge Management have been awarded $250,000 in October 2003 from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to develop a system for managing multimedia assets for educational use within health sciences institutions. Gail Persily is co-investigator with Sebastian Uijtdehaage, Assistant Professor of Medicine, UCLA School of Medicine. The three-year Information Systems grant begins immediately.

The overall objective of this project is to develop a multimedia assets management system for use by health science educational institutions. The function of the system is to foster sharing of multimedia teaching materials within health science educational institutions and to facilitate use of these materials in the curricula. The project builds on the work of the Health Education Assets Library (HEAL), a national repository of health education teaching resources (http://www.healcentral.org), to create a user-friendly and portable institutional system that will allow faculty to build, manage and distribute personal collections efficiently. It would greatly improve access to health sciences educational materials for health sciences faculty. The system will interoperate with HEAL and will have tools that enable users to contribute multimedia to the HEAL national repository.

The functional design of the system will be created using input from teaching faculty at three institutions: (1) University of California, San Francisco; (2) David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; and (3) Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. These three institutions will serve as pilot development sites for the new application. The application will be implemented and tested at UCSF and UCLA in 2005. The application, source code, metadata schema, documentation, and training materials will be released to the health sciences education community for free use at other institutions. Impact and outcome will be evaluated in the following year.

**Chapter Member News**

**Gail Persily,** Director, Education & Public Services at the Kalmanovitz Library, UCSF, received a new NLM grant awarded to the UCSF Library and UCLA School of Medicine to create a portable system for managing multimedia assets.

UCLA’s David Geffen School of Medicine and UCSF’s Kalmanovitz Library and the Center for
Gail enthusiastically said, “We have found that many faculty are creating collections of digital images and video for use in their research and teaching. But they often have no effective tools for managing that content. The collections are unavailable for others to use and faculty are struggling with unwieldy homegrown solutions. The first phase of this project is a needs assessment to determine more specifically what functionality faculty need. We hope that we can solve some of the problems they are facing.”

Congratulations! Gail.

**NCNMLG E-Bay Auction**

The Chapter’s new fundraising effort E-Bay auction is ready to go. The E-Bay group wants to see how much interest there is in really putting on an auction. If you have any items you plan on donating please let Sara Pimental know by January 13. Her email is sara.pimental@kp.org.

**Web Site Watch**


The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the NLM recently launched NIHSeniorHealth.gov, a website developed from NIA research on older adults, cognitive aging, and computer usage. This easy-to-use website makes aging-related health information easily accessible for adults 60 and older and serves as a useful tool for family members and friends who are seeking online health information for their older relatives. Topics covered include Alzheimer’s disease, arthritis, exercising for older adults, and more. The website offers several options for enhancing reading (captions available), take short quizzes, or follow links to MEDLINEplus websites for more detailed information.

**Call for the HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant Application**

Apply Now for the HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant. Applications are due on **February 1, 2004**

The Hospital Library Section of the MLA provides a grant to hospital and clinical librarians seeking funding to further professional education, conduct research, or attend a meeting. It is intended to encourage participation in professional programs or to support reimbursement for expenses incurred in conducting scientific research. The grant aids librarians working in hospitals and other clinical care institutions.

Further information including applications forms and eligibility is available at [http://mlanet.org/pdf/grants/hlsapp_2002_1112.pdf](http://mlanet.org/pdf/grants/hlsapp_2002_1112.pdf). For additional information, please contact Lisa Fried at (312) 419-9094, ext. 28 or email mlapd2@mlahq.org.

**CE: MLA Teleconference: Roles and Essential Skills for the Expert Searcher**

MLA will host “Roles and Essential Skills for the Expert Searcher” Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., central time. Go to [http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/expertsearch/ad.html](http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/expertsearch/ad.html) to learn about the goals and objectives of this new teleconference. Agenda, speakers, and registration information will be available in early January.

**CE: Biomedical Informatics**

The first offering of the first module of Oregon Health & Science University’s (OHSU’s) continuing education course in biomedical informatics has been successfully completed. The remaining modules, as well as a repeat offering of the first one, will take place in early 2004. More information about this 30 contact hour, MLA-approved course and the schedule of offerings can be found at OHSU site [http://www.ohsu.edu/dmice/mla/](http://www.ohsu.edu/dmice/mla/). Questions can be sent to William Hersh, course director, at hersh@ohsu.edu.
CE: MLA Solicits ideas for the Continuing Education Courses for the 2005 MLA Meeting

The MLA CE Committee has compiled a list of possible courses, with suggested instructors for the upcoming 2005 MLA Annual Meeting, to be held in San Antonio, TX. The potential instructors are contacted to see if they would be interested in both submitting a formal course proposal to the MLA CE Committee and in teaching that course at the San Antonio meeting. Formal course proposals will be evaluated by the committee at the MLA Annual Meeting in May 2004 in Washington DC and a slate of courses for San Antonio will be devised at that time.

If you have ideas for courses that you would like to see taught at an annual meeting, along with names of potential instructors, please send them to Roberta Bronson Fitzpatrick, Associate Director, George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences at fitzparb@umdnj.edu or call her at (973) 972-5498.

CE: Apply for California Immersion 2004

Information Literacy (IIL) and California Academic & Research Libraries (CARL) Southern California Instruction Librarians http://clics.ucsd.edu/scil/ (SCIL) are pleased to announce California Immersion ’04. Whether your institution is just beginning to think about implementing an information literacy component or whether you have a program well underway, California Immersion ’04 will provide academic librarians with the intellectual tools and practical techniques to help your institution build or enhance its instruction program.

California Immersion ’04 will be four-and-one-half days of active learning and intensive interaction among academic librarians. A faculty of nationally recognized librarians will be teaching the program. Participation is limited to 90 to ensure an environment that fosters group interaction and active participation.

Acceptance to the Immersion Program is competitive. California Immersion ’04 will be held at the Claremont Colleges from July 22-27, 2004. For more information about the program, visit http://clics.ucsd.edu/scil/immersion/index.html.

BMLA Archives Available on PubMed Central

On November 5, 2003, the National Center for Biotechnology Information released the full archives of the BMLA on the PubMed Central website http://pubmedcentral.gov/.

The archives can be viewed free of charge at:

BMLA (v.1 1911 - v.89 n.4 2001) http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/tocrender.fcgi?action=archive&journal=72


IMLS Grants to Further Health Sciences Librarianship

Four Health Sciences Libraries Received Nearly $1.5 Million in IMLS Funds to Recruit Future Librarians.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced twenty-seven awards totaling nearly $10 million in grants to recruit the next generation of information science professionals. Almost $1.5 million of these grant monies has been awarded to further health science librarianship.

The programs include: Educating the Next Generation of Academic Library Professionals, a dynamic program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, will recruit and support five doctoral students to learn about and address academic research issues.

MLA President-elect, Joanne Gard Marshall, AHIP,
dean and professor of the school, will serve as program director.

One of the five doctoral candidates will be a health sciences information student and will work with MLA President, Patricia L. Thibodeau, associate dean for library services, Medical Center Library, Duke University, Durham, NC and MLA Past-President Carol Jenkins, library director, Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The Eskind Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, in cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science, received a grant to fund up to fifteen graduate students to participate in the model internship program, Health Sciences Librarian Pre-Professional Integrated Learning, which aims to bridge the distance between library staff and health care professionals. MLA member Nunzia Bettinsoli Giuse, AHIP, library director, Eskind Biomedical Library is the project director.

MLA member Martha A. Bedard, associate dean and director, Medical Sciences Library, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX will serve as project director for An Innovative Partnership to Recruit and Educate Health Information Professionals for the 21st Century, a recruitment and teaching model to recruit ten diverse undergraduate students into health sciences librarianship. The Medical Sciences Library at Texas A&M University will run the program in partnership with the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences.

Through a grant funded for the Recruitment and Education of University Librarians in Sciences and Health Sciences program, the faculty and academic practitioners at the University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA will provide nine students in the sciences and health sciences librarianship with quality education followed by an assistantship in one of three major university library systems.

MLA has enthusiastically supported IMLS's initiative, "Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century," a competitive grant program promoting the recruitment and education of librarian. Based on 1990 census data, more than 50% of professional librarians will reach retirement age between 2005 and 2019, creating a need for more than 50,000 new librarians.

New health sciences librarianship professionals are also critically needed. MLA reports that the percentage of its members under age 40 has dropped from 51% in 1983 to 20.7 percent in 2001, while at the same time, the demand for medical librarians has increased. In recent years, MLA has undertaken several new initiatives to address the problem such as providing scholarships and continuing education opportunities, creating a mentoring program, establishing recruitment committees and task forces, and publishing English and Spanish career materials.

MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization of more than 900 institutions and 3,800 individual members in the health sciences information field, committed to educating health information professionals, supporting health information research, promoting access to the world's health sciences information, and working to ensure that the best health information is available to all.

**ILL Fees Increase**

Health Sciences Library at Oakland Children’s Hospital increases the ILL fees effective on January 5, 2004.

Mail: $4 + $2 for more than 30 pages
Fax: $6 + $2 for more than 20 pages.

These fees do not apply to pediatric libraries or to libraries with which the Library has an agreement. If you have any questions/comments, please contact Mina Davenport at 510-428-3448 or mdavenport@mail.cho.org.

At the same time, California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) Health Sciences Library also increases its ILL fees as follows:
Mail: 3 coupons or $6
Fax: 4 coupons or $8
These fees don't apply to libraries with whom the CPMC library reciprocal agreements. You may contact Kathy Kimber  kimberk@sutterhealth.org  if you have any questions.

ARL Diversity Program Launches New Résumé Web Site for MLS Graduates. The database will allow graduate students within six months of graduating from an MLS program, or within six months of completing a post-MLS residency or fellows program, to post their résumé at no cost on one of the most visited online recruitment sites in the academic and research library community. This is an opportunity to get your résumé in the hands of a wide range of potential employers.

The database is now available at http://db.arl.org/careers/res/submit.html.

For more information, please contact Jerome Offord, Jr., ARL Program Officer for Training and Diversity, at jerome@arl.org.

The videocast of "The Symposium on Building and Revitalizing Health Sciences Libraries in the Digital Age" can now be viewed at the NIH videocast site http://videocast.nih.gov/

Click on Past Events, and then click on Conferences. The symposium was taken place on November 5 and 6, 2003, and was sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and the Association of Academic Health Science Libraries. The conference web site is: http://www.tech-res-intl.com/NLM/

The section on hospital libraries was on Day 2, November 6. It was a very informative session.
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