Denver Conference Preview

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The 2007 conference in Denver is just around the corner! By now you will all have heard the exciting news that Al Gore will be the opening keynote speaker. The personal planner is now available online. Be sure to search by SLA Units to see all the programming for the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.

Your planning committee has done a fabulous job in creating an exciting lineup of programming. In the last issue of *Biofeedback* I focused on programs for which we are the lead division. In this issue, I want to highlight the programs we are co-sponsoring with other divisions taking the lead. The full list of DBIO programs appears at the end of this section.

CO-SPONSORED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES:

Sunday, June 3

8:00AM-12:00PM

Pharmaco-Vigilance: Online Resources and Strategies for Monitoring Adverse Events

Co-sponsored with the Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division

This course will provide practical examples of online strategies designed for systematic surveillance of the published literature, exploring terms and techniques that take advantage of special database indexing features to answer typical-and not so typical-adverse event inquiries. Government regulatory requirements will also be reviewed, along with applications and implications of free Web sources that compile product safety reports already submitted through official surveillance programs in Europe, Canada and the United States.

Instructor: Bonnie Snow, Director, Pharmaceutical Market Applications, Dialog

Sunday, June 3

8:00AM-12:00PM

Executive Decision Making: Things That Go Bump In The Night

Co-sponsored with the Military Librarians Division.

Executive decisions happen at the leadership level of an organization. Anyone can learn to think like a leader. This course will introduce the larger scope of executive decisions and why it is necessary to solve a library's biggest problems. Topics include understanding politics and influence, looking at the root causes of problems, typical "executive" mind issues, identifying library stakeholders and key decision makers. Simple tools to determine preferences and impacts of a decision will be shared.

Instructor: Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc

Sunday, June 3

1:00PM-5:00PM

Systems Thinking and Risk Management: Tools for Information Professionals

Co-sponsored with the Leadership and Management Division.

Information and knowledge transfer professionals can play a key role in minimizing uninformed decision making that can result in risks to the organization and to their own services. Assessing the role of information services and how these services can be leveraged to identify, analyze and mitigate risk is a primary value that information professionals can bring to their organizations Understanding the process for identifying or minimizing these risks and articulating them appropriately through the use of systems diagramming and other tools can help elevate the library professional to a strategic role in the organization and situate the information center's services as strategic tools.

Instructor: Lorri Zipperer, Zipperer Project Management

CO-SPONSORED NEWCOMERS' EVENT:

Sunday, June 3, 12:00PM-2:00PM

Science Divisions Newcomers' Luncheon

Co-sponsored with the Chemistry and Sci-Tech Divisions.

New members and first-timers. Come meet board members, new members and first-time attendees from the Chemistry, Science & Technology, and Biomedical & Life Sciences Divisions. Lunch is free, but reservations are required. Please contact Nancy Curtis, Membership Chair, Nancy_Curtis@umit.maine.edu if you wish to attend.

CO-SPONSORED PROGRAMS:

Monday, June 4

1:30PM-3:00PM

The Only Constant in Digital Services is Change

Co-sponsored with the Environment and Resource Management Division, and the Information Technology Division.
Explore the latest developments in digital services and web technologies with an award-winning educator who has spent his career demystifying technology for information professionals. Help decide the focus of the presentation by participating in the pre-conference online discussion.

Speaker: Roy Tennant, California Digital Library

Tuesday, June 5

2:30PM-4:00PM

Designer Drugs? Biomarkers? Real Personalized Medicine

Co-sponsored with the Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division

Cancer research has fueled insight into what happens as cancer attacks cells. Lymphomas, correctly profiled, respond better to certain therapies, and show fewer relapses than a standard. Are we coming closer to a time when drugs may be indicated for specific gene types? Insight like this could speed disease regression, and cause fewer adverse events. Let's discuss a move from "one size fits all" drug therapy to very individualized regimens. What does it mean for the patient? What does it mean for the business of medicine?

Speaker TBA.

COMPLETE LISTING OF DBIO SESSIONS:

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Continuing Education Course

8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

The PhD Experience: Graduate School in the Basic Biomedical Sciences.

Instructors: Dr. Michele Tennant and Dr. Kevin R. Messner

Meeting

5:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

DBIO Board of Directors Meeting.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Continuing Education Courses (See above with co-sponsored CE for descriptions.)

8:00AM-12:00PM

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Programs and Events

10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Vendor Networking Breakfast with presentations by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, CSA, Doody Enterprises, Inc. and Thomson Scientific. ***Free*** breakfast!

12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

Science Divisions Newcomers' Luncheon

12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M.

Past Chairs' Lunch

7:45 P.M.-9:30 P.M.

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Reception and Poster Session

This is the first time the division has held a poster session. Come and enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and check out your colleagues' work.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

Current Issues in Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship. Contributed Papers & Breakfast. Breakfast is free!

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

First, Do No Harm. Information, Teamwork and Patient Safety. Medical Section program, followed by a brief business meeting.

Ticket number 585 Cost: $10.00.

Speaker: Michael Leonard, MD, Kaiser Permanente

1:30 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

The Only Constant in Digital Services is Change (See above with co-sponsored sessions)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

DBIO Annual Meeting and Breakfast

Ticket number 655. Cost: $16.00

9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

Mad Deer! Prions and Chronic Wasting Disease.

Speaker: Mike Miller, DVM, Colorado Division of Wildlife.

11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Co-existing with Wildlife: What's that Coyote Doing with my Cat?

Speakers: Stephen Vantassel, Project Coordinator, Internet Ctr for Wildlife Damage Mgmt, Univ. of Nebraska; Dr. Stewart Breck, Research Wildlife Biologist, USDA National Wildlife Research Center; Dr. Kenneth Logan, Wildlife Researcher, Colorado Division of Wildlife.

2:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

Designer Drugs (See above with co-sponsored sessions)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

7:00 A.M.-8:30 A.M.

Open Board of Directors Meeting and Breakfast

All division members are welcome to attend. Free breakfast!

11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Future Shock! Libraries for Next-Gen Science and Scientists: Academic Sci-Tech librarians' roundtable. A boxed lunch will be provided.

Ticket number: 840. Cost: $10.00

1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.

Living the High Life: High Altitude Medicine.

Speaker: Benjamin Honigman MD, Director, CCAMP (Colorado Center for Altitude Medicine and Physiology).

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Tour of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

You won't want to miss this chance for a behind the scenes tour of this fabulous museum. Note that tours are booked separately from registration. Go to:

http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/registration/tours.cfm

Looking forward to catching up with all of you in Denver!