

Annual Report 2002-2003  
Special Libraries Association  
Biomedical and Life Sciences Division  
Medical Section

#### Executive Summary

The Medical Section officers worked together via e-mail and phone contact to plan for the 2003 annual conference in New York City. There are currently 182 members.

#### Committee Membership

Chair: Howard Fuller  
Chair-elect: Bonnie Stephenson  
Incoming chair-elect: Chris Hooper-Lane  
Past-chair: Mary Hay Glass

#### Membership

Section membership remains steady at 182, per “Who’s Who in Special Libraries,” web version. The section continues to send out a “welcome letter” to new members of the Medical Section. Jean Crampon, BLSD membership chair, provides a quarterly list of new section members to the Medical Section chair.

#### Program Planning

Howard Fuller planned a program entitled “Knowledge Technologies Broadening the Opportunities of Librarians.” The speaker for this program is Yves A. Lussier, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Informatics and Department of Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Mary Hay Glass planned and coordinated the Medical Section reception. During the 2002 Annual Conference in Los Angeles, Reuters Health expressed interest in hosting the Medical Section reception (to be a joint reception with the Pharmacy and Chemistry Sections) at their headquarters in New York city. SLA Biomedical Division, Medical Section, and Medical Library Association members are invited to attend the reception. Reuters will underwrite the cost of the reception.

The Medical Section annual business meeting will feature speaker Sue O’Neill Johnson, formerly of the National Library of Medicine, Patricia Stachiw, Columbia University Medical Library, who will discuss the use of clinical trial information by librarians.

### Budget Information

The projected costs for programs in 2002 are as follows:

Medical Section Business Meeting	\$ 250.
Medical Section Reception	\$ -0-
Medical Section program ("Knowledge Technologies Broadening the Opportunities of Librarians)	\$1000.

The BLSD Fund Development Committee solicited the following funds:

- BMJ Publishing will contribute \$250 for sole sponsorship of the business meeting.
- IBM Life Science will contribute \$1000 for sole sponsorship of the Section program.
- Reuters Health will host and cover costs of the Section reception.

### Recommendations

- Growth of the section
- Increase contribution to Biofeedback
- Review and finalize the Section's Procedures

### Addendum, June, 2003

Due to the withdrawal of Reuters Health sponsorship of the Medical Section reception in April 2003, it was decided to cancel this years reception. Members were notified shortly thereafter via the Biomed e-mail discussion group.