Notes from the Chair

A major item on the agenda of this year's SLA Board of Directors Fall Meeting is long range planning for the Association. (Biological Science Division's Long Range Planning Committee has been active this fall evaluating the Division's mission, goals, and priority issues, and will be coordinating the Division's efforts with those of the Association.) Information about long range planning activities is contained elsewhere within this issue of Biofeedback. (Editor's note: See pages 2-4)

Chairman-Elect Karen Patrias and I will be attending the SLA Winter Meeting in Philadelphia in late January to discuss Association business, to wrap up plans for the Winnipeg Conference, and to begin planning for the 1986 meeting in Boston. If you have any business that you wish to present at the Winter meeting, please contact Karen or myself by Mid-December.

Winnipeg Conference plans are moving along quite well. A Summary of Biological Sciences Division plans are:

Monday, 1:30 - 4:00 PM - Information Sources for Acid Rain

Tuesday, 2:00 - 4:00 PM - End User Searching in the Sciences
Speakers: Bonnie Snow, DIALOG; Susan Budavari, Merck & Co.; Sara McGarty, DIALOG.

Tuesday, 5:00 - 6:00 PM - Business Meeting

Wednesday, 3:00 - 4:30 PM - The Stereotype and Other Professional Problems
Speaker: Pauline Wilson, University of Tennessee.

Association-wide activities of special interest include:

Social Event (fundraiser) - either the Royal Winnipeg Ballet or a "Folklorama"

Field Trips (Thursday) - a wide variety of tentative possibilities.

Because of the anticipated number of Association-wide field trips, BSD is not currently planning a field trip for the division.

A special note about hotels in Winnipeg: no one hotel in the city has been declared the "convention" hotel; the Association has listed fifteen convention hotels. The Biological Sciences Division Suite will be the Deluxe Suite in the Sheraton Winnipeg. Division members may wish to make their reservations in the same hotel for convenience. Please note that rates listed (for the Sheraton, $75 single and $85 double) are Canadian; for U.S. dollars, deduct 25-30%.

Submitted by: M. Sandra Wood
Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is accepting nominations for persons interested in holding office. The offices are:

Chair-elect (automatically succeeds to chair in the 2nd year) and Director (a two year term).

If you know of a qualified candidate or you are interested, please contact one of the following committee members:

Janne Hunter
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Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 898-3605

Michael R. Kronenfeld
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Barbara Montanary
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University of California
Riverside, CA 92521
(714) 787-3238

Ted Sibia, Chair
Bio/Ag Dept.
Shields Library
University of California
Davis, CA 95616
(916) 752-6166

Letters

From time to time the Editor receives correspondence which she feels should be shared with the membership. All letters are not published; some are answered by the Editor using consultation with other officers; and some are referred to the appropriate Division officer for a direct response. Please share your ideas with your fellow BSD members. It is the intent of Biofeedback to be the voice of the membership. You have to participate for your voice to be heard. Send comments, complaints, compliments, to the Biofeedback Editor at the address on the back of this newsletter. One member's comments are included in this issue.

From Alison Ricker, Science Librarian
Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

I would like to add something to Doris Bolef's reminiscings in the latest Biofeedback issue, [vol.10 No.4] about The SLA conference in June: THANK YOU, BSD, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and Ballen Booksellers for a memorable field trip.

As a former marine science librarian who has moved inland, the trip to Cold Spring Harbor was a delightful excursion and reminder. Librarian Susan Gensel was a marvelous hostess and tour guide, and the folks of Ballen Booksellers International, Inc., and Alfred Jaeger, Inc., were equally cordial and informative. The BSD field trip was one of the high points of my first SLA conference, and I look forward to many more.

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Please note this is the last issue of volume 10 of Biofeedback. Volume 10 was comprised of five (5) issues to convert the newsletter to a calendar year basis. For non-members, new or renewed subscriptions are available for $10 per volume. Volume 11 will consist of four (4) issues during 1985.
LRP Questionnaire

The Biological Sciences Division Long Range Planning Committee was organized during September, 1983, and consisted of five members: Thomas G. Basler, Susan L. Gensel, Linda C. Smith, John A. Timour, and Elisabeth B. Davis, Chair.

The Committee's objective was to assess the opinions of the Biological Sciences Division membership on the programs and services desired from the Division that would meet the needs of the membership as information managers. This information was solicited by means of a questionnaire distributed in the Winter issue of Biofeedback, and the results were presented at the Division's Business Meeting at the New York Annual Conference in June, 1984.

There were 63 replies to the questionnaire from a total of 582 mailed copies of Biofeedback, representing a return rate of 10.82%. Because this return rate was so low, the results must be interpreted with caution and with the understanding that they do, indeed, represent only a minority, although a vocal one, of the Biological Sciences Division membership. The results are useful, nevertheless, because they offer a better understanding and assessment of membership needs than the Division had before.

A copy of the complete questionnaire with statistics is available from the Committee Chair; only the largest two or three percentages from each category are reported here.

The membership profile presented several insights. Of the ten percent returning the questionnaire, all census regions (based on the S.L.A. salary survey geographical locations) were represented with the East North Central Region (OH, MI, IN, WI, IL) making up 20.6% of the membership. The Pacific Region (WA, OR, CA, AK, HI) at 17.4% and the Middle Atlantic Region (NY, PA, NJ) at 15.8% were the next most heavily represented. Thirty-three percent of the members responding were employed by academic libraries, followed by not-for-profit institutions/organizations (17.4%) and hospital libraries (14.2%). "General responsibilities" in a one or two person library accounted for 38.7% of Division members, followed by 32.2% recording their primary responsibility as "administrative," and 11.2% reporting that they were responsible for "reader service or reference."

Three questionnaire items dealt with conference/program attendance. Sixty-three percent of those answering the questionnaire reported that they had attended an S.L.A. Annual Conference; of the 36% who had not attended a conference, 80% anticipated attending one in the future. Twenty-eight percent of the respondents agreed giving a paper would make it easier to attend, followed by being an officer of the Division (20.9%), or a member of a panel (19%).

Continuing education provided by the Division was rated either "desirable" or "highly desirable" by 93.4% of the respondents. The most often recorded preferences for continuing education topics were online computer searching, management topics, core collection information, microcomputer applications, and report/grant writing. The overwhelming majority of suggestions were for practical or subject applications to information management. Most respondents (61.3%) favored tours during the last day of the Annual Conference although this left 38.5% who were definitely not interested. The response to the question of participation in regionally sponsored workshops, round tables, etc., was heavily enthusiastic in favor (77.1%); approximately one third of the respondents had experience or special skills that could be utilized for Division workshops.

The remaining seven questions dealt with Division interests. Members listed over 40 other professional organizations in
Discount

Biofeedback subscribers received an advertisement for the Medical and Health-care Marketplace Guide in the summer issue. If you order using that order blank, include your purchase order number or check, and mention Biofeedback, you will receive a 20% discount on your order. This information was unfortunately left out of the summer issue.
5ICML

The Fifth International Congress on Medical Librarianship will be held in Tokyo, September 30-October 4, 1985. Program planning is progressing very well with a large number of papers already submitted. Present indications of interest in the Congress suggest that it will be attended by delegates from many countries and will provide unique opportunities for exchange of information, and for meeting colleagues from many cultures. Plans are underway for a post-Congress tour of China and Chinese medical facilities and libraries.

Further information on the Congress and the China Tour can be obtained from:
Irwin H. Pizer,
Chairman 5ICML
Library of the Health Sciences
P.O. Box 7509,
Chicago, IL 60680

Submitted by Doris Bolef

Student Stipend

For a graduate student interested in a career in biological sciences librarianship, the Biological Sciences Division is sponsoring a $275 student stipend to defray the cost of attending the annual SLA conference June 8-13, 1985, in Winnipeg. Included in the award is a free room in the Division Suite, and tickets to Biological Sciences events.

Qualifications: 1) Be a member of SLA;
2) Write and submit a 300 word essay which describes some aspect of biological sciences librarianship. (Editor's note: The winning essay will be published in the summer issue of Biofeedback.)

Special instructions:

Include your name, address, library school, and anticipated date of graduation on one page. Seal the typed essay Student Stipend applications in a blank envelope for blind judging. Applications should be accompanied by a reference from a librarian or a faculty member.

Submit essays to:
Carolyn Dickerman
General Library
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131

The deadline is March 15, 1985.

BSD People News

Please welcome the following new members:

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Headquarters wishes the membership to be aware of the following dates. This should certainly enable us all to plan ahead.

Dates of Meetings  Location
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 1985  Philadelphia, PA
Winter Meeting
Annual Conference
Jan. 29-31, 1986  Nashville, TN
Winter Meeting
Jun. 7-12, 1986  Boston, MA
Annual Conference
Jan. 26-30, 1987  Pittsburgh, PA
Winter Meeting
Jun. 6-11, 1987  Anaheim, CA
Annual Conference
Jan. 27-29, 1988  Williamsburg, VA
Winter Meeting
June 11-16, 1988  Denver, CO
Annual Conference
June 10-15, 1989  New York, NY
Annual Conference
June 9-14, 1990  Cleveland, OH
Annual Conference
June 8-13, 1991  San Antonio, TX
Annual Conference
June 6-11, 1992  San Francisco, CA
Annual Conference
June 5-10, 1993  Cincinnati, OH
Annual Conference

This is the first appearance of this new column. The Editor acknowledges the assistance of the Membership Chair, David Self for this list. The Editor is also pleased to note in this column the birth of her son, Michael William, on August 20, 1984. Thanks to all the people who worked around this special "deadline" to get out the newsletter!

For more information about future dates, call Richard D. Battaglia, Director of Program Services, (212)477-9250.
CONTRIBUTORS

Deadline for the next issue is January 18, 1985. All contributors please send copy by this date. Articles, reports, letters, and other materials should be no longer than 2-3 double-spaced pages. Please contribute to Biofeedback. Thank you.

Remember to send your contributions to BSD People News to Jacque-Lynne Schulman, East and Europe; Carolyn Takeuchi, West and Far East; or Jean Crampon, Central. Addresses are in the Summer issue of Biofeedback.

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