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## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION Newsletter

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### Notes from the Chair

Elsewhere in this issue you will note that Jean Crampon is stepping down as Editor of Biofeedback. On behalf of the other officers and members of the Biological Sciences Division, I would like to thank Jean for her excellent work. I'm sure that you are all aware of the amount of time and effort that goes into producing a good newsletter, and Jean is to be commended for her contribution to the Division.

In the last issue of Biofeedback, I mentioned that one of the priorities of the Division this year is to interact more with you on a local and regional level. To help in this effort we would very much like to know about the existence of local or regional biological sciences groups. The Washington, D.C., Chapter, for example, has a Biological Sciences Group with about 80 members that meets approximately four times a year. If you are a part of such a group or you know of the existence of one, please let Marlene Bobka, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, know. She can be reached at:

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The group doesn't have to be very formal; we are looking for contact people at the local level.

We are still working on the final plans for Division activities at the next annual SLA meeting in Boston. So far our planning includes: an afternoon session co-sponsored with the Pharmaceutical and Social Sciences Divisions on social and

economic trends as they affect information transfer; part of a General Session on Innovations in Technology for which we are obtaining speakers on biotechnology and bioethics; a luncheon session with the Publishing Division with a biomedical publisher or author as a guest speaker; and, with the Natural Resources Division, a field trip to Woods Hole. We'll be able to give you final details after the midwinter meeting in Nashville, but I hope that many of you are already making plans to come to Boston. The conference theme is "Excellence in the World of Information," and it promises to be a great meeting.

Please do not hesitate to write or call me (301) 496-6097 at the National Library of Medicine with any comments or ideas concerning the Division.

Karen Patrias, Chair

### Editors' Feedback

The Notes from the Chair reminds us to start to look toward Boston next year, and the picture in this issue lets us remember Winnipeg as it recognizes BSD Chairs. Doris Bolef is thanked for the photograph which illustrates this issue. There is also a brief report of the 1985 MLA national meeting. I asked for a report on IFLA in the last issue, but no one sent one to me. I know it was an excellent opportunity for those of us in the U.S.A. to attend this multinational meeting. If you would still like to share your comments and impressions of the meeting with us, there is still an

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opportunity. Please let Editor Jacquelynne Schulman know.

By now you should expect our two regular columns: Spotlight on and BSD People News. Richter Library of the Desert Botanical Garden in Arizona is highlighted in the Spotlight on column, and there is an extra-long BSD People News column. Many of our members have been honored by being listed in the Marquis Who's Who Directory of Online Professionals.

Please read my farewell message, the last article in this issue. This is the final issue for which I will be Editor. Please see this article for information as to where to send future articles, letters, and other contributions.

Jean E. Crampon, Editor

## Spotlight on

The Columnist, Carolyn Takeuchi, is to be thanked for obtaining the Spotlight on column this month. Please take note of the invitation to visit this library.

### R I C H T E R    L I B R A R Y T H E    D E S E R T B O T A N I C A L   G A R D E N

The Arizona Cactus and Native Flora Society Library began in 1933 with a collection of books, plant accession records, and journal clippings which supported the desert plant research and development efforts of the Society. The Society hired W. Taylor Marshall as Director of the Garden in 1947. Mr. Marshall brought with him a collection of over 500 books on succulent plants and continued to build the Library collection for the next ten years. Marshall's many friends and associates, who were avid students of cacti, succulents, and other desert plants, continued to donate materials, thereby allowing the collection to develop throughout both Marshall's tenure and that of his successor, W. Hubert Earle, who was Director of the Garden until 1976. The collection has

been housed since 1970 in Richter Library, which was built by the Desert Botanical Garden to satisfy the requirements of California book collector Max Richter, who donated his extensive cactus and succulent book collection to the Society.

The Desert Botanical Garden is a private, non-profit research organization dedicated to the collection, preservation, maintenance, propagation, display, and public acceptance of low water use (desert, and arid land) plants. The collection includes preserved plant specimens in Earle Herbarium; living plant specimens in the protected natural history research areas: the Rhuart Demonstration Garden, the Australian Collection, the African Collection, the Leaf Succulent House, the Cactus Lath House, the Arizona Native Plant Use Exhibition, and Gentry Economic Plant Research Area; and a library, Richter Library.

Richter Library functions as a repository for information helpful in furthering the understanding of Sonoran Desert plant life (botany), efficient landscape design in the low desert (horticulture), and desert plant uses (economic botany and ethnobotany). A map collection was begun in 1978, during the tenure of Director Rodney Engard, and now contains topographical maps of most of the desert areas of the world. In 1979 when Dr. Charles Huckins became Director, the collection was made available to the public and a part-time Librarian was hired. The position became full-time when the Garden received an IMS Grant to convert the collection from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress cataloging. Richter Library is managed by one full-time professional librarian and a staff of two volunteers; the latter work a total of 20 hours each week.

The Library holds subscriptions to current journals in botany, horticulture, cacti and succulents, rare plant conservation, and ethnobotany. Materials are in English, German, Spanish, Japanese, French, and Arabic. There is a selection of older journals concerned with

collecting and studying cacti and succulents. Since 1979 the Library has developed a 35mm color slide collection, a collection of historic black and white photographs, a botanical print collection, and topographical maps of arid regions of the world.

Although the Library is open to the public 20 hours each week, the principal users of the collection are staff researchers, summer interns, and botany students from Phoenix area community colleges and Arizona State University in Tempe. Members of the Garden use the collection to research plant names from Garden field trips and to identify plants entered in the annual cactus show at the Garden. Friends of the Garden (Docents and Volunteers) use the collection of pictures, slides, and reference books to develop color slide shows and talks to present to the public.

The seed catalogs collected in the Library and the newsletters from native plant societies of the Western United States desert areas are also used extensively by Members and Friends. The Desert Plant Questions Hot Line is located in the Library and is answered by Garden horticulture staff seven and a half hours weekly. A collection of popular literature about cooking, desert gardening, and desert arts and crafts is maintained in the Library by the Friends of the Garden for circulation among their members. This is the only part of the Library collection that circulates. The regular collection is for research use in the library only. Photocopying services are available for users and for interlibrary loan. The collection is indexed on microfilm at Arizona State University.

The Librarian of Richter Library serves as a department head and, together with the Director of the Desert Botanical Garden, makes decisions concerning purchases for the collection. In 1984 a strategic plan was completed for the Desert Botanical Garden which states that eventually the Library will be a part of the Research Department of the Garden

and will continue to expand its services to researchers and the public. The Librarian currently serves as Editor of the membership newsletter, the Saguaroland Bulletin, and plans one special Library event yearly. This year the Library event is a reception and autographing session for Gary Paul Nabhan and Paul Mirocha celebrating their new book: Gathering the Desert. The event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 17, 1985, in Richter Library. Refreshments will be served and BSD members are welcome.

Submitted: Jane Cole, Librarian, Richter Library

## MLA Annual Meeting

New Roles/New Ventures, the theme of the 1985 Medical Library Association Convention focused its attention on the uneasy future of librarianship, specifically Health Sciences Librarianship. Computer technology has concerned most librarians who are not quite sure where this will leave them. Many ideas were suggested; some were already being tried.

Librarians as educators was a major theme that was suggested by many speakers. Librarians' familiarity with computers and computer systems and how to access the information has made them the perfect teachers for end-user training. Continuing education is another area where it is suggested that librarians should participate. We should be aware of our users' needs and interests so programs can be organized and taught by the librarians themselves. Improving the users' skills helps to increase the quality of care. Both of these programs can be income producing ventures for the institution, as well.

Other speakers used slide programs to demonstrate computerized systems in which the users can access the library with very little effort, in some cases without even coming to the library. An example of this is EARS, Electronic Access to Reference Service at the Univer-

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sity of Maryland. Some telefacsimile programs were also reviewed.

The Exhibitors were at the convention in force, of course. They all demonstrated the latest technology with which health science librarians can fulfill their new role as information specialists, teaching medical informatics--the understanding of, the use of, and the education in computers for storage and retrieval of scientific information.

As the keynote speaker, Arnold S. Relman, M.D., said, "there will never be a substitute for raw data." Libraries will always be needed for storage and retrieval.

Submitted: Rhona S. Kelley, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Library, Springfield, Illinois. (Editor's Note: Ms Kelley is not a BSD member, yet, but submitted this at the request of the Editor.)

## BSD People News

Helen Barber has moved from Lincoln, Nebraska, to Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Robert O. Clarke is now in Fairfax, Virginia.

Marsha O. Cole has moved from Kansas City, Missouri, to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Nelson Gilman of the University of Southern California would like to announce that the Public Services Section of Norris Medical Library, USC, has just published the third edition of their Guide to Drug Information and Literature: an Annotated Bibliography, Mary Bush and Lucille Martin, eds. The book is available from Norris Library for \$10.00.

Deborah A. Hagemeier has moved from Madison, Wisconsin, to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Ibrahim Hanif moved from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Clemson, South Carolina.

Susanne M. Humphrey is senior author of Databases: A Primer for Retrieving Information by Computer. Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, 1986. This is now available for purchase.

Joseph E. Jensen reviewed Automation for Archivists and Record Managers: Planning and Implementation Strategies by Richard M. Kefner, Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(3):299-300, Jul. 1985.

Diane E. P. Johnson co-authored "Getting started with electronic mail," Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(3):267-70, Jul. 1985.

Karen Kaluzsa wrote "Use of MEDLINE by medical students: results of a survey of the students of the Pritzker School of Medicine of the University of Chicago," Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 73(3):259-62, Jul. 1985.

Syed Khan has changed from Purdue University to Boston College.

James Markham moved from Seattle, Washington, to Arch Cape, Oregon.

Rebecca S. Martin, formerly at the University of California, Berkeley, is the new Assistant Director of User Services and Collection Development at Clark Library, San Jose State University.

Amy L. Paster moved from West Islip, New York, to State College, Pennsylvania.

Irwin H. Pizer\* published "The International Congresses on Medical Librarianship--Thirty years of evolutionary change," IFLA Journal 11(2):106-19, 1985.

Sharon W. Schwerzel is now Head of the Science and Technology Department at Florida State University Library, Tallahassee.

Melissa C. Scott moved from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Helen F. Smith has moved from Williams-town, Massachusetts to State College, Pennsylvania.

Harriet Smith has moved from her position at Sandoz of Hanover, New Jersey, to Boca Raton, Florida.

A. Peri Worthington has moved from Vacaville, California, to San Diego.

\*Mr. Pizer was a member when this was written, but is not a current member of BSD.

Please welcome the following new members:

Sherri L. Bush  
Riverdale, NY  
Janice A. Curnes  
Greendale, WI  
Fumiko Hasegawa  
Seattle, WA  
Nellie O. Johns  
Atlanta, GA  
Syed M. A. Khan  
Chestnut Hill, MA

New member list continues below picture.



Six past and future BSD Chairs were together for this picture at the 1985 SLA meeting in Winnipeg. From left to right, they are Beth Paskoff, 1986-87; M. Sandra Wood, 1984-85; John A. Timour, 1976-77; Karen J. Patrias, 1985-86; Elisabeth Davis, 1982-83; and Doris Bolef, 1983-84.

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Thank you to both the Membership and Division Chairs for this list.

102 BSD members are listed in the Marquis Who's Who Directory of Online Professionals:

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| J. Thomas Kerns      | M. Sandra Wood       |
| Syed Khan            | Alice C. Wygant      |

## Farewell from the Editor

After two and a half years as Biofeedback Editor, I do have mixed emotions about giving up the job. I am happy to have completed the nine issues I have edited, but I'm sure that in February I will at least think about missing the last minute scramble to get all the pieces to fall together properly. I even got an opportunity to try some of the "new technology" with the newsletter text being produced on a word processor and telefacsimile used to send text for the last couple issues. For any of you who have ever tried to pull together a publication from many correspondents, none of whom are in the same community, you will understand how pleased I am everything went so well. I hope you are as pleased as I am with many of the changes in Biofeedback: the regular columns, Spotlight on and BSD People News, and the increase of one issue per year from three to four. I also like the change from a fiscal to a calendar year, although Headquarters is not exactly sure how to deal with an editorial change in mid-year (theirs). Mailing on a calendar year saves money for the Division and makes publishing Biofeedback easier for those years where there is a change of Editor. The hardest issue of the year is this one, the last of the year, long after the Annual Meeting with Midwinter still to come. The other three issues are easier because they have obvious topics to cover: Midwinter, plans for the Annual Meeting and the BSD schedule, and reports from the Annual Meeting. This means the hardest issue is the last for an experiences Biofeedback Editor.

I should also mention that the name Biofeedback itself was a change in response to my predecessor, Beverly Renford, and her survey of the membership to come up with a name. Before this the newsletter was just the Biological Sciences Division Special Libraries Association Newsletter. That may have been more descriptive of the content, but it certainly wasn't very "catchy."

I really don't want to sound like one of those long-winded winners of the Academy Award, "I want to thank my director, producer, dog, great-aunt Flossie, etc." (By the way, I really do have a great-aunt Flossie, but she had absolutely nothing to do with the newsletter! I don't have a dog.) In addition to a "thank you" to the Division Boards as groups with which I have worked since June, 1983, I have a number of individuals I wish to acknowledge. If you are reading this list and find your name, stand up and applaud yourself for participating in the Division. If you are not on this list, but you know some of these people let them know you saw their names in print. People like to know they are appreciated and noticed.

Ruth Ahl  
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Thank you, thank you, to all of these people who supported with text, letters, calls, questions, comments, criticism, and discussion. I also can list, after all I am still Editor at the moment, thank yous to my family, Bill and Michael: Bill for pasting labels and sorting newsletters to help prepare them for mailing, and Michael for trying to mind when he was awake and keep out of the labels and most of the time sleeping through it all.

If by some chance I left you off the list, I heartily apologize. To the Division Chairs, I thank you for believing I could do the job. To the members, thank you for supporting my efforts and, I hope, reading them. To my successor, Jacque-Lynne Schulman, I wish the best of luck and many good issues of Biofeedback. I hope the Division will give you the strong support I have received.

There are still two members remaining on the Biofeedback staff. Please support them, and the Division, by sending your contributions to:

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