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Chair's Report

Cami L. Loucks

Greetings to all and welcome to new members! It was delightful to meet so many of you at the San Antonio annual conference. I'm sure those of you who attended were as impressed as I was of the wonderful and varied programs developed by last year's Chair, Barbara Montanary-Schader. Barbara and her team on the program development committee did an outstanding job. About twenty five other professionals on Barbara's team, including officers, committee chairs and members, our editor, Steven Sowell, and ad hoc committees, were responsible for a year of professional growth and development for the Division, and are to be commended for their excellent performance!

Ahead of us is the San Francisco meeting in June 1992. Programming is underway to bring to you an exciting roster of program events and field trips. Although Division planners have been cautioned not to over plan, due to the location of the conference in such an exciting city, I believe you will find the fewer number of programs to be of the highest quality. Our main event this year will be the Biennial Roundtable on Biotechnology. This year's roundtable theme will be the Human and Plant Genome Projects. This project is believed to be as important to the scientific community and, indeed, to our own lives, as the United States Space Program. You will hear a great deal more on this topic in future issues of *Biofeedback*. Your Division Board and I agree that our Division, with so many librarians working directly or indirectly in the field of biotechnology, would find this topic to be very appropriate and timely. The rest of our members and, indeed, all special librarians, will no doubt be affected by the associated outcomes or spinoffs of this project. This is a MUST SEE conference program. The Pharmaceuticals Division and the Food and Agriculture Division are co-sponsors of this grand event.

Other events being considered for the 1992 conference are a field trip to Golden Gate Park, a field trip to a biotechnology

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company in the San Francisco area, a program on chemistry for the non-chemist, a continuing education course on Preservation, and a program on CD-ROM programs.

One of my goals for the Division is to begin a process of mentoring the leadership. Committee chairs have been asked to groom someone on their committee for leadership in the following year. In this way, we can not only provide continuity of our strategic plans and goals for each committee, but we can help to smooth the transition to higher leadership, and to allow our committees to be more productive. Like so many other tasks we are asked to do in our professional lives, we are expected to "hit the ground running" in our association activities. Mentoring is one way to become prepared in advance for the challenges ahead.

The next issue of *Biofeedback* will include a list of the committees and offices in the Division. I encourage each of you who would like participate in the leadership to contact the committee chair to become more involved. Terms of committees vary from one to three years, but you may contact me if you would like a short term ad hoc assignment. I will be needing at least two individuals in the San Francisco area to assist me in local arrangements for the 1992 conference.

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer and I am looking forward to working with many of you over the next season.

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arrived and we all owe Robin a debt of gratitude for tenacity above and beyond the call of duty!

And finally, the CE Course. Judy Wojcik and Renee Bush single handedly set up the CE Course on Drug and Pharmaceutical Information Resources taught by Bonnie Snow. Judy and Renee also took care of applying for CE credits for this course and advertising the course so that we had a good turn-out. Their efforts were rewarded as we had 23 participants.

In summary, I want to say that I feel my year as BSD chair was a golden opportunity to meet and work with people I would not have had the opportunity to get to know in any other way. I learned a great deal this year and I feel it was a successful year because of all of you. So many people helped out so much that I would like to list names - all of you deserve recognition: Anna McGowan, Jane Cole, Cami Loucks, Rita Fisher, Jean Crampon, Caroline Morris, Steven Sowell, Adam Schiff, Karen Patrias, Kay Collins, Robin Raquet, Ingrid Radke, Virginia Lingle, Mary Susan Lake, Mae Cutler, Margaret Welshmer, Jeffrey Wehmeyer, Caroline Dodson, Susan Curtis, Lucy Rowland, Ann Campbell, Jack Cooper, Judy Wojcik, Wei Wei, Renee Bush, Larry Wright, Janice Kemp, Barry Brown, Mary Compton, Linda Ordogh, Tracy Powell, Karen Bledsoe, John Sisson, Sue Terry, Paula Galbraith, JIM MEARS and all of our speakers. Thank you all for a job well done!

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**Professional Development Committee
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**Needs for Professional Development
Survey**

The Biological Sciences Division (BSD) Professional Development Committee would like to collect information concerning topics for programs to be held during future SLA Annual Meetings. We ask that you express your needs/desires to make these programs meaningful. Please complete this form and return to:

Judy Wojcik
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1. Name: _____
2. Business Address: _____

3. Please rank (#1 being "most important") those programs that are of interest to you. We encourage you to indicate specific topics.

_____ Searching the database _____
(Please name the database; i.e. BIOSIS, GENE BANK, IPAB, TOXLINE)

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_____ Agricultural topics: specifically _____

_____ Biochemical topics: specifically _____

_____ Biological topics: specifically _____

_____ Library science topics: specifically _____

_____ Medical topics: specifically _____

_____ Others: specifically _____

(Please continue on reverse side)

4. I need Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the program(s) listed in question #3.

____ yes ____ no

5. I would like the program(s) listed in question #3 to meet MLA certification.

____ yes ____ no

6. The time devoted to this program should be ____ half-day ____ full-day.

7. I/My organization would be willing to pay up to the following amount for the program:

____ \$25 or less ____ \$26-50 ____ \$51-\$75

____ \$76-\$100 ____ \$101-\$125 ____ over \$125

8. I would like to see the following tours/field trips at these future Annual Conferences:

Location

Tours/Field Trips

a. Cincinnati (1993) _____

b. Atlanta (1994) _____

c. Montreal (1995) _____

9. Attendance at the SLA Annual Conference:

____ I attend every year

____ I attend frequently

____ I rarely attend

____ I never attend

____ I would consider attending if BSD offered an attractive professional development program.

10. Comments: _____

Past-Chair's Report

Barbara Montanary-Schader

It is so nice to be able to end my year as BSD chair by pointing out that our Annual Meeting in San Antonio was quite a success! There were many excellent sessions and the speakers were often challenging, thought provoking and enthusiastic. And San Antonio is a delightful city. I wish I would have had more time to explore it!

The BSD programs all went well. The Managing Proprietary Scientific Data had at least 350 attendees and the question and answer period went on for 45 minutes. Speakers Larry Fogel (BP America), Eloise Richer (Baxter, Pharmaseal Division) and Alberta McKay (Glaxo) are to be commended for superb presentations. And FAXON should be thanked for funding this program.

The Toxicology Roundtable was also well received and attendees were delighted to receive data on floppies prepared by Kathy Deck. We had large turnouts for all four of our Open Houses which were co-sponsored with Environmental Resource Management Division (and Sunday was also co-sponsored with Chemistry Division). I must thank all of our Open House sponsors for their support and for their delightful and tasty choices for appetizers. This years sponsors were Chemical Abstracts on Sunday night; BIOSIS, Springer, UMI, and DIALOG sponsored Monday evening. Tuesday was the Margarita Party which was co sponsored by several divisions and by Majors Scientific Books & Subscriptions; Wednesday was sponsored by ISI and Wiley. Elsevier supported both of our Executive Board Meetings. Please thank any of these vendors you may meet in the coming year. It is important that we show our appreciation for their continued support.

The Annual BSD Business Meeting was very productive. New officers were introduced (Larry Wright is the 1991-93 director and Renee Bush is our incoming chair-elect). Jane Cole presented the Long Range Plan that she and Anna McGowan had worked on and it was accepted by the membership. Anna McGowan, Past BSD Chair then presented the BSD Bylaws she had updated and those were also accepted by the membership (a packet which included the Long Range Plane and the BSD Bylaws was sent to every BSD member in May). Ann Juneau presented an update of the Natural History "group" which is in the process of being formed. Ann will have an article

in a subsequent issue of *Biofeedback* on this. We then had committee reports from all of the BSD committees. It was obvious that everyone worked very hard this year. Rita Fisher presented the Secretary/Treasurers report and those details will appear in the official minutes which will be printed in a later issue of *Biofeedback*. Cami Loucks, incoming BSD chair then discussed her plans for the coming year and urged members to volunteer for committees.

Both of our field trips sold out. I want to extend my most heartfelt thank you to Ann Campbell for all of her very hard work in making the field trip to the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research a success. The catered lunch was excellent and the luncheon talk by the Foundation Director, Dr. Duncan Wimpres, provided a complete but succinct and occasionally humorous account of the founding and early days of the Foundation. And the tour itself was truly fascinating. We learned of the pensioning off of the chimps to air conditioned cabins when they could no longer "work". We saw gorillas, baboons and even a newly discovered new world "marsupial" which looked very much like a rat to my untrained eye! We also had an opportunity to visit the well staffed Foundation Library where we were graciously received by the librarian - who was a former SLA member whom we convinced to rejoin SLA. All in all a very successful day.

The trip to the San Antonio Botanic Gardens was also a stimulating experience and we have Jack Cooper to thank for the thorough preparations which made our tour of the gardens so successful. Even though it was a hot, muggy day, we were able to find cooler micro climates within the gardens. These changes in temperature within yards of each other were fascinating to experience and made the tour doubly interesting. After the tour, we all went to Breckinridge Park for a catered box lunch. Local Arrangements Chair Robin Raquet managed to hold picnic tables for us by literally throwing her body over the tables. Robin was quite relieved when we finally

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Renee Bush, Chair-Elect

Have you said any of the following to yourself or to a colleague lately?

"I wish I knew more about...."

"I could sure use a refresher on...."

"I've always thought it would help me do my job better if I could learn more about...."

"I hear ... mentioned a lot these days, but I don't really understand what it's all about."

"I'm so occupied just trying to keep up with my work load that I can't find the time to read or think or talk with my colleagues about important issues such as...."

If you have, we'd like you to take some time now to think about how your division might help you "fill in the blanks." We are already planning the 1993 annual conference in Cincinnati. If you know or hope that you will be attending that year, we want to hear from you!

It's essential that we have your input if we are to provide the kind of programs you want and need. BSD members who attended the annual division business meeting in San Antonio completed a survey concerning potential topics for future programs, but we want to hear from those who were unable to join us last June. Won't you please either complete the questionnaire included in this issue of *Biofeedback* or contact me directly to share your thoughts and concerns.

The following is a sampling of the topics suggested by some division members. Please feel free to comment on any of these, to provide us with ideas of your own, and to suggest interesting potential speakers or field trip destinations.

Agroecology

Biomaterials (biocompatible materials/biomedical materials)

Bioethics

Animal resources/animal alternatives for research

Use of fetal tissue

Biodiversity

Biosystematics

Business aspects of biohealth

Cladistics

Collection development issues

Disappearing plants as potential medicines

Disaster planning

Document delivery

Ethical concerns of information professionals

e.g., conflict of interest

Ethnobotany

Genetics

Global change

Journal cancellations

LAN CD-ROMs

Managing science libraries

Natural history information resources

Online database searching

BIOSIS update

BRS searching

STN searching

Toxicology related topics

e.g., pesticide exposure; searching TOXNET and

TOXLINE

Wastewater pollution control

I look forward to receiving your thought on these topics and/or additional suggestions you would like to make.

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**1991 State-of-the-Art Institute
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SLA's sixth State-of-the-Art Institute will provide pragmatic information and insights for members and others in the information community who have, or may be entering the Eastern/Central European markets. Sessions will include:

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- Working it Out: Resources for Establishing a Business;
- Information Access: How to Obtain Information from Eastern and Central Europe;
- The Librarian's Role in the Information Revolution: U.S. Initiatives to Aid Eastern and Central European Information Organizations; and
- International Ventures: How Special Librarians Can Get Involved.

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New Member Profiles

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