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Renee Bush

As we enter the second half of "our" year, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the interesting and vital work our Division's committees have been doing on our behalf.

Our Membership Committee Chair, Julia Perez, reports that the Biological Sciences Division is now 691 strong and that 55 letters have been sent out to new members since last summer. That is truly wonderful news! In addition to their regular duties (maintaining membership records, welcoming new members, and contacting individuals who have recently dropped their BSD membership), the committee is also working on a membership brochure.

Hopefully many of you have already seen the results of the Public Relations/Career Guidance Committee's recent efforts. Notice of the BSD's annual Student Award competition [see page 7] has been mailed to approximately 60 ALA-accredited library schools and to the bulletin editors of SLA's 55 chapters. For those of you unfamiliar with this program, the Division provides free lodging, a travel stipend, and tickets to BSD-sponsored events at the Annual Conference to the student who has submitted the best essay. It is a marvelous opportunity for a library school student to attend the Conference, meet future colleagues, and learn a great deal about their new profession. This program is also an excellent opportunity for our Division to distinguish itself by nurturing an outstanding student and introducing him/her to Special Librarianship. Under Lucy Rowland's guidance, this committee has generated several innovative ideas, one of which we feel should be implemented this June. They have suggested that the Division assign a "buddy" to the student, someone who will spend time with our guest, introducing

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them around, and helping them get the most out of the conference. If any of you would be willing to devote a portion of your conference time to help make the experience more memorable and meaningful for our award winner, please contact Lucy or me as soon as possible.

The Nominations and Elections Committee has also been hard at work the past few months, processing nominations for the Chair-Elect and Director positions and preparing a ballot that you will be receiving soon. Please note the return deadline and do, please, VOTE! Anna McGowan, Chair, notes that for your vote to be valid, it must bear your signature on the upper left-hand corner of the return envelope.

The Awards Program Ad Hoc Committee created by the Board last June is evaluating a proposal to establish a new awards program to recognize members and/or organizations that have contributed to the Division. Janice Kemp, Chair, welcomes anyone interested in helping with this important work. The committee has been charged with submitting a report to the Division at the Annual Conference this June.

The Professional Development Committee has pulled together two outstanding programs for our members who will be in Cincinnati this June. In the last issue of *Biofeedback*, I told you about the full-day field trip we have planned to the Cincinnati Zoo. On the same day, there will be a Continuing Education course offered which will compare and contrast the subject scope and content of several biological sciences-related databases. The instructor will be Bonnie Snow, well-known to many of you through her online searching columns in *Online* and *Database*. Bonnie taught an excellent CE course for us on Pharmaceutical Information Sources in San Antonio two years ago and I am delighted to welcome her back this year. Special thanks go to the Committee's Chair, Judy Wojcik, for doing an enormous amount of legwork to provide us with this outstanding course offering. For more information on this CE course, see page 6.

I have reported here on only half of the Biological Sciences Committees, but I can assure you that they are all busy and productive. I hope that those of you who have never served on a BSD committee and those of you who have but are not involved currently,

will consider doing so. Jo Anne Boorkman, our Chair-Elect, will need new people to carry on the work of our Division in 1993/94. I assure you that being active in the Biological Sciences Division provides many benefits, both professional and personal.

1993-94 BSD Elections

The following individuals have been nominated for the positions of Chair-Elect and Director of the Biological Sciences Division:

Chair-Elect: Lynn Labun and Patricia B. Yocum

Director: Kay Collins and Mary L. Compton

Ballots will be mailed around March 1. The results of the election should be available by mid-April. Curricula vitae of the nominees will be mailed with the ballots.

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Tips for the First-Time Conference Attendee

Patricia Murphy

Our reasons for attending the SLA Annual Conference may vary, but we're all susceptible to feeling overwhelmed by the whole conference experience, with its large crowd and flurry of activities. First-time conference attendees (first-timers) have the added burden of believing that they're the only ones uncomfortable in the conference mode. The following tips are intended to help first-timers feel more at ease at the conference and, with a little luck, they may even be mistaken for veteran conference attendees.

Before the conference, spend some time looking over the preliminary program and perhaps discussing it with other members of your SLA chapter. Choose the sessions you might like to attend, including a back-up session in case your first choice doesn't work out. Pay particular attention to the sessions being offered by your divisions since the planners have spent 18 months creating a program with division members in mind. You may find it useful to mark sessions of interest in the preliminary program with Post-it notes and simply transfer the notes to the final schedule when you receive it. The final schedule, by the way, should be examined as closely as the preliminary one because sessions may have been changed, added, or deleted. A daily newspaper and bulletin boards at the conference site will also list special programs of interest and meetings for new discussion groups.

First-timers may want to attend the reception offered in their honor at the beginning of the conference. At this informal session, SLA fellows will give an overview of the conference and offer some survival tips. Other items to include in your schedule are the general sessions, the vendor exhibits, and the receptions (open houses) and field trips sponsored by the various divisions. The general sessions give you the opportunity to hear interesting speakers and since the sessions are usually well-attended, you're more likely to run into someone you know. The vendor exhibits give you a chance to examine and discuss products with the vendors. Allow at least a couple time slots in your schedule to visit the exhibits. Make a point of thanking the vendors for attending the conference and if they co-sponsor any of the division receptions, let them know that you appreciate

their support. Speaking of receptions, add a couple of these to your schedule--they present a great opportunity to unwind, have a snack, and meet people with similar interests. The effort of walking into a room full of strangers is eased by the fact that someone from the sponsoring divisions will usually be at the door to greet you, put a sticker on your name tag, and perhaps introduce you to other people. Another opportunity to relax comes in the form of the field trips offered at the end of the conference. Consider the possibility of staying a little longer and going on one of the trips. You may find that a group receives more special attention than an individual would visiting the same museum or attraction.

Since one of the main benefits of attending the conference is to meet people with similar interests and experiences, make the exchange of names and addresses easier by bringing along business cards to pass out. These also come in handy at the exhibits, where there may be drawings for various prizes. You'll receive a nametag when you check in at the conference site. Wear the tag on your right side and a little higher than normally done--this makes it easier for people to read as they're introduced to you. Attend the annual division business meeting to get a clearer idea of how the division is run and to identify the officers and committee members. Introduce yourself to your division officers and committee members. These are some of the most active people in the organization. Volunteer your services to a committee that interests you. There's always need for more help.

A final note--allow yourself some breathing room in your schedule. The conference has a lot to offer, but only so much that one person can assimilate. By doing a little pre-planning and remembering that everyone was a first-timer at one point, you'll find the conference to be as beneficial as you had originally hoped.

(Thanks to Lucy Rowland, Anna McGowan, and Ann Juneau for sharing their conference tips.)

Help Sought!

Renee Bush

In addition to a "buddy" [see *Chair's Report*], we also need a roommate for this year's Student Award Winner. *Anyone who is willing to share a room with our guest (and consequently pay only half the room rate, of course!), please contact Lucy Rowland or Renee Bush as soon as possible.*

We still need people to help with Local Arrangements and Hospitality in Cincinnati this June. If you could give up just an hour or two of your time to greet people at one of our Open Houses or help one of the program planners run a last minute check on the session room, *please* contact Lynda (Jones) Hartel at Ohio State University's Health Sciences Library or Renee Bush.

Also for this year's conference, we could still use a few more people to help prepare for and/or participate in the Internet for Biological Sciences Librarians program. We are in the process of deciding what handout materials we would like to make available to attendees of this informal, "drop-in" session, and would love to have another individual or two to join in the discussion. As reported in the Summer issue of *Biofeedback*, we are also searching for people to act as discussion facilitators. I am waiting to hear from both Internet experts and novices who will lend a hand...

We're already thinking about 1994's Annual Conference and one very exciting program we can all look forward to is the Second Biennial Biotechnology Roundtable. If you would like to be part of the planning process for the successor to last year's rousing success, please contact Efrat Livny or Jo Anne Boorkman.

Responses have been trickling in, but *surely* there are more of you that use e-mail!! In the last issue of *Biofeedback*, Doug Macbeth requested that BSD members forward their network address to him so that he can assemble an e-mail directory which will be distributed to the membership. Those of you that are network-accessible, please go directly to your PC or terminal and send your address to Doug (DTM@ARETHA.JAX.ORG) *now!* Thanks.

Getting Involved in BSD

Jo Anne Boorkman

It's that time of year again as we prepare for a new year of activities for SLA. By the time you read this notice, the SLA mid-winter meeting will be over and we will be well on our way with finalizing plans for the annual meeting in Cincinnati in June. However, it is also time to begin thinking about next year: **1994 in Atlanta.**

Did you wait too long to decide that you wanted to get involved with professional activities this year? Well it's not too late. The 1993/94 committees of the BSD need volunteers. Joining a committee is a terrific way to get involved with the organization, meet colleagues, and learn new skills. To quote our current chair, Renee Bush, "I have learned much from BSD members that has helped me in my job--about service, sources, policies, procedures, trends, systems, vendors, and products. I have become part of an ever-widening network of professionals who I can contact when I need information or support." This has been my experience as well. BSD members are a great group with whom to work. Don't let this opportunity slip away and sign up today.

Below are brief descriptions of the BSD committees. Please fill out the attached application form and return it to me, indicating the committee with which you are interested in working.

Archives -- Maintains materials of historical importance to the division.

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Division Bulletin (*Biofeedback*)--Collects, edits, and publishes articles and notices of interest to Division members on a quarterly basis.

Fund Raising (ad hoc)--Responsible for developing a fund development plan for the Division in support of the programs and publications of the Division.

Government Relations--Liaison between Division and Headquarters Government Relations staff to alert and inform Division members about legislative matters or government decisions that are of interest to the library and information science community.

Local Arrangements--Assists the Division Chair with arrangements for the Open Houses during the annual meeting. Assists with arranging Division field trips during the Conference.

Membership--Maintains up-to-date records of Division membership; encourages recruitment of new members; welcomes new members; liaison with Headquarters regarding membership services.

Nominations & Elections--Selects and presents a slate of officers to the membership and conducts the election.

Professional & Program Development--Assists the Division Chair with selecting and planning continuing education courses for Division members at the annual meeting.

Public Relations/Career Guidance--Promotes awareness of the Division among library school students. Solicits applications for the Division's SLA Student Conference Award. Screens essays submitted by applicants and selects awardee.

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Yes, I would like to get involved with BSD this year:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Committee: _____

Return to: Jo Anne Boorkman, Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616

CE Course at the Annual Conference: Online Resources in the Life Sciences/Biotechnology

A full day continuing education course sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association will be offered at the upcoming SLA Annual Conference. This course, taught by Bonnie Snow, will compare and contrast subject scope and content among several databases, including: *BIOSIS*, *TOXLIN*, *EMBASE*, *MEDLINE*, *Derwent Biotechnology Abstracts*, *Current Biotechnology Abstracts*, *BIOBUSINESS*, and others. Participants will learn to compare database content and how to make informed database selection based on subject coverage. Advanced searching tips for several bioscience databases will also be covered.

About the instructor: Bonnie Snow, Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region, Dialog Information Services, Inc., is well-known in the field of online searching. She brings with her an extensive background in medical, biological and pharmaceutical information. Bonnie has held positions of increasing responsibility at Dialog over the past 13 years where she also has had the opportunity to design two seminars. Prior to joining Dialog, Bonnie spent four years at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science Library and two years at Drexel University.

Bonnie's present activities consist of editing and

authoring "Caduceus," a column focusing on medical information sources and applications which appears in *Online and Database*. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of both *Medical Reference Service Quarterly* and *Journal of Pharmacy Teaching*. Her Medical Library Association (MLA) involvement is considerable, and includes developing and teaching four courses which are offered worldwide by MLA. Bonnie has written numerous journal articles on online searching and her book credits include chapters entitled, "Biological Sciences," in *Manual of Online Search Strategies* and "Selecting and Using Bioscience Databases," in *Online Databases in Medical and Life Sciences*.

For more information, contact Judy Wojcik (704) 326-3659 or watch for your SLA Preliminary Program.

PLACE: Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati

DATE: Thursday, June 10, 1993

TIME: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

COST: \$140, members; \$160, non-members

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Sci-Tech Division Offers Awards

The Science & Technology Division sponsors a Travel Stipend Award of up to \$600 for library school students or first time attendees for expenses incurred while attending the Annual Conference in Cincinnati. Another award, the Sci-Tech Achievement Award, recognizes Division members who have made outstanding contributions to the Division, and/or to the literature of science and technology librarianship. A scroll and \$250 is given to the awardee. The deadline for both these awards is March 1, 1993. For more information, or to submit applications or nominations, contact Cynthia K. Via, Awards Chair, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., 400 Locust, 700 Capital Square, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Environmental Information Centers in Eastern Europe

The Library and Environmental Information Centers in Central Eastern Europe Project convened for the first time in Warsaw, Poland, in October 1992. The project is intended to make an inventory and conduct a needs assessment of library/information centers with environmental collection capabilities within Central Eastern Europe; to compile, produce, and distribute a printed directory listing resources and capabilities of libraries and information centers; and to strengthen environmental information centers by enabling connections with their counterpart organizations in the U.S. The Environment and Resource Management Division of SLA will be actively involved in this project. An international panel will be invited to discuss the project at an ERMD session at the Cincinnati Annual SLA Conference.

SLA STUDENT CONFERENCE AWARD
84th Annual Conference
June 5-10, 1993
Cincinnati, Ohio
Sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division, SLA

In June, 1993, special librarians from all over the world will gather in Cincinnati for the 84th Special Libraries Association Annual Conference. To help defray costs of attending the conference, the Biological Sciences Division of SLA is offering an award to a graduate student interested in a career in biological sciences librarianship.

Support of the sponsored student will include:

- Travel stipend, up to \$300;
- Free tickets to Biological Sciences Division events;
- Free lodging during the conference;
- Opportunity to develop contacts with biosciences librarians.

Persons wishing to apply must:

- Be a member of SLA;
- Be enrolled in a graduate program leading to a degree in library/information science at the time of application;
- Submit an essay of 1,000 to 1,200 words discussing a problem, issue, or challenge facing biological sciences librarianship. The essay must be typed and sealed in a blank envelope for judging. Essays will be judged on the basis of good argument development and critical analysis, clear language, conciseness, and creativity. Submitted essays will not be returned;
- Include a cover letter providing the applicant's name, address, phone number, graduate program and name of school, and anticipated date of graduation.

Applications must be received by no later than Monday, March 1, 1993. Send essay and cover letter to:

Lucy M. Rowland
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The Biological Sciences Division reserves the right to withhold the award if there are no suitable applicants.

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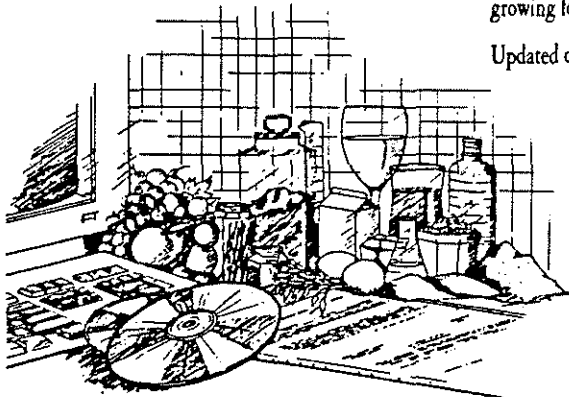
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New Member Profiles

Wendy L. Helmstetter

Wendy is currently an M.L.S. student at the University of South Florida, Tampa. She expects to graduate in late 1993. Wendy received a B.A. in psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to her recent move to Florida, she enjoyed fifteen years of work in the Medical and Scientific Library at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. Presently, she volunteers on a part-time basis in an academic library. Wendy plans to do reference work in a medical or life sciences library in an academic, corporate, or hospital setting.

Daniel (Jim) Martin

Jim graduated in 1991 from Reed College in Portland, OR, with a degree in biology. He is presently an M.L.S. student at the University of Arizona, and plans to graduate after the first or second summer session in 1993. He also works part-time in the reference department of the university's Science and Engineering Library, and has begun an internship at the Arid Lands Information Center. Jim would like to continue to do reference work in a science library, preferably some place that will allow him to concentrate on biology and/or chemistry.

Martha Tillotson

Martha received her B.S. in education and her M.L.S. from the University of Alabama. After graduating in May, 1990, she worked in the Education Library at the University of Alabama for about a year before joining the Health Sciences Library as Technical Services/Systems Librarian. Martha's responsibilities include cataloging, collection development, acquisitions, and library systems.

Sylvia van Walsum

Sylvia is an M.L.S. student at the University of Toronto, and will graduate in June, 1993. She works part-time in reference at the University of Toronto's Earth Sciences Library as a graduate assistant library technician. Last summer, she worked for the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information in Ottawa as a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council scholar-summer student. Sylvia has a B.Sc. in wildlife biology from the University of Guelph and a B.Ed. in science/environmental science education from the University of Toronto. She has worked as a high school science teacher, and wishes to do reference work in life/environmental sciences in a special, academic, or large public library setting.

Job Notice

Science Librarian

The Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, a well-known biomedical research institution in Shrewsbury, Mass., is seeking a science librarian to administer its research library. The librarian is responsible for planning and implementing all activities of a basic biomedical research library, including: acquisitions, reference, serials management, online and CD-ROM searching, and interlibrary loan using OCLC and Docline. Qualifications include a masters degree in library science, five years experience in a medical or biology library, and a science background. Computer literacy is required and experience in both IBM and Macintosh environments is desirable. Familiarity with NLM, Dialog, and BRS databases is expected. This position will be filled in mid-April. The salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Applicants should submit resumes and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of 3 references to the Personnel Dept., Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, 222 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, MA 01545
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