

## Annual Conference

The SLA Annual Conference is held during June in the United States or Canada. Throughout the Conference, the Biological Sciences Division sponsors a variety of programs including workshops, exhibits, continuing education courses, invited papers and speakers, an annual business meeting, field trips, and social events. These sessions provide opportunities for Division members to network and exchange information regarding their work in the life and health sciences.

The Biological Sciences Division organized or co-sponsored six programs at the 1996 Annual Conference:

- ♥ *AIDS Information Networks and Educational Developments*
- ♥ *Biodiversity*
- ♥ *Bioinformatics*
- ♥ *Endocrine Disruptors in the Environment*
- ♥ *Locally Mounted Electronic Products in Biomedical and Life Sciences Libraries*
- ♥ *Tracking an Evolving System: The Changing Health Care Environment*

BIO also arranged the continuing education course *Molecular Biology for the Non-Molecular Biologist*, and sponsored field trips to the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the Harvard University Museums.

Future Annual Conference sites are:

- ♥ 1997      Seattle
- ♥ 1998      Indianapolis
- ♥ 1999      Minneapolis
- ♥ 2000      Philadelphia
- ♥ 2001      San Antonio
- ♥ 2002      Los Angeles
- ♥ 2003      New York
- ♥ 2004      Nashville
- ♥ 2005      Toronto

## Corporate Sponsors of the Biological Sciences Division, 1996 Annual Conference

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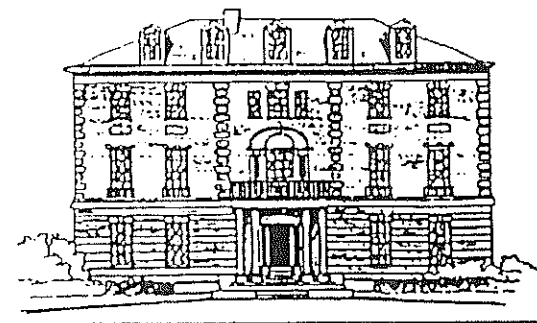
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# Biological Sciences Division

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## What is the Biological Sciences Division?

The Biological Sciences Division (BIO) is one of 26 Divisions of the Special Libraries Association (SLA), the second largest library and information related association headquartered in North America and the third largest in the world. The scope of the Biological Sciences Division encompasses the biological sciences, both pure and applied, and the acquisition, organization, dissemination, and use of biological information in all forms. Within the Division, emphasis is placed upon the broad sweep of the life and health sciences and the strong common elements found throughout them.

## The Medical Section

The Medical Section of the Biological Sciences Division serves as a forum for Division members who are engaged or interested in the exchange of information in the biomedical and health sciences, and the acquisition, organization, dissemination, and use of such information in all formats. Membership in the Medical Section is available at no charge to all BIO members by contacting the Membership Department at SLA headquarters.

## History

The Biological Sciences Division was formed in 1934 by eighteen life sciences librarians to meet the needs of academic, corporate, hospital, research, government, and technical information professionals in the broad field of biological sciences. In 1996 more than fifty BIO members successfully petitioned SLA to request the formation of a Medical Section, within BIO, for those members interested in health sciences librarianship. Today BIO is an

international professional Division of more than 600 members, over 75 of whom are also members of the Medical Section.

## Membership Benefits Include:

- ♥ *Biofeedback*, the quarterly newsletter of the Division
- ♥ BSDNET-L, the Division listserv (open to BIO members only)
- ♥ Continuing education programs
- ♥ Annual Division meetings
- ♥ Special interest seminars, discussions, presentations, and field trips
- ♥ Networking opportunities
- ♥ Peer recognition
- ♥ Vendor updates
- ♥ Social events

*The Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association invites you to join and enjoy the professional stimulation and fellowship of belonging to this important and diverse organization.*

## Leadership Opportunities

The Biological Sciences Division includes an Executive Board, the Medical Section, Appointed Positions, Committees, and Liaisons to other SLA units or information organizations.

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer to serve. Let the Chair or Chair-Elect know your interests when you join!

### BIO Executive Board, 1996-97

Chair, *Fred Roper*  
Chair-Elect, *Larry Kelland*  
Secretary-Treasurer, *Janet Chisman*  
Director, *Toni Powell*  
Past Chair, *Lucy Rowland*

### BIO Medical Section

Chair, *Nancy Bryant*

### BIO Appointed Positions

Archivist  
*Biofeedback* Editor  
*Biofeedback* Assistant Editor  
*Biofeedback* Business Manager  
BSDNET-L List Administrator

### BIO Committees

Annual Conference Program Planning  
Annual Conference Contributed Papers Session  
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Publications  
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### BIO Liaisons

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