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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 70TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Honolulu, Hawaii, June 9-14, 1979

In what has to be one of the most spectacular locations in the U.S. for a conference, some 1800 registrants from 18 countries + Hong Kong met during the second week in June for the First Worldwide Conference on Special Libraries, cosponsored with the Japan Special Libraries Association and the Special Libraries Division of IFLA. The conference theme was "Politics and Economics: Their Impact on Library/Information Services." What with the lure of the beach, the warm and clear Pacific Ocean, and the other sightseeing attractions it was remarkable that anyone attended the programs. The well-planned talks, audio-visual presentations and panel discussions showed the thoughtful preparations involved and were well attended, at least the ones I managed to get to.

Margreet Wijnstroom, secretary-general of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), said in her keynote address: "From national to regional and international cooperation is in our profession a small step, as the materials with which we work are international by nature, as are our methods. The international influence of professional developments in any one country must not be underestimated; their influence is increasing with the fading away of national boundaries with regard to information demand and services."

In a program on the international transfer of information, Thomas E. Hughes, Library of Congress, said that the creation of data bases could enable countries to share resources and reduce the cost of information. He stated, however, that some smaller countries resent their dependence upon United States sources of information for economic reasons. L. J. Anthony, Aslib, London, said that Europeans are seeking to develop their information systems so they can become independent of U.S. sources. He named language, adherence to tradition, and government control as major impediments to the development of more complete European data bases.

One of the highlights of the week, the results of which may have the most far-reaching importance for the Association, was the announcement of the selection of the new Executive Director. He is Dr. David R. Bender, formerly chief of the School Library Media Services Branch, Maryland State Department of Education. He received his doctorate in educational technology from Ohio State University in 1977 and has been with the Maryland State Department of Education since 1972.

The Division sponsored and co-sponsored a number of programs. Professor Milton Diamond, of the Department of Anatomy and Reproductive Medicine, and Karen M. Peacock, Social Science Bibliographer in the Hamilton Library, both of the University of Hawaii, presented a paper on the results of their survey of academic libraries and their sources of primary and secondary information, "Resources in Sex Research." Ritva Sievänen-Allen, Librarian of the Central Medical Library in Helsinki and President of the Finnish Research Libraries Association, talked on

"From Helsinki to Bethesda: a comparative study of the organizational models of the bio-medical networks in Finland and the U.S." In a program co-sponsored with the Pharmaceutical Division, Jon Streltzer, MD, a psychiatrist at the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, gave his forecast for the future in "Medicine/drugs/health - year 2000", and Frank L. Tabrah, MD, of the Department of Internal Medicine of the University of Hawaii, gave a fascinating audio-visual presentation on "Hawaiian Folk Medicine."

At the conference banquet Vivian D. Hewitt, SLA President, named as recipients of the SLA Hall of Fame Award the late Dr. Frank E. McKenna and Gretchen Little. McKenna served as SLA's president in 1966-67 and as executive director from 1970 until his sudden death in 1978. He conceived and organized the conference, and it was dedicated to his memory. Little retired last year from her position as librarian of I.C.I. Americas, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, after a distinguished 42-year career.

The field trip on Thursday, co-sponsored by the Environmental Information Division, was to Sea Life Park where we saw the Reef Tank full of exotic fish, part of the trained dolphin and penguin show and then some of the backstage areas where dolphins and a rare melon-head whale are housed and studied. After lunch we visited the University of Hawaii's College of Tropical Agriculture's Waimanalo Research Station, where we were shown innumerable tropical plants and were given samples of a number to taste. The Division sponsored its usual Open House, with a spectacular view of Diamond Head beyond the hotels of Waikiki, from Sunday through Wednesday evenings.

The minutes of the Division's annual business meeting appear elsewhere in this issue.

All-in-all it was a busy and productive Conference in a great location.

SLA's 71st annual conference will be held at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. June 8-12, 1980. The conference theme will be "Realities of the 80's -- Challenging the Individual." Special Libraries Association, an international organization with more than 11,500 members, has an operations office in New York City.

Tom Rees
Past-chairman, BSD/SLA

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BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
HONOLULU, HAWAII, JUNE 12, 1979
THOMAS H. REES, PRESIDING

Minutes: The business meeting for the Biological Sciences Division (BSD) was held on Tuesday, June 12, 1979, at the Ilikai Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. Thomas H. Rees presided and convened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Beryl Anderson was the SLA Board of Director's proctor attending the BSD business meeting.

The minutes for the business meeting held June 12, 1978, were read by Eloise C. Foster, Secretary-Treasurer, and approved. In the future, minutes will be published in the division's Newsletter and approved by the Executive Board in advance of the next annual meeting.

James Bobick, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the results of the

May election. Rita Kane was selected Chairman-Elect and Isabel McDonald was chosen Director. Ballots were mailed to 867 voting members and were returned by 288 members.

Gretchen Stephens, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented her report. As of March 31, 1979, the division had 897 members. This represents a 9.7 percent increase over the total as of March 31, 1978.

Mr. Rees outlined other BSD activities taking place during the remainder of the conference: a joint session with the Pharmaceutical Division; a field trip; and open houses.

A revised scope note for the division, as published in the Newsletter, was approved. It will now need to be incorporated into the bylaws.

In the absence of a report on a proposed division directory, James Parrish related recent experiences with a chapter directory and volunteered to investigate such for the division together with Mitsuko Williams. Caroline Morris indicated that she was in receipt of a document to be signed by her institution if she was to be retained as archivist. A motion was passed that Ms. Morris be retained as archivist on an indefinite basis and that the archives be deposited in her library at the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Susan L. Gensel, incoming Chairman, presented preliminary plans for the 1980 program to be held in Washington, D.C.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Treasurer's report: The official Biological Sciences Division 1978 Financial Report was submitted in January 1979. James Parrish served as auditor. During the remainder of fiscal year 1978 (June through December), the Division incurred the following expenses.

- Annual Conference (Kansas City): \$1,031.00
- Bank charges: \$0.29

Honoraria paid in May 1978 totaling \$200 was returned. A savings account earned \$43.42 in interest. Total expenditures for fiscal year 1978 totaled \$1,693.83. Assets on hand as of December 31, 1978, amounted to \$2,040.54.

In fiscal year 1979 the Division received an allotment of \$2,160.00 (\$2.50 x 864 members) from the Special Libraries Association. Through May 21, 1979, the Division has incurred the following expenses.

- Nominating Committee charges: \$182.25
- Bank charges: \$0.13

The Division has an interim balance in the checking account of \$3,127.53 and an interim balance of \$901.79 in the savings account. Total funds now on hand: \$4,029.32.

Projected expenses for the remainder of 1979 include costs for the annual conference and for printing and distribution of the Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Eloise C. Foster
Secretary-Treasurer
Biological Sciences Division

PLANS, PLANS, PLANS AND MORE PLANS

My biggest goal for 1980/81 is to communicate with you. I can only do this if you will communicate with me. I need to know what you're thinking about SLA and your Biological Sciences Division. If there is something you like or dislike, write or call me. Please!!!

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I have made all of the various appointments necessary to have this division year run smoothly. The list of officers and appointees appears elsewhere in this issue. Our nominating committee for 1979/80 is:

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If you have any suggestions for nominees, I'm sure the committee would be delighted to hear from you, and if you are called on to serve, do so - you'll enjoy it.

And now to the Washington Conference. Statements like..."the best laid plans of mice and men" seem to fit here. Unfortunately, my Nobel Prize-winning boss will be in Basel, Switzerland, June 6 to July 5, soooo, he will not be speaking on Recombinant DNA. We'll have to try for another year.

Now for the good news - although not finalized, the following constitutes our program for Washington:

Monday June 9	1:30 - 3:00	Food Policy Center Speaker on "The Hunger Situation and Impact on World Agriculture" (co-sponsoring with Food and Nutrition Division)
Tuesday, June 10	11:45 - 1:15	Speaker/Author to be announced - "Cancer and Society" Lunch at Conference Hotel Short Business Meeting
	1:30 - 3:00	Panel discussion - Arts and Sciences. Panel will include such types as painter or sculptor, dramatist, musician, bio- chemist, biologist, physicist, etc. They will discuss the similarities in the two cultures as well as the barriers separating them and possible techniques for trans- cending these barriers.

We will have the traditional suite from Sunday, June 8 to Wednesday, June 11, with perhaps some entertainment and certainly nibbles and spirits. Do we have any talented strolling minstrels who might like to share their recorder, lute, guitar, or comb playing with other SLAers? Let me hear from you.

Finally our field trip will be co-sponsored with Information Technology Division. We will tour Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland, have lunch at O'Donnell's and then return and visit their very unique library which uses the most advanced technology. So please spend the whole day with us - it's Thursday, June 12. It should be informative and fun.

Don't forget - call, write or yell if you have suggestions, criticism or the like. Have a fine fall.

Susan Gensel, Chairman

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APATHY, II

I heard from only two of you after my "stirring" editorial comment in the Fall 1978 issue of the Newsletter, but as you will note from the minutes of the Division business meeting in Honolulu, almost three times as many of you voted in the last election of officers as did a year ago. And some 25 of you took the time to fill out and return that questionnaire on the Association's membership directory that appeared in the last issue. Incidentally, microform publication of the directory is certainly not in great favor among those who replied and including telephone numbers even if the directory cost more was a "winner."

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CONTRIBUTED PAPERS AND POSTER SESSIONS, SLA CONFERENCE, 1980
WASHINGTON, D. C.

All SLA members are invited to submit papers for presentation at the 1980 Conference. This also includes Poster Session presentations. For details, see the Call for Papers in the July 1979 issue of SPECIAL LIBRARIES.

The Poster Sessions are informal, very flexible and relatively simple. The information can be presented in a variety of forms, people may browse through the displays at their convenience and then talk directly with the author at scheduled times.

The Conference theme is "The Realities of the 80's - Challenging the Individual." Topics for presentation should be of professional interest and need not be limited to the Conference theme.

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