Annual Conference

The SLA Annual Conference is held during June in the United States or Canada. Throughout the Conference, the Biomedical and Life 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 Biomedical and Life Sciences Division organized or co-sponsored six programs at the 1997 Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington:

- Incorporating the Internet into Biological, Medical, and Life Sciences Libraries
- Indoor Air Quality
- Managing Marine Information
- Promoting Understanding of the Human Genome Project
- Systematics Agenda 2000
- Visible Human Project

BIO also arranged the continuing education course Competitive Intelligence, and co-sponsored field trips to the Weyerhaeuser Technical Center Library and Botanical Collections and the Bloedel Reserve.

Future Annual Conference sites include:

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

Corporate Sponsors of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, 1997 Annual Conference

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Membership Information

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA invites you to join our professional organization. For further membership information contact:

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What is the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division?

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (BIO) is an international professional division 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 Biomedical and Life Sciences Division encompasses all aspects of the life sciences, both pure and applied, including: biology and biochemistry, zoology and botany, microbiology, genetics, biotechnology, evolution, ecology, veterinary and human medicine, health sciences, and other aspects of the life sciences not specifically noted, or encompassed by another SLA Division. The Division promotes the exchange of information and ideas about trends and advances in information storage, retrieval and analysis, collection management, and dissemination of knowledge in these fields to support research, education, and commercial endeavors.

The Medical Section

The Medical Section of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, formed in 1996, 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. Approximately one fourth of BIO members are also members of the Medical Section.

Leadership Opportunities

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division includes an Executive Board, the Medical Section, Committees, appointed positions, and liaisons to other SLA units and information organizations.

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BIO Appointed Positions

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

BIO Liaisons

- Government Relations
- SLA Affirmative Action Committee
- SLA International Relations Committee
- Natural History Caucus
- Medical Library Association
- International Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers

Membership Benefits Include:

- Biofeedback, the quarterly newsletter of the Division
- BSDNET-L, the Division listserv
- Continuing education programs
- Annual Division meetings
- Special interest seminars, discussions, presentations, and field trips
- Networking opportunities
- Peer recognition
- Vendor updates
- Social events

The Biomedical and Life 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.