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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Michele Tenant

Welcome to the Fall 2001 issue of *Biofeedback*. Inside you will find more great reminders of DBIO's San Antonio programs, as well as evidence of all the work currently going on in the Division. Laura Osegueda's got the Los Angeles Program Committee off and running, with excellent natural history, medical and molecular programs in the works. Barbara Hedges and the Professional Development Committee are hard at work on CE and field trip plans. David Duggar and his Fund Development Committee are getting set to pull in funds for the Division, and Nancy Curtis has been busy paying those bills from San Antonio. Nancy Stimson's Public Relations Committee has pulled together a list of publications by Division members, and Lucy Rowland and her Awards Committee have been busy with this year's award nominations. These are only a few of the activities that are currently underway. Thanks to all division officers, committees and members for all your hard work!

News from SLA Headquarters and beyond:

- Salt Lake City, Utah will be the location for the 2010 Annual Conference, June 5-10.
- SLA's 2002 Winter Meeting will be held Jan. 24-26 in Chicago, with the Leadership Development Institute on the 24th and 25th. Who should attend? Division Chair, Chair-elect, 2002 and 2003 Program Planners, and anyone who may be interested in learning more about a leadership position in SLA. See the SLA webpage for further information.

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SAVING MONEY, SAVING TREES!

Formal printing of BioFeedback will cease after this issue. The newsletter will be available online in both HTML and PDF format at www.sla.org/division/dbio/Biofeedback/index.htm

If it would be a hardship for you to access an online version, notify the Biofeedback Editors (contact information on this page) and we will send you a printed copy.

We take this step for several reasons. Online newsletters are quite common now among SLA divisions with good reason. Online copy is quicker for members to access and less expensive for divisions to produce. The summer newsletter was 32 pages and we sent out 800 copies totalling 25,600 pages! So let's save some trees and get the news quicker by using online access to Biofeedback.

Chair's message continued...

- Please be sure to send in your membership renewal before the deadline. Divisions get \$10.00/member at the end of the fiscal year.
- SLA Scholarship deadlines were October 21; they were announced over BSDNET-L; for information on subscribing to BSDNET-L see <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/listserv.htm>
- Medical Library Association Scholarship deadline is Dec. 1; see www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html for more details.

Hope you all enjoy the cooler weather (remember, I'm in Florida!), and have a great holiday season!

Michele

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<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/index.htm>

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Call for a Program Chair

Want to go to New York City in June 2003? How's the 7th - 12th look on your calendar? While you may not get to meet Regis, you will get to see a lot of happy librarians. Who knows, you could see a lot of happy librarians with Regis if you can pull it off.

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA is looking for a Division Program Chair for the 2003 Annual Conference. The conference is June 7-12 in New York City, New York.

The Program Chair should be able to attend the following meetings prior to the 2003 Conference:

- (1) 2002 Conference - June 8-13 - Los Angeles, California
- (2) 2003 Winter Meeting - January 23-25 - New Orleans, Louisiana
- (3) 2002 Winter Meeting - January 24-26 - Chicago, Illinois ***A big help if can get to this one, but not required (but everyone says it is truly a big help to go to).

The Program Chair must be:

- (1) able to deal with insane people (even if they don't think they are insane)
- (2) able to face challenges
(as a fictional example: getting 200 librarians from one location to another in taxis driven by cab drivers who don't speak English ...)
- (3) fiscally tight
(able to say "no, it is too expensive")
- (4) creative mentally
("sure, Regis and the Millionaire show can be an Open House Social gathering" -- perhaps not, but you get the picture)

Ideally, the Program Chair lives near or has contacts near or in New York City area (New York, New Jersey, etc.). But so long as at least one of the Program COMMITTEE members is from the New York City area, the Chair doesn't HAVE to be from New York. A call for Committee Members for the 2003 Program Conference Committee will come out later this year.

Please see the Division's Procedure Manual on the Division's Web Site for more detailed explanation of the position.

Please feel free to contact the current and former Program Conference Chairs of the Division. They have lots of knowledge and are more than willing to help encourage and guide you. The Division Treasurer can also tell you all of the exciting perks (there are some, right?). Just ask!!

So, step right up!!

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to volunteer to serve your Division in one of the most exciting, challenging, and fulfilling ways possible!!

Position Open Until Filled. Want to have a Program Chair named by November 30th at the latest.

WE LOVE L.A.!
FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
PUTTING KNOWLEDGE TO WORK

David Duggar
 Chair-elect and Fund Development Committee Chair

Ninety percent of the Fund Development Committee are returning members. What better theme could there be than “**Putting Knowledge to Work**,” both for the 2002 conference in Los Angeles and for our committee members. They know the ropes, the contacts, the sponsors. Now they are putting their knowledge to work to obtain the funding the Division needs to assist in bringing the programs librarians need and will love in L.A.! Any suggestions for potential sponsorship are welcome. See the list in the Summer issue and the additions in this Fall issue of 2001 sponsors, and then let us know who else should be approached about sponsoring our Division and Division programs in Los Angeles.

Members of the committee include: Renee Bush (SUNY at Buffalo), Eleanor Maclean (McGill University), Heather Munger (SUNY at Buffalo), Peggy Jones (Children’s Memorial Hospital), and Janet Cooper-Weiss (Wyeth-Ayerst Research). Brian Westra (University of Washington) continues as our vendor database manager, and Irene Laursen (Wellesley College) as the Vendor Relations liaison. Michele Tennant (University of Florida), our Division Chair, loved working on the committee so much, she volunteered to stay an extra year. Mary Hay Glass (American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology) is the new Medical Section liaison. If you are interested in serving on this committee in the future, please contact one of these members and be their shadow. Let them mentor you, show you the ropes, and put their knowledge to work for our future.

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**OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS WHO JOINED THE WEEK
 BEFORE THE 2001 SAN ANTONIO CONFERENCE**

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

In the last issue of “Biofeedback,” the Committee issued a call for nominations of members for the offices of Chair-Elect and Treasurer for the Spring 2002 election. The candidates for these offices are:

Chair-Elect:	Nancy Stimson Larry Wright
Treasurer:	Diane Schmidt

John Tebo

The curricula vitae of the candidates are available on the Division Website (<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/>) and will also be included with the ballots mailed in February 2002.

Further nominations by written petition of twenty Division members and written acceptance by the nominee shall be filed with the Nominations and Elections Committee by January 1, 2002 to be included in the written ballot.

Please send these materials to:

Anna McGowan
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CFSAN Library HFS-678
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Ballots will be mailed out in February 2002. For more information, please contact any NEC member: Jo Anne Boorkman, Fred Roper, or Anna McGowan.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

The Division Awards Committee is now taking nominations for the **Distinguished Member Award**. Applications, using the nomination form, are now being accepted until March 15, 2002. Online forms are available at <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Awards/DivAwardsDescr.html>

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division has many distinguished members. This award affords us an opportunity to recognize a member for his/her hard work and dedication. Please take a few minutes to read the selection of criteria and then nominate one of your fellow BIO members for this award. The Award shall consist of a check in the amount of \$250.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The award honors a member who has been active in the Division for at least the past four (4) years.
2. Particular attention will be given to contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.
3. The following broad criteria will govern the selection process:

Nominees must excel in one or more areas:

- Outstanding leadership in the Division, at meetings, and/or in committee work
- Special and notable service to the Division, such as participation in special projects
- Participation in workshops, seminars, teaching courses, public speaking activities, fund raising
- Publications and editorial contributions to *Biofeedback* and/or other professional literature
- Innovations in the work place

- Mentoring activities, which result in publicity and acclaim for the profession and/or the Division
 - Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of special librarianship/information science.
4. The Contributions made by the candidate shall have been made over an extended period of time and shall be deemed to have had an enduring effect on the Division and/or the profession.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the Nomination Form appearing elsewhere in this newsletter. Attach documentation describing the outstanding professional achievements or contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA and to special librarianship/information sciences. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and description, in confidence, with your name, phone number and e-mail address to the chair of the Awards Committee.

Please use the Division Nomination Form to submit names for either the Distinguished Member Award or the Winifred Sewell Prize.

WINIFRED SEWELL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES IN BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES LIBRARIANSHIP

The **WINIFRED SEWELL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES** is granted by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association to a member who has shown leadership and innovation in the development and/or use of advanced technologies in the organization or dissemination of biomedical and life sciences information.

The Prize is named in honor of Winifred Sewell, who has been a member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division since 1946. Miss Sewell was Senior Librarian at Squibb Institute of Medical Research from 1946 until 1961. She was instrumental in the development of *MEDLARS* as Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) Specialist and later served as Deputy Chair of the Biological Services Division and Head of the Drug Literature Program at the National Library of Medicine. Miss Sewell served as President of the Special Libraries Association from 1960-1961, was President of the Drug Information Association from 1970-1971, and serves as Honorary President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in its 100th anniversary year in 1999-2000. She is the first woman and first librarian to be so honored. In addition, Miss Sewell is a Fellow of the Medical Library Association and is recipient of MLA's Eliot Prize for her book *Guide to Drug Information* (1977). In 1998 she was inducted into SLA's Hall of Fame at the annual conference in Indianapolis and currently serves on the Division's Awards Committee.

The Prize shall consist of an engraved plaque and a check in the amount of \$250.

The Division's Awards Committee shall select the conferee, based on the following criteria:

- Innovation in developing and applying new technologies
- Commitment to educating others about new technologies
- Ongoing and sustained interest in fostering, creation or adaptation of emerging technologies to improve access to information in biomedical and life sciences.

The **Winifred Sewell Prize** will be awarded at the annual business meeting of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division at the annual conference, but not necessarily every year.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the nomination form appearing elsewhere in this issue. Attach documentation describing the nominee's achievements in information technologies and life sciences librarianship. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and documentation, in confidence, with your name, phone number and e-mail address to the chair of the Division's Awards Committee. Nominations will be accepted until March 15, 2000.

SLA BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Distinguished Member Award

Winifred Sewell Prize

Date:

Nominee:

Position:

Address:

Nominated by:

Signature:

Nominator's Phone:

E-mail address:

Describe the reasons you are nominating this person for this award/prize. Include and attach information about this individual, addressing the criteria for the award/prize as announced in the call for nominations. Attach an additional sheet and/or documentation should you desire to provide supplementary support for the nomination.

Send nominations to the 2001/2002 chairperson of the BIO Awards Committee:

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Congratulations to the BIO members who published the above materials! Look how productive BIO members have been during a single nine-month period. We can learn from one another and about one another by sharing our publications information.

Don't feel left out. You, too, can see your name in print. A publications list update will be included in upcoming issues of Biofeedback. If you publish anything this quarter, send the citation(s) to Nancy Stimson at nstimson@ucsd.edu for inclusion in the next list. The cumulative list will be entered into a EndNote database that will be maintained by Claudia Lascar.

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OVERDUE: More Than Dewey Needed to Access Information in this Age of Technology

By Jillian Amaral, member of the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee, BIO Division.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jillian Amaral also wrote the Student Column in the Summer Issue entitled "A Student's Trip to SLA"

Library school is a lot more than learning how to say "shhhh" and stamping books. It is a myth that all libraries use the Dewey Decimal System. There are male librarians. Female librarians are not required to wear cat-eye glasses; their hair pulled tightly in a bun, and long wool plaid skirts and sweater sets.

Ok, now that we got a chuckle and dispelled some myths, lets look instead at a serious topic facing student and professional alike - the need for technical skills in order to function as today's information specialist.

It does not matter if one is in a public, corporate or academic setting; there is no way to avoid the technological onslaught that has taken over the information world. Most people are comfortable with word processing and on-line catalogs, but we need to be equally as comfortable loading and maintaining CD ROM's, searching the web, using and evaluating electronic databases, and helping clients get more value out of the wealth of information that is available at their fingertips.

It was the fear of most information specialists that the Internet, and its easy accessibility to information, would make our profession obsolete. In reality, it has made us, and our skills, even more valuable and sought after in many nontraditional roles. However, it is vitally important that we as a group stay current with technology. To that end,

we have to take courses that introduce us to innovations and classes that keep our skill sets current.

Taking continuing education classes is a requirement in many professions, such as teaching and nursing. We, as a profession, should adopt this concept as a priority. We are asked far fewer "ready reference" questions and instead are asked to focus our time and skill on fewer, more complex inquiries. Our clients are savvy enough to find the quick answers themselves and expect us to add value and clarity, to help them through the maze of information that is available in the world today.

Various organizations offer classes that are of interest to the information professional. Businesses like CompUSA offer introductory classes in various databases, HTML coding and basic computer skills. Regional Interlibrary Loan collaboratives, such as NELINET in the Northeast, offer courses in web design and cataloging. SLA offers a wide range of continuing education seminars, both real and virtual, at various meetings and times throughout the year. Colleges that offer accredited MLS degrees also offer courses that professionals can take, without applying for admission to a degree program.

Often, alum of these programs can even audit graduate classes at a reduced tuition rate.

While education is expensive, many employers offer tuition reimbursement for courses that are job related. In addition, many employers will pay for, or help to defray the cost of attendance at conferences, or even offer time off to attend these programs. Ask your manager to see what is available at your work place.

Taking classes while working is time consuming, and it can be hard to juggle work, school, and life. However, it is also very satisfying to learn skills that allow us to better serve our clients and enrich our services. As information professionals in the technological age, we can not afford not to take advantage of opportunities available to us. Our field is constantly evolving and those who do not also evolve will quickly become obsolete.

Ms. Amaral, a reformed cell biologist, is currently a graduate student at Simmons College, Graduate School of Information & Library Science and is a member of the Information Resources Group at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in Cambridge, MA.

New Member Biographies

Nancy Trask:

I received my MLS from the University of Oklahoma in 1975, and have developed an expertise with MEDLINE over the years. I have mainly been a medical reference librarian, working at University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences & Technology, New York Public Library, Dallas Public Library, and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. I am now employed as a solo librarian at Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Iowa. I also managed to spend 17 years working in community development with the Institute of Cultural Affairs in Oklahoma, the Dakotas, India & New York. I have returned home, now living in Winterset, Iowa, along with those famous bridges of Madison County.

Dominique Turnbow:

I graduated from California State University, San Marcos with a B.A. in Women's Studies in 2000. I immediately entered the Information Studies program at UCLA and I am planning on graduating in June 2002. I am particularly interested in working in a medical library. I currently work at the UCLA Biomedical Library as a reference assistant and I have an internship at USC's Norris Medical Library. Although I love working in an academic setting, I see a great need for librarians to teach consumers about how to locate and evaluate medical information for themselves and their families.

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