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Message From the Chair:

David Duggar

This winter is expected to be cold and wet. After back to back tropical storms / hurricanes the cooler fall weather has at last come to this part of the southeastern United States. While several small towns along the coast were flooded due to the rainfall and aging levees, libraries and librarians weathered the storms well.

I hope that everyone took the time to vote on the SLA bylaws proposal. On October 25th the SLA Board will ratify the results of the mail ballot. If the bylaws revisions were passed, the new SLA bylaws will be implemented on November 1st.

SLA has joined ALA, AALL, MLA, and ARL in sponsoring a satellite teleconference this coming December. "What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA PATRIOT Act & Related Anti-Terrorism Measures" will be broadcast on December 11, 2002, from 12:00 – 3:00 P.M. EST. Look for further information coming out later on how to register for this teleconference.

The 2003 SLA Winter Meeting will be held at the Hyatt New Orleans in downtown New Orleans, Louisiana January 23-25. My chapter, the Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter, will be hosting Dinner buddies Wednesday night (January 22nd) for those coming in early and desiring to eat at one of the fabulous restaurants that make up the Crescent City. Thursday night (January 23rd) will be the opening reception at Madame John's Legacy in the French Quarter. The Winter Meeting is smaller than the Annual Conference, having 200-300 attendees. Anyone interested in learning more about a leadership position in SLA should consider attending. The Division Chair, Chair-Elect, 2003 and 2004 Program Planners will have meeting with the other Divisions and Chapters elected officers over the three days along with interaction with the SLA Board of Directors. SLA has already set up the Hyatt New Orleans to take reservations for the Winter Meeting. Simply call 1-504-561-1234 as ask for the SLA rate when making reservations. More information should appear in *Information Outlook* and on the SLA webpage in November and December.

As of August 1st, SLA had 12,012 members. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division had over 700 members. Be sure to renew your membership.

Speaking of our Division, our committees have been very busy. Peggy Jones, Barbara Hedges, and the 2003 New York Program and Professional Development Committees are work on 20 BIO sponsored activities for June 2003 in New York City. These will include two Continuing Education courses, two tours, three Division business meetings, and thirteen action-packed informative programs or social networking gatherings, several being co-sponsored by other Divisions. The Division is also co-sponsoring two other programs lead by the Environment and Resource Division and the Science-Technology Division. Michelle Tennant and the Contributed Papers Committee have had a record number of presentation proposals submitted to them. Everyone has thought outside the box for this year's paper theme.

Annie Malley and the Public Relations Committee created an ad for the Division that appeared in the program booklet of the second South Atlantic Regional Conference held September 22-24 in

Asheville, North Carolina. We hope this will encourage attendees from that multi-state region to consider joining or rejoining our Division.

Dottie Riemenschneider is preparing the Division's archives to be passed on to new Division Archivist this winter. As we begin the count down to our 70th anniversary (2005), Dottie and I have created a roster of elected Division officers. Dottie has been able to find rosters of our elected Division officers back to 1952. There are a few gaps in this fifty-year document that Carol Lepzelter has placed on the Division's web page, <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/>. Please contact Dottie or I if you can fill in any of the gaps or have information for the years prior to 1952. It would be wonderful to have a complete list on our Division's web page by the time we celebrate our 70th year as a Division.

Dottie has also located a copy of the 1985 Long-Range Plan. That and the 2000 Long-Range Plan will be put on the Division's web page as well. It is amazing how much of the 1985 plan was completed and yet ties in so well to the current 2000 plan.

Carol Vreeland and Laura Osegueda are working on BIOAnnounce, an announcement-only list to reach all Division members whom have e-mail. This will be used sparingly, similar to those in MLA, like MLA-Focus or HLS-Announce. BSD-Net, the Division's main listserv will continue to be the place to post questions, job notices, journal lists, etc. If you are not signed up to BSD-Net, please consider doing so. Traffic on it is not heavy and should not be a burden to anyone's e-mail system.

Lorri Zipperer and the Publications Committee are getting more and more books from publishers for review by the membership. Look for book reviews in Biofeedback and a list of books needing reviewers on BSD-Net.

The Distinguished Member Award presentation to Jo Anne Boorkman is included in this Fall issue, along with calls for nominations not only for Division and SLA Awards but also for candidates for our Division's elected offices. Contact Tom Turner to run or suggest someone to run for office. Contact Nancy Curtis if you have questions about the Division and SLA Awards.

The Fund Development Committee is in need of one or two new committee members. They have targeted a few new vendors outside our normal loyal financial sponsors for this year's conference programs. If you have questions about what this committee does, contact Nancy Stimson.

Please also note in this issue a call for mentors and for members of the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee. Bruce Smith has agreed to chair this committee but needs 2 – 3 new members as currently it is a committee of one. Students consider volunteering for this committee. It's fun, easy, and adds to your resume!

Thanks to all of the members who have given of their time. I look forward to working with even more of you as the year progresses.



BioMed Member Recognition

Renee Bush, BLSD Chair (1992-1993) and recipient of the Division's Distinguished Member Award 2000, will receive a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship at a ceremony in October. The system-wide award recognizes "skill in librarianship; service to the campus, the university and to the field; scholarship and professional growth, and major professional achievements." Renee currently is Coordinator of Collection Development for the Health Sciences Library, SUNY-Buffalo. Among her many contributions to SLA is her sustained involvement with the SLA UB Library School Student Group which she founded and continues to advise. More information about the award can be found at UB News Services: <http://www.buffalo.edu/news/fast-execute.cgi/article-page.html?article=58010009>

Congratulations, Renee! Well done indeed!

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Mentors Needed at the Division Level

The Special Libraries Association is pushing mentors as one of the values of SLA. This has been mainly at the Chapter level, but has now reached the Division level. We currently do not have a mentor 'committee' or such set up for the Division. Nor is the Membership and Student Relations Committees truly set up to be mentors (though the Student Relations Committee does act sometimes as mentors for students during conference).

Therefore at this time the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division is looking for BIO members who are willing to serve as mentors to new (or old) members whom the SLA Headquarters notifies us as wishing to have a mentor in the Division.

I would like to create a list of members willing to be mentors. Then I'll try to match mentors with those looking for mentors. If you would like to be on the "Willing to be a Mentor" list, please e-mail me at ddugga@lsuhsc.edu. I've already received one volunteer so far!

Please include your name, type of library and/or specialty, and geographic location (state or region), and preferred method of contact for anyone looking for a mentor.

We may not have very many requests for mentors, so you may not be called upon at the Division level for this. However, at this time we have received notice of one new member of the BIO Division who is looking for a mentor.

I look forward to hearing from you all.
David Duggar
Chair, Biomedical and Life Sciences Division



AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

2002 Distinguished Member Award

At the Annual Business Meeting in Los Angeles, the Division presented the 2002 Distinguished Member Award to Jo Anne Boorkman, for her innovative leadership and support of the Division, and her contributions to the literature of special librarianship. In commemoration of the occasion, Jo Anne received a certificate, an engraved silver Revere bowl, and a tribute, which follows.

**Special Libraries Association
Biomedical and Life Sciences Division
2002 Distinguished Member Award
Jo Anne Boorkman**

She has served the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division with ability, grace and humor as a member of the Executive Board and numerous committees. As Chair-elect she headed the fledgling Fund Development Committee and set guidelines for development of our effective fundraising process for Division programs. During her tenure as Division Chair, she championed the first peer-reviewed Contributed Papers Session, now a permanent addition to annual conference programming, and established the BSDNET-L listserv.

She has been an effective leader and proponent of the Division's activities and initiatives for over a decade. During that time, she has actively advised all Division Executive Boards during a period of great change within both the Division and the Special Libraries Association. Her ability to analyze situations and her rock solid competence in decision-making has made her a sought after advisor to all who know her.

Jo Anne Boorkman has been honored as a Fellow of both the Special Libraries Association and the Medical Library Association. She served for many years as Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Liaison to MLA and concurrently as MLA's Representative to the Division. She has, with Dr. Fred Roper, authored and edited three editions of *Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences*, and has served since 1986 on the editorial board of *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*. She has also been active in SLA at the Chapter level, serving as President and Treasurer of the Sierra Nevada Chapter and as Secretary of the North Carolina Chapter.

As Head of the Carlson Health Sciences Library at the University of California at Davis, she is a recognized leader in biomedical and life sciences librarianship and has contributed to others through professional activities in local, state, and regional organizations, and through her many publications and presentations.

No one reflects better the meaning of the words “Distinguished Member” than Jo Anne Boorkman. A member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division since 1971 and a charter member of the Medical Section in 1996, Jo Anne has served the Division, the Association, her colleagues, and the profession with distinction. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association is pleased to recognize Jo Anne Boorkman with the 2002 Distinguished Member Award.

Division Members Honored

Sandy E. Spurlock, Manager of Library Services, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute (Albuquerque, New Mexico) was named Fellow of the Special Libraries Association at the 2002 Annual Conference in Los Angeles. Joanne Gard Marshall, Dean of the School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was named Fellow of the Medical Library Association (MLA) at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. Congratulations to Sandy and Joanne on their awards, and kudos for their contributions to SLA, the Division, and the profession of special librarianship.

Nancy R. Curtis
Chair, Awards Committee



Call for Nominations: Division Awards

The Awards Committee invites nominations for two awards. The Distinguished Member Award affords us an opportunity to formally recognize a member of the Division for his or her contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association. The Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies is granted to a member of the Division who has demonstrated leadership and innovation in the design or application of information technology to support the organization or dissemination of biomedical and life sciences information. Selection criteria and a nomination form follow. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2003.

Distinguished Member Award

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. 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 official [Nomination Form](#) (see below). 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. The nomination deadline is March 1, 2003.

Winifred Sewell Prize

The Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies in Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship 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 shall consist of an engraved plaque and a check in the amount of \$250.

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 served 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 (MLA) and is recipient of the MLA Eliot Prize for her book *Guide to Drug Information* (1977). In 1998 she was inducted into the SLA Hall of Fame at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

[More information about Winifred Sewell](#)

[Photo of Winifred Sewell](#)

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 Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, but not necessarily every year.

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Complete the official [Nomination Form](#) (see below). 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. The nomination deadline is March 1, 2003.

**SLA BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION
AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Please check the award for which you are providing a nomination:

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 by March 1, 2003 to the 2002/2003 chair of the BIO Awards Committee:

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In Memory

It is with great sadness that we report that Winifred Sewell has died at the age of 85. Ms Sewell joined the Division in 1946 and was one of the Division's most distinguished members. In recognition of her leadership and contributions to the profession, the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division established the Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation in Information Technologies in Biomedical and Life Sciences Librarianship in 1998 [Biofeedback 24(2): 4, 1988]. In announcing the Prize, her many contributions and accomplishments were summarized:

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As a faculty member at the University of Maryland's School of Library and Information Science, Miss Sewell taught medical librarianship to many librarians and made lifelong learners and innovators of many of them. She continued to be active as a consultant and was enthusiastically working on a pilot project when she died.

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New York, Here We Come! Fund Development Committee News

The Fund Development Committee has begun to line up funding to support BIO Division programs at the annual conference in New York City in 2003. Once again the Committee will benefit from the expertise of returning committee members Renee Bush (SUNY Buffalo), Eleanor Maclean (McGill University), Heather Munger (SUNY Buffalo), and Michele Tennant (University of Florida). Susan Kendall (Michigan State University) is the Vendor Relations Liaison, Howard Fuller (Stanford Hospital & Clinics) is the Medical Section Liaison, and Nancy Stimson (University of California, San Diego) is the Chair.

Does this sound like a fun group? It is. Committee members know what they are doing and over the years have developed strong contacts with vendors, effective procedures, and detailed documentation to keep the committee coordinated and on-track.

You, too, can belong to the Fund Development Committee. Additional committee members are still needed. We can help you develop fundraising skills and show you how to develop and maintain strong vendor contacts. Contact Nancy Stimson at (858) 534-6321 or nstimson@ucsd.edu to volunteer to join this dynamic committee or to suggest potential sponsors for Division programs in New York.

Nancy Stimson
Chair-Elect and Fund Development Committee Chair

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The Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee Needs You!

Bruce Smith, PhD candidate at FSU has graciously volunteered to Chair the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee for the BIO Division. Unfortunately, he is currently a committee of one.

If you are student, like students, ever been a student, or have a career, like careers, know something about careers, or just want the opportunity to meet new and future librarians, provide guidance for the future of our profession, need someone to take over your library job when you retire later this year/next year/this decade, or just want to have a good time, consider volunteering to serve on the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee. Bruce cannot provide tickets to watch the Seminoles beat the Gators (sorry if that offends any UF alumni), but he can provide names of new student members who are the future of our profession. He may even be able to provide a few tickets to our Division ticketed program activities in New York (look for more on that later this year).

So, consider a two-year term on the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee. Give Bruce some help as he works on his dissertation.

Be one of the four lucky members to join this dynamic and fun committee! Contact Bruce Smith, Committee Chair, or David Duggar, Division Chair, today! (See Officer/Committee roster for e-mail addresses)



IAMSLIC 2002 Annual Conference Report

The 28th IAMSLIC (International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) Annual Conference was held in Mazatlan, Mexico on October 6-11, 2002. The conference webpages are located at <http://www.nefsclibrary.nmfs.gov/2002iamslic/2002home.html>

"Bridging the digital divide" was chosen as the principal theme for the conference. This was prompted by some papers at the 1998 IFLA conference and it was again a theme for the Oceania section of the 2001 IFLA conference in Boston. The choice of the phrase "Bridging the digital divide" was made to accommodate presentations with more than a list of the causes of the divide but with ideas and solutions for how these barriers have been or can be overcome. The Conference host was Ciencias del Mary Limnologia, UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico).

Keynote speaker Dr. Meryl Williams, Director, ICLARM (World Fish Center, Penang, Malaysia) presented "The Digital Divide: your role in bridging the gap in aquatic library services for the disconnected".

This was the first IAMSLIC annual conference held in Latin America and the furthest south the annual conference has been held. Starting with the 18th conference in Bremerhaven, in 1992, IAMSLIC has been moving conference locations to parts of the world other than North America. Next year, after three years away from the USA, the 29th conference will be in Mystic, Connecticut, and then to the furthest it has been from its origins, to Hobart in 2004.

Ruth Gustafson



BIO MEMBERS PUBLICATIONS LIST

July 2002 - September 2002

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Zipperer, L. 2002. Review of “Understanding Medical Information: A User's Guide to Informatics and Decision Making.” *Medscape General Medicine* 4(2). Available at: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/432082> [free registration required]

Zipperer, L. 2002. “Practical experiences help institutions learn to avoid medical errors.” *Medscape Money & Medicine* 3(1). Available at: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/433671> [free registration required]

Please send citations for materials published this quarter (October-December) to Annie Malley at amalley@calacademy.org for inclusion in the next issue of *Biofeedback*. Thanks to Claudia Lascar for maintaining the cumulative BIO Members' Publication List.

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Book Review Section

Jonathan Marks

What it Means to be 98% Chimpanzee: Apes, People, and their Genes.

312 pages, \$27.50 (cloth)

Berkeley : University of California Press, c2002.

ISBN: 0520226151

First Published: 03/05/2002

Reviewed by Roger Beckman

Jonathan Marks (www.uncc.edu/jmarks) is an anthropologist at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. His jumping off point in this book is "molecular anthropology," a biochemistry technology for the study of human evolution. He effectively weaves the history of anthropology and social thought into a discussion of the classification of Homo sapiens, race, rights of animals, the controversy behind Kennewick Man, and some musings on the future of science. Problems of race and eugenics are well covered. Some of the same arguments used during the 1920s eugenics movement still pop up today. One interesting tidbit is that since Linnaeus was active in an organization to promote woman to breast feed their own children that this might have led him to place humans in a family he called Mammals. "Kinship is not a genetic property" but constructed. Just look at the definition of aunt in our culture. How people try and classify race and define our link to chimpanzees tells us much about human nature and our culture. Marks'

anthropology background gives him a unique perspective. If I had to point out one criticism it would be that he hammers the arrogance of science pretty hard: E.O Wilson and Richard Dawkins take a few hits.

This book covers some of the science of genetics in a very understandable way. It focuses on the misuse of genetics and why things aren't always as simple as they seem. Marks takes us on a fascinating and at times controversial tour pointing out supposedly scientific facts or conclusions that actually have a cultural basis and are not based on sound science. This book made me realize that many of my assumptions about human genetics are actually "folk heredity" and it lives up to its catchy title.

There are extensive notes and sources listed at the end of the book for the introduction and 12 chapters. The few illustrations and tables are informative and clear. There is a good index. Some of the chapters are based on or draw on the authors previous writings that mostly appeared in the journal literature. This is a book for large and small academic libraries and would be suited for many public libraries as well.

Walter Glannon

Genes and Future People

216 pages, \$29.00 (Paperback)

Boulder, Colo. : Westview Press, 2001

ISBN: 0813365600

Reviewed by Carol McCulley

As the field of human genetics moves forward at breakneck speed, there is a real need for dialogue about the implications of the developments in genetic intervention. Walter Glannon, a bioethicist at McGill University and the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, makes a major contribution to that dialogue. His

arguments are clearly laid out within the framework of some of the most recent scientific developments and available to readers at the undergraduate level and up. Although some background in genetics and philosophy is useful, it is not necessary. The first chapter, "The Reach of Genes: Biology, Metaphysics, Morality," provides basic background information and each chapter begins with an introduction to the material to be covered.

As Glannon presents his cases for some genetic interventions and against others, he makes clear distinctions between a human being and a person with an identity, improving the condition of people through gene therapy versus genetic enhancement of normal attributes, and controlling disease versus extending life. He is an advocate for the quality of life, not just the quantity of life. He discusses the morality of cloning in the context of cloning specific cells, body parts, or whole human beings. Throughout the book, Glannon argues strongly that we must consider the effects of what we do to alter DNA, not only on the people alive today, but the people of the future, as well. He discusses our moral obligation to both these groups. This is a book that will stimulate important discussion on many levels.

Steve Olson

Mapping Human History: Discovering the Past Through Our Genes

292 pages, \$25.00 (cloth)

New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2002.

ISBN 0-618-09157-2

Reviewed by Peggy Jones

In the introduction to *Mapping Human History*, Steve Olson quotes W.E.B. Du Bois as having said, "The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line." Olson notes that in this new century the problem is far from being resolved. The goal of the remainder of the book is to lay to rest misconceptions that have arisen over race, color and ethnicity, and to answer the question: Genetically, are we all the same? It turns out the answer is both yes and no-- that humans couldn't be more the same when looked at as a group, with each individual unique. On the road toward his goal, Olson takes the reader through evidence ranging from genetic to archeological to anthropological to linguistic, on a path through each continent that ends in Hawaii. At each juncture he equivocates: the evidence is sketchy, differences of opinion exist, and we don't know the ultimate truth to our sameness, or differences.

Written in non-technical language with many stories interwoven to shed light on difficult concepts, *Mapping Human History* is an entertaining and thought-provoking introduction for the lay reader to the power—and limitations—of genetic analysis. More sophisticated audiences may be reminded of a bigger picture they sometimes miss. Olson carefully examines the long-held assumption that race is more than skin-deep, and concludes with a hopeful (perhaps overly-optimistic) prediction of harmony among all people. This book deserves a place in many libraries with collections in the social sciences and biological sciences. With index and end notes.

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Reviewed by Ophelia Morey, Vendor Relations Committee

Introduction

Ovid@Hand (www.ovid.com/products/hand/index.cfm) a product from Ovid Technologies uses the Unbound Medicine technology (www.unboundmedicine.com) to facilitate PDA and web-based access to *Ovid Medline*, *Journals@Ovid*, *A to Z Drug Facts* and *Drug Interaction Facts* from Facts and Comparisons, *Lippincott's Nursing Drug Guide* and the *MedWeaver Disease Profiles* produced by Unbound Medicine. To access these applications your institution must subscribe to them. Currently, at the University at Buffalo we subscribe to *Ovid Medline*, *Journals@Ovid*, and *MedWeaver Disease Profiles*.

Technical Requirements

To utilize Ovid@Hand the user must have a PDA with a cradle using Palm OS 3.x or later with 200k to 4mb of free memory, access to a PC connected to the Internet, and an email account and affiliation with an institution that has purchased the product. I reviewed Ovid@Hand using a SONY Clie model PEG-T615c with a Palm OS v.4.1 operating system.

Registration and Installation

The user must register with Ovid@Hand before they will be allowed to install the software to their PC and PDA. To complete the registration process you will need to HotSynch your PDA twice. After registering you will be able to access your personal Ovid@Hand Web Library. This is where searches, topics, and references, which were saved on your PDA, are automatically transferred upon HotSynching. As a novice PDA user I found the registration and installation process to be quick and easy.

Medline Searches

Ovid@Hand allows you to submit Medline searches by clicking the "Q->A" icon and then the Server search option on your PDA. A form appears where you are allowed to enter any combinations of keywords, author's names, and journal names. Ovid@Hand uses Ovid's Smart Search which is a sophisticated keyword search feature. This form also includes a "My Notes" section to enter notes about your search. Once your search has been entered it will appear in your Web Library after HotSynching and you can then run it in *Ovid Medline*. Ovid@Hand is designed as a point-of-care tool so the basic searches that you enter on the PDA may need refining once you are in *Ovid Medline*.

Also from the "Q->A" icon you can perform a Local search by using the "Find" icon. The Local search feature allows you to search the table-of-contents (TOC) and abstracts of the *Journal@Ovid* titles that were automatically loaded onto your PDA during the installation process. Your search will result in a list of citations for selection. I found this feature to be cumbersome because once you select a title from the list you cannot return to the original list without performing the search again. You are automatically taken to the TOC for the journal in the selected citation. The Local search option is appropriate if you are only interested in the current literature stored on your PDA. The Server search feature described above may be preferable to searching Ovid Medline starting from 1996.

Journals@Ovid

When *Journals@Ovid* is selected from the Ovid@Hand home screen the list of titles that

your institution subscribes to appears. An asterisk appears next to the titles that have a new TOC that has not been reviewed. When a title is selected the journal name and publication date appear above the TOC. Article titles followed by a document icon have abstracts attached to the full record. To review an abstract tap on the title and the full record will appear. The citation can be saved to your Web Library by tapping "Save to Web" near the bottom of the screen. After HotSynching you will be able to view the reference online, retrieve the full-text article if available and search for related articles. In the Web Library you also have the option to file and delete citations and to deselect titles that you do not want in your Journals@Ovid list.

MedWeaver Disease Profiles

MedWeaver Disease Profiles is another simple to use Ovid@Hand application which provides about 700 disease descriptions. Upon selecting *MedWeaver* on your PDA you will be presented with an alphabetical list of diseases. When a disease is selected each record may include the Other Names, Etiology, Associated Terms and Conditions, Physical Findings, and Diagnostically Helpful fields. Selected profiles maybe saved by tapping "Save to Web". After HotSynching the saved records will be sent to your Web Library. In the Web Library you will be able to view the complete profile which includes the Course or prognosis field and References. The references may link to the full citation in *Ovid Medline* if the publication date is 1996 or later. In the Web Library there are also options to search *Ovid Medline*. Given are options to limit your search and when the search is submitted Ovid Medline automatically limits the search to English, human and by aim journals (top clinical journals). Each profile in your Web Library also links to a selected list of web resources for the selected disease.

Conclusion

Overall, I found Ovid@Hand to be an essential tool for clinicians who need immediate information at the point-of-care and as a tool to store information for further research. In addition, the student and information professional may find Ovid@Hand to be a convenient option to conducting research on the go. Medline searching via Ovid@Hand was simple to perform, and *Journals@Hand* and *MedWeaver Disease Profiles* were quick to learn and easy to maneuver. Having access to the Web Library with additional features and options is an excellent plus to Ovid@Hand. I would recommend these products for PDA and web use. I look forward to using and reviewing *A to Z Drug Facts*, *Drug Interaction Facts*, and the *Lippincott's Nursing Drug Guide* in the future.



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE NEWS

The Committee issued a call in September on BSDNET-L for nominations of members for the offices of Chair-Elect, Director and Secretary for the Spring 2003 election. The candidates for these offices are:

Chair-Elect:

Peggy Jones

Director:

Howard Fuller

Laurie Scott

Secretary:

Susan K. Kendall
C. Anne Turhollow

We would like to thank these candidates for their willingness to run for office and serve our division. The curricula vitae of the candidates are listed below and will also be included with the ballots mailed in February 2003.

Further nominations by written petition of twenty Division members and written acceptance (and resume) by the nominee may be filed with the Nominations and Elections Committee by January 1, 2003 in time to be included in the written ballot.

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C.V. OF CANDIDATES:

Chair-Elect:

Peggy A. Jones

Present Position: Librarian, Pritzker Research Library, Children's Memorial Institute for Education & Research, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Libraries Association--
Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Activities:
Chair, Program Committee, 2002 - 2003
Secretary, 2001 - 2003
Fund Development Committee, 2000 – 2001
Chair, Medical Section, 2000 – 2001
Chair, Contributed Papers Session, 1999 – 2000

Illinois Chapter Activities:
Government Relations Liaison, 1998 – 2002
Research and Writing Committee, 2002 - present
Association: Member, 1995 - present

Medical Library Association--
Section Activities: Member, Hospital Libraries Section, 1997 - present
Chair, Hospital Libraries Section/Medical Library Association Professional Development Grant Jury, 1999 – 2000
Convener, Pediatric Librarians Special Interest Group, 1998 – 1999

Director:**Howard Fuller**

Present Position: Head of Access, Technical and Instructional Services,
Stanford Health Library, Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Palo Alto, CA.

Special Libraries Association--

SLA and Biomedical Section

Member since February, 1994

Biomedical Division Fund Development Committee: 2002-

Medical Section member since February, 1998 (Current Section Chair; program
committee: 2001-Present)

Other SLA activities:

Gay and Lesbian Issues Caucus: June, 1995-Present (convenor: February,
1999-June, 2001)

Association Information Caucus: Internet Discussion Group facilitator,
1995-1998.

Medical Library Association--

Member 1991-1993; 2002-Present

Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group member 1999-2001

Laurie Scott

Present Position: Executive Director, Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto.
Toronto, Ontario.

Special Libraries Association--

Division Activities:

Senior co-chair, Contributed Papers Committee, Biomedical & Life Sciences Division. 2001-2002

Junior co-chair, Contributed Papers Committee, Biomedical & Life Sciences Division. 2000-2001

Member, Contributed Papers Committee, Biomedical & Life Sciences Division. 1998-2000

Member, Medical Section, Biomedical & Life Sciences Division. 1997- present.

Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Science & Technology Division. 1995-1997

Chapter Activities:

Representative to Sheridan College Library & Information Technician Program Advisory
Committee. 1995-1999

Association : Member 1989-present

Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada--
Vice President / President-elect. 2002-2003

Representative to the Canada Institute for Scientific & Technical Information Committee on the
Health Sciences. 2002-2004

Chair, Facilities Committee, 2005 conference. 2002-2005

Director, with responsibility for Continuing Education matters. 1998-2002 (two terms)

CHLA/ABSC representative on the National Library of Canada's working group reviewing the
national resource sharing strategy. 1999-2000

Medical Library Association--

Association: Member 1997–present

Chapter Activities: Member, Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter, 1997–present

Secretary:

Susan K. Kendall

Present Position: Health Sciences Librarian, liaison and bibliographer for the biomedical sciences, Michigan State University Libraries

Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology

Graduate student research in Cell and Molecular Biology, 1989-1995

Postdoctoral research in Genetics, 1995-2000

Graduate student in Library and Information Science, 2000-2001

Special Libraries Association--

Student member 2000-2002

Member 2002-

Division Activities:

Chair, Vendor Relations Committee, Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, 2002-

Member, 2002-

Co-moderator of the Vendor Roundtable, Los Angeles Conference, 2002

Chapter Activities:

Secretary, Western Michigan Chapter, 2002-

Member, 2002-

Medical Library Association--

Student member 2001-2002

Member 2002-

Section Activities:

Member, Collection Development Section, 2002-

Group Activities:

Member, Molecular Biology and Genomics Special Interest Group, 2002-

Michigan Health Sciences Library Association--

Member 2002-

Chair, Membership Committee 2002-

American Library Association--

Student member 2000-2002

Member 2002-

Member, Association of College and Research Libraries, 2000-

C. Anne Turhollow

Present Position: Life Sciences Librarian, San Diego State University

Special Libraries Association--
Member, 1983 to present

San Diego Chapter
Local Planning Committee for Southwest Regional Conference, 1999-2000
Treasurer, 2002-2004

American Library Association--
Member, 1982 to present

California Academic and Research Librarians (CARL)--
CARL South Program Planning Committee, 1986-1987
Science and Engineering Academic Librarians Interest Group Member, 1983 to present
Membership Coordinator, 1985
Program Planning Committee, 1983 to present
Vice President/President-Elect, SEAL (Science and Engineering Academic Librarians) South,
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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2002-2003
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All committees are 2 yr terms with optional renewal for a total of 4 yrs max. To stagger, some members can be appointed for 1-year terms.

The Student Relations Committee should have at least one Student member on it.

Contributed Papers Committee has a 4 yr cycle. (1st yr, 2nd yr, jr, sr)

Archivist, Biofeedback Editor/Assistant Editor, and BSDNET-L Moderator have no set terms.



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