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Message from the Chair

Nalini Mahajan

I hope you all had a great time in Phoenix! Even though the temperatures reached 119° F/48° C (a record temperature that came with excessive heat warnings), that didn't keep 1,515 attendees from having a “fresh, thought-provoking and all-around unforgettable experience” (SLA Recap) at the SLA 2017 Annual Conference. 96 percent of attendees surveyed by SLA would recommend the SLA Annual Conference to a colleague, and 93 percent rated SLA 2017 as good as or better than previous annual conference.

The opening keynote address “Know Your Value, Disobey, and Succeed!” by Lulu Miller, a science reporter and Invisibilia podcast co-founder, National Public Radio, was a hit. “Emphasizing the importance of serendipity in the research process, she took the attendees on a riveting murder mystery- and discovery-filled journey with surprising twists and turns. One such unexpected turn was the advent of a proud new identity for SLA members—borne of a phonetic mix-up but firmly rooted in the realization that information professionals routinely “slay” lies and bad information as part of their occupational quest to guide others to the truth. After acknowledging this job requirement, Lulu challenged attendees to take that one step further by making a concerted effort to routinely disobey the established rules in the profession.” ([SLA 2017 Recap](#))

What Was New at SLA 2017?

Here are some highlights:

Main Street SLA:

Main Street was a prime location for attendees to learn more about SLA and its communities, build connections, and exchange ideas. In addition, it was a convenient place to take a break between the activities.

The Park: This year was the debut of The Park, a place for attendees to let loose and play some games in between other conference activities. It also was the site of a competition in which teams engaged in a little friendly competition over ping pong, corn hole, and jumbo-sized Jenga, and Connect Four.

Debut of a Third General Session: In addition to the customary opening general session on Sunday and Tuesday's closing general session, there was a third general session on Monday which showcased a "Dream Jobs for Info Pros" panel moderated by 2017 Annual Conference Advisory Council Chair Brandy King, featuring Rosie Lindquist from The Hershey Company, Brendan Thompson from Uber Technologies, and Robin Dodge from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising.

Thanks to our Program Chair, Ruth Gustafson, and her Planning Committee for their innovative ideas. DBIO had some outstanding programming and networking opportunities that drew in members from across the association and provided the opportunity to meet new colleagues. Based on the feedback from our members, our annual Vendor Panel Program showcasing new resources and product enhancements and the popular Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Contributed Papers and Roundtable program were back. A big thanks to all our members who presented, moderated or served as liaisons for a session or activity this year. We collaborated with our sister SLA units to offer programming; the sessions were very well attended. As the 2017 DBIO Chair, I am very proud of the division's contribution to the SLA annual meeting. Don't forget to contact our Program Chair, Neyda Gilman, or me with your suggestions and ideas for the 2018 conference.

My heartfelt thanks go to Cindy Sheffield (Chair Elect) and Donna Gibson (Vendor Relations Chair) for getting the sponsorships from our favorite vendors for the Phoenix meeting. I would like to sincerely thank our sponsors BrowZine (Third Iron), Clarivate Analytics, cSubs, Elsevier, IEEE, NEJM Group, Wiley and Wolters Kluwer, and Zimmerman Associates, Inc. for their generous support. Through your generosity we were able to have another successful year. Thank you all for making this year's event a huge success!

As Chair of the Division I have the option of presenting a Chair's Award in recognition for service to the Division, the Association and the profession. This year Monica Kirkwood (Webmaster/Co-Chair, Home Page Committee) was awarded the Chair's Recognition Award. A highly deserving SLA member with a very impressive portfolio, she has been involved in DBIO for many years. For more details, please see *2017 Chair's Award Recipient: Monica Kirkwood* published in this issue of Biofeedback on [page 4](#).

I must admit that SLA Annual Conference is one of my favorite events of the year. Even though I don't tolerate heat very well, this was one of the best conferences I attended. To me it is all about seeing old friends, meeting new colleagues, forming new relationships and strengthening existing ones, reminiscing about old times, sipping a glass of wine with someone I admire, making a connection that can lead to finding one's next mentor or a lifelong friendship, learning about the latest trends and cutting edge technology, and applying to one's own work. I can go on and on ...

I would like to end this column by taking this opportunity to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to make the 2017 DBIO meeting a memorable event. I would also like to encourage our members who have not had a chance to serve the division to consider volunteering on a committee. You can contact me (Nalini.mahajan@nm.com) or Cindy, our Chair Elect (cynthia.sheffield@nih.gov), who is presently pulling together next year's roster of committee members.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2018 conference in Baltimore known as the Crab Cake Capital of the World, A City of Firsts and "**The City That Reads**".

Thank you to the Sponsors of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Programs at the Phoenix 2017 Conference!



BrowZine (Third Iron)

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations Breakfast and Business Meeting



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Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations Breakfast and Business Meeting



Elsevier

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Contributed Papers and Roundtable



IEEE

The Frankenstein Bicentennial Project: Science Fiction as a Lens for Examining Science and Society Issues



NEJM Group

The Brave New World of Gene Drives



Wiley

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations

Breakfast and Business Meeting



Wolters Kluwer

Nighttime tour of the Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden



Zimmerman Associates, Inc.

Biodiversity in the 21st Century and the Nighttime tour of the Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden



2017 Division Awards 2017 Chair's Recognition Award

Monica Kirkwood

The Chair's Recognition Award is presented at the discretion of the Division Chair to a Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) member who has contributed to the work of the Chair, the Executive Board and/or the Division. This year, Nalini Mahajan presented the Chair's Awards to Monica Kirkwood, DBIO Webmaster and Co-Chair of the Home Page Committee. She was recognized for her tireless contributions to the division, taking a leading role in maintaining the DBIO website. Monica joined SLA in 2003 and in 2009, she responded to a call for DBIO Home Page Committee volunteers. With

the help of then Chair, Carol Lepzelter Berry, she began updating the site. She took over as Acting Chair in 2010 and in 2011 she became the official DBIO Webmaster and Co-Chair of the Home Page Committee, along with Claudia Lascar, Website Content Manager and Co-Chair.

Monica is very passionate about DBIO. Working behind the scenes and partnering with Claudia and our web designer, Dave Matthews of Ink Stain Designs, she has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make the website a very useful resource not only for the division and its members but for all visitors.

Monica received her MLS from Indiana University and is currently the Health and Life Sciences Division Operations Manager at Purdue University Libraries. She is responsible for managing the staff and facilities of the Life Sciences Library, the Pharmacy, Nursing, & Health Sciences Library, and the Veterinary Medical Library. In addition, much of her work effort for the last 4+ years has been as a participant from the Libraries on the Active Learning Center design team responsible for the brand new Wilmett Active Learning Center (WALC). The WALC is a combined active-learning classroom and library building in the heart of Purdue's campus (More about the [participatory design study](#) that guided the decision making for the Active Learning Center).

Her previous awards and honors include: The Dean's Team Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Libraries, Press, and Copyright Office in 2016; Chair's Recognition Award in 2012; and The Dean's Award for Sustained Contribution to the Libraries in 2012. She was featured in an article on Purdue Libraries Operations Managers in the [2017 issue of the Purdue VOLUME](#)

Some fun facts about Monica:

- Reads 100 books a year on an average, usually murder mysteries
- Loves giraffes
- Is into forensic science

Her mantra is: *"Be patient with yourself and others, be forgiving, and be kind!"*

Submitted by Nalini Mahajan

Winifred Sewell Prize



Nalini Mahajan

Winifred Sewell Prize is given to a Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) 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. Nalini Mahajan, Library Director and Webmaster at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, now part of North Western Medicine, was named the winner of the 2017 Winifred Sewell Award for the innovative use of technology in providing free access to consumer health information. “I am pleased, honored and humbled to accept this award and to join past five recipients, whom I have long admired and respected,” said Nalini.

Currently, serving as the SLA DBIO Executive Board Chair, Nalini has been a leader in developing and applying emerging technologies for providing timely access to high-quality, critically important information at the “Point of Need” and at the “Point of Care” to help clinicians and consumers make informed healthcare decisions and improve patient outcomes. “At Marianjoy, we have a community-wide digital inclusion initiative, linking libraries and communities, with library staff playing a lead role.

Nalini has collaborated with numerous key stakeholders to procure grants that have funded visionary websites and specialty programs. Her focus on using cutting edge technology in providing free access to consumer health information meets vital needs that has made a lasting impact for many patients, parents, healthcare professionals and peers. Here is a brief overview of some of the projects that she is working on:

Information Connections

Information Connections is a website for parents of children with developmental disabilities and chronic diseases; the project was funded by the National Library of Medicine. Having timely access to high-quality and reliable resources helps parents make informed health decisions and provides emotional support to families, especially during stressful times. The website serves as an information portal to resources with a special focus on autism, cerebral palsy, ADHD, Down syndrome, and traumatic brain injury.

Disability & Rehabilitation

Funded by the National Library of Medicine, this website provides access to information resources on disability and rehabilitation with a special focus on brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, chronic pain, neuromuscular and musculoskeletal disorders, accessibility and assistive technology, transition to adulthood and much more. The website is designed to simplify and enhance access to accurate and current information when and where needed.

Journey Through Transition

Funded by the Catch Grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Journey Through Transition Program empowers young adults (18-21) with disabilities and their families/caregivers to successfully transition from the pediatric phase to adulthood.

Nalini is very passionate about her profession and has helped make Marianjoy library one of the top libraries in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Among her various recognitions, she received the DBIO Distinguished Member Award in 2016, Librarian of the Year award from Illinois Library System in 2010, COD Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Award in 1996 and Scroll of Exemplary Service for the Hospital Libraries Section of the MLA in 2015 and 2002.

Link to a recently published article on Nalini in: *Chicago Tribune*

Doody's Collection Development Monthly (DCDM)

Nalini Mahajan

DCDM Newsletter is a free e-mail service for alerting you to new eBooks and new editions of Doody's Core Titles (DCT) as well as valuable industry news and insights from health sciences librarians and publishers.

Published every fourth Tuesday of the month, it includes:



- A Guest Article typically written by collection development librarians
- A profile of a specialty covered in [Doody's Review Service](#)
- A profile of the Editorial Review Group Chair
- A profile of a publisher who is actively publishing in the profiled specialty

Two New Features starting with the September, 2017 issue of DCDM

In response to reader request, two new features have been added to the DCDM Newsletter, which will appear in alternating months.

- A profile of a member of Doody's Library Board of Advisors (LBA): [Nalini Mahajan](#)
- An account of a library's successful launch of a new product / service

In addition, each issue highlights up to three new products especially important for collection development librarians. DCT licensees can link directly to all the features of Doody's Core Titles from the newsletter. Below are the links to the last 4 issues of DCDM:

- September: Featuring a review of a review of [VetCompanion](#) by Deanna Johnson, MLIS
- August: Featuring a review of [Nursing Reference Center Plus](#) by Jodi Jameson, MLIS, AHIP
- July: Featuring a review of [Visible Body](#) by Lori Driscoll, MSLS
- June: Featuring a review of [ClinicalKey](#) by Rebecca Davis, MSLS, PhD

For more information, go to [Doody's Collection Development Monthly website](#).
To receive future issues of the DCDM Newsletter for free, please go to the [registration page](#).

Member News and Publications

Lori Bronars

Bronars, L. 2017. “Zoological Record.” Review in *ccAdvisor*. <http://ccadvisor.org/review/10.5260/CCA.199309> (accessed: Sept. 25, 2017).

Casucci, T. 2017. “Information Needs of Medical Digital Therapeutics Personnel.” In Shipman and Ulmer, *Information and Innovation: a Natural Combination for Health Sciences Libraries*, Chapter 9. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

Casucci, Tallie, Jean P. Shipman, Roger A. Altizer, and Jose P. Zagal. *Shhh! We’re Making New Technologies in the Library and You Can Too!* Poster for VentureWell 21st Annual Open Conference. Washington DC, March 24-25, 2017.

Linton, A. 2017. “Supporting Clinical Public Health.” Presentation at the International Congress of Medical Librarianship (ICML) + European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHL). June 16. Dublin, Ireland.

Shipman, J.P. and **Casucci, T.** “Innovation Space Drives Need for Librarian Expertise.” In Shipman and Ulmer, *Information and Innovation: A Natural Combination for Health Sciences Libraries*, Chapter 11. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

Shipman, J.P., **Casucci, T.**, and Walker, S. 2017. “Innovation Cycle and Information Applications.” In Shipman and Ulmer, *Information and Innovation: A Natural Combination for Health Sciences Libraries*, Chapter 2. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

Wimmer, E. **Casucci, T.**, Reed, J., Rhodes, N., Fogg, B., Ferrill, T., Morrison, D., Mowdood, A., Schmick, D., Mirfakhrai, M., and Jones, P. 2017. “Medical Innovation Competition Information Support.” In Shipman and Ulmer, *Information and Innovation: A Natural Combination for Health Sciences Libraries*, Chapter 10. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers.

Lori Bronars co-curated a media wall exhibit, “Shedding Light on the Dark Universe,” on display at the Center for Science and Social Science Information, Yale University, April 2017 – October 2017. After the media wall display, the exhibit will be accessible at <http://csssi.yale.edu/exhibits>.

Tallie Casucci also received the “Best in Category” Award for the Innovation On-Campus Category for her poster at the VentureWell 21st Annual Open Conference. This is the premier conference for innovation and entrepreneurship education.

As posted to ALA’s Science and Technology Section’s *sts-1* list by Eric A. Edwards, from the *Chicago Tribune* Aug. 30, 2017: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/glen-ellyn/community/chi-ugc-article-marianjoy-rehabilitation-hospital-medical-lib-2017-08-30-story.html>

Photographs from the 2017 SLA Conference, Phoenix

Nalini Mahajan, President (and photographer)



DBIO Reception



Info Expo





Medical Session



All Science & Engineering Poster Session





Dance Party





**Vendor Relations
Breakfast and
Business
Meeting**





Farewell from *Biofeedback* Editor

Grace Romund

In day to day work lives within an organization or workplace, you can sometimes forget about libraries and librarians beyond those you are surrounded by each and every day. DBIO has given me the great fortune of being continually reminded of other talented people working within my profession well beyond the scope of those I would interact with regularly.

Getting to know and collaborating with our colleagues in our professional associations is how we learn about exciting new ideas and find ways to develop professionally. Serving as the editor of DBIO's *Biofeedback* for the last three years I have had the opportunity to be part of a great network of professionals I otherwise never would have gotten the chance to get to know.

As *Biofeedback* moves forward as I step back from my role with the newsletter, I encourage any DBIO member who is interested in the publication to get involved. It's a great way to give back to the association in a substantive yet not all-consuming way and to get to know other members of the division.

I would like to thank the DBIO executive board (past and present) and regular contributors for their continued support of the newsletter team, and I would especially like to thank Buzz Haughton who made up half of the newsletter team for the entire time I was involved.

(Acting Editor's Addendum: Until another editor of Biofeedback is appointed, I will function as Acting Editor. Anything relating to Biofeedback should be directed to me: bxhaughton@ucdavis.edu. Thanks!)

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