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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Annie Malley

The final touches for the Annual Conference are being made and Philadelphia should be another exciting and interesting conference. Nancy Stimson and the Conference Planning Committee have done a fantastic job selecting and organizing the program. The Vendor Relations Committee, Publications Committee and the Contributed Papers Committee have also organized interesting programs for the conference, and the Professional Development Committee has organized some excellent tours and CE courses. Ginnie Lingle and the Fund Development Committee have done an amazing job with fund development and the Committee has raised over \$10,000 to assist with our programs. Additional information about the Philadelphia Conference is highlighted throughout this newsletter.

Philadelphia will bring my tenure as Chair to a close. I have had a wonderful time serving the Division and the position was not nearly as difficult as I thought it would be. The work was never overwhelming, because the Biomedical and Life Sciences division is so well organized and represented by so many wonderful volunteers. At the end of this newsletter you will see the names of all of the Committee members that assisted in keeping the Division running during the year. They all deserve a round of applause for all of their hard work. Ginnie Lingle has a call out for volunteers and the Nominations and Elections Committee is requesting nominations for Officers, and I would highly recommend taking them up on their requests. Volunteering on a Committee is an excellent way to meet great people who are extremely knowledgeable about the biomedical and life sciences librarian field. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to coordinate the leadership of this division and I look forward to seeing you all in Philadelphia.

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## **SLA DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Andrea Greer  
Chair

Please encourage minority librarians attending the SLA Annual Conference to consider participating in the following programs of the Diversity Leadership and Development Committee:

Saturday, June 10, 2000 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Diversity Leadership Development Reception to honor the recipients of the DLDP award.

Sunday, June 11, 2000 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Chapter/Division Liaison Meeting -- If your unit is active, or would like to become active in diversity leadership and development, ask a representative to attend and share in this learning experience.

Monday, June 12, 2000 7:30-8:45 a.m.

Roundtable Breakfast Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2000 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Diverse Issues Causus entitled "Cultural Competencies" focusing on a working definition of diversity within the workplace, advantages of establishing diversity as a bottom-line issue, latest trends and creative methods in achieving a diverse workplace, etc.

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# SPREAD THE WORD! OUR MEETING SPONSORS ARE GREAT!

Virginia A. Lingle  
Chair-Elect and Fund Development Committee, Chair

The Fund Development Committee wants to spread the word. Be sure to thank each of our sponsors who have so generously supported our Division programs and meeting events this year at the Annual Meeting:

Sat. June 10 - Outgoing Executive Board Meeting - CISTI giving \$250

Sun. June 11 - Vendor Roundtable - Cambridge Scientific Abstracts giving \$300

Institute for Scientific Information giving \$300

Medical Section Business Meeting - Majors giving \$250

Medical Section Cocktail Reception- ADIS giving \$500

Medscape giving \$750

Monday, June 12 - Molecular Biology Resources - American Chemical Society giving \$500

BIOSIS giving \$500

Past Chairs' Luncheon - Lippincott W&W giving \$250

Research & Ethics Collide - BIOSIS giving \$500

CISTI giving \$250

DIALOG giving \$1000

Elsevier via FAN Division

Tuesday, June 13 - Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast - ISI giving \$500

Rittenhouse giving \$250

Transformation of Health Care - Elsevier Science Pubs giving \$750

Rittenhouse giving \$250

Getting Published - SilverPlatter giving \$250

All Sciences Reception at Independence Seaport Museum - EBSCO giving \$1000

Wednesday, June 14 - Incoming Exec. Board Meeting - Wiley giving \$250

Contributed Papers Session - Springer-Verlag Publishers giving \$500

John Wiley & Sons giving \$250

Philadelphia Birthplace of Paleontology - Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH giving \$500

So with \$11,000 budgeted for programming for Philadelphia, we have commitments for \$9,850. Thank you to the members of the Fund Development Committee and to Lori Bronars and Lorri Zipperer for their efforts. Most of all be sure to thank our sponsors as you meet with them in the exhibit hall and in doing business.

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## 2000 Philadelphia Annual Conference Information Update in General

SLA is pleased to announce that the virtual exhibit hall and the virtual conference

program are now available on the SLA web site at: <http://sla.expoventure.com/> and at <http://www.slavirtualexhibits.com>. Please join us by taking a look at these new features.

You will also find available conference housing and conference registration forms.

[Housing](#) and [registration](#) (the latter in pdf) are now open for your convenience.

We wish to let you know that the virtual program is a "work in progress." There will be bugs from time to time that are not controllable. We apologize in advance if this causes you any inconvenience. Please work with us by letting us know of any challenges that you may encounter.

One special note: staff will be up-dating the virtual program every Friday, hence, the web version of the conference program will be more accurate than the printed version of the program.

Thank you for your patience. We do hope that you find both the program and the virtual exhibit hall useful. Hope to see you all in Philadelphia!

Jim Mears  
Managing Director  
SLA Conferences

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## **VENDOR RELATIONS UPDATE**

Lori Bronars  
Vendor Relations Committee, Chair

Mark your calendars and sign up for the Continental Breakfast and Vendor Roundtable on Sunday, June 11, 2000 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. This is event #295 in the Conference Program. The first hour will be a time for visiting with Division members and other colleagues over an informal breakfast. From 9:50 - 11:00 a.m. we will hear presentations from HighWire Press, EBSCO, ISI, and Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, highlighting the latest changes and improvements in their products and services and giving us an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

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## **PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE NEWS**

Jonathan Nabe  
Publications Committee, Chair

Topping off the Publications Committee's series on getting published, we provide here a bibliography on the topic. Don't forget our Getting Published Roundtable at the Annual Conference, scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2000 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Speakers include Tony Stankus, Ruth K. Seidman, Sue Easun, and Diane Schmidt - with plenty of time reserved for questions!

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Schroeder, Carol, and Gloria Roberson. *Guide to Publishing Opportunities for Librarians*. NY: Haworth Press, 1995.

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## **Publishing at the State Level: Part Three**

by David Duggar

As my final piece on publishing at the state level, I have to say that serving as a Column Editor can be a rewarding experience. The *LLA Bulletin* of the Louisiana Library Association has seven column editors covering: Acquisitions, Grants, and Gifts; Buildings; Calendar; Cover; New Technology; People; and Reviews. While it is not required that a column appear in every issue, the Cover, Calendar, People, and Reviews (book reviews) columns are staples of the journal.

In 1996 the position of Buildings column editor became available. This column covers new library buildings and those currently under construction, remodeling, or expansion throughout the state. The attempt is to alternate between the four major types of libraries - academic, public, school, and special - in coverage of new buildings or renovation projects. I applied for the position in the Spring of 1997 and was accepted; my first column to appear in the first issue of Volume 60, Summer 1997.

The Buildings column had not appeared for a number of years. The first item on my agenda was to contact some of the newer libraries from the previous years. Most felt they were too old at that point to have a column devoted to them. A description about what the column tries to cover was included at the end of my first column, which dealt with a new academic library under construction to be completed in June 1998.

Since then I have used newspaper stories, other journal's articles, Section newsletters, and word of mouth to find out what libraries are having new buildings built or undergoing renovations. A notice was also placed on the association's discussion list which generated contacts for other projects in the works. To me, this is as close to being a news journalist as I want to get. You meet a lot of people, interview them, write a draft, verify the facts again, and send to the press.

As column editor, I thought eventually others would be writing articles and I would be mainly serving as editor much as the Reviews editor works. However, I found during the first year and a half of my term that most librarians involved with new libraries do not have the time to write about that library. The few that thought they could were later swamped with other aspects of moving to a new building and had to back out. Most can supply the information for the article through phone or personal interviews. Photos were easier to get as most had someone on staff or were hiring a professional to take photos of the final product. On occasion I took photos when visiting the library being spotlighted.

As I enter the last half my second year as Buildings Column Editor, I find the trick to getting an article by the actual librarian of the library is planning a long delay in advance, because the construction won't be finished on time or because the first six months after the move no one has time to do anything. And then be prepared to still write the article yourself based on an interview the month before the deadline of your

column.

For those wondering about serving as a column editor, pick a topic you are interested in and feel that you can obtain the information to cover. Read the previous columns in the journal to get a feel for what is being covered and how it is being presented to the reader. Volunteer to contribute to a column. And then, when the position is advertised, send in an application. The worst thing that can happen is they turn you down. Most positions will have a set term (two or three years) so that you can get experience and not burn out on that topic.

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### **Contributed Papers Session Contributed Papers Committee**

This year's contributed papers session is titled: *The Publishing Revolution: How Information Professionals in the Life Sciences are Managing and Shaping Changes in Scientific Journal Publishing*. The program will be held on Wednesday, June 14 1:00-4:00 PM. Edith Starbuck, Jane Thompson and Sharon Bressert from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center Health Sciences Library will discuss "Practical Approaches to Ongoing Changes in Scientific Journal Publishing". David Goodman from the Biology Library at Princeton University will talk about "Radical conclusions from straightforward data: paper and electronic journal use and costs."

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## **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division invites nominations for the offices of Chair-elect, Director, and Secretary. Those elected will begin serving after the annual conference in San Antonio in June 2001.

The obligation of for the Chair-elect is three years (Chair-elect, Chair, Past Chair). For the Director and Secretary it is two years.

Briefly, the duties include:

Chair-elect is Chair of the Fund Development Committee and raises funds to support programs at the annual conference the year prior to becoming Chair. In addition to the annual conferences, the Chair-elect is expected to attend Winter conference the years that s/he is Chair-elect and Chair to represent the Division in Cabinet and to attend DACOLT.

The Director is responsible for maintaining the Division's Procedures Manual.

The Secretary is responsible for maintaining minutes of Division and Executive Committee meetings.

Full descriptions of the duties are available from the Chair of the Nominations and



Elections Committee ([froper@sc.edu](mailto:froper@sc.edu)) or on the Division's web site at [www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/contents.htm](http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/contents.htm). Committee members will be at Annual Conference in Philadelphia and would be happy to talk about the offices and potential nominees.

2000-2001 NEC  
Fred Roper, Chair  
Judy Wojcek  
Jo Anne Boorkman  
Anna McGowan

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## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

I would like to encourage all division members to volunteer for a committee. Several committees would really benefit from additional members, especially Membership, Publications, Professional Development. Membership on a Committee is a great way to get to know your fellow members. Committee appointments are two-year terms and can be renewed for another two years. The list of committees is available at the end of *Biofeedback*.

If you would like to discuss committee activities before volunteering, feel free to call or e-mail me at: 717-531-8581 or [val3@psu.edu](mailto:val3@psu.edu)

If you are interested, please fill out the form on the bottom of the page and mail or fax it to me:

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## **VOLUNTEER FORM**

I am interested in volunteering for:

Awards Committee	Bylaws Committee	Fund Development
Membership Committee	Professional Development	Public Relations
Publications Committee	Home Page Subcommittee	Vendor Relations
Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee		

1st Choice:



2nd Choice:

3rd Choice:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Thank you very much. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division appreciates your support!

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## **DIVISION ELECTION RESULTS, 2000**

Patricia Yocum  
Nominations and Elections Committee, Chair

The Nominations and Elections Committee is pleased to announce that the following members will begin serving their terms following the Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia in June. Their terms on the Executive Board are also noted:

**Chair-elect Michele Tenant (2000-2003)**

**Treasurer Nancy Curtis (2000-2002)**

We also wish to thank Geeth Rao and Janet Weiss for their candidacies. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division has a rich pool of talented members and is fortunate to run double slates for all its offices each year.

Patricia Yocum, Chair  
Fred Roper  
Barbara Schader

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## **2000 Landmark Members Celebrated**

Diane Schmidt  
Membership Committee, Chair

2000, being a nice round number and the beginning of a new millennium (unless you

believe it starts in 2001), is a great year for marking landmarks. The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division has members celebrating their 20, 25, 30, and 35 year anniversaries this year, and we are honored to recognize their contributions to the Division and the profession.

35 years: Martha Z. Kirby of Philadelphia, PA

30 years: Akemi E. Inouye of Hilo, HA

25 years: Susan M. Baker, John L. Carrigan, Susan Feinglos, Ruth Friedman, Linda C. Smith, Elizabeth Uleryk, Janet C. Weiss, and Connie Wolf.

20 years: Karen M. Albert, Richard K. Hunt, Reva Hurtes, Anne M. Linton, Barbara M. Pitschel, and Britain G. Roth.

Congratulations, all of you!

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## **BIOLIFE: STUDENT COLUMN FOR BIOFEEDBACK**

Tom Turner  
Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee, Chair

"I was an exhibitor at SLA -- and lived to tell!!!" sounds a bit like a title ripped from a supermarket tabloid, doesn't it? In fact, last year I was an exhibitor at *four* library conferences -- ALA Midwinter, ALA Annual, SLA Annual and AALL. No, I didn't give up my academic library job and head over to the commercial side. But I did take off for a year on a Fellowship with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Depository Library Program (PTDLP) office in Arlington, Virginia. One of the perks (or so I thought when I first applied) of the Fellowship position was the chance to be an exhibitor for the program at the major library conferences. As student members, the upcoming Philadelphia SLA Annual Conference may be your first major national library conference, so I'd like to share with you my thoughts of such a conference from a different perspective, the perspective of a vendor.

If you've never been to a major library conference, you're in for a treat when you visit the exhibit hall. Vendors directly associated with the library world (publishers, copier makers, library furniture suppliers, etc.) and some with less obvious connections (t-shirts with library themes, massage therapy chairs) all vie for your attention and your potential future business as you walk down a huge trade show convention center floor with literally hundreds of exhibit booths. You will be plied with offers of free trinkets to rival the best catch of a Mardi Gras Parade--pens, mouse pads, sacks, posters, publication catalogs, caps -- all with the vendors name and phone number or web site address noticeably marked. While this will be no problem at first, you will at some point consider that you will eventually have to bring back all of these souvenirs on the plane or pay to have them shipped back. And then you will apply one of the new skills you were recently taught in library school -- weeding.

But what's it like to be a vendor, to see the vast exhibit hall from *the other side*? Here are

a few observations I made:

Though it looks glamorous or intriguing, exhibiting is hard work, long hours on your feet spent smiling a lot and getting rejected a lot. Since I was exhibiting for a governmental agency, I didn't have the pressure of making sales goals, but when you add that factor, you realize that being a vendor can be tough, even stressful at times.

The most important words to an exhibitor are similar to those of a business -- *location, location, location*. Prior to a conference an exhibitor can have some input as to his location. Bigger bucks means bigger, more visible areas, but even smaller vendors can make some requests--to be at the end of a row or near the bathrooms or eating areas. This can occasionally backfire, though. For one conference our PTDLP end of the row location wound up being on the very last row, so our foot traffic was meager. So, from now on, I make it a point to visit those "forgotten" exhibitors on the far ends of the exhibit hall, because I know how lonely they feel. You should, too.

Vendors help finance most of the programs you see at a conference to the tune of some big bucks. Making a point to drop by a vendor to thank him or her for their support of BIO division programs and to look at their products may seem an annoyance, but the vendors appreciate the goodwill and the potential business. It's deserved and the least we can do as BIO members.

Vendors also help pay for some very nice Open House receptions in the evenings. These are not only great opportunities to stretch your own conference dining budget, but a major opportunity to network with your colleagues in and out of the BIO division. Many librarians have become long-term friends with vendors at these receptions. Don't worry. They won't hit you with a strong-arm sales pitch. You'll find they are nice folks, and many are former librarians themselves. After my experience as an exhibitor last year, I don't know how they find the energy to schmooze in the evenings after being on their feet all day in the exhibit area.

Most vendors appreciate anyone who stops by their booths, because, if they're smart they realize the library school student of today will be the library products and services purchasers of tomorrow. But sales people vary in quality from company to company, so it's possible you could meet a salesperson who takes a quick glance at your name tag and seems to lose his enthusiasm when he notices the word "student." It's their loss. But don't feel intimidated about approaching any booth, because most good salespeople will treat you respectfully and answer fully any questions you may have about their products or services.

So I hope you will enjoy your first Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia. And enjoy visiting the exhibits and talking to the exhibitors. Remember, one day you could be in their well-worn shoes.

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## **FREE STUDENT TICKETS TO BIO EVENTS!**

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (BIO) is offering student members of the division free tickets to the following two events on a first come first served basis until they are gone. See the contact information below. Don't miss this great networking opportunity and a chance to get involved in the division.

Continental Breakfast and Vendor Roundtable Discussion for the BIO, CHE, and ERM Divisions on Sunday, June 11, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (a \$10.00 value).

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Annual Business Meeting and Continental Breakfast on Tuesday, June 13, 2000 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (a \$15.00 value).

5 tickets to each event are available. To receive a free ticket contact Tom Cutshall via e-mail, fax or regular mail at the address below. Please be sure to include your name and if you want to attend both or just one of the meetings. The give-away ends when the tickets are gone or May 31st -- whichever comes first.

You may e-mail your request to Tom Cutshall at [cutshall@libris.libs.uga.edu](mailto:cutshall@libris.libs.uga.edu).

You can fax Tom the information at: (706) 542-6523

Or mail your request to:

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## **MEMBER NEWS**

Roger Beckman, Assistant Head of the Indiana University Chemistry Library since 1988, has been appointed Head of the Indiana University Life Sciences Library.

Linda Hartman, Reference Librarian at the Falk Library of the Health Sciences, is the new Chair of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Linda is also a proud new mother and has given birth to a daughter, Corinne Victoria Hartman, born December 2, 1999.

Lorri Zipperer has been named to a three year term on the SLA Endowment Fund Grants Committee.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory -- New scientific books and other resource materials will be available at the Gunter Library, thanks to University of Southern Mississippi graduate students. A Marine Estuarine Graduate Student Association "bowling-for-books" fund raiser at Ocean Lanes on Sunday March 19 raised more than \$1,700 and donations from pledges are still coming in. The 51 bowlers participating in the event included personnel, families and friends of the USM Institute of Marine Sciences' programs at GCRL, the J.L.

Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium and Stennis Space Center. The Gunter Library is used by more than 6,000 students, scientists, teachers, governmental agencies and coastal citizens each year. The marine sciences library is also recognized as the premier collection of scientific literature focused on the northern Gulf of Mexico. "Keeping up with the growing demands of the highly sophisticated and expanding academic and research programs at the Institute is an ongoing challenge for the Gunter Library," Joyce M. Shaw, head librarian, said. "This project helps us purchase materials and resources that help us provide up-to-date, accurate information." Shaw praised event coordinators Windsor Aguirre and Virginia Shervette, USM biological sciences graduate students who are conducting their research at GCRL. "This project couldn't have been done without the student coordinators. This was the graduate students' project, and they really rose to the occasion." More than 30 graduate students are conducting research toward master's and doctoral degrees at GCRL. MEGSA members also host an annual graduate student scientific symposium, a fun run to benefit local education and environmental programs, and other events.

## **New Members**

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## **DIVISION MEMBER FIGURES**

In February, the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA had nearly 800 members, 584 of whom had identified the Division as their primary division. The breakdown is as follows:

30 Associate Members  
4 Forty-five Year Members  
7 Sustaining Members  
7 Life/Honorary Members  
637 Members  
12 Retired Members  
85 Student Members  
  
782 Total Members

Let's keep up the good work, and see you in Philly!

Diane Schmidt  
Membership Committee, Chair

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## **Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Philadelphia Programming Highlights**

Nancy Stimson  
Philadelphia BIO Division Program Planning Committee, Chair

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

A full-day CE course, "Biomedical Databases: Advanced Search Techniques for PubMed and BIOSIS." This course will include online searching tips, techniques and strategies for life science databases. While the course focuses on PubMed and BIOSIS' relational indexing, there will also be a comprehensive written guide to many more biomedical databases provided to course attendees. Hands-on training included.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Visit with colleagues over an informal breakfast at the Continental Breakfast and Vendor Roundtable from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM. From 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM representatives from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, EBSCO, HighWire Press and the Institute for Scientific Information will highlight the latest changes and improvements in their services.

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

The fourth annual Medical Section Business Meeting will be held to discuss past achievements and future plans. The turning over of new Section officers will occur at this time. In addition, a presentation from one of the Medical Section members will be part of the business meeting.

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A half-day CE course, "Molecular Biology and Genetics for Librarians. " This course covers basic concepts in molecular biology and genetics, including DNA structure and function, transcription, translation, gene expression and regulation, mutation, laboratory methods, and gene therapy. The course emphasizes vocabulary and search terminology, and relates these concepts to the types of questions clinicians, researchers, and students may ask of librarians.

4:00 PM-6:00 PM

"Mutter Museum Reception and Tour. " An informal gathering of Medical Library Association members from the Philadelphia Chapter and SLA Medical Section members is planned at the Mutter Museum of Philadelphia, a unique historical medical museum. Wine and cheese will be served as members make new contacts and explore the museum. Attendance is restricted to SLA Medical Section members and MLA members.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

10:30 AM-11:45 AM

"Molecular Biology Resources for Librarians" will cover both print and Web-based resources for molecular biology information. For all levels.

12:00 PM-1:15 PM

"A Winner's Circle of Best Science Web Sites," back by popular acclaim, will have subject experts in biology, chemistry, and environment presenting their top choice web sites.

1:30 PM-4:30 PM

"When Scientific Research and Ethics Collide: Exploring the Controversies" promises to be an exciting program about the bioethical issues associated with scientific research. Bioethicist David Magnus will provide an introduction and set the context for the discussion, well-known writer Deborah Blum will talk about her research on psychologist Harry Harlow and the ethical issues associated with his work, and Doris Goldstein from the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature will follow with an overview of electronic resources for research in bioethics.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Come to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Annual Business Meeting and Continental Breakfast! This is also a good networking opportunity.

9:00 AM-10:15 AM

"The Transformation of Health Care in the Information Age" will address how the democratizing effects of the Web are changing how we receive, disseminate, and interact with health care information. A panel of health care experts will frame the issues that information professionals will need to consider both as consumers and employees in the health care environment during the next millenium.

1:30 PM-2:45 PM

"E-Materials: Barriers to Revolutionizing Scientific Information. " E-prints? Alternative publishing models? Inaccessible archives? The transition to a fully electronic information environment is under way, but the remaining barriers are still significant. A panel of content creators and librarians will discuss resource linkage, e-repository proposals, evolving models, economic responsibility for archives, and changes needed in attitudes and practices.

3:00 PM-4:30 PM

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division and the Publications Committee are cosponsoring the "Getting Published Roundtable." For many librarians, being published is an essential part of the promotion process and an indication of professional achievement. This roundtable discussion will provide advice from experts on all sides of the process: authors, editors, and publishers. Bring your questions for our distinguished panel and get ready to write!

4:30 PM-6:00 PM

"Museum Collection and Natural History Data on the World Wide Web. " Multiple initiatives are underway to computerize and network museum collection and natural history data. Scientists and information professionals are partnering to create these emerging networks. A biodiversity expert and an

academic science librarian discuss their current projects and issues surrounding the development of these systems.

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

"All-Sciences and Technologies Reception: 'Tacking into the Future'" will be held at Independence Seaport Museum on Penn's Landing. Meet and greet your colleagues and enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, and live music. View the maritime history exhibits, along with panoramic views of the city skyline and the Delaware River at the Independence Seaport Museum on Penn's Landing. At 7:30 we will tour Commodore Dewey's historic ship *Olimpia* and the submarine *Becuna*.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 AM-8:45 AM

"Academic Science Librarians' Roundtable and Continental Breakfast". Informal gathering of science librarians to debate and discuss issues facing academic libraries. Seating is limited. *To register and suggest topics, email [Tina Chrzastowski](mailto:Tina.Chrzastowski).*

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Support the Division by attending the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Contributed Papers Session which is entitled "The Publishing Revolution: How Information Professionals in the Life Sciences are Managing and Shaping Changes in Scientific Journal Publishing."

4:00 PM-6:30 PM

"Philadelphia: The Birthplace of American Paleontology" at the Academy of Natural Sciences. During the early 19th century, American paleontology moved from the "cabinet of curiosities" into the scientific laboratory. Dr. Ted Daeschler will highlight the central role that Philadelphia and especially the Academy of Natural Sciences played in this history. Eileen C. Mathias will then discuss the Alfred M. Greenfield Digital Imaging Center for Collections. An optional tour of the Ewell Sale Stewart Library will follow.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

9:30 AM-2:30 PM

Field trip to Historic Bartram Gardens. Visit the garden and home of America's first great botanist, naturalist, and plant explorer. John Bartram (1699-1777) was the man most responsible for propagating the science of botany in the New World. His home was visited by George Washington, Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. The Bartram Gardens are America's oldest living botanical gardens. Enjoy a guided tour of this pastoral 18th Century homestead in the middle of Philadelphia followed by a Gourmet lunch. This is a perfect place to

relax after an exciting and stressful conference.

10:00 AM-4:30 PM

Field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo, America's oldest zoo. Founded in 1859, this 42-Acre park is home to more than 1700 animals comprising nearly 500 different species. The behind-the-scenes tour will provide an inside look at the zoo and its residents. Exhibits include Bear Country, a 200-gallon pool for polar bears, Carnivore Kingdom, African Plains, Penn's Woodland Trails, Rare Animal House and the PEPCO Primate Reserve that opened in 1999. Lunch on your own.

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## **Speaker Program to Address EBM at the Medical Section Business Meeting**

Pamela Barnard  
Medical Section, Chair

Have you heard about evidence-based medicine (EBM) or evidence-based health care and wondered what your colleagues thought about it? Are you curious as to how this important new movement fits into your own information work? Would you like to learn about the latest EBM resources? These aspects and more will be the focus of the speaker's program during the Business Meeting of the Medical Section at SLA 2000 in Philadelphia.

June Carter, Reference Librarian at Galter Health Sciences Library, Northwestern University, and Medical Section member, will discuss the EBM topic. June plans to define the movement, place its use within the context of academic health science centers, and discuss the pros and cons of the movement, as well as the potential roles for health science information professionals.

Join in the discussion while also learning about the newest BIO division section, its past achievements and future plans. Help us set the agenda for the next year! The Business Meeting is on Sunday, June 11, 2000, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. New Section officers will be announced at this time as well. Please contact Pamela Barnard ([barnard@allina.com](mailto:barnard@allina.com)), Medical Section Chair, if you have any questions.

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