

Contents

Message from the Chair 1

DBIO Merger with DPHT Discussion 2

DBIO at SLA Annual Conference 3

IAMSLIC 45th Annual Conference 4

Member Publications and Activities 5



Message from the Chair Peggy Murphy

After a hard winter we are all eagerly awaiting spring, which in the northern parts of the U.S. is coming in fits and starts. My thoughts and prayers go out to those communities that have experienced terrible losses over the last few months.

We are looking forward to an exciting SLA Annual Conference in Cleveland this June. Among the sessions that DBIO will lead or co-sponsor are a full day CE course on coding in R, and education sessions on environmental justice, systematic reviews and genomic literacy—among other stellar offerings. I encourage you to join the Natural History Caucus for a tour of the Cleveland Natural History Museum. Please check out the [full list of DBIO programs](#) for 2019. Thanks to all of our program planners for their hard work in bringing these events to life: Neyda Gilman, Ruth Gustafson, Donna Gibson, Nancy Curtis, Kristin Chapman, Nalini Mahajan, Cindy Sheffield and Gail Hendler.

Our website team has completed a refresh of the DBIO site, including a new homepage on the recently-introduced SLA platform. Thank yous go to Monica Kirkwood and Claudia Lascar for making this happen.

In a separate article in this issue I will provide notes from the April 15 virtual meeting among DBIO members regarding a potential merger with the Pharmaceutical & Health Technology Division.

And finally, I need **your** help. If you are considering volunteering for DBIO please let me know.

- **Program planning team for the 2020 SLA conference in Charlotte, North Carolina:** No experience is necessary, and you will be working with a dedicated group of colleagues.
- **Tweeters and photo takers:** If you plan to attend the 2019 conference, I would love for you to join our social media and website team to provide tweets and photos from the conference.
- **Virtual programs:** If you are interested in planning virtual learning experiences for your fellow SLA members, we are looking for a team to help build this capacity.

DBIO Discussion: Should We Merge or Not?

Peggy Murphy

On April 15 members of DBIO met virtually to discuss the pros and cons of merging with another division. As background: The Pharmaceutical & Health Technology (DPHT) Division approached DBIO leadership to consider a potential merger between the two divisions. DPHT's reasons are twofold: a declining membership and difficulty in recruiting members to serve on its board.

The DBIO discussion was prefaced by a period of information gathering and soliciting questions and comments from membership. Based on information collected beforehand and during the discussion, the following points came to light.

Participants expressing reservations about a merger with DPHT:

- A division with more members would be more unwieldy
- The interests of DBIO and DPHT members are different
- DBIO members value the interests of divisions other than DPHT
- Both divisions are having trouble attracting newer members
- Both divisions are having trouble finding leaders
- Members' institutions are restricting money for their employees to attend conferences

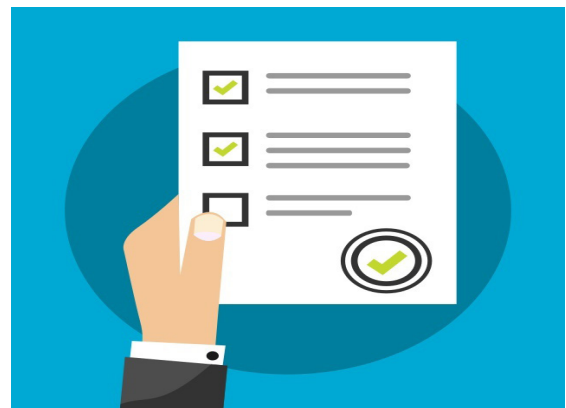
Participants supporting a merger with DPHT:

- Being part of a merged division would be a good fit for their interests
- A division with more members would allow for more creative programming and networking

A decision was made to continue the conversation. Rather than merge immediately, it's incumbent on DBIO to:

- Find out which divisions are more closely aligned with DBIO, and where appropriate consider approaching them
- Plan programming with DPHT to "test the waters"
- Ask our members, particularly newer/younger members, how they feel about being SLA members and what is valuable to them
- Discuss a possible merger at the DBIO board meeting in Cleveland
- Attend the joint DBIO-DPHT event in Cleveland, network and ask questions

We ask members to continue sending questions and comments to [Peggy Murphy](#), [Neyda Gilman](#) and [Cindy Sheffield](#). Your thoughts and opinions on this topic are extremely important to the DBIO board, and we want to make the decisions that are best for you.



DBIO at the Annual Conference

Neyda Gilman

Ticketed events for SLA are now available and I wanted to take a moment to highlight some DBIO ones you may be interested in:

- We have a **CE on R Programming**. It will be on Saturday, June 15 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- The **Natural History Caucus** will be leading a tour of the Cleveland Natural History Museum on Saturday, June 15 (exact time TBD; check program).
- The **All Sciences and Engineering Division Poster Session & Awards Reception** will be on Sunday, June 16 from 7:15-8:15 p.m.
- DBIO will be having a joint reception with the **Pharmaceutical & Health Technology Division (DPHT)**. Not only will this reception provide us a networking and collaborative opportunity, we will also be discussing the potential merger of the two divisions. The joint reception will take place on Monday, June 17, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

More information on the CE is [here](#), and about the other events is [here](#).

If you haven't registered yet, you can simply add any/all of these when you register.

If you have registered, simply follow the below instructions to modify your registration:

- Visit [this page](#) to add ticketed events to your existing conference registration
- Log in with your last name and your record ID or email address
- Select **Modify My Registration**
- Go to the **Sessions/Merchandise** section and select **Modify**
- Select your desired ticketed events
- Select **Update**

I look forward to seeing anyone who can make to the conference! If you can't make it, we'll miss you!

Let me know if you have any questions: ngilman@binghampton.edu



Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers Conference

Living on the Edge



45th IAMSILIC Annual Conference
29th SAIL Regional Meeting
20-25 October 2019
Port Aransas, Texas USA

“Living on the Edge”

45th Annual International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science
Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSILIC) Conference and 29th SAIL
Regional Meeting
October 20-25, 2019
Port Aransas, Texas

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2561260>

Registration is limited to 80 attendees.

The planning committee of the 45th Annual Conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSILIC) invites you to join us in Port Aransas, Texas on October 20-25, 2019 in conjunction with the SAIL Regional Group Meeting. Please consider submitting a conference proposal and sharing your knowledge with your colleagues.

The overall conference theme is *Living on the Edge*. Like Texas, IAMSILIC is also composed of diverse members who are either living ordinary lives in rather extraordinary circumstances or coping with unique situations at libraries and information centers. When we meet at conferences, or via listserv and web meetings, IAMSILIC helps to serve as a melting pot; a space where mixtures and exchanges of library practices, experiences, culture, and philosophies are shared among our members.

This year we are looking for your contributions and insights on examples of both living on the edge and thriving at aquatic and marine science libraries and information centers. We would like to hear your coping mechanisms including strategies, innovations, and best practices. At the end of the conference, the participants should be able to gain insights on sharing and managing aquatic and marine science data, information and knowledge and its retrieval, renewal, and use. The conference aims to be a venue for discussion on how we are adopting, negotiating, repelling, embracing, and developing strategies to provide the best information services within the context of constantly changing information formats, while also expanding information to a global and diverse consumer base. And what does it mean to live on the edge – of water, of a continent, or in the path of danger? We hope that you will find this conference rewarding, informative and fun. We are excited to meet new friends, learn new cultures and have a great time. IAMSILIC is a unique organization and we want to inspire you in your career, in your workplace, and with your IAMSILIC family. Enjoy!

Member Publications and Activities

Lori Bronars

Casucci, Tallie and Baluchi, Donna. 2019. “A health sciences library promotes wellness with free yoga,” *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 107(1) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6300236/> (accessed: Jan. 24, 2019)

Lori Bronars co-curated a media exhibit, “From Molecules to Ecosystems: The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Yale.” The exhibit will be on display at the Center for Science and Social Science Information at Yale University through September 2019 and online at <https://cssi.yale.edu/exhibits>



Starfish ultra-macro beam hand with suction cups

Executive Board 2019

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division

Chair: Peggy Murphy
pemurphy@luriechildrens.org

Secretary: Kristin Chapman
kristin.chapman@nih.gov

Director: Gail Hendler
ghendler@luc.edu

Treasurer: Layla Heimlich
treasurer@dbiosla.org

Past Chair: Cynthia Sheffield
cynthia.sheffield@nih.gov

For a complete list of current board and committee members, see the Division Website at: <http://dbiosla.org/inside/officers/officers.html>

Biofeedback Special Libraries Association Volume 44, Number 2

Biofeedback (ISSN 1060-2488) is published quarterly by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association, 331 South Patrick Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3501. The Special Libraries Association assumes no responsibility for the statements and opinions advanced by contributors to the Association's publications. Editorial views do not necessarily represent the official position of the Special Libraries Association. Acceptance of an advertisement does not imply endorsement of the product by the Special Libraries Association. The newsletter is published four times a year: February, May, August and November. The deadline for submission is the first of the month prior to publication.

Editor:
Buzz Haughton; (916) 468-9027; bxhaughton@ucdavis.edu