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Message from the Chair

Diane Schmidt

We are just back from another excellent Annual Conference, full of thoughtful programming. I haven't seen official attendance figures, but they were clearly down from previous years. I was able to attend most of the DBIO sessions (which were all great, BTW, thanks to everyone involved) and noticed the lower attendance in some of the sessions. Not in our DBIO 75th Anniversary cruise, though! We sold out not once, but twice, for that event. See David Duggar's description of the cruise in this issue of *Biofeedback*. The Contributed Papers session was lively and well attended, and so was the Vendor Networking Lunch. Kudos to Dean Walton, Natural History Caucus convener and ERM chair, as well. After one of the speakers for Wednesday's Measuring Large-Scale Environmental Change session had to pull out at the last minute (he was involved in the oil spill cleanup), Dean scrambled together a slideshow of pictures he had taken just a few days earlier of the spill and the cleanup efforts at Grand Isle, about 100 miles south of New Orleans. That was the most timely conference session I've ever attended!

Our Board Meeting Saturday evening was very productive as usual. Jonathan Nabe, the DBIO Treasurer, wasn't able to attend but sent a report indicating that the division is in good financial shape, and even increased our sponsorships in 2009 over past years. Dorothy Barr, Membership Chair, reported that our membership is down but no worse than the association as a whole. The largest decrease appears to be in hospital librarian membership. We also discussed several items of new business at the Board Meeting and later at the Business Meeting, including the CE courses, the Web Committee, and creating a Best Practices wiki. I'll deal with each issue separately.

Due to the low enrollment in the courses (reflected by the low general attendance at the conference), we wound up canceling all three of the excellent CE courses that Tom Harrod and the 2009 CE committee had developed. We were in good company: Sixty percent of all SLA CE courses were canceled this year. The board agreed that this is an unusual

year, so we will continue offering CE courses in the future. Christine Whitaker and the 2010 CE Committee will pursue Webinar or other remote viewing options to expand attendance as well.

The Board also agreed to change the existing Home Page sub-committee of the Public Relations committee to full committee status, with Webmaster and Content Manager co-chairs. We will have a new Webmaster, Monica Kirkwood, upon the retirement of our long-time Webmaster, Carol Lepzelter Berry. There is discussion underway about creating templates for Division Web pages association-wide using a CMS such as WordPress. This may eventually affect our Home Page Committee, but the effort is in its early stages, and we don't expect a final outcome any time soon.

Finally, we discussed the need for better succession planning for committees. We are fortunate in that the Chair-Elect has usually been able to find enough volunteers to fill our committee slots, but it isn't always possible to have committee chairs who have served as members first. Our Recommended Practices documents provide good basic information on what each committee does but not at the level of detail that a brand-new committee chair needs. We agreed to create a DBIO Best Practices wiki that will detail what the chair needs to do, provide a calendar of activities, and list other kinds of information a new chair often has to ask the old chair about. The wiki will also include an FAQ covering topics that cross committee boundaries. It will be a public wiki, but only chairs will be able to edit it. More information on the wiki will be forthcoming once it is set up. If you have ever chaired a committee, we'll want your input, so stay tuned.

During the Business Meeting, we gave awards to several people. Elaine Dean won the Student Travel Award. Nancy Stimson was given the Distinguished Members Award, and Chris Hooper-Lane and David Duggar received the Chair's Recognition Award. Carol Lepzelter Berry was given the unique title of DBIO Webmaster Emerita. See the Awards write-up, below, for more information on the award recipients.

And, speaking of committees, please let Chair-Elect Nancy Dickinson know if you are interested in becoming involved. She'll be sending out a general call for volunteers later this year. We always welcome both active old-timers and fresh new blood, so don't be shy! We will be continuing to celebrate our 75th Anniversary throughout the year, so check out Jean Crampon's *In 1935* column on the [DBIO Web site](#) (and send her ideas!). I hope 2010 is a good year for all of us, and I hope to see you in Philadelphia next year.

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From the Medical Section

Layla Heimlich, Medical Section Chair

New Orleans hosted a fantastic convention, filled with interesting programs and plenty of opportunities to meet both old and new friends in the Crescent City.

The Medical Section program, “Improvising Health Sciences Library Services during Disasters,” by Dr. Michelynn McKnight, looked at the many and varied new information needs engendered during a disaster. Agile library professionals go beyond simply preservation, protection and service continuity to answer those new challenges and needs and to improvise creative new services for patrons. Dr. McKnight, authored *The Agile Librarian's Guide to Thriving in Any Institution* (2010) and, with Dr. Lisl Zach, completed a three-year project called “Investigating Library and Information Services During Community-Based Disasters.” She is also a member of the faculty of the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science, having earned her PhD after more than two decades as a hospital librarian. If you missed this session, an abridged version of the presentation is available on the Medical Section’s web site.

At the Medical Section business meeting, Lisa Chow was introduced as the Medical Section’s chair-elect, to take office as chair of the Medical Section in January 2011. Lisa recently received her MLS from the Pratt Institute in New York. She is currently a librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library, where she launched an annual DNA Day to increase awareness about genetics and the human genome and organized HealthCampNYC, a regional unconference for librarians, literacy professionals, public health professionals, medical professionals, and others interested in improving health literacy and community health. She was named one of Library Journal’s 2010 Movers & Shakers, and one of ALA’s 2010 Emerging Leaders.

In the last half of the year, the section will be looking at events at the local chapter level to recruit and welcome new members and to boost interest in the issues where medical librarianship and special librarianship intersect. I can be reached at Layla.Heimlich@medstar.net, and I’d be very interested to hear what you are doing at the chapter level!

DBIO Past, Present and Future Chairs’ Lunch



Left to right back: Janet Weiss, Eleanor MacLean, Anna McGowan, John Tebo, Jean Crampon, Peggy Jones, Beth Paskoff, Diane Schmidt
Left to right front: Nancy Stimson, Nancy Dickenson, Renee Bush
New Orleans SLA Conference, 2010

DBIO 75th Anniversary Celebration: Jazz Cruise Aboard the Creole Queen

David Duggar



One hundred and thirty-seven Division members and their friends and family boarded the New Orleans paddlewheel, the Creole Queen, Tuesday evening, June 15, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. This event was a success with 150 tickets sold, the Division Board increasing the number of tickets when the original 120 sold out in May.

Departing at 8 pm, the Creole Queen set sail for a two-hour cruise of the New Orleans waterways. The three tiers of the paddlewheel boat gave varying heights from which to see the sun set and evening lights. On the Creole Deck, dinner and a jazz band were set up. The Mardi Gras Mambo dinner menu included New Orleans jambalaya, Creole chicken, Cajun braised beef brisket, shrimp Creole, Cajun mashed potatoes, and bread pudding with white chocolate sauce. The live jazz band performed on cello, saxophone, guitar, and drums.

At nine o'clock, halfway through the cruise, members were called to gather around two DBIO anniversary cakes to sing 'Happy Birthday'. Copies of the Division's history written by Beth Paskoff for its 50th anniversary and by Louisa Whitfield-Smith for its 75th anniversary were available (see [Spring 2010 Biofeedback](#)). Many photos were taken of current officers and past Chairs around the cakes before they were cut by DBIO Chair Diane Schmidt and Janet Weiss and distributed by the current DBIO Officers and Committee Chairs.

The Creole Queen returned to dock at ten o'clock, all disembarking for a late evening stroll back to their hotels in the Crescent City.



Call for Nominations

The Nominations Committee is seeking good candidates for the following positions: Chair-Elect and Treasurer. Terms begin January 1. Treasurer is a two-year term for 2011-2012, and Chair-Elect is for 2011, continuing as Chair in 2012, and Past-Chair in 2013.

Please send your recommendations to any member of the committee NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2010. Self-nominations are accepted. Elections will be held in the fall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

**Jean Crampon
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Impact of Storms on Coastal Cities

Summary of a DBIO co-sponsored session at the New Orleans conference

Dorothy Barr

The speakers for this very informative session were both geologists: Stephen A. Nelson, Ph.D., of Tulane University; and Ivor L. van Heerden, Ph.D., Director of the Center for the Study of Public Health Impacts of Hurricanes, Louisiana State University. Both addressed the causes of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans.

Professor Nelson began by debunking a couple of commonly held misconceptions about New Orleans and Katrina. The levees did indeed breach during the storm surge, not afterwards, as was reported at the time; all the levees were built under the direction of the US Army Corps of Engineers, not local authorities; and New Orleans is not a city under sea level; only half of it is. He discussed in depth the structure of the levees and their history, showing with detailed slides how the inadequacy of their structure led to their failure.

Professor van Heerden agreed with Professor Nelson's assessments but approached the subject from a more geological perspective. Using historical and recent maps and diagrams, he showed how the Mississippi Delta has developed over time and why, and also why man-made interventions such as canals helped add to the subsidence of parts of the city and direct the force of Katrina toward Lake Pontchartrain. Both speakers emphasized that not enough has changed to substantially mitigate the effects of another major hurricane.

Thanks to [Annual Reviews](#) for their support of this session.

Medical Library Association Liaison Report

Darra Ballance, Liaison to the Medical Library Association

The Medical Library Association Annual Conference took place in Washington, D.C. from May 21-26, 2010. Thanks to the 17 MLA members who attended my CE course, "Evidence-based Nursing: Integrating Literature Clinical Practice and Patient Education". I had a great time teaching and I hope you all enjoyed the experience as well! My colleague Kevin Bradford of Emory University in Atlanta GA was my co-instructor. We had a good laugh at the wax figures of Ronald Reagan and Lyndon Johnson in the Hilton lobby—what an odd juxtaposition of political ideals!

If you missed the MLA conference, e-conference access is available for one year after the conference date. The member registration rate is \$180 and includes:

- Online posters before, during, and after the meeting
- Video of keynote address and plenary sessions
- Video of the new lightning poster presentations
- Audio recordings of sessions with PowerPoint presentations. This content was formerly distributed by CD-ROM (access begins 2-weeks after the meeting)
- Post-conference live webcast of keynote speaker Daniel Pink, 1:30 p.m. (Eastern), Monday, July 19, 2010

Just visit [MLA 2010 Annual Meeting and Exhibition e-Conference Registration](#) to download the registration form.

I attended (briefly) the SLA conference in New Orleans, but only over the weekend. Nothing like your hotel losing its air conditioning during a heat wave. Needless to say we evacuated to another much cooler hotel! Sunday I enjoyed attending Barbie Keiser's marketing course: Promoting effective use of e-resources. Barbie teaches this course or some variation of it often, so look for it at a conference near you—she knows what she's talking about!

Thoughts on the SLA 2010 New Orleans Service Project: Beacon of Hope

Amy Donahue

On Thursday, June 17th, after the hustle and bustle of this year's SLA conference in New Orleans, 21 or so intrepid librarians took a trip down to the lower 9th Ward. Not to take a tour or see what progress has been made (although there was some of that, too), but to be a part of the SLA Service Projects offered this year. We joined forces with [Beacon of Hope](#), which "provides a model for recovery in neighborhoods devastated by Hurricane Katrina as well as other areas affected by disaster. Encouraging civic action, fostering repopulation, providing information and resources is the foundation on which we build and grow."

Most of the morning was actually spent driving to the site, and getting something of a personalized tour from our guide for the day. We drove through the French Quarter, which hadn't been greatly impacted when the levy broke, and then started towards the 9th Ward. Things changed drastically, and, while I think we all knew something about what to expect, it is different to see how much devastation there still is in person.

To get to our site, we drove by some of the houses being built by Brad Pitt's Make It Right Foundation. The houses looked perky and bright, but there was an underlying current of sadness; there have only been 30 or so of the 150 houses built, and it is hard to imagine the original habitants of the community coming back. Our work site was behind all of these newer buildings, just blocks away from where the one crucial levy originally broke. Most of the land had been razed flat; where once houses stood shoulder to shoulder, there is now nothing but an occasional skeleton with a fireplace or drooping ceiling fans that once spun over a dining room table.

We ended up helping to cut and rake all the grass off about three plots. I don't think any of us were sure why, but the cheers we got from passersby, and the thanks we received from the onsite Beacon of Hope coordinator confirmed we were doing something, if only demonstrating that people still care about the rebuilding. I think the ultimate goal is to clear these areas to get them ready for new houses to be built. When that will happen is up in the air, and, until it does, perhaps these plots will be cleared by the likes of SLA librarians, visiting church groups, and the New York City families again and again. But someday something will be there. And I've still got the healing blisters and the memory of the beating sun. Even if I did not make a physical difference for New Orleans (and, actually, the impact that SLA made by coming to town and contributing to the local economy is a fact), I certainly got an appreciation for hard work and the value of giving something back to the community.

This was only one of several projects SLA offered in New Orleans, and rumor has it that the SLA leadership will continue to offer these opportunities wherever the conference is hosted. I would encourage DBIO members to take advantage of future opportunities; giving something back simply lets you take that much more away with you when you leave. For some pictures of all of us working, please check out [Jim Tchobanoff's photos on Flickr](#).

Book Reviews

Elegance in Science: The Beauty of Simplicity

By Ian Glynn

New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2010.

ISBN: 9780199578627

Reviewed by Diane Hummel

Ian Glynn, a distinguished physiologist from University of Cambridge, after earning emeritus status, retired from his day job to continue his literary career with the publication of the *Elegance of Science*, a tome that diverges from the traditional, linear record of obstacles borne and solved in the progression of scientific discovery and achievement.

Glynn's account of scientific endeavor is not a riveting, fast-paced race through the chronology of scientific giants, but an engrossing road trip tour guide with important, wayside episodes with triangulation points when the historical background of well established theories and experiments, contemporaneous or subsequent recognition of discovery, and the simplicity of solution meet to achieve the quiet elegance of scientific achievement.

The *Elegance of Science* expands the reader's traditional application of elegance to fine art or graceful performance to an appreciation for the understatement of the quiet dynamic in scientific solutions. Glynn's examples include Pythagoras' theorem, Kepler's Law, Watson and Crick's discovery of DNA's structure, the discoveries of Newton and Galileo, as well as other mathematical theorems.

Glynn's appreciation for the discoveries of lesser-known scientists acquaint the reader with developments of scientific significance less frequently discussed in contemporary literature. His humor and love of science pervade his narrative with a fundamental excitement about scientific achievement and the simplicity of imagination and discovery.

Safe Patients, Smart Hospitals: How One Doctor's Checklist Can Help Us Change Health Care from the Inside Out

By P. Pronovost with E. Vohr

New York, NY: Hudson Street Press, 2010.

ISBN: 9781594630644

Reviewed by Lori Zipperer

It is hard to be watching what is going on in patient safety and not be familiar with Peter Pronovost, MD. The recipient of the MacArthur Foundation Genius Grant, professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, improvement explorer and "change agent" that launched a checklist initiative that resulted in marked reductions in central line infections in the State of Michigan, Pronovost has taken personal experience and commitment to a place that many can learn from.^{1,2} *Safe Patients, Safe Hospitals* recounts these memories as he applied them to explore what he wanted to know and be able to prove: that medicine can be safer for patients if evidence is applied to good ideas to make them work in a variety of institutions.

This publication is more of a memoir that Atul Gawande's heralded book on checklists that came out late in 2009.³ Both serve as interesting reading. *Safe Patients, Safe Hospitals*, is anecdotal and aptly uses the power of story to place a sense of urgency and drive around the lessons Pronovost and his co-author Vohr seek to share. Readers should focus on the text as a window into what drives a leader. Pronovost discusses here how he learned from others, highlights the importance of teams in designing effective improvements, and measures the impact of those initiatives to support inspiration, innovation and learning. This tone allows forgiveness to the authors for a lack of notes or bibliography.

There are lessons in *Safe Patients, Safe Hospitals* for those in librarianship who aspire to lead or contribute to change. Many thoughtful concrete ideas can be gathered from the text to apply to our work:


- Be practical in what you seek to achieve and how you plan to get there
- Be sensitive to the importance of measurement as a process to understand improvement and prove ones actions and tools make a difference
- Be respectful of the talents of others and focus on work together to make incredible things happen
- Be cognizant of political relationships and draw from them wisely

Pronovost makes several observations that should be applied to the practice of healthcare librarianship. He discusses the importance of tacit knowledge in medicine. This example could help elucidate the need for healthcare librarianship to focus on that as a key direction and avenue for innovation and professional expansion. He underscores that culture is the “elephant in the room” to be reckoned with to launch improvement work of any kind, and that culture is local. When librarian leaders are trying to build commitment to libraries, launch knowledge management efforts, or design new services, his stories from the “sharp end” of care provide illustrations that support organizational efforts for improvement. These can provide inspiration for hard work and persistence towards achieving goals, whether in a hospital, academic library, pharmaceutical company, or research laboratory. The need for individuals to know how to start, who to work with, and how to document improvements are important skills, no matter in what type of library they are applied.

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Membership News

Awards

Michele Tennant, Awards Committee Chair

Nancy Stimson received the 2010 Distinguished Member Award. The following testimonial was read in Nancy's honor by Michele Tennant:

"The Biomedical and Life Sciences Division's Distinguished Member Award is given annually by the DBIO Awards Committee to a DBIO member who has demonstrated distinction and exemplary service to the division and the profession. Nancy Stimson is the 2010 Distinguished Member Award recipient. Nancy has served DBIO in numerous capacities over the years. She has served as Division Chair (a three-year commitment), on the DBIO Awards Committee, and as Chair of the Fund Development and Public Relations Committees. Nancy has been recognized with the Division Chair's Recognition Award for her outstanding work and leadership as Chair of the Program Planning Committee for the 2000 SLA conference in Philadelphia. Most recently she has served as Co-Chair of the Division's Ad-hoc Strategic Planning Committee. In addition to all of the DBIO work mentioned above, Nancy has also been active in the Medical Library Association, the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona, and as a contributor to the SLA DBIO blog. She has presented at MLA, SLA and various chapter meetings. Beyond this list of achievements and accomplishments, Nancy has exemplified the attributes of a true leader – encouraging, inclusive, and full of innovative ideas. It is my pleasure to award the 2010 Distinguished Member Award to Nancy Stimson."

David Duggar and **Chris Hooper-Lane** received the Chair's Recognition Awards, David for his organization of the DBIO 75th Anniversary reception, and Chris for planning the New Orleans DBIO conference programs.

Elaine Dean from the University of Buffalo Advanced Certificate in Library Studies Program received the 2010 Student Stipend Award. She is interested in the field of health sciences librarianship.

Carol Lepzelter Berry was awarded the honorary title of DBIO Webmaster Emerita in honor of her long and exemplary service as DBIO Webmaster and Chair of the Home Page Subcommittee of the Public Relations Committee. This title recognizes Carol's dedication and leadership in maintaining the numerous renditions of the DBIO Web site over the course of many years. Carol was the Division's first Webmaster. She assumed this position in 1998 and will retire from it at the end of 2010. The Webmaster, along with the Archivist, Biofeedback Editor(s), and SLA-DBIO Discussion List Moderator(s) have no set term limits, thus requiring individuals who have longstanding commitments to their respective positions. The following testimonial is from Claudia Lascar, DBIO Web site content manager:

"Carol's accomplishments as Webmaster fill me with a profound sense of admiration and respect for her commitment to our Division. The foundation of the present [DBIO Web site](#), was built by Carol, single handedly, over many years. It is true that our present Web site is more beautiful and easier to navigate, due to the work of a professional web designer and the dedicated Ad-Hoc Web Site Redesign Committee who worked relentlessly over a period of a year. It is also true that our Web site has more content now, since it is supported by a large team of involved [volunteers](#). But it was Carol who started it all. It was Carol who first embraced Hypertext Markup Language, Mozilla, and Netscape. It was Carol who placed us into cyberspace. It was Carol who moved us from HTML to XHTML. Carol did all these and much more with a relaxed and friendly demeanor. Her even temperament and sense of humor cannot shroud that she is a consummate professional. For Carol being a Webmaster was a 'labor of love'. We will miss her."

The following is a statement from Carol Lepzelter Berry, Senior Electronic Resources Librarian, Argonne National Laboratory, that reflects on the history of the DBIO Web site:

"I joined SLA DBIO in 1997. My superior from my first position at the University of South Carolina, Jan Cambre, pushed me into volunteering for SLA. On the DBIO Listserv there was an announcement that an assistant was needed for the Division Web site. Even though I had left the USC position, I decided to follow Jan's advice and volunteered to assist Margaret Henderson, the DBIO Webmaster. At that time DBIO was hosted on the Cold Spring Harbor Website. We used Notepad, and hand coded the Website content. After I received training in Dreamweaver, I began using it on the DBIO Web site and have continued to use it ever since. There has been a synergistic relationship between my work at the Argonne National Laboratory and my volunteer work for DBIO, which has resulted in my receiving two promotions. Each promotion enabled me to continually learn the emerging Web 2.0 technology. The DBIO Web site provided me with the opportunity to practice my new learned skills, make a few inevitable mistakes, and slowly get the hang of things. Meanwhile, I continued improving my Web development skills, thus increasing my marketability. I do not believe that I would now be a senior electronic resources librarian for The Argonne Research Library without my volunteer work in DBIO.

Some highlights of my long career as DBIO Webmaster:

- I began adding *Biofeedback* to the Web site starting with the volume 23(3), Winter 1997, issue, which I had to covert to HTML.
- Starting in 1997, I put up the DBIO program for the SLA Annual Conference.
- In the spring of 1998 issue of *Biofeedback*, Margaret Henderson and I put in an announcement asking for input for new content for the Web site. As a result of our inquiry, we added new pages such as a favorite site page (no longer extant) and a few forms. •
- At the beginning of 1999, I transferred the Web site to SLA's server from Cold Spring Harbor's.
- I added the first awards pages, officer's pages, Division Procedures Manual, and a membership longevity list in 1999.
- In 1999, I made several changes to the "look and feel" of the Web site to make it more professional.
- In 2001, again, I made changes to the Web site to tighten up its appearance, and I started separating out sections, such as the Annual Conference, into subdirectories. These changes improved the overall appearance, organization, and navigation of the site.
- In 2002, I put up a subdirectory for the 2001 DBIO Budget Plan and created a new page to highlight Conference sponsors.
- In 2004 I changed the SLA logos throughout the Web site, as requested by SLA.
- In summer 2004, I was able to add *Biofeedback* as pdf files, thus saving a great deal of time.
- In 2005 I created a new subdirectory for the medical section, and Chris Hooper-Lane provided content
- In 2005 I created and designed a new subdirectory for the "Systems Thinking Perspective Project" of Lorri Zipperer and Jan Sykes.
- From 2005 until mid 2007 I made back-up CD-ROMs of the Web site
- In 2006 the DBIO Board allocated money for a professional Web designer to redesign the Web site and create logos for the Division and Medical Section. This decision was based on the results of a membership survey, which uncovered the need for personalized content and better communication with members.
- From 2006-2007 I actively participated in the redesign process.
- Since 2007 I have no longer been the only person managing the Web site. In previous years (1997-2007) I pulled most of the content for the Web site from *Biofeedback* or from Division Chairs and officers. From mid 1999 until 2007, I created all the Web pages, stylesheets and templates, except for the Medical Section. Since 2007, I have become part of a team working on the Web site. I remained in charge of technical aspects, adding content to the Web site, and training, and used Dreamweaver, Contribute, Photoshop, and Fireworks to accomplish these tasks. Claudia Lascar assumed the position of Web site content manager.
- I do not plan to completely retire from this position since I remain willing to help any way possible."

Kudos

Alanna Joy Jenkins Campbell, DBIO member

We have the pleasure of announcing the Awards, Achievements, Announcements and Accolades of our members **Jean Crampon, Laurie Scott, Amanda Ross-White, Nalini Mahajan, and Ronald A. Radar.**

SLA DBIO would like to congratulate **Jean Crampon** who was recently elected President of the Library Faculty for the University of Southern California.

Laurie Scott, Head of Research and Education Services at Bracken Health Sciences Library, is the 2010 recipient of the Margaret Ridley Charlton Award for Outstanding Achievement. Presented annually by the Canadian Health Libraries Association, the award honors significant contribution to the field of health sciences librarianship in Canada. Brava, Laurie!

Amanda Ross-White, Laurie's colleague, will be presenting at the 2010 Joanna Briggs Colloquium in Chicago this September on the role of the library scientist in question development. There will be a library science track at this colloquium which may be of interest to members involved in systematic reviews. Details can be found at the [7th Biennial Joanna Briggs Colloquium](#).

Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital's Medical Library Director and Webmaster, **Nalini Mahajan**, has won the 2010 Librarian of the Year Award from DuPage Library System (DLS). The Librarian of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding risk-taker or innovator that contributes to the field of librarianship and library development. As a leader and front-line worker, Mahajan is very passionate about her profession. Nalini's career spans more than 35 years and she has broken ground on more than one front. She participates in national and international meetings, has presented research papers, and has taught continuing education courses at local, regional, and national meetings. Congratulations Nalini!

Nalini would also like to announce that The Marianjoy Medical Library has received a \$40,000 grant from NN/LM, Greater Midwest Region, National Library of Medicine (NLM) to build Information Connections, a Web site for parents of children with developmental disabilities and chronic diseases with a focus on Autism, Cerebral Palsy, ADHD, Down syndrome, and Traumatic Brain Injury. Access to reliable, high-quality health information and local resources is an important part of this effort to emotionally support families, especially during stressful times. Easy access will simplify and enhance parent's abilities to gather accurate information about developmental problems. Take a peak by visiting the [Pediatric Section](#) of the Marianjoy Library Web site for an idea about the future Web site.

Our final kudos goes to **Ronald A. Rader**, President, Biotechnology Information Institute (Rockville, MD), has accepted the position as founding Editor, *Biopharmaceuticals*, a new peer-reviewed journal from Landes Bioscience. Unlike other journals in this area, *Biopharmaceuticals* will primarily publish non-laboratory-based articles and will cover a wide range of topics in the context of biopharmaceutical products, including their discovery and design, manufacturing, regulations, patents and technology transfer, products, commerce, marketing trends, controversies, commentaries and editorials, etc.

Mr. Rader, an information specialist and DBIO/SLA member, welcomes submission of articles by DBIO members and colleagues. This includes articles about information resources and handling relevant to biopharmaceuticals, such as articles on genomics, bibliographic resources and information activities supporting biopharmaceutical R&D. For further information, contact Mr. Rader at biotech@biopharma.com.

Membership Report

Dorothy Barr, Membership Committee Chair

It was great to see DBIO folks in New Orleans and to meet several new members! As of the beginning of June 2010, DBIO membership was 585, down from 677 in 2009. This is in line with membership trends across SLA and reflects the current economy. The breakdown of members in different types of institutions is roughly as follows:

Academic: 25.5%
Corporate: 21.0%
Government/Not For Profit: 14.4%
Hospitals: 3.6%
No affiliation given: 35.5%

The biggest drop is in members working in hospital settings. Those listed as giving no affiliation may not actually be between jobs or retired; some may prefer not to report these and to use personal emails.

If you have suggestions about how we can increase membership and retain current members, please let me know. For instance, when someone in your geographic area joins the Division, I'd be happy to notify you so that you could extend a personal welcome. Please share any other ideas you might have.

This year, the following members achieved **membership milestones**:

Akemi Inouye, Hilo HI, joined in 1970 –40 years
Elizabeth Uleryk, Toronto Ontario, joined in 1975 –35 years
Janet Weiss, Edison NJ, joined in 1975–35 years
Richard Hunt, Livermore CA, joined in 1980–30 years
Anne Linton, Washington DC, joined in 1980–30 years
Barbara Pitschel, San Francisco CA, joined in 1980 –30 years
Wendy Wallace, Andover NJ, joined in 1985–25 years
Katherine Gully, Denver CO, joined in 1990 –20 years

Congratulations to all!

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