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Lucy M. Rowland

As we enter the Dog Days of summer, I am reminded that this is the time of year when there is much activity in the Division in organizing for a new year under new leaders. This is where volunteering for committees and accepting responsibilities for new tasks, in addition to our "regular" jobs make such an impact in achieving the goals and objectives adopted by the Executive Board. Once again, we are drawing from across North America and from new members as well as those of long-standing. We are also broadening and changing the scope of committees, based on member feedback and better analysis of the Division's direction. We are looking ahead farther into the future, starting sooner, and trying to work "smarter" to meet the needs of YOU, our members. A listing of our committees and chairs may help you decide if you would like to become a member of a committee, now or at some future time.

ARCHIVIST (Dottie Riemenschneider). Accepts, processes, organizes and maintains records of official Division business, including documents and reports, under guidelines established by SLA.

AWARDS (Barbara Schader). Administers, accepts nominations, and selects a member to receive the Distinguished Service Award. This award will be presented for the first time in Boston, 1996.

BULLETIN (Adam Schiff, Editor). Edits and publishes the Division's quarterly newsletter *Biofeedback*.

BY-LAWS (Patricia Yocum). Monitors Association By-Laws changes and drafts changes to the Division's By-Laws as needed.

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FUND DEVELOPMENT (Kay Collins). Solicits and secures sponsorships for programming at the annual SLA conference.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (Susan Curtis). Works with the Government Relations staff at SLA headquarters and alerts members about legislative matters or government decisions that impact the Association or librarianship.

MEMBERSHIP (David Duggar). Maintains records of membership, contacts new members, and performs surveys through SLA headquarters or independently.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Barry Brown). Solicits nominations for officers and manages the election of new officers each spring.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Geeth Rao). Organizes Continuing Education course(s) and field trips at the annual conference.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/CAREER DEVELOPMENT (Lois Sill). In past years, this committee has organized and judged the student award competition. This year, the committee has been charged to perform a survey and study of what other Divisions are doing to enhance student membership and retention. In addition, the committee has responsibility for public relations.

PUBLICATIONS (Stephen Macksey). Responsible for preparing post-conference article for *Biofeedback* to describe Division programs and activities, solicits articles for SLA and Division publications, and serves as a resource to help members write and publish their research.

BSDNET-L (Liese Tajiri, List Owner). Subscribes Division members to the closed listserv and maintains the list.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION, BOSTON (Larry Wright). Solicits, reviews, and selects papers for the session at the annual conference.

CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION, SEATTLE (Liese Tajiri)

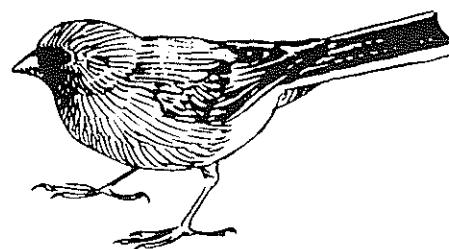
CONTRIBUTED PAPERS SESSION, INDIANAPOLIS (Tom Turner)

BOSTON PROGRAM PLANNING (Anna McGowan). Selects topics, confirms speakers and schedules programs.

SEATTLE PROGRAM PLANNING (Pat Murphy).

In addition, we have liaisons to 3 SLA Committees: Affirmative Action (Marianne Doherty); International Relations (Janet Hughes) and Standards (Julia Perez).

Many thanks to these individuals and to their committee members who are working hard to make 1995-96 an exceptional year for the Division!



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Heartfelt Thanks

Lucy Rowland, Chair

Our heartfelt thanks and bouquets to Patricia Yocum, Past Chair!

Patricia faced many challenges in the past year that would have overpowered a weaker individual. In addition to the day to day operations of the Division, she coordinated planning for the Montreal Conference which was complicated by its being held outside the U.S. The second largest SLA conference ever, it was enhanced by good programming--credit to Patricia!

In mid-year, we learned that a new SLA member was circulating a petition to start a Medical or Hospital Division. A survey of the membership performed in fall, 1994 showed about 44% of our members to be employed in a medical setting of some sort, so this news was not to be taken lightly. When we reviewed the Association By-Laws with regards to how new Divisions are formed we were surprised to learn that the process was outdated and quite vague. Patricia took the lead in drafting a revision to the section concerned with this and mounted a very orderly and precise campaign to the SLA Board and Division Cabinet. Thanks to her logical and even-handed way of presenting the request to Division Cabinet, it was passed overwhelmingly and sent to SLA Board for consideration. Another individual might well have been unsuccessful, but Patricia, truly the personification of grace under pressure, prevailed.

We have been very fortunate to have someone with Patricia's style to lead us during a very eventful and often stressful year. Thanks to her, we now begin program planning two years in advance, established a Division listserv, and will be putting up a WWW page in the near future. Fund Development and Membership Committees are producing as never before. She will be a hard act to follow, both for me and for future Chairs!

Best wishes and congratulations on a job well done!

Call for Volunteers and Recommendations for Division Offices

The Nominations and Elections Committee for the Biological Sciences Division is seeking volunteers and recommendations for the Division offices open this year. We will be nominating candidates for the positions of Division Chair-Elect (3-year term) and Secretary-Treasurer (2-year term). If you are interested in running or recommending someone for one of these offices, please contact any member of the Committee:

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The slate of nominees for offices will appear in the Fall issue of *Biofeedback*.



Reports from the Montreal Conference

A Votre Santé!: Health Care Information in Cyberspace

This session explored health care information on the Internet from three very different viewpoints. Michael Pluscauskas, Industry Canada, discussed his goal to change Canada's health community by promoting wide area communication. His plan includes both top down and bottom up changes to improve the health care information infrastructure. The next speaker, Howard Schwartz of CFCF Television in Montreal, described the process he follows when preparing a health story for television news. The last speaker, Dr. Abraham Fuks, the Dean of Medicine at McGill University, cautioned librarians about overselling the ease and utility of the Internet. Although an experienced Internet user himself, he warned that while navigation has become easier, there are still plenty of barriers to discourage new users with high expectations.

Carla H. Lee

A Bell Jar of Victoriana: Animal Painting in the 19th Century

Art historian David Lank used an excellent series of slides to lead the audience through the development of Victorian animal art. The Victorian era, also considered the age of literacy, coincided with the settlement of America and Canada. True art was not affordable to the general public, but demand for democratic access to information led to the popularity of hand-colored lithographs.

In the Victorian era, natural history was not a separate discipline, but was considered to be a branch of natural theology and theologians, not scientists, produced natural history literature. The gap between art and science began to close with the proliferation of learned societies. With the emergence of natural history as a discipline, animal art techniques also evolved and artists began to depict animals in a natural and lifelike setting.

The session concluded with a tour of the rare book room at McGill University's Blacker-Wood Library. Refreshments were provided by Moderator Eleanor MacLean's mother.

Barbara A. Butler

Managing Information in the Biological Sciences: Biological Sciences Division Contributed Papers Session

The Contributed Papers Session was convened by Larry L. Wright and consisted of three papers:

Dr. Brad Eden - The National Space and Medicine and Physiology Library

Dr. Eden was not available to present his paper. A copy of his paper is available in the published proceedings of the Contributed Papers Session.

Nancy L. Feder - Reducing Barriers to Computer Access to Information: the NIEHS Scientific On-Line Library-Assisted Research System

Nancy L. Feder described how staff at NIEHS (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) improved services to users in both "Windows for Workgroups" and Macintosh environments. Initially, the library utilized "Saber Menu" to access CD-ROM databases. As additional databases were added to the WAN, database interfaces and user training became a problem. In answer to these problems, the library developed its "SOLAR" system (Scientific On-line Library-Assisted Research). As an outcome of the new service, CD-ROM data were delivered to desktops from hard drive storage with less user effort. Logins to the network increased dramatically once the new system was operational.

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Constance A. Rinaldo and Barbara DeFelice - Biological Information Needs and Resources for Interdisciplinary Research Areas

Constance A. Rinaldo and Barbara DeFelice hypothesized that the information needs of interdisciplinary workers involved in biological issues may not be met by subject-specific tools. They interviewed researchers at Dartmouth College involved in global change studies and performed citation pattern analysis for publications for each researcher. They concluded that discipline-specific tools may not adequately serve the needs of interdisciplinary researchers and suggest librarians take a proactive role in identifying the needs of patrons and providing access to specialized databases.

Margaret Jones - Citation of Government Publications by Researchers in the Department of Biology and the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Michigan

Margaret Jones was the 1995 recipient of the Biological Sciences Division Student Award. Margaret studied government document use by faculty and students of two related departments. She found that biology students differed significantly in their use of government publications from both Biology Dept. faculty and School of Natural Resources (SNR) students. As a whole, the Biology Dept. users differed significantly from SNR users in the number of government documents used, but there was not a significant difference in faculty versus student use of such publications. She concluded that government publication use is discipline-specific, but is not status- (i.e. faculty versus student) specific. A lengthy abridgement of Ms. Jones's paper appears in this issue of *Biofeedback* (page 8).

Barbara A. Butler

Division Membership Survey

David Duggar, Membership Committee Chair

On April 21, 1995, a membership survey for the Biological Sciences Division was mailed to 630 members. deadline of May 20, 1995 was given for responses so results could be tabulated in time for the Division's business meeting at the SLA Annual Conference in Montreal. Ninety-three responses were received, with ninety-one surveys returned, four without page 1. I am still taking surveys. If you have not filled out the survey, please do. The initial responses have been very helpful for the Executive Board and Committees in planning for the coming year(s). The more responses received, the more we know what the Division's members want and need.

DIVISION ELECTION RESULTS

Chair-Elect: Kay Collins, University of California, Irvine

Director: Antoinette (Toni) Powell, Agriculture Library, University of Kentucky

The Nominations and Elections Committee again wishes to thank all four candidates who agreed to run, and congratulates the Division's newly elected officers.

Affirmative Action Committee Awards

Marianne Doherty

The activities of the SLA Affirmative Action Committee can have impact on minority members of the Biological Sciences in several ways, but I thought I would highlight the awards because application deadlines are approaching. Although the process of applying for a scholarship is definitely time-consuming, people who have done it say it is definitely worth the effort, and *very* rewarding if one gets the award. (See Kathleen Eisenbeis's piece in the *Specialist*, December 1994, page 14). The first award is the Affirmative Action Scholarship, which is granted for graduate study toward a master's degree from a recognized school of library or information science. One \$6,000 grant is available each year, and applicants must be a member of a minority group (as defined by the U.S. Government). Extra consideration will be given to those who are interested in special library work, and to those who are SLA members, although the scholarship is not restricted to these criteria only. Applications must be postmarked by October 31, 1995, and notification of the winner is in May, 1996.

The second award is the Diversity Leadership Development Award, sponsored by EBSCO Subscription Services. The Program fosters the advancement of SLA members of diverse backgrounds in a variety of ways including assignment to a mentor, complimentary registration to the SLA Annual Conference, and \$1,000 toward continuing education and conference expenses. Applications and nominations for candidates for the awards should be in by early fall for the following year.

More detailed information on these awards is available from the SLA headquarters. To have a application form sent (which will include eligibility criteria and instructions), leave a message on the automated telephone system at (202) 234-4700 ext.775 (which gives clear instructions!). If you have questions and/or want to talk to a "real" person, contact Joy Lerner, Membership Development Director, at (202) 234-4700 ext. 648.

BSDNET-L, The Division's Listserv

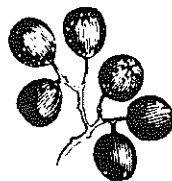
To keep on top of issues pertaining to biological sciences librarianship and Biological Sciences Division news, subscribe to the the listserv BSDNET-L. Participation in BSDNET-L is limited to SLA Biological Sciences Division members, and current traffic on the listserv is quite low (4-6 messages/week). The Division would like to have as many members as possible subscribed, so that news and late-breaking information can be circulated as widely as possible in a timely way.

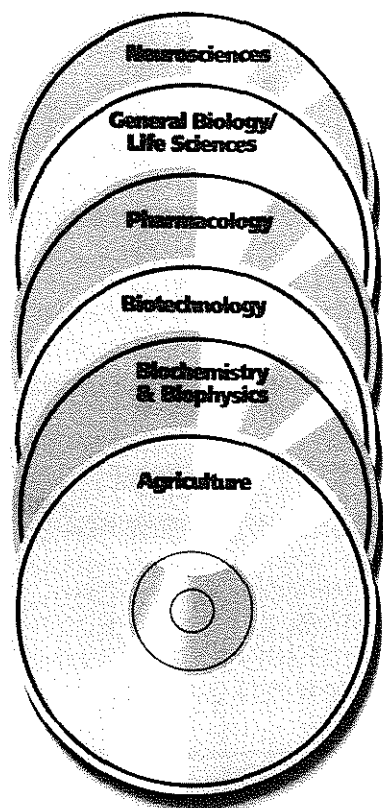
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Questions about BSDNET-L can be sent to the list owner, Liese Tajiri, at liese@rti.org.

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Government Relations Update

Susan C. Curtis

Legislative alerts have filled my e-mail this summer as the 104th Congress attempts to slash the federal budget. While the House sought to drastically cut the Government Printing Office and Depository Library Program, the Senate Appropriations Committee countered with an appropriation of \$85 million for the GPO, which is still \$6.1 million less than requested. The Senate Committee affirmed the value of the Depository Library Program, but called for a study on how technology can support the dissemination of information. The fate of the GPO and the depository program now lies in the hands of the Senate-House conference committee. The Senate bill failed to revive the Office of Technology Assessment which the House bill eliminated.

The Government Printing Office is establishing gateways to its Access Service. This service provides online access to the Congressional Record, the U.S. Code, the Federal Register, the full text of all published bills, and more than 6,000 other files from 25 federal agencies. Try it at <http://thorplus.lib.purdue.edu.gpo/>.

NTIS is testing NTIS Preview on the Internet. This database, a subset of the larger NTIS file, contains abstracts for the documents sent to NTIS in the last 30 days. Librarians may identify needed documents and then NTIS will make available to their depository library a copy of the reports. NTIS Preview will supply an abstract to the searchers. URL: <http://www.fedworld.gov/preview/public.html>.

President Clinton has signed the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. It mandates the establishment of an electronic government information locator service which will identify the major information systems, holdings, and information products of each agency. An interagency committee composed of the U.S. Archivist, the head of the General Services Administration, the Public Printer, and the Librarian of Congress will advise the Secretary of Commerce on the development of the locator service.

On May 15, 1995, Texaco agreed to settle its 1985 suit regarding photocopying scientific journals by agreeing to pay \$1 million plus a retroactive licensing fee to the Copyright Clearance Center. The Appeals Court determined that the articles in question were photocopied from the *Journal of Catalysis* for purely archival purposes. The photocopies provided the Texaco researcher with his own personal copy of articles of interest without requiring Texaco to purchase duplicate copies. The Appeals Court ruled that the photocopying was conducted for "commercial gain." The court further found that each article in a journal holds independent copyright protection which the authors of the articles transferred to the journal publisher. Thus the judgment found that Texaco had copied entire works. The ruling is confined to archival photocopying. The Appeals Court encouraged Texaco to use a photocopy licensing agreement with the provider such as the Copyright Clearance Center or purchase an additional subscription for each researcher who wishes to keep journal articles in their files for future reference.

Editorial note: Since this column was written, the appropriations for the Depository Library Program were approved. The Joint Committee on Printing's appropriation was decreased, as were the total workforce hours at the Government Printing Office.



*1995 Student Conference Award***Citation of Government Publications by Researchers in the Department of Biology and the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Michigan (Abridged Version)**

Margaret Jones
University of Michigan

This study was conducted in order to determine if and how frequently scientists at the University of Michigan use government publications. It is expected that scientists who wish to remain aware of research in their fields will consult publications generated by various government agencies. It is possible that use of these publications depends on the research interests and status (i.e. faculty or student) of the scientist. This study was designed to investigate this possibility. The specific aims of the study were to determine: 1) if there is a significant difference in the use of government publications between members of the Department of Biology and the School of Natural Resources and the Environment (SNRE) at the University of Michigan, and 2) if there is a significant difference in the use of these publications between faculty and master's or Ph.D. students within these two departments. An additional aim was to identify the types of government publications used by these scientists.

The initial expectations were that: 1) there would be a significant difference in use between members of Biology and SNRE; because of their interest in applied science, especially public policy and environmentally related research, members of SNRE were expected to use government publications more often than members of the Biology Department. It was also expected that: 2) there would be a significant difference in use between faculty and students; in order to perform comprehensive searches of the literature, students were expected to use government publications more often than faculty. Subjects were selected from faculty in the Department of Biology and SNRE, and from students at the master's level and above who produced practicums, projects, theses or dissertations. For each department, a 15% sample from a list of all of the faculty was drawn, then a search was performed in the CD-ROM version of *Science Citation Index* (SCI) for all journal

publications of the selected faculty for the years 1990-1994. For faculty in SNRE, searches were also performed in the CD-ROM versions of *Environment Abstracts* and *Environmental Periodicals Bibliography* and the results cross-checked against the SCI results. The reference lists from each subject's publications were scanned; total number of references, number of references to government publications, and types of government publications were noted. For the students, lists of all master's theses, practicums, projects or doctoral dissertations produced between 1990 and 1994 were compiled for both departments, 15% samples drawn, and the reference lists from each publication scanned. For this study, any publications produced in total or in part by the U.S. federal government, governments of states in the U.S. and local governments in the U.S. were considered government publications.

After the data were collected, comparisons were made between the following groups: faculty vs. students, Biology vs. SNRE, Biology faculty vs. Biology students, and SNRE faculty vs. SNRE students. Differences between groups were estimated based on percentages of government document use, both in terms of the number of users and the percentage of government document use to all references; statistical tests of significant differences between groups included chi square, chi square for two fourfold tables, and the Mann-Whitney U test. The percentages indicate that government publication use varied depending on group: more Biology faculty used than did not use them, but only infrequently; many SNRE faculty used them, and frequently; few Biology students used them, but when they did it was with greater frequency than that of Biology faculty; and more SNRE students used than did not use them, and with the greatest frequency of all groups. The chi square tests show that no significant differences existed in terms of percentages who used government publications between the two faculty groups or the two SNRE groups (students vs. faculty), but that significant differences existed between the two student groups and the two Biology groups (students vs. faculty). The chi square for comparing two fourfold tables show that no significant differences existed in terms of percentages who used government publications between the two departments (Biology vs. SNRE), but that significant differences existed between faculty and students. The Mann-Whitney U tests show that no significant

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differences existed in terms of percentage of government publication use to all references between faculty and students, but that significant differences existed between the two departments. One surprising finding overall is that Biology students used government publications less frequently than expected. Thus, the expectations that there would be differences in the use of government publications based on department membership and status are both partially confirmed.

An observation of the types of government publications used indicates that, among U.S. federal government publications, those of the USDA and the USGS were the most frequently used. The next most frequently used federal publications were those of Argonne National Laboratory (a DOE laboratory) and the Initial Reports of the Deep Sea Drilling Project (an NSF publication); these were used heavily by one or two individuals. Of state government publications, those of Michigan were the most frequently used. Very little use was made of the publications of local government agencies.

Overall, the results suggest that SNRE members at the University of Michigan use government publications more frequently than do Biology Department members, and that status is not related to use of government publications. The reasons for different use patterns by scientists have not been investigated in this study; further research is needed to address this question. It is hoped that the results will assist the Science Librarians at the University of Michigan in their collection and provision of government information.

Library Profile: Oregon Institute of Marine Biology Library

The Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) is the marine laboratory of University of Oregon. Located in Charleston, Oregon, OIMB is 120 miles from the main campus in Eugene. OIMB has seven tenure track and administrative faculty members as well as fifteen resident graduate students. Graduate and undergraduate courses in marine biology are offered during three of the four academic terms. Fall and summer courses are designed for biology majors and the spring program is an interdisciplinary term focusing on marine and coastal issues.

The OIMB Library, as a branch of the University of Oregon Library system, exists to serve the information needs of students, staff and faculty at the marine laboratory. The OIMB librarian has responsibilities in the areas of collection development, resource sharing, circulation, reference services, bibliographic instruction, technical services, professional development, cataloging and library facilities development.

The library collection consists of over 2,500 monographs and 60 current periodical subscriptions in the subject areas of oceanography, marine ecology, estuarine studies, larval biology, invertebrate biology, and marine vertebrate biology and ecology. OIMB Library holdings appear in OCLC under the University of Oregon Library identifier (ORU) and the University of Oregon online public access catalog called JANUS will distinguish between materials held at main campus and those held at OIMB (telnet janus.uoregon.edu). Uncataloged materials include a unique set of student reports on biological and ecological issues of concern in the Coos Bay/Charleston area, as well as a non-circulating map and slide collection used in the teaching program.

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*The library is staffed by a single individual who is occasionally away from the library.



One Caucus You Should Know

Duane Wenzel

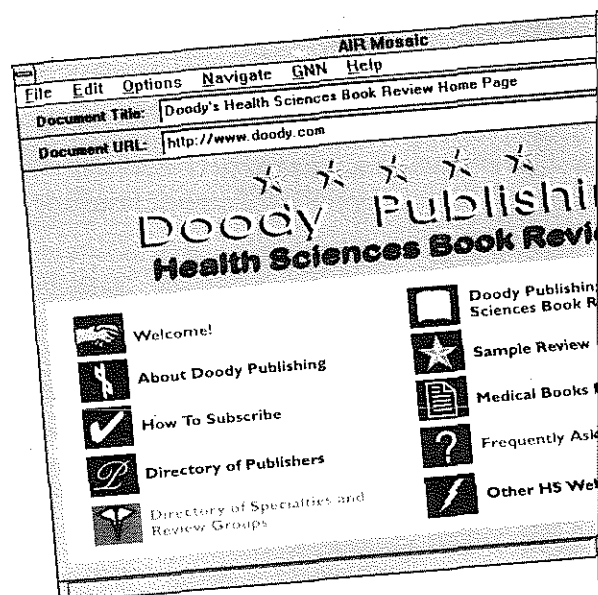
SLA currently has ten caucuses which function as informal groups that provide a means of interaction for members who share a common interest not covered by any other Association unit. One caucus of particular interest to Biological Sciences Division (BSD) members is the Natural History Caucus (NHC). Since information on caucus units is not always easy to obtain, in this issue of *Biofeedback* the complete NHC brochure is reproduced. Covering such topics as the history, mission, and programs of the NHC, the brochure, hopefully, will provide just the right stimulus, to encourage BSD members to explore membership in the NHC.

Caucus fees for the NHC are a very reasonable \$10 per year. You may join the NHC at any time, however fees are not prorated. The best time to join is when you receive your annual renewal notice. At that time you can simply add the NHC directly to your invoice. So check out the NHC, it's one caucus you should get to know!

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HISTORY

At the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Special Libraries Association, seven attendees at the business meeting of the Biological Sciences Division first discussed forming a group of interested members to share concerns common to natural history libraries and their collections. At the following Annual Meeting in 1991, a group of 18 potential members decided to petition to become a caucus within SLA. The Association approved this request in November 1991, and by 1992 the membership of the newly created Natural History Caucus had more than doubled.

The Natural History Caucus schedules its own meetings at SLA's Annual Conferences. The Caucus works closely with several divisions of SLA that have similar or overlapping interests, particularly the Museums, Arts & Humanities Division, the Environment and Resource Management Division, and the Biological Sciences Division, which donates space in its newsletter, *Biofeedback*, for Natural History Caucus news.

MISSION

Natural history broadly defined is the scientific study of the natural world on a macro level. It includes the specific disciplines of anthropology and archaeology, botany, zoology, paleontology, geology, meteorology, and astronomy. It is the mission of the Natural History Caucus to serve as a forum for the cooperative development of library collections, the delivery of information services, and the interpretation of natural science information resources. Current goals of the Caucus include:

- * conducting annual meetings of the Caucus at SLA conferences
- * encouraging new memberships of individuals or libraries
- * outreach to natural science information providers
- * promoting continuing education programs in natural history librarianship and in natural history subject areas
- * organizing cooperative agreements for loans, resource sharing, duplicate exchanges, etc.

- * publishing directories to libraries and institutions and other informational aids about the membership

PROGRAMS

The Natural History Caucus sponsors or co-sponsors programs at SLA Annual Conferences. Programs have included lectures, panel presentations, field trips, and tours of natural history institutions. The annual Caucus business meeting allows natural history librarians the opportunity to network, discuss issues affecting natural history libraries, and plan Caucus programs. Past programs have included:

- * Tour of the Biodiversity Resource Center at the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco
- * Panel on *Biodiversity: Preserving the Earth's Natural Heritage*, with speakers from Shaman Pharmaceuticals, Cincinnati Zoo's Center for the Reproduction of Endangered Wildlife, and the Biodiversity Resource Center of the California Academy of Sciences (co-sponsored with the Biological Sciences Division)
- * Field trip to the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and other museums in the newly renovated Museum Complex (co-sponsored with the Museums, Arts & Humanities Division)

- * *The National Biological Survey and the National Institute for the Environment* (co-sponsored with the Environment and Resource Management Division)

- * *Tracking our Nation's Treasures: Controlling and Accessing our Museums' Collections* (co-sponsored with the Information Technology and Museums, Arts & Humanities Divisions and the Committee on Cataloging)

In addition to continuing programs at the SLA Annual Conferences, future projects undertaken by the Natural History Caucus may include union lists of library collections, cooperative collection development ventures, a newsletter, and directories of natural history libraries and institutions.

ELECTRONIC DISCUSSION LIST

The Natural History Caucus has an electronic discussion list, NHC-SLA, which provides members and other interested parties a forum for ongoing discussion of Caucus activities and issues related to natural history librarianship. NHC-SLA is a reflector hosted by the California Academy of Sciences. To subscribe, contact Adam Schiff at aschiff@cas.calacademy.org.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is non-restrictive and is open to all SLA members who are interested in any aspect of natural history librarianship. Present members work in museums, conservation and research organizations, botanical parks and arboreta, government agencies, academic institutions, and biological research stations. Caucus members are assessed a small fee additional to the basic SLA membership dues.

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Sharon Lynn Grant

Sharon is the Serials/Reference Librarian at the Health Sciences Library of McGill University, Montreal, Canada. She has been at the Health Sciences Library since receiving her Master of Library and Information Studies from McGill in 1990. In addition to reference and serials duties, Sharon is responsible for orientation and bibliographic instruction in the Health Sciences Library.

Christopher Hooper-Lane

Christopher is the Librarian for the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, an organization of Louisiana's thirteen public universities. The LUMCON Marine Center, located in Cocodrie, LA, consists of education and laboratory facilities, including the Fourchon Field Station, two major research vessels, and a fleet of small boats. The LUMCON Library houses monographs, journals, technical reports, reprints, maps, and ephemera in the marine sciences and related scientific disciplines and exists to support the research and education at the LUMCON Marine Center.

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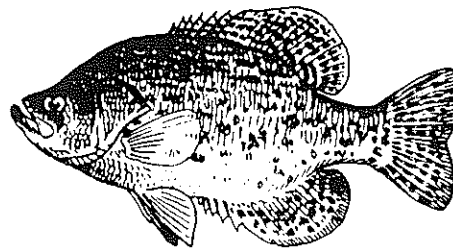
The article on those of us who are 50-year members of SLA brought back many memories. However, I did retire some 8 years ago.

The current director of the Rush University and Medical Center Library in Chicago is Dr. Trudy Gardner, a highly competent librarian who has made sizeable contributions to the library field and is much admired by the faculty, students, and staff.

I do not want to mislead anyone and would appreciate a correction in the next issue of *Biofeedback*.

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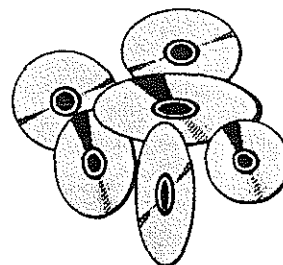
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