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Message from the Chair

I hope everyone had a great time at the annual conference in Seattle. Final attendance figures for SLA 2008 totaled over 5,000, including many members from our division. I think this year the division outdid itself in providing outstanding programming to our membership. We owe our heartfelt thanks to the 2008 Seattle Program Committee chaired by Diane Schmidt.

One of the highlights of the conference was the division's Open Forum on Strategic Planning on Wednesday morning. The Board decided early this year to create a strategic plan for the division as one of our major goals. Our last Strategic Plan, created in 2000, has served the division well. It is time to create a new document that will strategically guide the division for the next three years. The goal is to create a plan by the end of this year and to involve as many division members as possible in the process. The Board created an Ad-Hoc Strategic Planning Committee under the very capable leadership of Nancy Stimson and Peggy Jones who are serving as co-chairs of the Committee. Other members of the Committee who deserve our thanks are Roger Beckman, William Anger, Suzanne Switzer, and Anna McGowan. This session was moderated by Jan Sykes of Information Management Services, an independent consultancy, who has over 20 years experience in the information industry.

In the Strategic Planning Open Forum, we used WebEx technology to connect us with our members who were unable to physically attend the conference. We are one of the first divisions to try this at the annual conference. The lessons learned using WebEx will help us to see how we can use technology for greater participation in our events. People who attended the session were enthusiastic about the potential of this new technology and strongly urged us to see how we can use it in the future.

At the Division Cabinet meeting on Tuesday afternoon, it was suggested that all divisions prepare a strategic plan

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and to align their plan with SLA initiatives. It is nice to know that our division is already moving ahead on this directive.

At the Annual Business Meeting, the Division gave out three awards for outstanding contributions to the Division and the profession. The 2008 Chair's Recognition Award this year was given to Carol Lepzelter Berry. The Distinguished Member Award was given to Janet Weiss. The Winifred Sewell Prize was presented to Diane Schmidt. Congratulations! Complete information on the awards can be found in this issue of *Biofeedback*.

I would like to make the membership aware of the new SLA *Innovation Laboratory*. The *Innovation Laboratory* is a resource for SLA members, and it is designed as a place where one can play and discover uses for the latest emerging technologies. The *Laboratory* offers a wide variety of Web 2.0 software learning tools to help one become more business savvy and technologically adept. Among the tools in *Innovation Laboratory* are: 23 Things, a step-by-step, week-by-week paced learning strategy to learn 23 new information tools; *Atomic Learning Software Tutorials*, which is a large, online library of short, easy-to-understand tutorials for using technology; information on getting started in Second Life; and a collection of *execuBooks* that present the core concepts of the best in business literature in only 15 minutes of easy reading every week. I encourage everyone to visit the *Innovation Laboratory* at: http://www.sla.org/innovate/

The Division Board endorsed the concept of a DBIO Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will recognize members of the division who have a long and distinguished career in the biomedical and life sciences librarianship profession. The Awards Committee is working on the details of the proposal. The Division Board passed a resolution opposing cutbacks to the U.S. National Agricultural Library (NAL). Ruth Gustafson is circulating a petition in support of the NAL on behalf of the division. The Division Board is also is looking into plans for SLA's centennial next year in Washington, DC and the division's 75th anniversary in 2010.

May everyone have a safe and happy summer!

DBIO Awards Announcement

Michele Tennant, Awards Committee Chair

The 2008 DBIO awards were presented at the Seattle conference during our annual business meeting and breakfast on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Please join the Awards Committee in congratulating these exceptional colleagues:

Distinguished Member Award: Janet Cooper Weiss

Winifred Sewell Prize: Diane Schmidt

Chair's Recognition Awards: Carol Lepzelter Berry

DBIO Awards Committee:

Michele Tennant, Chair Nancy Stimson Louisa Worthington Rogers

Distinguished Member Award

The Biomedical and Life Sciences Divisions Distinguished Member Award is given annually to a DBIO member who has demonstrated distinction and exemplary service to the division and the profession. The 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Member Award, **Janet Cooper Weiss**, exemplifies these characteristics. She has been extremely active in the division, particularly over the last 10 years, serving in the following capacities: Chair, Public Relations Committee; chair and member, Fund Development Committee; chair, Student Relations and Career Guidance Committee; chair, Professional Development Committee; member,

Program Planning Committee; chair, Nominations Committee; member, Ad Hoc Committee on Web Design.

As if this were not enough, Janet has served as DBIO division chair. As one nominator stated: "it makes me tired just looking at this list!"

Not only has Janet been active in DBIO, but she has also been active at the chapter level for over 15 years, serving on a number of committees and as Princeton-Trenton Chapter president and treasurer, and New Jersey Chapter treasurer. Janet has also been active in the Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division, as well as at the association level.

This sheer number of activities has been impressive, but just as impressive is the fact that Janet has been an effective leader and a pleasure for all who have worked with her. Janet has exhibited leadership beyond what is normally expected as DBIO chair. Again, from a nomination letter: "Janet led the division through a term as chair during SLA-wide change. This involved working with the nominations and elections committee on a shift in calendar, asking all committee members to commit to extra time serving the division, paying close attention to SLA changes that would affect the division, not to mention serving an extra six months. All of this was performed with great attention to detail, nuanced thinking and constant work to keep others aware of processes and consequences. All of this was accepted with grace and determination."

Janet has performed with distinction in a number of libraries and information centers, including those in both the academic and corporate environments. It is gratifying to know that she has been appreciated in the workplace as well as in SLA, having been awarded the "Above and Beyond Award" from a former employer.

It is also gratifying to know that Janet loves being a librarian. As told to a DBIO member earlier this year: "I don't know how to describe it—when I went to graduate school I felt that I had found my home. I'm very lucky; a lot of people aren't that lucky, to enjoy their jobs as much as I do. I wish that for everyone—that they would find a job or a career that gives them joy."

Winifred Sewell Prize

The Winifred Sewell Prize for Innovation is awarded to a DBIO member who has shown leadership and innovation in the development and/or use of advanced technologies in the organization or dissemination of biomedical and life sciences information. The prize is named in honor of Winifred Sewell, who was a long-time member of the BIO Division, from 1946 to her death in 2002, and served on the DBIO Awards Committee.

Winifred was a major figure in drug literature at the National Library of Medicine and a pioneer in the use of information technology. She taught at the University of Maryland School of Library and Information Science and was a mentor to many of us who studied and worked with her. A brief biography is in *Bowker's American Men & Women of Science* 1998-1999, 20th edition, vol. 6, pg. 776.

The 2008 Winifred Sewell Prize goes to **Diane Schmidt**, the biology librarian at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, for her development of the International Field Guides Web site.

(Note: The following information and quotes concerning the Web site were read at the awards ceremony and have been taken from the article U. of I. librarian launches comprehensive Web database of field guides, by Andrea Lynn.)

"Diane Schmidt ... has built and launched the most complete database of field guides to date. The International Field Guides Web Site merges Diane's own book, *A Guide to Field Guides: Identifying the Natural History of North America* (Libraries Unlimited, 1999), and its companion Web site, International Field Guides, plus 2,000 new titles."

According to the article, after copyright to the book was returned by the publisher, Diane "decided to combine the two products and create a searchable database of field guides for plants, animals and other objects in North America and around the world." In the article, Diane indicated that "The new database is getting at least 5,000 hits per month."

Lynn notes that "The new and enlarged database has a "book bag" feature that allows users to download information from items they select, which includes the title, author, date and place of publication, a description of the book, often the ISBN and approximate cost, plus the region the book focuses on. The site offers more than 5,000 records to date. The field guides are classified by type of organism and region covered. Eighteen categories are

represented: from animals and edible plants to flora and fauna, and miscellaneous ... Each field guide is described with the type of illustrations, the presence of keys (important for identifying difficult groups), and range maps and "other useful details that help users decide which field guide to use."

A project sixteen years in the making, the creation of the International Field Guides Web site has been a monumental effort and is unique in that it pulls together in one database guides to information on how to identify plants and animals from all over the world. Diane uses technology to provide access to a wealth of information that would have otherwise been difficult to find, and as such, is a deserving recipient of the Winifred Sewell Prize.

Chair's Recognition Award

The 2008 Chair's Recognition Award goes to **Carol Lepzelter Berry**, who has worked on the division Web site for over ten years. Carol joined SLA DBIO in 1997, and shortly thereafter volunteered to assist Margaret Henderson on the Division Web site. Since the end of 1998 when Margaret retired, she has been the chair of the Web subcommittee and has been assisted by various people since that time.

Over the years Carol has been our faithful Webmaster and has worked diligently to see that the site is accurate and up-to-date. In 2006, she redisigned and reorganized the Web site and was the catalyst who proposed to Claudia Lascar that we hire a designer to professionally redesign it. In 2006-2007 she participated on the Web Site Redesign Project, under the leadership of Claudia Lascar, and worked with Dave Matthews from Ink Stain Design in coordinating the Web site since the redesign.

Carol has made untold numbers of updates and changes to the Web sit over the years in a timely fashion. Since the Web site, along with *Biofeedback*, is our primary means of communication in the Division, and Carol is a critical piece of the Web site, I would like to recognize Carol for her years of outstanding service to the Division.

2008 Seattle Conference Highlights

Coordinated by Tina Smith, Publications Committee Chair

Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences 2008 Contributed Papers Session June 16, 2008, 7:00-8:30 a.m.

Speakers: Bobbi Weaver, Foreign & International Law Reference Librarian, California Western School of Law, San Diego, California; USA, Joshua B. Illig, M. Ed, Manager, Institutional Sales and Marketing, Medical Content Division, Conference Archives, Inc.; Lisa Kruesi, Manager, Health Sciences Library Service, Herston Health Sciences Library, University of Queensland, Australia; Michele R. Tennant, PhD, MLIS, University Librarian, Health Science Center Libraries and UF Genetics Institute, University of Florida.

Report by Tina Smith

This year's contributed papers session was a great exploration of the variety of roles librarians can play in their organizations. All of these papers may be viewed on the DBIO website.

Bobby Weaver, Foreign & International Law Reference Librarian at California Western School of Law, spoke to us about the real-life use of scientific information in court cases. Ms. Weaver's experiences revealed the frequent need lawyers have for resources other than legal materials in cases dealing with species protection and wildlife conservation. Such resources may be difficult for law librarians to access if they are part of an independent law school that doesn't have a science library as part of their organization, and Ms. Weaver made recommendations for law librarians that have limited access to scientific data and research.

Joshua Billig, of Conference Archives, Inc., discussed the problem of research that is presented at biomedical society meetings but never published. In spite of the huge impact such research could have in real-life application, it often goes without notice in the absence of publication. In response to this problem, Conference Archives developed Ekatius, an online tool that can archive and disseminate event knowledge. Mr. Billig stressed the importance of expanding the body of biomedical knowledge by providing centralized access to this information to patient care and the advancement of research and technology.

Lisa Kruesi presented what continues to be a hot topic for librarians: Wikipedia. In Ms. Kruesi and Kaye Lasserre's study, they tested the reliability of *Wikipedia* for medical students against three other resources: *eMedicine*, another free web resource; *AccessMedicine*, a subscription-based resource; and *UpToDate*, also a subscription-based resource. They recruited medical experts to perform a blind test on the search results for three medical topics in each of these resources. The results indicate that *Wikipedia* is not a good resource for medical students, and the databases provided by the library offer more reliability and complete information.

Michele R. Tennant, from the University of Florida, told us about the difficulties of the Institutional Review Board process when conducting a multi-site study. Her experience was highly illuminating for anyone who has not been through it themselves. She described the difference between IRB-01, for all types of research from social to medical, and IRB-02, which is a less intensive process for non-medical studies. She provided valuable insight into this process and excellent advice for making this process smoother if you are planning multi-site research yourself.

Cyberinfrastructure: Informatics Across the Biological Sciences June 17, 2008, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Speakers: Dr. Quentin B. Wheeler, Vice President and Dean, Arizona State University; Neil Rambo, University of Washington Libraries; Catherine N. Norton, Director, MBL/WHOI Library; Dr. William Michener, University of New Mexico.

Report by Dorothy Barr

This excellent session featured four speakers dealing with various kinds of informatics, giving participants a broad view of the exciting changes and challenges facing biologists today.

First up was Kathy Norton speaking on biodiversity informatics. She started off using the tuatara, the fastest evolving creature on earth, as a metaphor for the changes going on today.

Unlike many other fields, taxonomic intelligence is vital to the work of biologists today. Names can be considered metadata for living organisms; and since a great deal of the information available about species is in the older literature, it is vital to be able to access everything about a species in spite of numerous name changes. Modern DNA studies can reveal relationships among species, but the natural physical attributes of organisms have changed little over the past century or so. If species have been studied under multiple names it is difficult to find all the available information about them. We need to be able to identify every organism by all its possible names. UBIO (http://www.ubio.org) is a Web site currently attempting to do this with over 10.7 million names.

Kathy also discussed the Biodiversity Heritage Library (http://www.bhl.si.edu), a project aimed at making freely available on the Web as much of the biological literature as possible. Work has begun on digitizing public domain materials and any other publications for which permission has been received.

The next speaker was Bill Michener of the University of New Mexico. He is working on ecological informatics, incorporating concepts and tools for understanding and dealing with ecological data, thus taking a broader view. One approach is Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) (http://www.lternet.edu/), a large collaboration promoting synthesis and comparative research. It currently has 26 sites, mostly in the United States, Puerto Rico and French Polynesia, but continues to expand. Other projects are VegBank (http://www.vegbank.org); Metacat (http://knb.ecoinformatics.org), an XML database relevant to ecology; Project BudBurst (http://www.windows.ucar.edu/citizen science/budburst), a Citizen Scientist project monitoring plant species; and more.

Quentin Wheeler, of Cornell, NSF, and Arizona State, then addressed the crisis in taxonomic information. Estimates are that approximately 70% of the world's entomological specimens are wrongly labeled; and, of course, we only know about 10% of all species on earth, of which we may lose 25% by the end of the century. To further complicate matters, there is no consensus on what a species actually is!

To address these issues, we need planetary biodiversity inventories. It's a big challenge, and the only way to tackle it is through a new model—not just individuals, but whole communities working together. We need to change, to rework the structure, to alter the whole image of taxonomy. One of the ways to make more information available to more scientists is by such technologies as remote manipulation of microscopes to view specimens from afar, so that valuable materials do not have to risk being shipped around the world, and so that they are widely available for study. Highly recommended: view Planet Bob, available on YouTube (www.planetbob.asu.edu).

Last to speak was Neil Rambo of the University of Washington, who spoke about the ARL report on Cyber-infrastructure (available on the ARL site, http://www.arl.org). Researchers don't feel that libraries do enough to support research; they are more focused on supporting teaching and most are not aware of the collaborative tools available. We need to help scientists do a better job of curating and preserving data.

Neil believes that print is really dead; it's not just about books and journals any more. We also need to work in scientists' virtual space, not ours. Typically, libraries focus on outcome—publications; we need to shift more to prepublication and help researchers synthesize results and manage data. He left us with the challenge to provide added value to science research and to be personal information agents. We should become familiar with Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) (see http://limsource.com, for links to various application-specific systems); projects harnessing XML; the concept of Journal 3.0; and more.

This was one of the most thought-provoking sessions of the conference, leaving us with a lot to consider.

Academic Round Table #7: Recruiting science or non-science majors as science librarians June 18, 2008, 12:15–1:45 p.m.

Report by Linda Maddux

We had a really good mix of people at our table: academic science librarians with different levels of experience, a corporate librarian, a vendor, a few students. Some of us had science degrees; some of us didn't.

When recruiting non-scientists to be science librarians, we felt the most important thing was getting them over the "intimidation factor." Science in a vacuum can be scary, but creating internships or residency programs at science libraries is a great way to start. We also thought that encouraging non-scientists to audit science classes could help increase familiarity, as would pursuing a subject certificate rather than a subject degree. Another idea was to "match up" new librarians with kinder, gentler faculty. A good mentor in a subject can go a long way. (I'm living proof!)

As for recruiting scientists/science students into librarianship, we felt a big issue is our current image. Although it is changing for the better, we really need to do better at presenting/selling the collaborative nature of librarianship and ability to facilitate collaboration.

To get students interested in librarianship, we had some good ideas:

- Include librarianship in career fairs. For example, "speed career dating" giving students snippet exposure to professionals in many different areas.
- To reach newly degreed science students or PhD's, troll the labs and get them on the midnight shift.
- Recruit ex-military
- IMLS funding for collaborative programs
- Use a 1 credit hour course on research as a way to present librarianship as a science, and library research as "experimental"

There was a little debate over science degree vs. no science degree. We acknowledge that, in some situations, there is an issue of researchers needing someone who can speak their language and participate in the "on their turf" synergy. However, with trends on larger campuses to consolidate branch libraries, and in smaller institutions and public libraries, there is an advantage for someone to have a broader knowledge and background. Of course, some of us were just born to be science librarians!

From the Medical Section William H. Anger, Jr., Medical Section Chair

#sla 008 is over.

"#sla2008" is the header/footer contained in Twitter messages about the conference. Almost any hour that an SLA member might be awake, message were being generated. In addition to last minute room changes, comments about a great speaker and meeting room accomodations, over two hundred attendees shared their thoughts about what was going on in thousands of messages. The atmosphere in Seattle was vibrant and exciting.

Does it sound like the usual hype to write that attending the 2008 Conference is the highlight of my year as Medical Section Chair? Even so, the Conference has to be described that way. Meeting members from all over the globe, arranging the speaker for the Medical Section business session, moderating the Medical Section meeting, learning about "23 things", becoming an SLA Lab Rat, attending the SLA Prom, twittering for the first time, and visiting and talking with numerous vendors. Three people come to mind when thinking about this conference: Vincent Cerf, the VP of Google, in an on-stage, in-person interview (One of his notable statements was "Information is like water: We only think about it when it is not available."); Seth Godin, entrepreneur and author; and our speaker for the Medical Section Luncheon, Dr. James Brinkley. How does it get better than Seattle 2008? The answer is the Centennial Conference in Washington DC, 2009. The 2009 Conference will mark the centennial anniversary of the founding of SLA.

Medical Section Luncheon and Business Meeting

The Medical Section Luncheon was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 11 am to 12:30 pm, with just under 50 attendees. Gillian Kumagai, from the University of Stamford, was introduced as Chair-elect. Gillian is presently the Medical Section Secretary. She will assume the office of Section Chair in January 2009. Tony Stankus, formerly of the Rhode Island Chapter, and a DBIO Director, spoke for a short time about a proposed Division journal project.

The main speaker was Dr. James Brinkley, MD, PhD, Head of the Structural Informatics Group at the University of Washington (Seattle). He spoke on "Management, integration and visualization of multi-modality of biomedical data, with application to brain mapping", about the need for managing and sharing the raw laboratory data that forms the basis for journal articles as well as technical and sociological barriers to doing so. He illustrated these problems and solutions with his own work on integrating distributed data about the human brain." His talk began with a description of the various formats of Journals, 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0. I found it amusing that he described print journals with the phrase 'Version 1.0 was print journals," as if they were past tense! Version 2.0 describes electronic access to journals, that we are now in the middle of converting our subscriptions to, or adding to our print/bound journals. Version 3.0 is the format that he wants and that he is working towards achieving: the immediate access to research embedded in tables and graphs of articles, and their underlying data sets. 3.0 would give the ability to combine multiple tables, to allow the reader to participate and collaborate in research already done by his or her analysis of the data presented in multiple articles.

His talk went on to discuss the ability to brain map, access and combine data from multiple sources and types of data, including sensors or neurons, MRI, and CatScan results. This information is used in the clinical setting such as in some types of brain surgery where the patient is kept awake in order to respond to questions involving speech, hand movement, etc. (I remember something similar on the television show, *Grey's Anatomy*). This is done because each human's brain is individual and not an exact copy of the rest of the human race.

There was much positive response to the speaker from attendees. Thank you to everyone who worked on the luncheon.



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Book Reviews

Freshwater Mussel Ecology: A Multifactor Approach to Distribution and Abundance

By David L. Strayer

Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008

Reviewed by Tina Smith

In Freshwater Mussel Ecology: A Multifactor Approach to Distribution and Abundance, Strayer focuses on pearly mussel (unionoid) abundance and distribution as a means of addressing a larger issue: the lack of a multifactor method of conducting ecological research. This is a thoughtful, and thought-provoking, look at how ecologists have tended to focus on single factors (reductionist science) when conducting their research, which Strayer asserts is not the most useful way to approach research with subjects that are influenced heavily by multiple factors. By doing so researchers are possibly missing out on key pieces to the ecological puzzle, which can result in disastrous consequences considering that freshwater mussels are some of the most seriously threatened freshwater groups. Strayer sets out to discover if it is possible to devise a multifactor method of ecological research with the hope of providing more accurate data about the distribution and abundance of unionoids. The author begins with a discussion of the reductionist approach to research and then proceeds with a thorough explanation of the background, biology, and conservation issues of pearly mussels. He lists five factors that he determines to be the most necessary to determining the distribution and abundance of unionoids—dispersal, habitat, fish hosts, food and predation—and devotes a chapter to each. Each of these sections includes an informative introduction and history of the process and concludes with a discussion of the possible importance of the process to unionoid population and recommendations for future research.

In the end, Strayer deduces that unionoid distribution and abundance is controlled by multiple factors, but that it is unusual for all five factors to play crucial roles in most circumstances. While he concludes that a comprehensive model for predicting distribution and abundance is not possible, he does believe it is possible to use empirical models to deal with multiple controlling factors. Empirical models are more flexible and can be tailored to fit the situation at hand, but he also recognizes that empirical models will not satisfy the needs of all researchers.

In closing, Strayer also addresses the need for the continual testing and defining of models and acknowledges that the question of feasibility regarding such a quantitative theory cannot truly be answered until such theories have been tried and tested multiple times.

Strayer's discoveries would be a valuable read for most ecologists, especially those concerned with the conservation of this threatened species, as well as water quality managers. His insightful and thought-provoking examination of the scientific methods that conservation biology is grounded in should find an audience with environmental scientists and conservation biologists.

Health Communication in the 21st Century By KB Wright and HD O'Hair Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2008

Reviewed by Lorri Zipperer

This textbook provides an effective overview of the multi-faceted discipline of health communication. The authors —educators by profession—place the industry in its historical context and outline the importance of research in the discipline. After laying that foundation, they illustrate the complexity of health communication through a collection of chapters that discuss health communications audiences, interpersonal relationships, organizational and societal cultures, message development and dissemination, risk awareness and emerging health communication issues.

The details provided here present a grounded introduction to these subjects. Each chapter closes with a summary of the salient point of the section. References are provided to support the authors' suggestions and arguments without becoming overbearing. These resource lists could have been made more useful with annotations or by calling out of specific selections for students to focus on should they wish to learn more on a particular topic.

Another value-add for this text-heavy publication would be to include more illustrations. Given the highly visual orientation of society and the popular strategy to use pictures to distribute health-related content to a wide range of patients and practitioners, more examples of successful visual representations would have helped to bring the pages to life for the reader.

In general, the author team does a good job of describing the richness of the field of health care communications in an engaging tone that is effective for a student audience interested in professional pursuits in this arena.

IAMSLIC Liaison Report Becky Lasswell, Liaison to IAMSLIC

Registration is now open for the 34th annual IAMSLIC (International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) conference which will be held September 14-18, 2008, in Suva, Fiji and hosted by the University of the South Pacific. This year's theme is "Sustainability in a Changing Climate" with sessions focused on both physical climate change and the changing library environment. More information about the conference, including online registration and information on travel and lodging, is available here: http://www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=180

Early bird registration ends August 11th, and there is a discounted rate for students. In addition to the program, attendees can register for several fascinating-sounding field trips to explore the nature and culture of Fiji, including an eco-adventure on the Navua River. This is sure to be a fun and informative conference, and I encourage you to attend!

The 2010 IAMSLIC Conference will be held in Mar Del Plata, Argentina and the 2011 conference will be held in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

MLA Liaison Report

Michele Tennant, Liaison to the Medical Library Association

MLA Annual Conference

The Medical Library Association held its Annual Conference ("Connections: Bridging the Gaps") in Chicago, IL, May 16-21, 2008. The conference program is available for browsing, and over 170 posters were presented; the majority of them can be browsed on the web. Although there are fewer concurrent sessions at MLA than at SLA, all are related to medicine or biomedicine, so the schedule makes for some difficult choices. And with a number of new initiatives going on at my library, this year I spent most of my time networking, rather than attending sessions. If you attended a session at MLA that you think would be great for DBIO members to know about, please send me a brief description over email and we may be able to use it for the next issue of *Biofeedback*.

MLA President Mark Funk presented the best Presidential Address I have ever heard (and made the best use of presentation technology). I was inspired to break just about every rule in the book by his warnings not to keep doing things the way we do them just because that's the way we've always done them! He stressed the importance of technology (including social networking technology) to our futures, and introduced MLA's Task Force on Social Networking Software members in his slides. In particular, Mark stressed how technology can allow more people to truly participate in the MLA experience—conferences, governing, etc., even if they can not attend conference in person, or even if they can't serve formally on committees (there are far more members in MLA than there are slots on committees, at least the way that MLA is currently governed). For more on these issues, check out Mark's blog, and for a more complete wrap-up of the conference, see the "Official MLA 2008 Bloggers' Blog."

MLA's Molecular Biology and Genomics Special Interest Group (SIG) discussed a variety of issues at its annual meeting, including molecular programming for the 2009 conference, redesign of the SIG Web site, and collection development issues. A substantial amount of time was spent on how to deal with the demise of NCBI's educational efforts. A number of SIG members are investigating in-person and virtual educational models as well as funding mechanisms for bioinformatics-related education. The SIG would like to partner with other groups (including DBIO) to offer more molecular-, genetics-, and bioinformatics-related instruction for librarians and clients. If you have ideas, let me know and I will pass them along to the SIG. The good news–Jennifer Lyon (Vanderbilt University) has agreed to teach two modules on NCBI resources (structures/genomes) at SLA's D.C. conference in 2009. We are currently working on the paperwork to submit to SLA and hope that SLA will choose these courses for inclusion on the 2009 course roster.

More about the conference may appear in the next issue of *Biofeedback* in this column, but CD-ROMs of the 2008 conference can be purchased from the MLA website. Next year's conference is in Honolulu, May 15-20, 2009, and the call for participation has been issued. Hope to see everyone in Honolulu!

Other News from the Medical Library Association Awards, Grants, Scholarships

Nominations are being accepted for a number of association-wide MLA awards, including the Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year, the Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award, the T. Mark Hodges International Service Award, and the MLA Award for Distinguished Public Service. Deadline for nominations is November 1, and the winners will be presented their awards at the 2009 annual conference. For information and nomination forms, see http://www.mlanet.org/awards/.

MLA also provides a number of grants and scholarships; applications for most of these are due December 1. Numerous grants and scholarships are available, including the David A. Kronick Traveling Award that provides \$2,000 for visiting three or more libraries and the Donald A.B. Lindberg Research Fellowship (\$9,945 in 2009) created to "fund research aimed at expanding the research knowledgebase, linking the information services provided by librarians to improved health care and advances in biomedical research." For award/scholarship 12 Biofeedback

information and applications, see http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/ (note that the deadline for the Donald A.B. Lindberg Research Award is earlier – November 15).

New Editor for the Journal of the Medical Library Association

Susan Starr has been named new editor of the *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. Susan is the former director of the Biomedical Library at the University of California, San Diego. Starr's term as editor will run from 2009-2011.

Other Medical Library-related News

Call for Applications-NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellowships

Applications are due August 1, 2008 for the 2008/09 National Library of Medicine/ Association of Academic Health Science Libraries Leadership Fellows Program. According to the program brochure, the one-year program is "focused on preparing emerging leaders for the position of library director in academic health sciences libraries. Fellows will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in a variety of learning settings, including exposure to leadership in another environment. They will be paired with mentors who are academic health sciences library directors. In addition to the individual relationship with their mentors, fellows benefit from working collaboratively with other fellows and mentors." The program offers in-person and web-based components. For more information, see the program brochure link above.

Call for Abstracts (Presentations and Posters): 10th ICML

Abstract submissions are due September 19, 2008 for consideration for presentation at the 10th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML). The conference will be held August 31-September 4, 2009 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. From the conference website: "ICML, under the auspices of IFLA, is a global forum held every 4-5 years. The ICML 2009 theme *Positioning the Profession* will offer delegates an array of research papers, user studies and innovative solutions. Local and international presenters, including those working in health libraries, publishing industries and the information and communication technologies, as well as clinicians and academics will participate at the Congress. A number of continuing education activities will be offered as well as tours of the region. Interest has already been expressed from librarians and information professionals from Malaysia, China, Australia, India, Korea, Japan, Fiji, Egypt, Middle East, Europe, UK, Canada, Central America, Latin America and the United States. It is anticipated that more than 1000 delegates will attend the Congress." For more information, see the conference website link above.



Special Libraries Association Global Information Ethics Summit

Diane Hummel and Bonnie Chojnacki, Division Ethics Ambassadors

The first Global Information Ethics Summit of the Special Libraries Association, held at the organizations' annual conference in Seattle on June 14, 2008, consisted of an overview, two presentations, and a small group exercise. Jill Strand, Chair of SLA's Public Relations Advisory Council (PRAC) provided the overview of the initiative and introduced other members from headquarters who are involved in the ethics initiative. Jill told participants that the idea originated in 2003 as a way to grab the attention of the international business community. SLA had been looking for ways to identify members as stewards and stakeholders of information and also distinguish its membership from the American Libraries Association. Developing a Code of Ethics is part of the vision. PRAC hopes to develop the ethics initiative as a self-sustaining process committed to education and advocacy. PRAC offered to help Ethics Ambassadors in whatever way possible and plans to open its blog and wiki for wider membership participation. At the time of the conference thirty chapters or divisions had designated Ethics Ambassadors.

The second and most extensive part of the Global Information Ethics Summit included a presentation by Dr. Chris Bauer on organizational ethics. He drew a distinction between values and mission and discussed attributes of a good, viable code of ethics. Handouts from the presentation are attached. Following the presentation, participants broke into small groups to begin formulating a values statement for the Special Libraries Association. Several members with international experience participating in the discussion with the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Ethics Ambassadors, Diane Hummel and Bonnie Chojnacki, added unique perspectives aligned with the international focus of PRAC's intention of branding SLA as a global organization for information professionals.

A final presentation by Barbie Keiser concluded the Summit with an open-ended discussion on a wide variety of issues and technologies potentially related to ethics.



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Member News and Publications

Announcements and Kudos Alanna Jenkins, DBIO Member

Te have the pleasure of announcing the Awards, Achievements, Announcements and Accolades of our members Jo Anne Boorkman, Mary Chaikin, Zana Etter, Steve Johnson, Peggy M. Jones, Larry Kelland and Louisa Worthington Rogers.

Jo Anne Boorkman retired on June 27, 2008, after 23 years at the helm of the Carlson Health Sciences Library at the University of California, Davis. Jo Anne has been active both locally and nationally in the Medical Library Association and the Special Libraries Association. Her contributions to both groups have been recognized by her being named a Fellow of the Medical Library Association in 1999, and a Fellow of the Special Libraries Association in 2000. In addition, she received the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group Award for Professional Excellence in 1996. Among her publications is the renowned *Introduction to Reference Sources in the Health Sciences*, currently in its fifth edition and considered a standard in the field.

Jo Anne was chair of DBIO in 1993/1994, and received the Distinguished Member Award from the Division in 2002. Congratulations, Jo Anne, and best of luck from your colleagues in DBIO!

Mary C. Chaikin retired in December from the Psychology Library at Princeton University, after 25 years of service to Princeton. She was named Emeritus Librarian by the Dean of Faculty. Congratulations, Mary!

Zana Etter, Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Media Library in Piscataway, New Jersey, presented "Digital Audio Lectures: Securing the Library's Future" (http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/conf2008/zanaetter.html) at the 2008 Health Libraries Group Conference held in Cardiff, Wales, July 21-22. The theme of the conference was "Impact and Influence: Evolving to Succeed" and was sponsored by the National Library for Health and Information Professionals (CILIP). In addition to being a member of the SLA, Zana is active in the International Cooperation Section of the MLA, is a member of EAHIL (European Association for Health Information and Libraries) and was the editor of the MLA International News column from 1999 to 2001. Kudos, Zana, to your ongoing contributions to the special libraries community.

Steve Johnson, formerly at the Wildlife Conservation Society Library, is now working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage at Alaska Resources Library & Information Services (ARLIS) Congratulations on your new position, Steve.

Peggy M. Jones, MILS, has been promoted to Pritzker Librarian & Manager, CMRC Communications. In this capacity she will be responsible for publications, press releases, news for the Children's Memorial Research Center Web site and other communications vehicles. Jones has served as the research center's librarian since 1997. Peggy, we wish you every success in your new position!

J. Laurence (Larry) Kelland, PhD., retired from his position as Reference Librarian at the University of Rhode Island Library, Kingston RI at the end of June 2008. He has been a member of SLA since 1976 and a member of the Rhode Island chapter and of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. (and the Medical Section). In the DBIO Division, he has been Business Manager, and Division Chair.

As an active member of the Rhode Island Chapter, he has served continuously on the Chapter Executive Board and as Chapter Treasurer, President-elect, and Chapter President. Larry has been Chapter Archivist since 1988 until his retirement. In May 2008 the Rhode Island Chapter named him "Librarian of the Year." In his acceptance of the chapter award, he reminded us all that the heart of SLA is the local chapter, and that we should all continue to work for the good of SLA through our actions as chapter members.

It will seem strange to be at an executive board meeting, in the middle of a long discussion about some topic, and not to hear his succinct summation of the problem starting with a quiet "Well, I think ..." Thank you, Larry, for your support, encouragement and good humor during all of your years as an SLA member.

Louisa Worthington Rogers will retire on September 10, 2008, from her position as Biology, Medicine and Neurosciences Librarian at the MIT Science Library after a 38-year career in libraries. She was an information specialist for several different libraries and institutions over her career, including the NIH Information Center for Speech, Hearing and Disorders of Human Communication, Harvard's Countway Library of Medicine, the Harvard Biological Laboratories, Putnam, Hayes & Bartlett Inc. (an economic consulting firm), and, finally, MIT.

Louisa has served on many national committees as chair or member for SLA, MLA and ASIST, including an active role in DBIO. Her contributions to DBIO include serving on the program committees of the 1997 and 2006 conferences. She served on the DBIO board in her role as Liaison to ASIST from 2004-2007, and this past year was a member of the DBIO Awards Committee. Congratulations, Louisa, and we hope you enjoy this new chapter in your life.

New Members and Member Anniversaries Nancy R. Curtis, Membership Committee Chair

s of mid-June, there are 705 members of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. It's been a busy quarter, with nearly thirty new members joining (or rejoining) the Division, roughly the same number Leelebrating a landmark anniversary of their membership in SLA, and several of our members moving on to a new phase in their lives.

First, welcome (or welcome back) to our newest members, who have joined or rejoined the Division between February and April.

Affra Al-Shamsi, The Royal Hospital, Oman Angel Baez, BlueCoast International Research Lisa Berrones, Madison, Wisconsin Maureen Bezanson, White Rock, British Columbia Jill Campbell, Bluewater Health Catharine Canevari, Winston-Salem, North Carolina Lella Dal Ferro, Sanofi Pasteur Scott Feiner. Forest Laboratories Jen Ferguson, Holliston, Massachusetts

Katherine Fischer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Emily Glenn, Seattle Biomedical Research Institute

Anne Gregory, Edmonton, Alberta

Samantha Guss, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

James Harroun, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Steve Hoare, Royal Society of Chemistry

Timothy Morgan, Seattle, Washington

Deborah Mosora, Brookfield, Ohio

Claudia Nasson, Accucoms

Nicole Pagowsky, Tucson, AZ

Rebecca Pappert, Charles L. Brown Science & Engineering Library, University of Virginia

Rachel Peckover, American Society for Microbiology and Royal Social Publishing

Jacquelyn Petzold, Bloomington, Indiana

Sean Power, Infinata

Kathleen Quinn, Dr. William C. Herrick Community Health Care Library

Joanne Radulovich, Halton Healthcare Services

Allison Scripa, Knoxville, Tennessee

Corrina Switzer, North York, Ontario

Peter Vakhutinsky, CambridgeSoft

At the annual Division Business Meeting in Seattle, the following members were honored for their service to SLA, and particularly to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division. Congratulations to all of you!

20-year anniversaries (members since 1988)

Cecilia (Penny) N. Boyle Renee B. Bush Elissa Cochran T. Joan Crouze Esther Khoo Johnson Steven P. Johnson Michelle A. Lahey Judy A. Lee Douglas T. Macbeth Debra J. McCurry Susan M. Murray Laurie J. Scott Lois P. Sill Kate Vranich

25-year anniversaries (members since 1983)

Mary C. Chaikin Erlinda A. Counts Bridget T. Kowalczyk Ramune K. Kubilius Eileen H. Stanley

30-year anniversaries (members since 1978)

Bill Cohen Betty Edwards Carol A. Feltes Patricia L. Thibodeau

35-year anniversaries (members since 1973)

Dr. Ruth E. Fenske Jeanne L. Galbraith Maxine Goldsmith Mary Lao Irene S. Laursen Ingrid Radkey Fred W. Roper Gail A. Yokote

Fred Stoss, listed as a new member in the previous issue of *Biofeedback*, noted that he is actually a returning member, rejoining SLA (and the Division) after a long absence from the Association.

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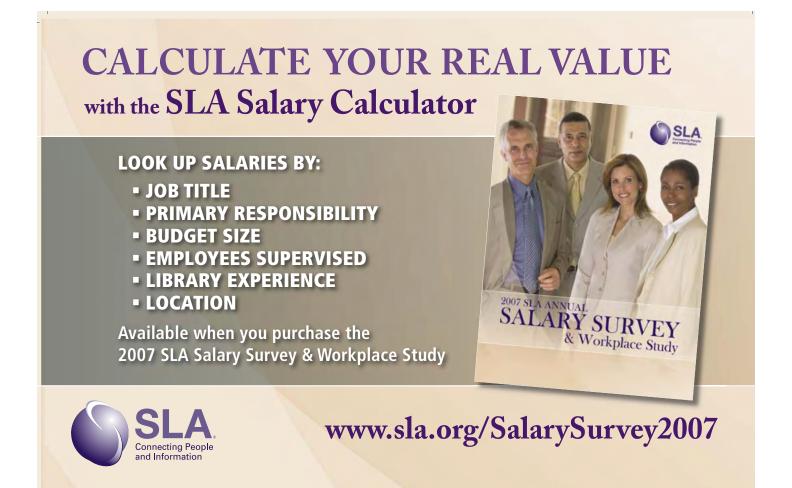
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