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Message from the Chair Nalini Mahajan

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Boston was a great convention city. According to [Tracy Maleef](#), Chair of the Annual Conference Advisory Council, SLA 2015 drew 3,002 attendees which was 24 percent higher than the prior year and there was a 91-percent satisfaction rate among attendees. The opening session keynote speaker, Leigh Gallagher, was a hit. Her five tips for information professionals resonated well with the crowd:

- Market yourself to your organization and colleagues.
- Use metrics to quantify what you do for the organization.
- Stay ahead of the curve.
- Offer high-end research products; go “artisanal” with your services.

In alignment with the conference’s theme: be Revolutionary: be disruptive and innovative in what you do.

DBIO had some outstanding programming and networking opportunities that drew in members from across the association to learn new skills and exchange ideas. As the 2015 Program Chair, I am very proud of the division’s contribution to the SLA annual meeting. Thanks to our Program Planning Committee members for their innovative ideas, the meeting was a huge success. As you all know, I was unable to attend the meeting. However, there was very positive feedback from vendors as well as members. We collaborated with our sister SLA units (Chemistry Division, Engineering Division, Food Agriculture & Nutrition Division, Information Technology Division, Pharmaceutical & Health Technology Division, Science-Technology Division) to offer programming; the sessions were very well attended. Below are the highlights from the meeting:

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80th Anniversary of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division

2015 marks the [80th Anniversary of the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division](#). The Division celebrated the Anniversary at the 2015 Annual Conference. Thanks to Christopher Hooper-Lane, our Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting featured a slideshow with highlights from past chairs and photos from past conferences. All DBIO members were invited to an elegant evening of fun, food, laughter and plenty of time to reminisce.

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations Networking Lunch

There were over 70 attendees at the luncheon. Four leading vendors, [Digital Science](#), [Faculty of 1000](#), [SCIENCESCAPE](#) and [Wolters Kluwer Health Medical Research](#) participated and had fifteen-minute presentations with brief question-and-answer follow up. Complimentary box lunches were provided to all attendees. The speakers did an awesome job; their presentations are now available on our [website](#).

Genetic Mutations: How Do They Arise and What Do They Do? Interdisciplinary Perspectives

The session included an informative panel on genetic mutations by world-renowned scientists Dr. Hopi Hoekstra and Dr. James Mallet,

Science of 3D printing session

The panel introduced principles of 3D printing technologies and associated material science and discussed applications and potential of 3D printing. There were approximately 145 people at the session. Slides from Chemistry Division are available at [Science of 3D Printing](#).

Learning and Libations: The Annual DBIO Medical Section Reception and Business Meeting

The Medical Section hosted DBIO members and guests at their annual business meeting and reception. There was an attendee-led discussion on topics of interest to medical librarians and the future of the Medical Section. The event provided a great opportunity to network with colleagues, foster relationships, meet members and gain new knowledge while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. 22 members attended the session.

All Sciences Poster Session and Reception

Information professionals from industry, government and academia presented a wide range of original research in twenty-two posters. Well over 200 attended the poster session and reception.

Revolutionize Library Management: Best Practices

Seven panelists covered best practices for measuring and documenting the tangible value of the information services they provide for their respective corporate, medical, scientific and/or technical institutions. 74 members from various divisions and chapter attended the session.

Master Class Demystifying the Information Audit: From Knowledge Management (KM) to Enterprise Information Management (EIM)

Sue Henczel and Graham Robertson presented a very interesting session which stimulated lot of great dialogue, and was attended by 133 members.

Transforming International Science and Technology Librarianship

A variety of speakers from academic, corporate, and government libraries discussed their roles in transforming the libraries to meet the needs of their patrons and network with librarians across the world. More than 25 members attended the session.

For detailed description of the program, please visit the DBIO website at : [2015 SLA Annual Conference DBIO Program](#)

As Chair of the Division I had the privilege of presenting a Chair's Award in recognition for service to the Division, the Association, and the profession. This year, three highly deserving and generous individuals were presented with a Chair's award:

- Dorothy Barr, Natural History Caucus Convener and Research Librarian-MCB Liaison, Ernst Mayr Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Peggy Murphy, Librarian and Communications Manager, Pritzker Research Library, Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute, Chicago
- Christopher Hooper-Lane, Clinical Informationist, Clinical Sciences Team Lead, Ebling Library, University of Wisconsin

All three have very impressive portfolios, are exceptional leaders in the library profession, and have been involved in DBIO for many many years. I truly appreciate your stepping up for me when I needed you the most. ... It is dedicated members like you who make a difference.

Boston is a beautiful historical city to visit and we had a great Conference! I am happy and proud of our world-wide family that— other than exchanging ideas and sharing knowledge— looks forward to dining, wining and laughing. I look forward to seeing you at the 2016 conference in Philadelphia: the City of Brotherly Love. Let our Program Chair, Ruth Gustafson, or me know if you have any ideas for sessions you'd like to see!

Once again, my sincerest thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to make the 2015 DBIO meeting a memorable event. Thank you ... thank you ... thank you!

Your Job Search Just Got Easier!

Looking for a library job? The DBIO Job Offerings page lists job openings for academic librarians, medical librarians, and other positions of interest to division members.

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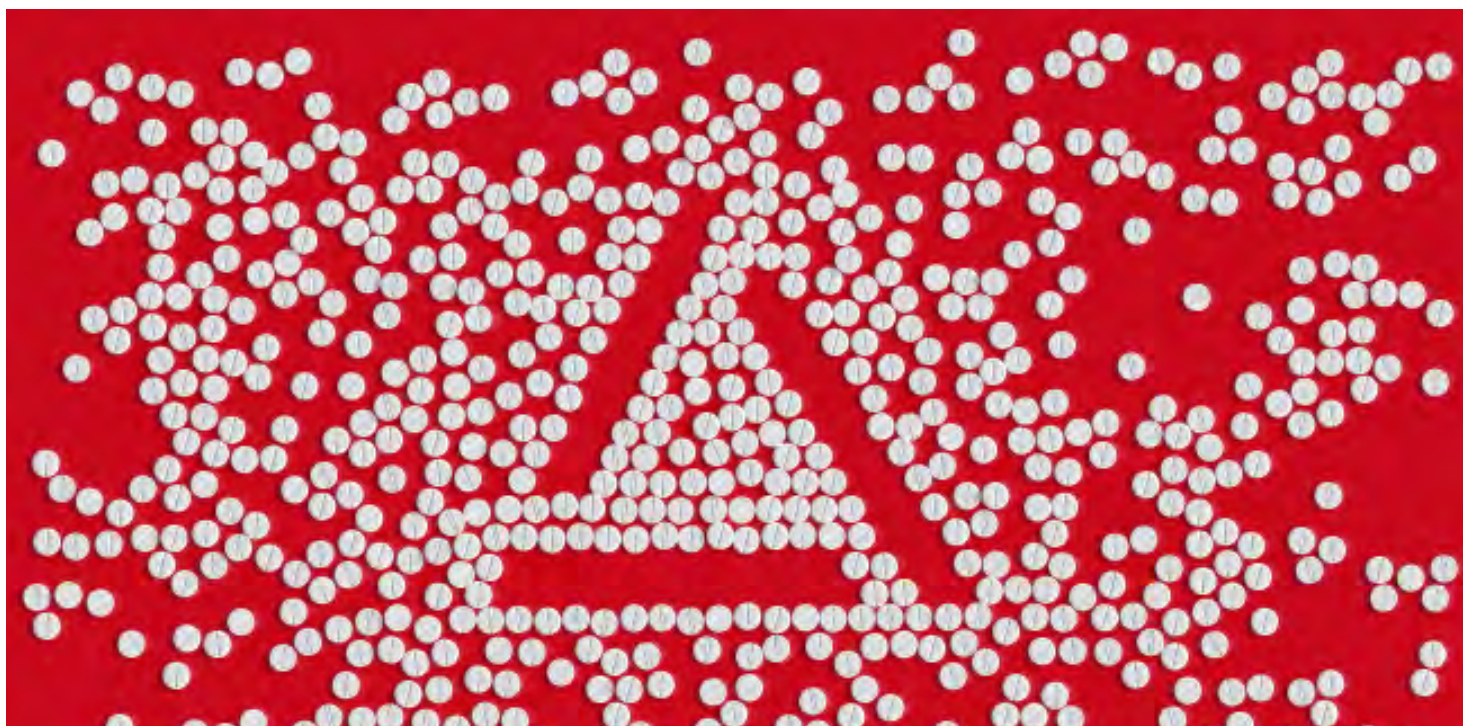
Elaine Dean

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Medical Section Learning and Libations meeting and reception in Boston this year! It was wonderful to see some familiar faces as well as first time attendees and we had lots of lively discussions at our unconference. Thank you again to Springer for sponsoring this program.

Did you attend the reception? We are always looking for new ideas for our programming, so please share any comments or feedback so we can consider them for next year's planning. While SLA continues working through this time of change I think it is a good time for us all to reflect on why we are members of SLA, members of DBIO, and members of the Medical Section. How are you benefiting from your membership and what do you hope to gain in the future? What kind of programming and engagement would be most helpful and interesting to you? Consider getting more involved and you can help shape the future of the Medical Section.

If you didn't make it to Boston or missed a session you were interested in attending you can often find presentation materials linked in the [online program planner](#) or on the website of the sponsoring division.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as the 2016 Medical Section Chair and Secretary. If you are interested taking on a role in the Medical Section, please volunteer for service on the Biomedical and Life Science Division website or email Elaine.dean@cchmc.org. I would be happy to discuss the details of the positions if you are interested in learning more about the opportunities and responsibilities.



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DBIO Member News and Publications

Lori Bronars

DBIO members Lori Bronars, Tallie Casucci, Valerie Perry, and Tony Stankus report recent publications, presentations, awards, and exhibits.

- Lori Bronars co-curated a digital media exhibit, *Anthropology at Yale: Past and Present*, on display at the Center for Science and Social Science Information, Yale University, March-October 2015.
- Casucci, T, JM Gregory, JM Le Ber, JP Shipman and AI Weber. 2015. Space challenges: collaborations and collisions create change. *Public Services Quarterly* 11(2):163-70
- Casucci, T. “Driving Innovation in Mobile Learning and Libraries.” Quick Take Session Presentation, SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO, Boston, MA, June 15, 2015
- Hartman, P, R Newhouse, and V. Perry. 2014. Building a sustainable life science information literacy program using the train-the-trainer model. *Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship* Summer No. 77
- Valerie Perry received the 2014 Larry Besant Professional Award from the SLA Kentucky Chapter.
- Stankus, T. “The Integrated Pest Management of Insects that Infect Your Libraries, Archives, and Museums.” Featured speaker, SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO, Museum, Arts & Humanities Division, Boston, MA, June 16, 2015



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