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Chair's Message

Peggy Murphy

Happy summer to all of you who live in the Northern Hemisphere! For those in the Southern Hemisphere, happy winter! For those on or near the equator, feel free to shrug your shoulders at all this seasonal talk!

Those of us who attended the SLA 2019 Annual Conference in Cleveland were thrilled with the programming, tours, lively discussions and other conference fun. As it turns out, Cleveland is a great place to get a wonderful meal, explore the amazing architecture and take in the river and lake views. For those who didn't attend, the list of [DBIO-sponsored programs is here](#), and many of the [educational session presentation slides are available here](#). Please take a moment to thank [Neyda Gilman](#) for her spectacular work on DBIO programming.

DBIO and the Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division held a joint reception at the annual conference that was well attended and enjoyed by all. We didn't do a lot of discussing as a large group; rather, we chatted over food and beverages, and enjoyed meeting new people and reuniting with those we had not seen for too long. Plans are in place for a committee to take on the job of exploring the feasibility of conducting a merger between these units.

Now that the conference is over, we have more work to do, and more fun is coming our way!

We need your help! If you are considering volunteering for DBIO please let me know. On a personal note, I started as a student volunteer for the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division and have never looked back. Each opportunity has rewarded me with a deeper knowledge of how to get things done and a new appreciation for all the wonderful people I'm fortunate enough to work with. Here are a few volunteer opportunities:

- **Program planning team for the 2020 SLA conference in Charlotte, North Carolina:** No experience is necessary, and you will be working with a dedicated group of colleagues.
- **Virtual programs:** If you are interested in planning virtual learning experiences for your fellow SLA members, we are looking for a team to help build this capacity.

• **Membership & Student Relations Committee:** Now more than ever we want to be recruiting students in library and information school programs, recent graduates, and seasoned professionals who are looking for a dynamic organization to join. Our members also need you! They want to be recognized for their leadership in SLA, their places of work and their roles as volunteers.

Thank you for all you do for DBIO and SLA. If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to me at any time: peganmurph@gmail.com.

DBIO Vendor Relations Roundtable Slides

Donna Gibson

DBIO Vendor Relations Roundtable Session Organizer

For those who were not able to attend this session at SLA, you can now check out the vendor slides!

Here are the steps:

- Access the DBIO website: http://dbiosla.org/events/sla_conference/dbio_program.html
- Scroll down until you reach the section description for **“Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations Roundtable Lunch”** which took place on Monday, June 17. You can also search for the word Vendor once you reach the page.

Within the description, you’ll see links to all three presentations: **“Going Beyond Books and Articles: A Story or Measurement, Insights and Advancement”**(Giacomo Mancini, Kelly Matagiese); **“Helping Libraries Make Global Research Discoverable”** (Brooke Melia); and **“Advancements in ORCID for Research Impact”** (Sheila Rabun).

If you have any questions or want to explore any of the cited resources, feel free to reach out to the presenters.



SLA 2019 Annual Conference Wrap-Up of DBIO-Sponsored Events

Here are the events that DBIO hosted during the annual conference in Cleveland:

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Full Day CE: So You Want to Learn to Code: R Programming for Librarians and Other Information Professionals

R is an extensible, open-source language and computing environment for Windows, Macintosh, UNIX and Linux platforms. RStudio is a very popular way to create R scripts that interact with the R software. This hands-on workshop taught non-programmers to write modular code and to introduce best practices for using R for data analysis.

Co-sponsors: DBIO, PHT, IT

Instructors: Doug Joubert, Candace Norton and Cindy Sheffield, National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Natural History Caucus Guided Tour of the Cleveland Natural History Museum

A guided tour of the Cleveland Natural History Museum allowed attendees to “delve deep into the past in our dinosaur hall, discover the outer reaches of the Universe in Shafran Planetarium and experience natural wonders in outdoor galleries.”

Lead: Natural History Caucus, DBIO

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Officers and Committee Chairs’ Meeting/Dinner

The DBIO Board and committee members met to review the activities and projects undertaken by the division and to discuss plans for the 2019 conference. The group discussed committees, finances, member engagement and other issues.

Convener: Peggy Murphy, DBIO Chair

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Genomic Literacy

The National Human Genome Research Institute’s Education and Community Involvement Branch seeks out and works with diverse communities and institutions to collaboratively develop genomic educational resources and programming to enhance the understanding of genetics and genomics. This interactive presentation highlighted various types of programming designed to support genomic literacy and the multi-faceted strategies used to engage stakeholders.

Lead: Insurance & Employee Benefits Division

Co-sponsors: DBIO, DEDU

Presenters: Carla Easter and Mary Ellen Bates

What Do Researchers Need? How to engage and assist them, and help them promote their research

The presenters discussed successful strategies to for information professionals in research environment to start a dialog, show their value and how they can assist, and become a scientist's and researcher's trusted expert. A lively audience discussion followed.

Lead: DBIO

Speakers: Margaret A. Hoogland, MLS, AH, and John Hoogland, PhD

All Sciences and Engineering Poster Session and Awards Reception

The All Sciences and Engineering Divisions' Awards presentations and poster session reception allowed members to see the scholarly work that their peers conducted. Voting for the best poster advanced one poster to the SLA Super Poster competition.

Lead: DST

Cosponsors: DBIO and others

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Business Meeting

DBIO members met to review the activities and projects undertaken by the division during the past year. Under discussion were the possible merger with DPHT, committee member recruitment, changes in SLA's unit structure and other issues

Convener: Peggy Murphy, DBIO Chair

Lead: DBIO

Understanding Environmental Justice: Helping our patrons find their voice

During this session, three experts spoke about their disciplines and expertise on environmental justice and energy laws. Attendees acquired a basic understanding of environmental justice, pertinent legislation, and relevant legal information resources to help them in assisting individuals and communities struggling with the complexities of laws, legislation, and justice.

Lead: DBIO

Co-sponsors: DLEG, FAER

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, Environmental Justice Minister, United Church of Christ, Cleveland; Dr. Bill Bowen, Public Administration and Urban Studies, Cleveland State University; Dr. Heidi Robertson, Law, Environmental Studies, Cleveland State University

Librarians: The Key to Powerful Systematic Reviews

Research has demonstrated that systematic review teams, with librarians as co-authors, have higher quality search strategies than teams without librarians. What does it look like when librarians are part of the team? What benefits does librarian authorship provide for the team? How do libraries offer and promote systematic review partnership as a service? A librarian and a physician/researcher discussed their experiences on systematic review teams.

Lead: Brandy King

Co-sponsor: DBIO

Presenters: Brandy King, MLIS, Brian D. Schwartz, Susan J. Stagno, MD

What's the Buzz? Cannabis Law Tell Me What's a Happenin'

Spending on the legal cannabis market is forecasted to hit \$57 billion by 2027. Approximately two-thirds of this market will be in legal recreational use and the other third will be medical. Law firms are increasingly starting Cannabis practices to weed through regulatory, compliance, intellectual property, contract, and litigation issues ethically and competently. This session addressed cannabis horticulture, cannabis as a business and medical use of cannabis. The history of marijuana laws in California and best practices for keeping up new laws and regulations were discussed.

Moderator: Amy Jankowski, Medical Section Chair

Lead: DELG

Co-Sponsor: DBIO Medical Section, PHT

Presenters: Susan Mecklem, Jacob Wagner and Bobbi Weaver

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations Roundtable Lunch

This lunch event featured three vendors (Elsevier, Dimensions, and ORCID). Kelly Matagièse, Elsevier; "Going Beyond Books and Articles: A Story or Measurement, Insights and Advancement". Brooke Melia, Dimensions; "Helping Libraries Make Global Research Discoverable". Sheila Rabun, ORCID US Community Specialist (at LYRASIS); "Advancements in ORCID for Research Impact"

Convener: Donna Gibson

Lead: DBIO

Implementing and Providing Health Information Services and Resources for the LGBTQ Community

The LGBTQ community faces specific challenges to access quality medical information. Michelle Kraft, Library Director at the Cleveland Clinic, taught attendees how to provide LGBTQ inclusive medical reference. She focused on the art of the reference interview for LGBTQ patrons, pertinent medical resources (including mental health/support services), and community outreach opportunities.

Lead: GLBTIC

Co-sponsors: DBIO, IT

Natural History Caucus Business meeting and Roundtable

Presented by: Natural History Caucus

DPHT and DBIO Joint Reception

The PHT and DBIO groups held a joint division reception to allow the two groups to have a dedicated networking and collaboration opportunity while on-site for the 2019 SLA Annual Conference. A merger between the divisions is under discussion and this reception was an ideal opportunity for the leaders and members of each division to come together and assess interest.

Presented by: Pharmaceutical and Health Technology Division & Biomedical and Life Sciences Division

TUESDAY JUNE 18

Sci-Tech 101: Medical Devices and Healthcare Innovations

Basic educational session focusing on free or low-cost resources for researching topics related to organ donation and medical device innovation. Mary Frances Lembo discussed living organ donation and resources to support research in that area. James Manasco expanded outside that topic and looked at the latest in medical devices and resources for research on that topic.

Lead: DST

Co-sponsors: DBIO and others

Super Poster Session

The finalists from each unit-led poster session were invited to participate in the SLA Super Poster session the last day of the conference.

Presented by: All Divisions

DBIO Member Publications

Lori Bronars

Our beloved Tony Stankus has shared evidence of his professional activity over the past couple of years. In addition, he tells me that four of his ten books that were out-of-print will be reissued by Taylor & Francis. Congratulations Tony!

Stankus, Tony. 2019. "Reviews of Science for Science Librarians: The National Weight Control Registry-25 Years of Compiling Strategies Used by Long Term Weight Loss Maintainers," *Science & Technology Libraries* doi: [10.1080/0194262X.2019.1595810](https://doi.org/10.1080/0194262X.2019.1595810) (Pagination for print edition not yet set)

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