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According to our Bylaws, our Division "encompasses the biological sciences, both pure and applied, and the acquisition, organization, dissemination, and use of biological information in all forms." Since 1934 the Division has provided a professional gathering place for librarians and information specialists to learn, to share, and to pursue common goals. Our interests as professionals are, of course, strongly shaped by the broad sweep of the life sciences and, like the life sciences, range from agriculture to zoos, from molecular biology to global systems, from prokaryotes to advanced health care. Despite their diversity these interests share strong common ground which has been the Division's emphasis and its strength since its founding.

If the Division is to support its members in their evolving professional needs it must, from time to time, ask itself: are we meeting member needs as effectively as we might? Are there needs we are not addressing and would do well to address?

At this time the Division Executive Board poses these questions to its members who are medical librarians. Medical librarians were of course prominent in the founding of the Division in 1934 and have continued to provide leadership and support ever since. For example, two of the last four Division Chairs have been medical librarians, and the current Chair-Elect has health care information among her core job responsibilities. Most importantly, over 44% of our Division's current members identify themselves as medical or hospital librarians.

To consult with these members as well as others who are interested in the topic the Executive Board has authorized the creation of a Division task force to be announced shortly. I am confident that

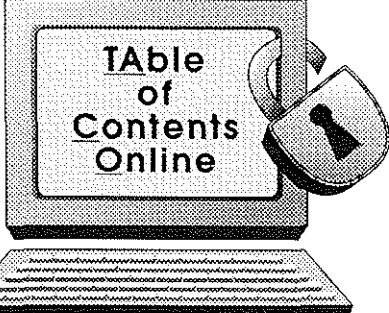
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the task force will undertake its work efficiently and effectively and that it will prepare a preliminary report for Annual Conference in Montreal this June. I am also confident that BSD members will share their perspectives with the task force over the next several months as the group seeks to continue the Division's tradition of supporting members in their professional needs. In the meantime, if you have comments, questions, or perspectives you would like to share with me I can be reached easily (*see note on address change on page 9*).


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BSD Slate of Nominees

The Nominations and Elections Committee has nominated the following candidates for the offices of Chair-Elect and Director.

CHAIR-ELECT

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University of California, Irvine

DIRECTOR

Julia Perez
Biological Sciences Library, Michigan State
University
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Additional nominations, accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee, may be entered by petition of twenty Division members and will be filed with the Nominations and Elections Committee at least sixty days before the annual business meeting. Any additional nominations must be received by 12 April 1995 for ballot preparation.

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SLA Winter Meeting Report

Patricia B. Yocum, BSD Chair

Lucy Rowland, Chair-Elect, and I represented the Division at the SLA Winter Meeting January 25-27, 1995 in Raleigh, N.C. and were joined by Nancy Kozlowski, Division Treasurer, who attended as an observer. The main focus of my work was finalizing plans for the Annual Conference in Montreal. Lucy meanwhile concentrated on the Boston conference in 1996. As announced earlier, our Division has moved up its conference planning cycle and last June named a Boston Program Planning Committee chaired by Anna McGowan. Lucy and I are ever more persuaded that both a committee and a two year planning cycle are the way to go with conference planning.

Sharing a hotel room, Lucy and I were able to cover a long agenda of Division business. Items included the scope of the unit, service to members, committee structure and activities, finances, and, of course, future prospects. Our discussions were very fruitful and augur well for a smooth transition in officeholders come June. As we have throughout the year, we will continue our communications, especially via e-mail between now and then.

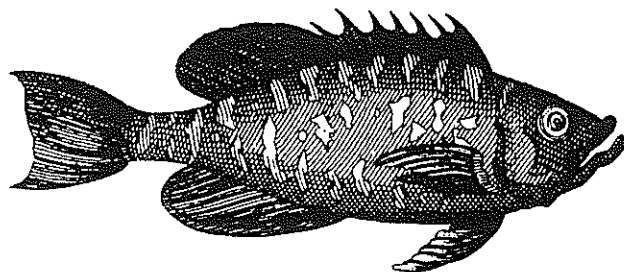
Planning for the Montreal Conference proceeded much as expected but included special notes on crossing the U.S.-Canadian border. More information will appear in the *Specialist* and the spring issue of *Biofeedback*. For now here are the rock-bottom basics for smooth crossing as I understand them:

1. **Verifying yourself.** Take your passport if you have one. If not, take your birth certificate plus official photo i.d. (A driver's license does not prove citizenship.)
2. **Verifying your computer, camera, tape deck, etc.** Take along your proof of purchase. Register the item with U.S. Customs *before* you enter Canada and retain your copy of the Customs form and prepare to show it to Canadian Customs if asked.

Montreal promises both an excellent selection of programs and an enviable locale. The Preliminary Conference Program will be mailed in March.

Lucy and I both attended the Division Cabinet meeting where SLA President Jane Dysart led a stimulating visioning exercise which placed us in the year 2005. In an action item, Cabinet recommended to the SLA Board that the threshold for independent unit commitment (i.e. without review by the SLA Executive Director) be raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Finally, the SLA Executive Board met several times. Reports of its activities will appear in the next *Specialist*.



Additional Volunteers!

The Summer 1994 issue of *Biofeedback* (p. 13) listed BSD members who are serving this year as Division officers, committee members, program planners, etc. A few more have since been added. For the Montreal Conference Anne Marie Malley is planning *Webbed for Life: Biology on the World Wide Web* while Sharon Grant has joined Elizabeth Lamont in planning *A Votre Sante! Health Care Information in Cyberspace*. Similarly, Catherine Hanson-Tracy, last year's student award winner joins Beth Paskoff in helping the Division celebrate 60 years of activity while Joan DeFato, having completed her duties as BSD Treasurer, joins Jack Cooper on the Division's Awards Committee.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of an association and the nearly 50 volunteers active this year indicate that BSD is quite alive and well! It's not too early to start thinking about how you might want to be active next year!

Tour to Ottawa, Ontario

A one-day visit to Ottawa, Canada's capital, is open exclusively to members of the Biological Sciences and Science and Technology Divisions of SLA. The trip is co-sponsored by CISTI, the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, and the two aforementioned SLA divisions.

Ottawa is a 2-hour drive from Montreal, through the Quebec countryside to the province of Ontario. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:30 the same day.

The day includes:

- a visit to CISTI, North America's largest sci/tech and medical information center (part of the National Research Council of Canada)
- lunch at CISTI
- a drive past the Parliament buildings in downtown Ottawa
- a visit to Canada's National Museum of Science and Technology

The tour will take place on June 15th, and the cost is \$10. Tickets will be available at the CISTI Booth at the SLA Annual Conference in Montreal, June 11-14. This tour is limited to 45 people.

Montreal Swap & Shop

Changes to the traditional format of the annual Swap & Shop will make this year's event in Montreal the best ever! The Swap & Shop, sponsored by Lexis/Nexis, rewards excellence in library marketing and promotion with cash prizes. This year's event will return to a single Monday afternoon session from 1:00-5:00 p.m. During the session attendees will be given a ballot to vote for winners by type of library (Solo, Medium-Large, and Consultant) and by type of material (Newsletters, Brochures, and Special Materials). Attendees will be asked to judge according to criteria ranging from "Best Written", "Most Original," to "Best Looking." Unlike previous years, participants will no longer be asked to send in up to 50 copies of their materials. Instead, participants need only send four copies for display purposes. In addition, while attendees peruse the various newsletters and brochures, experts in public relations and in brochure design will be available in a roundtable setting to conduct "makeovers" of promotional materials and to discuss criteria for a successful newsletter or public relations campaign. For more information, or for Swap & Shop entry forms, contact: Corilee Christou, Mead Data Central, 9443 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH 45401 (in Ohio, 800-227-8379 ext. 6245/outside Ohio, 800-227-9597).

BSD Program at Great Lakes Regional Conference

The Biological Sciences Division is sponsoring a presentation at the Third Great Lakes Regional Conference in Chicago, *Leadership and Innovation: Information at the Forefront*, to be held March 22-24, 1995. The Biological Sciences Division meeting, entitled *Dilemmas & Decisions in the Healthcare Environment: Non-Clinical Issues for the Information Professional*, will be held on March 23 from 9:45 a.m. to noon, and promises to focus on some of the questions facing us in the health care arena today that are not centered on the patient. By acknowledging these issues, we hope to better prepare our members, as well as our colleagues in the business, legal, and corporate communities, for future challenges in the health care information realm.

Scheduled speakers are as follows:

Eric S. Freibrun, J.D., will speak on the legalities of distributing medical information via the Internet

Lynn E. Jensen, Ph.D., Vice President, Group on Health Policy and Programs, American Medical Association, will discuss the role of organized medicine in developing and disseminating policies, and what those policies actually mean. The title of Dr. Jensen's talk is *The Creation, Dissemination, and Use of AMA's Health Policy in the Electronic Era*.

Ann Weller, M.L.S., Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago will speak on *Ethics in Serials Publications: Is There a Role for the Information Professional?*

Jean Dumas, M.L.S., Rush Medical Center Library, will speak on the concerns of business and reliable resources regarding alternative therapies, *Complementary Medicine's 3 C's: Credibility, Concerns, Collection*.

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Contact person for the Great Lakes Regional Conference as a whole:

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CE Course on Gene Mapping Databases

Molecular Sequence and Gene Mapping Databases will be the Biological Sciences Division CE Course offering at SLA this year in Montreal on June 10th. This all day, hands-on course will be taught by Kerry Brandt, Ph.D., of John Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The course offers coverage of the structure, content and role of gene sequence and mapping databases (including GenBank and the Genome Data Base) in modern biological research, discusses the strengths and weaknesses of the various interfaces for searching and analyzing these data and explores related resources available worldwide on the Internet.

Look for more information on the course and the instructor in the next issue of *Biofeedback*.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Announcing A ♥ Heartfelt ♥ SLA Student Conference Award

86th Annual Conference, June 1995

Montreal, Canada

Sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division of SLA

In June 1995, special librarians from all over the world will gather in Montreal for the 86th Special Libraries Association Annual Conference. To help defray costs of attending the conference, the Biological Sciences Division of SLA is offering an award to a graduate student interested in biological sciences librarianship.

Support of the sponsored student will include:

- ♦ Up to \$1,000 to be used to pay for travel, lodging, and meals during the conference
- ♦ Free tickets to Biological Sciences Division events
- ♦ Opportunities to network with bioscience librarians

Persons wishing to apply must:

- ♦ Be a member of SLA
- ♦ Be enrolled in a graduate program leading to a degree in library/information science at the time of application
- ♦ Submit a paper or information on a project, either original or previously submitted as a required assignment for the current graduate program. The entry must concern a problem, issue, or challenge facing biological sciences librarianship. Examples of potential submissions might include creation of a gopher or homepage, analytical report, or research synopsis. Project-type entries must include access information where applicable. Entries consisting of material previously submitted as coursework must include the name of the faculty member for the class.
- ♦ Include a cover letter providing the applicant's name, address, phone number, graduate program, name of school, and anticipated date of graduation

All entries must be received by March 15, 1995. For further information, contact:

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DISCLAIMER: The Biological Sciences Division reserves the right to not make an award.

Charter BSD Members—1934

In 1994-95 the Biological Sciences Division celebrates 60 years of activity. It is most appropriate to recognize those librarians from long ago who had the foresight, commitment, and energy to establish this most vibrant of SLA Divisions.

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June 20, 1934

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Book Reviews

Maples of the World

by D.M. van Gelderen, P.C. de Jong, and H.J. Oterdoom; photographs by J.R.P. van Hoey Smith. Portland, Or.: Timber Press, 1994. 458 pp. Ill. ISBN: 0-88192-000-2 \$59.95

Maples are one of the most important groups of deciduous trees, being of great ornamental value and having many economic uses. The wood is used to make furniture, flooring, cabinets, and other products, and the sap of several species, most notably sugar maple, is tapped to yield maple syrup.

Maples of the World is the result of a nineteen year collaboration between D.M. van Gelderen, P.C. de Jong, and H.J. Oterdoom to produce a definitive work on the family Aceraceae. The book begins with a discussion of the derivation of the name *Acer*, the general characteristics of maples, their commercial uses, and their uses in the landscape. The next two chapters deal with the propagation of maples and the diseases and pests affecting them. Following this there are sections on the morphological characteristics and evolution of maples and the concepts of taxonomy which specifically relate to the family Aceraceae.

The heart of the book, though, is given over to a complete systematic treatment of each of the species, subspecies, and varieties of *Acer*. In keeping with the tradition of Timber Press, the text is well organized, almost completely free of typographical errors, and well illustrated with appropriate line drawings and over 200 fine color photographs. This book will be invaluable to botanists studying the family Aceraceae as well as to horticulturists seeking to widen their spectrum of plants used for landscaping.

Lawrence Currie, California Academy of Sciences Library

Books Received

Agricultural Entomology. Dennis S. Hill, assisted by Jeremy D. Hill. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-223-4. 635 p. \$89.95

Asteraceae: Cladistics & Classification. Kåre Bremer. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-275-7. 752 p. \$79.95

Baculovirus Expression Systems and Biopesticides. Edited by Michael

L. Shuler, H. Alan Wood, Robert R. Granados, and Daniel A. Hammer. Wiley-Liss, 1995. ISBN 0-471-06580-3. 259 p. \$85.00

Behavioral Mechanisms in Evolutionary Ecology. Edited by Leslie A. Real. University of Chicago Press, 1994. ISBN 0-226-70597-8 (pbk.). 469 p.

Beyond the Crisis: Preserving the Capacity for Excellence in Health Care and Medical Science. Edited by Henry M. Greenberg and Susan U. Raymond. New York Academy of Sciences, 1994. ISBN 0-89766-902-9 (pbk.). 199 p.

Bioelectroanalysis, 2: 2nd Symposium held at Mátrafüred, Hungary, 11-15 October, 1992. Edited by E. Pungor. Akadémiai Kiadó (distrib. by ISBS), 1993. ISBN 963-05-6529-3. 450 p. \$75.00

Bioinorganic Chemistry: Inorganic Elements in the Chemistry of Life: An Introduction and Guide. Wolfgang Kaim and Brigitte Schwederski. Wiley, 1994. ISBN 0-471-94369-X (pbk.). 401 p. \$39.95

Cell Injury and Protection in the Gastrointestinal Tract: From Basic Sciences to Clinical Perspectives: Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Gastrointestinal Cytoprotection held at Pécs, Hungary, October 7-8, 1991. Edited by Gy. Mózsik et al. Akadémiai Kiadó (distrib. by ISBS), 1993. ISBN 963-05-6633-8. 431 p. \$62.00

Cellular Proteolytic Systems. Edited by Aaron J. Ciechanover and Alan L. Schwartz. Wiley-Liss, 1994. ISBN 0-471-02189-X. 233 p. \$89.95

Double-Edged Sword: The Promises and Risks of the Genetic Revolution. Karl A. Drlica. Addison-Wesley, 1994. ISBN 0-201-40838-4. 242 p. \$20.00

The Eastern Screech Owl: Life History, Ecology, and Behavior in the Suburbs and Countryside. Frederick R. Gehlbach. Texas A&M University Press, 1994. ISBN 0-89096-609-5. 302 p. \$45.00

Ethnobotany and the Search for New Drugs. Edited by Derek J. Chadwick and Joan Marsh. Wiley, 1994. ISBN 0-471-95024-6. 280 p.

Fishes and Fisheries of Nevada. Ira La Rivers. University of Nevada Press, 1994. ISBN 0-87417-256-X. 782 p. \$45.00. Reprint; originally published, 1962.

Flow Cytometry Principles for Clinical Laboratory Practice: Quality Assurance for Quantitative Immunophenotyping. Marilyn A. Owens and Michael R. Loken. Wiley-Liss, 1995. ISBN 0-471-02176-8 (pbk.). 224 p. \$39.95

The Fresh Waters of Scotland: A National Resource of International Significance. Edited by P.S. Maitland, P.J. Boon, and D.S. McLusky. Wiley, 1994. ISBN 0-471-94462-9. 639 p. \$89.95

Growth Patterns in Vascular Plants. Edited by Muhammad Iqbal. Dioscorides Press. ISBN 0-931146-26-7. 480 p. \$69.95

Guide to Flowering Plant Families. Wendy B. Zomlefer. University of North Carolina Press, 1994. ISBN 0-8078-2160-8. 430 p. \$55.00

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Health and Numbers: Basic Biostatistical Methods. Chap T. Le and James R. Boen. Wiley-Liss, 1995. ISBN 0-471-01248-3 (pbk.). 247 p. \$34.95

Hormonal Restructuring of the Adult Brain: Basic and Clinical Perspectives. Edited by Victoria N. Luine and Cheryl F. Harding. New York Academy of Sciences, 1994. ISBN 0-89766-920-7 (pbk.). 273 p.

The Human Endometrium. Edited by Carlo Bulletti, Erlio Gurpide, and Carlo Flamigni. New York Academy of Sciences, 1994. ISBN 0-89766-871-5 (pbk.). 500 p.

Index of Garden Plants. Mark Griffiths. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-246-3. 1234 p. \$59.95

Inhibition of Matrix Metalloproteinases: Therapeutic Potential. Edited by Robert A. Greenwald and Lorne M. Golub. New York Academy of Sciences, 1994. ISBN 0-89766-900-2 (pbk.). 507 p.

Instrumental Biology or the Disunity of Science. Alexander Rosenberg. University of Chicago Press, 1994. ISBN 0-226-72726-2 (pbk.). 193 p. \$38.00

Isoprenoids and Other Natural Products: Evolution and Function. Edited by W. David Nes. American Chemical Society, 1994. ISBN 0-8412-2934-1.

Medical Microbiology: A Short Course. Ellen Jo Baron, Robert S. Chang, Dexter H. Howard, James N. Miller, and Jerrold A. Turner. Wiley-Liss, 1994. ISBN 0-471-56728-0 (pbk.). 1057 p. \$44.95

Medieval Agriculture and Islamic Science: The Almanac of a Yemeni Sultan. Daniel Martin Varisco. University of Washington Press, 1994. ISBN 0-295-97378-1. 349 p.

Micelles, Monolayers, and Biomembranes. Malcolm N. Jones and Dennis Chapman. Wiley-Liss, 1995. ISBN 0-471-30596-0 (pbk.). 252 p. \$48.00Mo

Molecular and Cell Biological Aspects of Gastroenteropancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor Disease. New York Academy of Sciences, 1994. ISBN 0-89766-898-7 (pbk.). 535 p.

A Natural History of California. Allan A. Schoenherr. University of California Press, 1995, c1992. ISBN 0-520-06922-6 (pbk.). 772 p. \$20.00

A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic. E.C. Pielou. University of Chicago Press, 1994. ISBN 0-226-66814-2 (pbk.). 327 p. \$19.95

Nematodes and the Biological Control of Insect Pests. Edited by Robin Bedding, Ray Akhurst, and Harry Kaya. ISBN 0-643-05479-0. 178 p. \$60.00

New Anticonvulsants: Advances in the Treatment of Epilepsy. Edited by M.R. Trimble. Wiley, 1994. ISBN 0-471-95122-6. 170 p.

On Knowing--The Natural Sciences. Richard McKeon. Compiled by David B. Owen. Edited by David B. Owen and Zahava K. McKeon. University of Chicago Press, 1994. ISBN 0-226-56027-9 (pbk.). 405 p. \$17.95

Papers on General Topology and Applications: Eighth Summer

Conference at Queens College. Edited by Susan Andima et al. New York Academy of Sciences, 1994. ISBN 0-89766-818-9 (pbk.). 355 p.

Plant Survival: Adapting to a Hostile World. Brian Capon. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-287-0. 132 p. \$15.95

Population Genetics, Molecular Evolution, and the Neural Theory: Selected Papers. Motoo Kimura. Edited and with introductory essays by Naoyuki Takahata. University of Chicago Press, 1994. ISBN 0-226-43563-6 (pbk.). 686 p. \$29.95

Practical Flow Cytometry. Howard M. Shapiro. 3rd ed. Wiley-Liss, 1995. ISBN 0-471-30376-3. 542 p. \$79.95

Sedum: Cultivated Stonecrops. Ray Stephenson. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-238-2. 335 p. \$49.95

Succulents: The Illustrated Dictionary. Maurizio Sajevo and Mariangela Costanzo. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-289-7. 239 p. \$39.95

Surviving Schizophrenia: A Manual for Families, Consumers, and Providers. E. Fuller Torrey. 3rd ed. HarperPerennial, 1995. ISBN 0-06-095076-5 (pbk.). 409 p. \$14.00

A Synonymized Checklist of the Vascular Flora of the United States, Canada, and Greenland. John T. Kartesz. 2nd ed. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-204-8 (set). 2 v. \$149.95

Treasures of the Royal Horticultural Society. Brent Elliott. Sagapress/Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-297-8. 160 p. \$39.95

The Vascular Plants of Iowa: An Annotated Checklist and Natural History. Lawrence J. Eilers and Dean M. Roosa. University of Iowa Press, 1994. ISBN 0-87745-464-7 (pbk.). 304 p. \$14.95

The World of Magnolias. Dorothy J. Callaway. Timber Press, 1994. ISBN 0-88192-236-6. 260 p. \$44.95

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New Member Profiles

Katherine Bertolucci

Katherine is president of Isis Information Services, a library consulting firm in Oakland, CA, specializing in start-up libraries. She currently has two biology related projects: Novo Nordisk Entotech in Davis, CA, and the

Mountain Lion Foundation in Sacramento. Katherine earned her M.L.S. from the University of Chicago and has been a library consultant for 18 years.

Nancy P. Bowman

Nancy is the Health Sciences Librarian at the 20th Medical Group, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. The 20th Medical Group is a small (35-bed) hospital that services the needs of all active duty and retired military members and their dependants in the area. The library houses a small core collection to support psychiatry, internal medicine, family practice, aerospace medicine, general surgery, and pediatrics. Nancy has served in this position for the past 12 years, and has been in the federal service for 18 years. She has a B.A.I.S. from the University of South Carolina and recently received her M.A. in Public Administration from Troy State University.

Lella Dal Ferro

Lella is an M.L.S. student at the University of Toronto, Canada. She will receive her degree in spring 1996. She hopes to work in a research or science library in an academic setting. Lella has an Honours B.Sc. in biology and geography from York University, Canada.

Christine S. Mullins

Christine is a recent M.L.I.S. graduate of Wayne State University. She received her undergraduate degree in communications from Michigan

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State University in 1992. Christine is currently employed at EDS but is hoping to acquire career experience in librarianship as soon as possible. Her interests lie in the health sciences, with a special interest in patient information.

Margaret Prasek

Margaret is presently Head of Reference at Columbia University Health Sciences Library. In addition to her departmental duties, she participates in collection development, outreach, and bibliographic instruction. Librarianship is her second career, having come to it after years working in medical research laboratories. Her undergraduate degree, as well as her personal interests, revolve around the ecology of natural systems and the effect of the environment upon them.

Carol Stoops

Carol is a student in the M.L.S. program at the University of St. Catherine in St. Paul, MN. She received an M.S. in genetics and cell biology from the University of Minnesota in 1969, and worked as an associate scientist in medical research for four years after that. She has had several different careers from medical researcher to photographer to her current position as a systems analyst. Carol wishes to become a reference librarian working in the biological sciences.

Announcements

CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse Internet Services

The CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse is pleased to announce our new Internet services, including a listserv of AIDS-related news, an anonymous FTP site, and a gopher server. The CDC Clearinghouse also maintains an Internet mailbox to which users may send reference questions, orders for free publications and general inquiries. To correspond with the Clearinghouse, send email to aidsinfo@cdcnac.aspensys.com.

Listserv

AIDS News listserv@cdcnac.aspensys.com

The CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse maintains a read-only mailing list for individuals who wish to receive AIDS-related documents from CDC, including the AIDS Daily Summary, selected Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report articles, CDC National AIDS Hotline Training Bulletins, and factsheets. The listserv also distributes press releases from other Public Health Service agencies such as the National Institutes of Health.

To subscribe, Internet users should send the message "subscribe aidsnews firstname lastname" to the address above, where your real first and last names are substituted for "firstname" and "lastname." Anyone with email access to the Internet, including members of such networks as America Online and CompuServe, can subscribe to the AIDS News Listserv.

File Transfer Protocol (FTP)

The CDC Clearinghouse's anonymous FTP site contains files of documents such as the current HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, AHCPR's clinical practice guidelines, pathfinder guides to AIDS information, and in the future, the Clearinghouse's Standard Search Series.

To obtain files:

- 1) FTP to the address cdcnac.aspensys.com
- 2) Type "anonymous" when asked to login
- 3) Enter your complete Internet address when asked for password
- 4) Change to the public directory and the CDCNAC subdirectory with the command "`cd /pub/cdcnac`"

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- 5) To download the file with basic information about CDC NAC's FTP site and the available files, type the command "get readme"
- 6) To download other files, type the command "get filename", where "filename" is the name of the file. If downloading a binary (non-text) file, such as WordPerfect files ending in ".wp5" or compressed files ending in ".exe" or ".zip", be sure to type the command "binary" and press [Enter] before using the "get" command.

If using Mosaic or similar Internet software, the universal resource locator (URL) address is <ftp://cdcnac.aspensys.com/pub/cdcnac>.

Gopher

The CDC Clearinghouse's gopher site contains the AIDS Daily Summary, AIDS-related Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report articles, tables from the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, and other CDC documents. Basic HIV/AIDS-related information is available, as well as information about prevention, treatment, and living with HIV.

To reach the CDC Clearinghouse gopher, point your gopher client to the address: <cdcnac.aspensys.com>

Select CDC NAC from the first menu. To point directly to the CDC NAC gopher, point to the address "<cdcnac.aspensys.com> 72" (port 72). If using Mosaic or similar Internet software, the URL is <gopher://cdcnac.aspensys.com:72>.

USDA APHIS Gopher

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) would like to announce its new gopher server. Need information about animal and plant health regulatory matters? Curious as to how national humane laws are enforced? Interested in how wildlife biologists resolve conflicts between humans and wildlife?

Information on these topics and more can now be accessed electronically via the Internet. The APHIS gopher's Internet address is:
<gopher.aphis.usda.gov>.

APHIS administers regulatory programs to control or eradicate animal and plant pests and diseases; enforces domestic and port-of-entry agricultural quarantines; licenses and assures the safety and effectiveness of veterinary biological products; ensures the safety of agricultural products of biotechnology; enforces the Animal Welfare and Horse Protection Acts; administers programs providing protection to livestock and crops from depredation by rodents, birds and predatory animals; and conducts cooperative programs to control or eradicate animal and plant pests and diseases in other countries.

Current submenus on the APHIS Information gopher menu include

- animal health information
- animal welfare--humane care of animals
- APHIS regulations
- controlling wildlife damage
- international services
- plant pest and disease information

There are currently more than 100 factsheets, brochures, and other information materials available electronically under the headings listed above.

Future gopher menu items will include

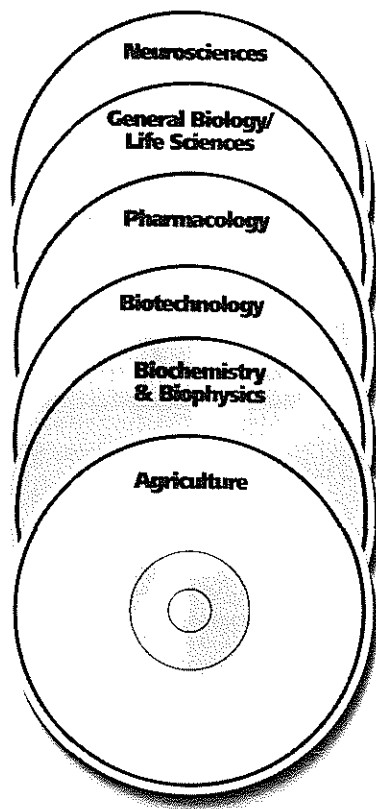
- animal and plant import-export information
- APHIS enforcement actions
- APHIS news releases
- biological control
- biotechnology licensing and permits
- a way to search the APHIS gopher

Call for BSD Committee Members

Lucy Rowland, Chair-Elect, is issuing a call for volunteers who are interested in serving on committees for the Biological Sciences Division in 1995-96. With the exception of the Nominations and Elections Committee, which is appointed by the Executive Board, committee appointments are the responsibility of the incoming Chair. If you are interested in being considered for a committee or to chair a committee, contact:

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