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Message from the Chair

Laura Osegueda

Winter greetings to all. In most other years I would be winding down my planning and getting ready to turn things over to the chair-elect. But this year is different with the SLA shift from a fiscal year to a calendar year. Therefore, the entire executive board has generously volunteered to extend their service through to December 2006 to accommodate this change. Thank you for your generous service to the Division.

This issue of *Biofeedback* has lots of information about the upcoming conference programs that John Tebo and the 2006 program planning committee have spent many hours organizing. Janet Weiss and the Fund Development Committee have also been very busy contacting vendors for support for the conference in Baltimore.

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Baltimore Conference Preview

John Tebo Chair, 2006 Program Committee

With the holidays behind us, and a new year looming ahead, it is time to start thinking about the 2006 Annual Conference in Baltimore. SLA will hold its Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, June 11-14, 2006 at the Baltimore Convention Center. The 2006 Biomedical and Life Science Division Baltimore Program Committee has been busy planning a great conference that offers an exciting array of programs.

This year we feature three continuing education courses that count toward MLA credit. If you are interested in taking both morning and afternoon sessions on

Saturday, please select ticket number 105. By registering for both sessions you qualify for the full-day rate.

We are sponsoring eight programs and co-sponsoring five other programs that are of interest to our membership. In addition to our programs, receptions, and Division meetings, we are planning two exciting tours on Thursday. Please review the Preliminary Biomedical and Life Sciences Division 2006 Baltimore Program Guide on the following pages and start making your plans to attend. Online registration began on Friday, January 6, 2006.

Preliminary Program

CE Courses:

Saturday, June 10

8:00 AM-Noon: *Information Hubs for Molecular Biology Databases and Software*

Member Price: \$199 (Note: If you take both AM and PM session price is \$299); non-Member Price: \$299

Instructor Michele Tennant introduces a selected group of web-based resources that can serve as starting points for a wide range of user questions pertaining to molecular biology and genomics. (4 hours MLA Credit)

1:00 PM-5:00 PM: *Molecular Structures: Retrieval and Visualization*

Member Price: \$199 (Note: If you take both AM and PM session price is \$299); non-Member Price: \$299

Instructor Jennifer Lyon introduces databases (such as NCBI's Molecular Modeling DataBase) and viewing tools used to store, image, and manipulate 3-dimensional molecular structures. (4 hours MLA Credit)

Sunday, June 11

8:00 AM-Noon: *The Molecular and Genetic Bases of Cancer*

Member Ticket Price: \$199; non-Member Ticket Price: \$299

Instructor Michele Tennant teaches this beginning course that covers basic science concepts related to molecular and genetic causes of cancer. (4 hours MLA Credit)

Program:

Saturday, June 10

6:00 PM-9:00 PM: Biomedical and Life Sciences Division 2006-2007 Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, June 11

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Vendors Networking Breakfast

Join other division members and hear from vendors about new and interesting products and services over a continental breakfast. Diane Schmidt is moderating. Speakers will be from Ecological Society of America, Nature Publishing, Springer, Wolters Kluwer Health, and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins

Noon-1:00 PM

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Past Chairs Luncheon

8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Member Reception

Monday, June 12

7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Contributed Papers Session and Breakfast

Enjoy a free breakfast while learning about your colleagues' latest work. Moderated by Todd Hannon.

9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Institutional Repositories: In-house Versus Outsourced

This two-person panel of Jonathan Nabe and Susan Gibbons will examine the pros and cons of commercial repository software and open source software for IRs.

9:30 AM-11:00 AM

We Are All in Business for Ourselves

Presented by Mary Ellen Bates of Bates Information Services, participants will learn how to recognize a "value gap"; how to identify and package their personal value; how to become and remain "unoutsourcable"; how to build relationships that will sustain their business; the attitudes and mental adjustments they must make.

9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Mapping Biodiversity

The session will feature researchers who are developing some of the many new data projects related to biodiversity.

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Reporting of Negative Clinical Trials

Panelists Kay Dickersin, Director, Center for Clinical Trials, and James T. O'Reilly, Visiting Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati, will discuss various aspects of negative results from clinical trials: reporting and disseminating the findings; legal, financial, clinical, and research implications of the results; and access to results of trials.

11:30 PM-1:00 PM

Academic Sci-Tech Librarians Roundtable

Come to an informal discussion on bibliographic instruction in sci-tech libraries. The moderator, Brian Winterman, will describe the curriculum-integrated biology course he has initiated at Indiana University to inspire the discussion.

3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Stress Management: Laugh for the Health of It

Back by popular demand, Humor Therapist Elaine M. Lundberg takes a humorous yet practical approach to wellness and stress management.

Tuesday, June 13

7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast (Ticket: \$16.00)

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Medical Section of DBIO Luncheon and Speaker

The Medical Section invites its members to the annual business meeting and program with buffet lunch. Stephen King, Public Affairs Specialist for the FDA is going to speak on the FDA's regulatory process for the approval of drugs and devices. (Ticket: \$10.00)

1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Chesapeake Bay Restoration

Launched 1983, the Chesapeake Bay Program is considered a model for estuarine research and restoration programs.

Wednesday, June 14

7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Biomedical and Life Sciences Division 2006-2007 Board of Directors Meeting

9:15 AM-10:45 AM

The Science of Chocolate

Experts from well-known confectioners will provide insight into the science that creates your favorite treats. Jennifer Cessna from the Hershey Company will moderate.

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Recruiting Science Librarians Roundtable Discussion

Come share your observations and insights in an informal discussion about the predicted librarian shortage and whether it will affect science librarianship and what to do about it. Moderated by Nancy Curtis.

3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Natural History Caucus Annual Business Meeting

Tours

Thursday, June 15

8:30 AM-Noon

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the National Aquarium In Baltimore

Spend a few hours with the Biomedical & Life Sciences Division at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, one of the city's most popular attractions. Susanne Ridenour, staff librarian of the Aquarium, will host the tour of the facility. Ticket Price: \$30.00

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health Tour

Take a full-day bus trip to the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Get a behind-the-scenes tour of NLM, plus a tour of special areas in NIH from Karen Hajarjian, NLM Promotions Coordinator. Ticket price: \$50.00 (includes lunch and transportation)

Medical Section Update

Chris Hooper-Lane

Past Chair, Medical Section

NEW MEDICAL SECTION WEBSITE

One of the goals of the Division over the past year is to increase exposure of the Medical Section members and activities. A big step in this direction occurred recently with the unveiling of the new Medical Section website (<http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/medicalsection>). With a primary goal of informing members and non-members of the Section's identity and purpose (who we are and why we exist), this Web site includes information on:

- the Section's mission, scope, governance (officers)
- how to become a member and why (application and benefits of membership)
- Section news and announcements
- health-related programming for the SLA annual conference
- Division-related communications (SLA-DBIO list-serv, *Biofeedback* newsletter)

Many thanks should be given to the Division members (ad hoc website committee) who gave substantial input to get this first iteration off the ground: Peggy Jones, Claudia Lascar, Carol Lepzelter-Berry, Bonnie Stephenson, Chris Hooper-Lane, and the many others who forwarded comments.

Please feel free to offer your suggestions and comments about the website to Bonnie Stephenson, Medical Section Chair, at Bonnie.G.Stephenson@questdiagnostics.com or Chris Hooper-Lane at chooper@library.wisc.edu.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DIVISION OFFICERS

Make that New Year's Resolution stick

Greetings, DBIO members: Have you fulfilled your resolution to become more active professionally? If not, there's still time to consider running for DBIO office!

The 2005/2006 Nominations and Elections Committee of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division respectfully invites nominations (including self-nominations) for the offices of **Chair-Elect** and **Treasurer**. Those elected will begin serving in January 2007.

The term span for the Chair-Elect is three years (Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair). For the Treasurer, it is two years.

Be an innovator in funding/determining DBIO programs: The **Chair-Elect** is Chair of the Fund Development Committee and raises funds to support programs at the Annual Conference for the Chair-Elect year. In addition to the Annual Conferences, the Chair-Elect is expected to attend the Winter Leadership Summits for the years that s/he is Chair-Elect and Chair to represent the Division in Cabinet and to attend leadership training. The Division's Chair-Elect and Chair detailed descriptions of duties are located at: <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/index.html>

Tracking those dollars: The **Treasurer** serves as a member of the Division's Executive Board, is responsible for all the Division financial records and for preparing and submitting the Division's annual Financial Report. Detailed description of Division Treasurer duties is found at: <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/procedur/treas.htm>

Interested in running or have suggestions for excellent candidates?
At your earliest convenience, please contact Ruth Gustafson, the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at ragustafson@ucdavis.edu

Questions may be sent to any of the 2005-2006 Nominations and Elections Committee members:

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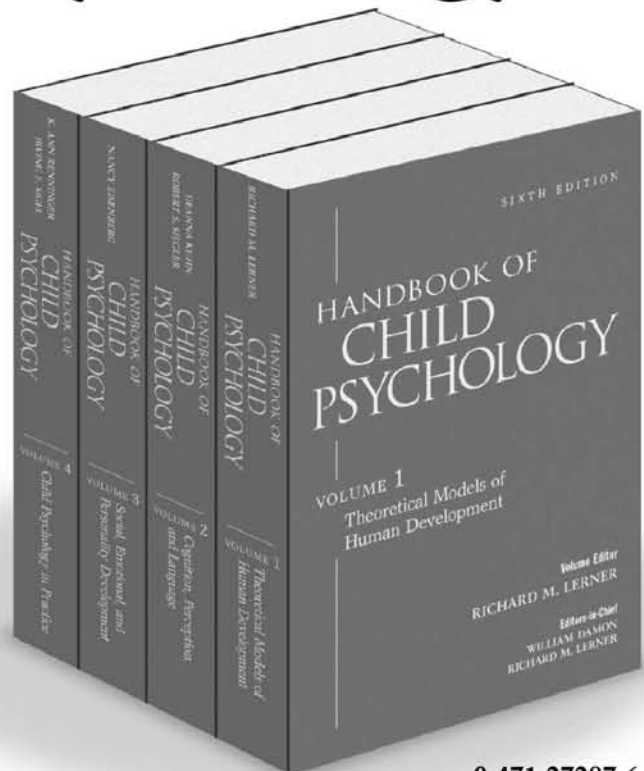
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Book Review

Lori Zipperer

Thinking for a Living: How to Get Better Performance and Results from Knowledge Workers

By Thomas H. Davenport

Harvard Business School Press, 2005

240 p., ISBN: 1-59139-423-6

What is a knowledge worker? According to Thomas Davenport's recent publication, *Thinking for a Living*, it's someone who has "a high degree of expertise, education or experience and the primary purpose of their job involves the creation, distribution or application of knowledge." (pg 10) Knowledge workers drive both innovation and new applications of what is known. Given one estimate, there are 36 million of them in the US (pg. 6) and among those ranks are healthcare practitioners, life and physical scientists, managers and librarians.

Thinking for a Living is easy to follow and is non-academic in its tone and approach. The author articulates his concepts in a style that makes for comfortable reading. Each chapter includes a set of notes, a summary of salient points and corresponding recommendations for applying the concepts directly to the knowledge workers being managed.

Davenport provides several classifications of knowledge workers, their motivations and decision-making processes. These provide an interesting template to help information professionals adopt a relational view of how these individuals interact with their world to best develop strategies to support them. His primary categorization centers on knowledge work function: transaction, integration, collaborative and expert. In addition, Davenport analyzes this workforce by the types of ideas they manage and their day-to-day knowledge activities.

The concepts outlined in *Thinking for a Living* clarify how librarians can help to optimize knowledge worker output. For example, Davenport indicates that the distribution piece of the knowledge continuum is an important one for increasing the performance and effectiveness of knowledge workers. Librarians are well suited for and comfortable with this part of the process. Even though the book is oriented to individuals who "manage" knowledge workers, the deeper understanding of the way knowledge workers go about their jobs serves as a useful prism for librarians who wish to view their **clients** with a new mindset. Seeing knowledge worker attributes and works styles in this fashion should generate creative thinking about how to best integrate and align the expertise of information professionals—both as team members and participants—to maximize knowledge worker effectiveness.



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SLA Board of Directors Election
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linking to the secure VoteNet site

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Polls Close March 3

Results Announced March 15

www.sla.org/BODcandidates

Watch for bios in January

Information Outlook

Voting members must be in good
standing as of January 9, 2006

MLA Liaison Report

Michele Tennant
Liaison to the Medical
Library Association

Here is the latest news from MLA.

- Hotel and registration information is now available for MLA's Annual Conference, to be held in Phoenix, AZ, May 19-24. The conference theme is "Transformations A-Z". Visit MLANet at <http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2006/index.html> for conference information. Although the complete schedule of events is not yet public, a six-hour CE class on the "Ph.D. Experience" will be offered by Susan Kendall, Kevin Messner, and Michele Tennant. And the Molecular Biology and Genomics Special Interest Group expects to co-sponsor "Transforming Reference and Outreach Services for Biomedical Researchers" and a session on "Biomedical Ontologies".

- MLA has developed a Hurricane Katrina Website (http://www.mlanet.org/hurricane_katrina.html) and continues to update the site with information on MLA's and other national efforts to support hurricane relief. The site currently includes information on dues relief for librarians in affected areas, fundraising efforts, networking and available aid, ways that librarians can help, and links to the websites of affected medical libraries (many with damage updates).

- MLA's Patient Safety Webcast is now available for purchase. The webcast, "Keeping Patients Safe: Roles for Information Professionals", may be ordered at MLANet's online store at: http://www.mlanet.org/order/store/cat/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=Keeping+Patients&x=0&y=0; available for DVD or videotape.

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Medical Library Conference Update:

• The 9th World Congress on Health Information and Libraries was held in Bahia, Salvador, Brazil September 20-23, 2005. The theme, “Commitment to Equity”, was exemplified by the numerous panels, programs, poster sessions, and continuing education opportunities available at the conference. Programmatic themes included health and medical library development and innovation; information and knowledge management: learning organizations; scientific communication and electronic publishing: open access, open archives; patients and other health care consumers; virtual libraries and virtual communities; human resources development; evidence-based health care and evidence-based librarianship; information policy; traditional and complementary therapies; virtual libraries and virtual communities; and user studies. The presentations were highly informative, and many highlighted the libraries and librarians who are working in the trenches, determined to make health information accessible to all. The entire program and recaps of the panels are available at <http://www.icml.org/?lang=en>. Most presentation listings include links to either presentation slides or complete papers. As an aside, the city of Bahia was lovely, the people were warm, and the party in the old town, with music by Unskarai (<http://www.unskarai.com.br>) was amazing fun!

MLA Publishing Produces First-Ever Organ Transplantation Bibliography

Medical Library Association member Lorraine C. Sitler, MSLS, health sciences librarian, United Network for Organ Sharing, Richmond, VA, has compiled a pathfinder to many of the most significant and accessible resources in organ transplantation. Part of MLA’s BibKit series, the 69-page resource guide, brings 50 years of medical breakthroughs into a bibliography that can help users sort through the vast array of literature, both in print and on the Web. The publication also highlights historic milestones, notable transplant pioneers, and pioneering organizations.

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during a sabbatical, so funding support needs to be investigated.

IAMSLIC Conference Report

Jean Crampon

Liaison to IAMSLIC

The 31st Annual Conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Libraries and Information Centers was held on October 10-14, 2005 in Rome, Italy (<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsclibrary/2005iamslic/2005home.html>).

The conference was hosted by FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization) of the United Nations. FAO is located in downtown Rome and, from the cafeteria on the top floor, you have a wonderful view of the city, including the Coliseum a few blocks away and the Circus Maximus across the street. We started with a welcome in the three official languages of FAO: Spanish, French and English. It was an appropriate beginning for an international organization. Note that the Web site above contains the program and the abstracts for the conference.

There were 100 attendees from 40 countries. Europe and Africa were well represented. We had attendees from every continent except Antarctica. IAMSLIC and FAO have cooperated for years in trying to provide information to developing countries. Funding from both organizations helped to bring some of the librarians, particularly from Africa and the Pacific Islands, to the conference. One session discussed what the two organizations can do together in the future. Requests to expand training and mentoring continue. We also wish to improve access to the literature through both the IAMSLIC Z39.50 distributed library (a multi-library catalog searching system for IAMSLIC members) and ASFA (the major scientific database for fisheries and aquatic biology coordinated by FAO). One request came from the Pacific islands for librarians to take sabbatical projects to help set up a library in one of these underdeveloped countries. Librarians who could visit and assist for shorter times were also encouraged to do so. Many of the librarians who received funding from IAMSLIC and/or FAO to attend the conference agreed that this would be useful. The two organizations agreed to continue discussions and to work together to make it possible. In most cases the country/nation would not have funding to support a librarian

The theme of the conference was “Information for Responsible Fisheries: Libraries as Mediators.” What kind of information is needed for fisheries and aquaculture? Economic information is needed on the broad level for trade. Technology to track and sustain the fish population is not consistently available. One speaker said that only 4% of fishery titles are available via the internet. To succeed there must be resources to share and sustainability, or monetary support, to allow sharing to succeed. GIS has a role in tracking for fisheries and preventing poaching, and an example from the Red Sea was presented. FAO tries to get information out to the fishermen, but it is difficult and their needs are often very localized. They need information in their native language, both on how to fish more efficiently and how not to overfish. The AIDS rate is increasing for this segment of the population, so information about AIDS is important for fishermen and women in the Pacific.

One morning focused on Commons and Repositories. The definition of “commons” was “free-flowing, globally-distributed information” and its shared usefulness. When this is applied to fisheries, knowing where the fish population is has sometimes led to overfishing. In that case “open access” to information was not necessarily a good idea. This was an interesting twist on the definition of “commons.” Open archive depositories have uneven application across different institutions. Large institutions can afford to digitize and share open archive compliant documents, but small institutions might have neither the funds or the expertise to do this. Some members of IAMSLIC have been active in metadata development for some time, so this was not a new issue. Applications of the institutional repository ranged from individual, such as Harvard’s Science Digital Library, to consortial, such as ODINPUBAFRICA’s project to digitize work throughout the continent. The latter has a major training meeting later this year to help individual institutions understand the procedures so all can share in the work. Finally, there was a presentation on ontologies that raised the questions of whether we need them and who would develop them for fisheries information. The questions were not answered.

Two major sessions on Librarians as Mediators dealt with a broad scope of issues. One issue was about managing e-journals, particularly as applied to the problem of missing issues/articles/titles when journals move from publisher to publisher. Others were about

librarians as instructors in information literacy programs or as searchers to help our users find good material. I particularly enjoyed the last of this group as the speaker focused on the shift from the “Age of Information” to the “Age of Useful Information.” She recommended Google for images, maps, and an excellent calculator (at soople), but Yahoo for shopping, full Boolean, and its toolbar. Exalead (www.exalead.com) was recommended for approximate spellings and finding pdf documents. Scirus was recommended for searching only journal sources.

Regional groups of IAMSLIC produce information for and about their regions. Two of the newest, Latin America and Africa, demonstrated their portals. Library networking is relatively new for these areas, and the technologies we take for granted are often either not available or inconsistent. One librarian in Nigeria said they do not list material in their shared database if they do not own it. He said the user’s impression is that “if they come to the library and you don’t have it, then the library is not competent.” Electronic access is difficult as most are still using dialup.

With regard to the tsunami in Indonesia, 17 libraries were damaged and 63 librarians drowned in the disaster. Aquaculture and fisheries provided about half the protein intake for the population. About 10,000 hectares (2,470,000 acres) of aquaculture ponds were destroyed, so this is significant for the population’s future health. They are establishing an Information Center on Aquaculture and Fisheries with help from many international organizations.

A keynote speaker was Sidney Holt who stayed for the conference and participated in discussions. He quoted Werner Heisenberg, “Science is rooted in conversations.” He spoke of his development as a scientist from his first job in 1947. He found first that he needed to learn statistics as he was assigned to come up with a theory of fishing applicable to North Sea trawling. When he informed his new boss that he would be using the library to read up on the literature, his boss said, “Do the work first, then read ‘the literature’ to see whether anyone else got there first. Reading will only confuse and distract you.” He said this meant you figured it out yourself, so you learned the subject, and then looked to see if anyone else did it first and how they did it. A few years later he and Raymond Beverton, his co-author, produced *On the Dynamics of Fish Populations*, the most cited fisheries book ever. He then went to FAO and learned that reading the literature could be very useful. He has been an independent researcher since the 1980s. According to him, the three most important sources for creative research are people, texts of papers with references, and what Edward de Bono called “lateral thinking.” His suggestions for librarians were to help provide direct contact

with researchers and colleagues with open access to continuously updated address lists. He wished for bibliographic references with citation tracing both backward and forward that could be subsidized, free, and very broad in scope. He recommended that publishers and editors provide contact information for the authors they publish and include “meaningful” abstracts. He defined a couple terms that we use often: crossdisciplinary is where two disciplines intersect; multidisciplinary is for unrelated subjects. He said that the intersections are where new ideas come from.

Three presentations were on grey literature. One speaker said that “grey literature is as important as white [peer reviewed] literature.” The major difficulty with grey literature is access, so repositories, if they have the correct searchable metadata, will help make this information accessible. Another speaker used bibliometrics to focus on the “intensity” of the use of grey literature. Frequency of use is calculated as the number of grey articles divided by all articles ($fq = \text{grey art.}/\text{all}$). Frequency of citing is calculated as the number of grey references divided by all references ($ct = \text{grey ref.}/\text{all}$). Frequency of use divided by citing then equals intensity ($fq/ct = I$). The third speaker said that grey literature is more geared to the end user, in this case the fish farmer or fisherman, so it is vital to be shared as widely as possible.

The final session included some history. We heard about FAO’s Library (currently in a tent during renovations), the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and the first marine research institute which is in Naples. Anton Dohrn, who founded the Naples center, required the following: a place for specimens, lab space, a strong library, and a place for music. He also advocated going out on ships to do research. For those DBIO members who remember visiting the University of Southern California Hancock Institute during the Los Angeles SLA Conference and hearing about Capt. Hancock’s expeditions, you now know where he got his ideas for the Allan Hancock Foundation!

Membership News and Publications

Kudos

(A column featuring and honoring our colleagues in the SLA Biomedical and Life Sciences Division)

Claudia Lascar

Public Relations Committee Chair

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Awards, Achievements, Announcements, and Accolades of our members: **Elizabeth Dilworth, David Duggar, W. Davenport “Dav” Robertson, and Lorri Zipperer.** We congratulate these members for their achievements

• **Elizabeth Dilworth** of Guidant Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota, was the 2005 recipient of The Quality In Action Award from the Minnesota Chapter of SLA. The Quality in Action Award recognizes an information professional, or team of information professionals, employing quality improvement techniques to enhance their own information organizations or to enhance the profession through chapter activities. Elizabeth received this award in recognition for re-engineering the current awareness service called “Articles of Interest”, a monthly alert publication featuring references and abstracts from current worldwide cardiac rhythm management literature.

Guidant Corporation pioneers lifesaving technology, giving an opportunity for better life today to millions of cardiac and vascular patients worldwide. The company develops, manufactures, and markets a broad array of products and services that enable less invasive care for some of life’s most threatening medical conditions. Keeping up to date with recent publications is vital for Guidant’s staff involved with ongoing research, public relations, and customer services. The narrow focus of this subject poses many challenges for the librarian or information specialist searching for the relevant literature.

The quality initiative started when Elizabeth realized that the current search strategy was missing important titles, articles and case studies. This needed to be resolved to achieve a better product. To do this, she established a process for searching MEDLINE and other key publications. Elizabeth expanded the keywords and terminology so that articles discussing emerging areas of interest were caught. This included pre-clinical work and consumer-related literature. She began to manually go through the table of contents of many additional important publications that are either too new to be indexed in MEDLINE or are not indexed in MEDLINE at all. Elizabeth also established a set of criteria for article inclusion into “Articles of Interest”. Adhering to the criteria often meant that she had to read beyond the article abstract and dig deep into the text. This allowed her to pull out and highlight for readers relevant details related to clinical trials, product manufacturer names, or specific product names and model numbers. Her manager set a high value on this service, which allowed Elizabeth to take the time necessary to create the best product.

Elizabeth makes quite clear the point, that *only a librarian* has the skills to navigate through the maze of information resources to obtain “the right information at the right time.”

• **David Duggar and Kerri Ann Christopher** received the 2005 Second Place Research Award at the South Central Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Conference: Public Health Challenges: The Librarian’s Role, held in Little Rock, Arkansas on October 22-26, 2005.

They presented a poster entitled “Journal Selection in a Morning Report Study.” David and Kerri developed a research methodology to evaluate the journal selection patterns from a Morning Report Institutional Review Board. Citations with full-text links to 489 articles from 197 journals that provided the answers to morning report cases were distributed to Medicine Residents via email. The journal selection patterns showed the impact of their Library’s journal collections and how the Department of Medicine makes use of these resources to train its residents.

Citation indexes can assess the impact of a particular journal but could not determine how many times it had been read. This study could. This methodology can be

used by other types of libraries to measure the use of electronic resources in a more consistent way.

- The Chair of the SLA Task Force on Natural Disasters, **W. Davenport “Dav” Robertson** and his committee were called upon to play a role in Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts.

After the tsunami struck South Asia the week after Christmas 2004, some SLA leaders decided to investigate whether SLA could play a role in disaster recovery that would take advantage of our members’ competencies as information professionals. Ethel Salonen, SLA President, appointed Dav to chair the Task Force on Natural Disasters because of his experience in the Piece Corps and his interest in positioning SLA as a global player. This task force was created in January 2005 to investigate and establish ways in which the global community of information professionals can contribute their expertise in information organization and access to the recovery efforts following the tsunami in south Asia. Its focus is on acquiring voluntary contributions of time and resources rather than direct financial donations. Vital to this effort will be alliances between SLA and other library and information organizations to make the best use of the knowledge and skills of the informal, international network of information professionals. The resulting methodology will be used as a model for providing assistance in future instances of natural disasters. During the ensuing months, the task force established the Information Professionals Alliance on Natural Disasters and Accidents (IPANDA) and created an SLA blog called IPANDAnet (<http://slablogger.typepad.com/ipandanet/>). The blog included information about resources that would be useful when librarians are confronted with a natural disaster.

The first real test of the IPANDA response network came when Hurricane Katrina hit the U.S. Gulf Coast, August 29, 2005. Within a day of the disaster, the IPANDA blog was converted into a communication medium to help SLA members and others affected by the hurricane and subsequent flooding. The task force worked through the president of the Louisiana and Southern Mississippi Chapter, Lisl Zach, to attempt to communicate directly with SLA members in the area. Of course most of them were without power or means of communication for several days or more. But, as people found temporary housing in other cities, they began to get in touch. Lisl conveyed the information to Dav to put on the blog, and several SLA staff members added other information to the blog. Several members offered housing to evacuees. Others offered library materials and other resources. Links to additional resources, especially information about recovery and cleanup after a flood, were added. Dav continued to contact individuals directly and add information to

the blog. One of the greatest benefits of the blog was that SLA members could find out the status of some of the Gulf Coast members and the condition of their collections. If Hurricane Katrina had a silver lining, it is that the IPANDA task force learned a lot about the kind of response needed in the aftermath of a disaster. Dav and other task force members talked with many of those affected by the hurricane and with volunteers who assisted evacuees. As a result, the task force has decided to gather the lessons learned and create a crisis action plan that can be used by chapters, divisions, the Association staff, and individuals to prepare for and recover from a disaster. In addition to compiling resources, it will describe ways each group can help those affected. The task force is also repurposing the SLA blog to make it a combination of portal and two-way communication tool. The plan is to present the crisis action plan and launch the new portal at the SLA Annual Conference in June in Baltimore. See Dav’s article, “SLA’s Response to Natural Disasters,” in the October 2005 issue of *Information Outlook*.

Dav has been Chief of the library and information services branch at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Research Triangle Park since 1988. Before becoming chief, Dav was head librarian at the NIEHS for eleven years.

The National Institute of Environment Health Sciences (NIEHS), established in 1966, is an Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). North Carolina’s Research Triangle Foundation provided the 509 acres within Research Triangle Park to serve as the designated site for NIEHS, and the permanent facility was dedicated in 1982.

Dav received his B.A. degree with honors in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), where he was named a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest and largest academic honor society. After graduation, Dav became a Peace Corps volunteer English teacher, serving in Korea from 1969 to 1971. This position required the qualities of flexibility, motivation and commitment, and, above all, a desire to making our world a better place. Upon his return to the United States, he applied and enrolled at his alma mater School of Information and Library Science (SILS) program. According to Dr. Louis Round Wilson, Librarian and Founder of this program, “With its magnificent new building as a laboratory for the school, such an institution would not only be in harmony with the program on which the University has embarked, it would offer opportunity . . . to tap the vast reservoir of human knowledge.” Dav graduated in 1975, with an M.S.L.S degree, and he was invited to become a member of Beta Phi Mu (1976), the Interna-

tional Library and Information Science Honor Society. He served as past-president of the Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu (2003-2005). Dav became the coordinator and supervisor of the internship program between SILS and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from 1975 to 1977. He left this position to embark on a challenging project, namely, of setting up the library and information services for NIEHS. He has carried out this mission successfully, displaying qualities of professional competency and leadership skills. His accomplishments are extraordinary, considering that he had limited experience in the library field at that time. However, he had the ability to lead and to infuse his vision and values into the project and his staff. Today, Dav is able to draw upon thirty years of experience. He credits his career success to two main factors: "Well, I would be less than honest if I didn't say money was one factor, but not in the way you might think. I mean that I have been fortunate to work in an organization where funding has usually been at least adequate or better. As one of the National Institutes of Health within the U.S. Government, our organization has long been looked upon favorably by Congress when it comes to appropriations. That has trickled down to our library and information services, and I have been able to help those services grow over the years to meet the needs of our clientele. That's been a great source of satisfaction and undoubtedly has contributed to my advancement. A second factor (that follows from the first) is that I have been able to attract and keep a superb staff. Their sense of commitment is high, and their accomplishments have reflected on me." (Frontline, 22(1):8). This answer exemplifies his philosophy that "People come first." It means that Dav respects diversity and individuality and practices teamwork. It also means that Dav is striving for professional excellence and the highest standards of customer satisfaction. It comes as no surprise that he received three times the NIH Award of Merit for providing outstanding information services at NIEHS.

Dav joined SLA in 1977 and served on numerous Library Committees and Task Groups.

He is a candidate in the upcoming election for the 2006-2007 president-elect of SLA. See: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/governance/bodsection/bodcandidates/0506candidates/robbettsonbio.cfm> for more information. Dav helped select the new Executive Officer and the new building for SLA while serving on the SLA Board of Directors (2002-2004), Board Secretary (2003-2004), and Member of the Association Office Operations Committee (2003-2004). Dav also served as Chapter Cabinet Chair (2003-2004) and member of the Governance Task Force (2002-2004), and he helped develop the Model Chapter / Division Governing Document and Chapter / Division Recom-

mended Practices. In his role, first as Chapter Cabinet Chair, and continuing as a member of the Leadership Summit Task Force (2004-2005), Dav was instrumental in changing the focus of the SLA Winter Meeting from organizational training to real leadership development culminating in the 2005 Leadership Summit in Tampa. Also as Chapter Cabinet Chair, he facilitated the establishment of the SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter, the 59th geographically-oriented network within its membership. As a member of the Finance Committee (2004-2006), Dav helped formulate the initiative on dues restructuring. He also chaired the Code of Responsibility Task Force (2003) that developed the Code of Accountability for SLA leaders: the Board of Directors, Association Committees and Task Forces, as well as Chapter and Division Executive and Advisory Boards leaders and members, and Caucus Conveners. Dav has also served on the Professional Development Committee (1998-2001, & 1991-1994), Strategic Planning Committee (2004-2005), Awards Committee (2003-2004), and Endowment Fund Committee (2003-2004). In recognition for his leadership, and for outstanding contributions and expected future service to the association, Dav was named an SLA Fellow in Toronto at the 2005 Annual Conference.

Dav has also been actively engaged in the issues and activities of several SLA Divisions: the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Environment and Resource Management Division, Government Information Division, Information Technology Division, and Library Management Division. Dav was Chair of the Environmental Information Division ((1981-1983) and helped guide the merger with the Natural Resources Division to form the Environment and Resource Management Division, which he served as a director (2000-2002, 1989-1991). He also helped organize the Toxicology Roundtable session at the SLA Annual Conference for several years.

Dav received The Meritorious Achievement Award, in 1992 from the North Carolina Chapter of SLA (NCSLA) for dedicated service as Chair (1991-1992), SLA Winter Meeting Local-Planning Task Force Member (1994-1995), Nominating Committee Chair (1991-1992), Awards Committee Chair (1990-1991), Operations/Procedures Committee Chair (1990-1991); Past-President (1990-1991); President (1989-1990); President-elect (1988-1989); Secretary (1985-1987); Public Relations Chair (1987-1988); Government Relations Chair (1984); and Bulletin Business Manager (1979-1981).

One of Dav's other professional interests, but one that he loves the most, is mentoring students. He has influenced over one hundred students during the thirty

years of the UNC-SILS internship program between NIEHS and EPA. According to Andy Ingham, former president of the SILS Alumni Association “Dav was selected as the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus for the immense positive impact he has had on so many others during his long and noteworthy career. His career exemplifies the qualities of dedication, enthusiasm, leadership effectiveness and personality.”

Dav’s research interests include metadata, ontologies, and the role librarians can play in the development of the Semantic Web. He recently presented papers on this topic at SLA in Nashville, and in Shanghai and Beijing. He continues to collaborate with colleagues at UNC-SILS. One such collaboration is the Metadata Generation Research (MGR) project, which is developing a model that will facilitate the most efficient and effective means of metadata production by integrating human and automatic processes. A list of Dav’s presentations and publications can be found at: <http://library.niehs.nih.gov/about/home.htm#staff>.

Dav is married to Eliza Robertson, Library Director at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle Park, NC. Eliza is also an active SLA member and is president of the NCSLA. They have two adult sons and a granddaughter born in August 2005. Dav loves hiking in the mountains, gardening, book collecting, traveling, music, and conversation over dinner.

Dav distinguished himself as a true leader who has made a difference in our profession. We wish him “Good Luck” in the coming election.

• **Lorri Zipperer**, Cybrarian, Zipperer Project Management is among the recipients of the 2005 Cheers Awards. The Cheers Awards honor individuals, organizations, and companies that have set a superlative standard of excellence for others to follow in the prevention of medication errors and adverse drug events. The Cheers Awards are hosted by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), a nonprofit organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents more than 30 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. In 2004 the Institute celebrated the 10th anniversary of its official incorporation as a nonprofit organization.

New Members of the Division

Irene S. Laursen

Membership Committee Chair

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division in recent months. If you joined the division recently, and have not yet sent us a brief biographical profile, we would be happy to consider publishing it in the New Member Profiles, a column which will resume with the next issue. So please don’t be shy. And thanks to those who have already contributed.

SLA Headquarters recently underwent several staffing changes, which delayed the transmission of new members’ information to divisions and chapters. We are now back on track, and will be in touch with all of you shortly.

July-August 2005

Susanne Barker, of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
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Molly Keener, of Winston-Salem NC
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Diana Komanesky, of Scotch Plains NJ
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Susan Powelson, of Regina, SK, Canada
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Maria Siatos, of San Francisco CA
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Rebecca Ulrey, of Grand Haven MI
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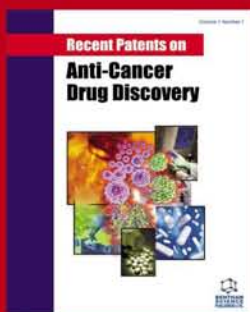
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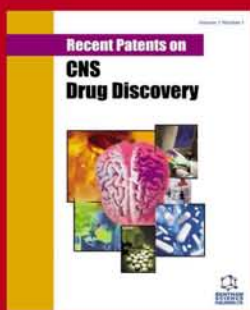
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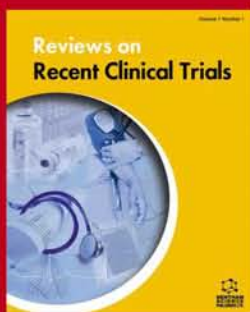
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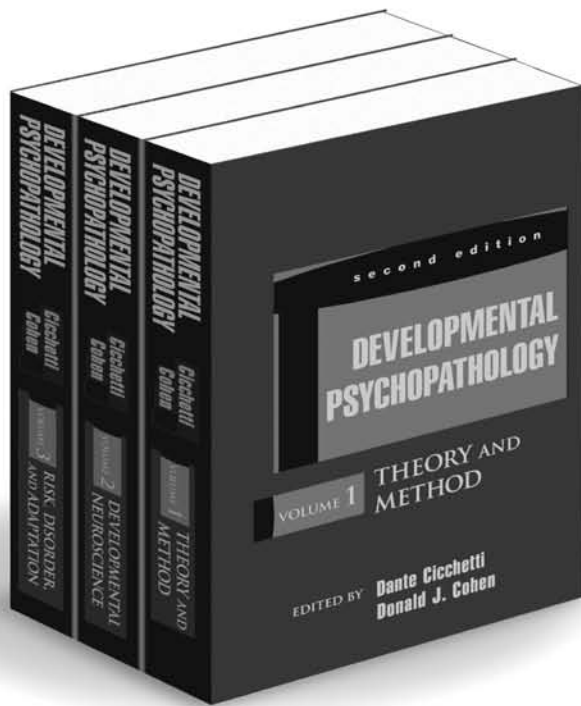
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