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Message from the Chair

Nalini Mahajan

Sitting at my kitchen table, sipping a cup of tea, watching the snow coming down, I am getting a bit misty-eyed over the recollection of many friends that I have made and of the happy times we have spent together during my three-decade association with SLA. I have been very fortunate to meet and collaborate with the best in our field. I can think of no better time than the holiday season to thank all of those who have given their precious time to the division during the past years. You're the people who make SLA great through the work you do for Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO). Most especially I want to thank Tony Stankus, who served not only as the 2014 DBIO Chair but took on the role of Program Chair as well. I am always amazed at his enthusiasm, energy, commitment, and leadership. Thanks, Tony!

The SLA annual conference in Vancouver this past year provided a gorgeous setting along the waterfront with beautiful sunsets and exotic food. Thanks to the thorough planning and hard work of Tony Stankus and his committee; all DBIO programs were a success. They will be a hard act to follow, but we will do our best to live up to your expectations. On the basis of the feedback from our members, we are planning to have more networking opportunities at the Boston Conference this year. Networking is a key activity that is not only fun, but critical to one's personal growth and professional development. Our focus is, and has always been, to recognize and fulfill the needs of our members. Keeping this in mind our Program Committee has planned a very exciting program for the Boston conference. Additionally, we will collaborate and join forces with other divisions, chapters, and caucuses to attract members throughout SLA to participate in and contribute towards our programs.

My heartfelt gratitude goes to our Executive Board members: Howard Fuller, Andrea Miller-Nesbitt, and Peggy Murphy for their leadership, vision, dedication and service to the Division this past year. As you are aware, your Board, Committee Chairs, as well as the volunteers, work extremely hard behind the scenes in helping the division thrive. We have a wonderful and committed team in place to lead DBIO in 2015.

In 2014, SLA had Kate Arnold as the first-ever President from outside North America. She adopted “[Beyond Borders](#)” as her theme which acknowledged the association’s growing international status, and highlighted the international membership. She also wanted a theme which would embrace more than geographic boundaries and encourage members to adopt a new way of thinking and acting, a state of mind which applies to trying new things, whether it is new practices, collaborations or connecting with new people .I would like to do the same for the DBIO division in 2015 by connecting and collaborating with our members in new ways. I’d love to know how we are going beyond borders in our work environment as well as professional life and what technologies we are using to bridge the barriers of time and distance. Please share your experience by contacting [Grace Romund](#) (*Biofeedback* Editor), [Claudia Lascar](#) (Home Page Content Manager/Co-Chair), [Monica Kirkwood](#) (Webmaster/Co-Chair), or [me](#). We would love to see it published in our *Biofeedback*. There will be a little bit more about this in the next issue of *Biofeedback*.

One of my key goals for the upcoming year is to get more new members involved in the division and to persuade them to sign up for one of our committees. While we have been very fortunate to receive so much, we also have the opportunity to give back. This effort is worthwhile; it not only helps the division but also expands your professional development and presence. Volunteers gain leadership skills, meet a variety of people, share experiences and expertise, and develop valuable contacts. As Tony mentioned in his Chair’s Message (*Biofeedback*, Fall 2014), our division has never been short of brainpower, but it is sometimes short of “person-power”. Most committees need new members; Chairs are needed for Fund Development, Diversity, and Membership. If you haven’t volunteered for a committee assignment, please do step up to the plate and consider a small commitment of your time. Believe me, every contribution big and small makes a huge difference and moves us forward. If you are interested in any of the aforementioned positions or have any ideas, suggestions, or comments about DBIO, please send me an email at nmahajan@marianjoy.org or contact the committee chair for further information. To see the list of committee chairs go to: <http://dbiosla.org/inside/officers/officers.html>

As we ring in a New Year, my warmest wishes for new beginnings and bright futures go out to you all and my sincere appreciation to the outgoing members for being a part of my cherished memories with DBIO. It’s an honor to be elected Chair, and I very much look forward to working with the members on ways to better serve our present and future needs.

Boston Conference Preview

Nalini Mahajan, Division Chair

Saturday, June 13

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Board of Directors Meeting/Dinner

Date and Time: Saturday, June 13, 2015, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Session Description

The DBIO Board, Committee Chairs and Officers will meet to review 2014 activities and projects undertaken by the division and discuss the plans for the 2016 conference. Suggestions for next year's conference programs will be taken from the floor. Calls for candidates for next year's officers and committee members will be issued.

Sunday, June 14

Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Vendor Relations Networking Lunch

Date and Time: Sunday, June 14, 2015, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Session Description

Learn about the latest products and developments of leading Information Industry vendors selected for their forward thinking in the area of Bio-medical and Life Sciences. Four vendors will provide 15-minute presentations with brief question and answer follow up. Complimentary box lunches will be provided to the all attendees.

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

Date and Time: Sunday, June 14, 2015, 3:30 -5:00 p.m.

Session Description

This panel discussion will feature scientists from different disciplines presenting the subject of genetic mutations from the viewpoint of their work. First an evolutionary biologist will introduce the topic and discuss generally how natural selection works and the time scales involved. Next a scientist working on genetic changes in organisms will discuss how these changes take place and how they are regulated. Finally a representative from the medical community will address specifically how diseases evolve and change, and what the implications are for human health in particular. Each will give a 20 minute presentation then the floor will open for questions and discussion.

Speakers:

James Mallet, Evolutionary Biologist (To introduce the panel)
<http://www.oeb.harvard.edu/faculty/mallet/index.html>

Hopi Hoekstra
<http://www.oeb.harvard.edu/faculty/hoekstra/>

Monday, June 15

Biomedical & Life Science Division Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, June 15, 2015, 8:00-9:30 a.m. (Breakfast: Ticketed Event)

Session Description

Join your DBIO colleagues to review the accomplishments of the past year, learn about the plans for the future, and celebrate our award winners. All major officers of the division will present their reports to the membership. Suggestions for next year's convention programs will be taken from the floor and candidates for next year's officers and committee members will be solicited.

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

Date and Time: Monday, June 15, 2015, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Session Description

The Medical Section will host DBIO members and guests at their annual business meeting and reception. There will be attendee-led discussions on topics of interest to medical librarians and the future of the Medical Section. This will provide a great opportunity to network with your colleagues, foster relationships, meet members and gain new knowledge while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. (two complimentary beverage tickets provided). All are invited for drinks and conversation.

Networking Events

2015 Program Planning Committee is in the process of finalizing the following networking events in Boston. These events will provide new and current members of DBIO to network with their colleagues, share experiences and expertise, and develop valuable contacts. Stay tuned for more information

- DBIO Newcomers'/Members' No-host Dinner
- DBIO Medical Section Newcomers'/Members' No-host Dinner
- Tours: Museums, libraries, Aquarium

Date and Time: TBA

In addition, DBIO is co-sponsoring these sessions:

Monday, June 15

All Sciences Poster session

Date and Time: Monday, June 15, 2015, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Lead Division: Science & Technology

Tuesday, June 16

Science of 3D Printing (Master Class session)

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Lead Division: Chemistry

The advance in materials, which can be used for 3D printing, has enabled many new possibilities in 3D modeling, prototyping, and even manufacturing for engineering, biomedical, and pharmaceutical areas. The low cost of open source 3D printing also opens up explorations in printing customized products for consuming in daily life. This session will introduce principles of 3D printing, advance in materials for 3D printing, and its applications in research of the above areas. We will also explore the library and librarians' role in supporting 3D printing in our organizations.

Revolutionize Library Management: Best Practices in Libraries (breakfast)

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 7:30-9:30 a.m. (Breakfast)

Lead Division: Science-Technology Division

Speaking from their own personal experiences, a panel of information professionals encompassing a wide range of expertise will discuss best practices in scientific and technical libraries. Topics and speakers include: Betty Edwards, Partnerships/teaming with stakeholders in business development; Joyce Fedeczko, Outsourcing; Sue Henczel, statistics, Performance measures and impact: exploring the frameworks provided by current ISO standards; Nalini Mahajan, Best practices in medical libraries; Valerie J. Ryder, Measuring value in corporate libraries; Deb Schwarz, Outsourcing; Sara Tompson, Systems thinking; Vicki Valleroy, Research data analytics.

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Lead Division: Science-Technology Division

Speakers: Sue Henczel, Graham Robertson

From knowledge management (KM) to enterprise information management (EIM), the information audit is a tool to be used to address operational and strategic challenges regarding information and knowledge within an organization. This session will include a description of the information process and its relationship to the knowledge audit and to enterprise information management. It will include discussion of requisite skills, potential outcomes and a variety of case studies.

Transforming International Science and Technology Librarianship

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Lead Division: Science-Technology Division

A variety of speakers from academic, corporate, and government libraries will highlight ways their libraries have transformed to meet the needs of their patrons and network with librarians across the world.

Panelists include: Jay Bhatt, Gimena Campos Cervera, Susmita Chakraborty, Andrew Clark, Susan Henczel, P.K. Jain, Geeta Paliwal, Rindra M. Ramli, and Graham Robertson

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Message from the Medical Section Chair

Elaine Dean

Happy New Year! I'm excited to begin this year as Medical Section Chair, and I'm looking forward to getting to know many of you better as we continue getting ready for the annual meeting. I've heard from some of you that you would like more time for networking and getting to know your Medical Section and DBIO colleagues better, and one of my main goals is to find ways to make this happen. As a newer member of SLA, I know how challenging it can be for many of us to form connections as we rush from session to session trying to take it all in. I also know that not all of us can make it to the annual conference, but we still want opportunities to connect and learn from each other.

Our annual business meeting and reception, Learning & Libations, is the main Medical Section event and this year we're planning on hosting attendee-led discussions to help facilitate knowledge sharing among our members. I'm borrowing loosely from unconference and round table formats and I would like to invite all of you to submit your conversation topics to me over the next couple of months as we get closer to the conference. All are invited to join us for drinks and conversation, but I'm especially hoping that you will come and share the topics you are most interested in learning about and projects you are working on. Please email your topics suggestions to me at elaine.dean@cchmc.org. I'll share some proposed topics in a future report here in *Biofeedback*, and I'll bring these topics to the reception for attendees to use as a starting point of our group discussions. This will be fairly informal, but I hope it will allow us to make the most of the time we have together.

Another proposed idea is to have a no-host dinner for our members sometime during the conference. Details will be forthcoming, but if you are interested in helping with planning or have any suggestions please let me know. The Medical Section Secretary position is also still open, and is a great way of getting involved in our division. I'd be happy to answer any questions if you are considering volunteering in this role.

I'm looking forward to hearing your conversation topics, feedback, and any ideas or thoughts you have for what you hope to gain from your participation in the Medical Section in the future. I hope to see many of you in Boston!

Letter from the New *Biofeedback* Editor

Grace Romund

I would like to take this opportunity in my first column as the Editor of *Biofeedback* to introduce myself. My name is Grace Romund. I am a professional librarian in the infancy of my career (AKA a baby librarian, as I have been dubbed by some of my colleagues in the field).

I am currently a contract librarian at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada where I hold the position of Long-term Care Outreach Librarian, providing library and information services to all personal care homes (nursing homes) in my province. I find this to be a unique and challenging work, being a librarian in the long-term care setting. But perhaps I am not unique, and if there are any other librarians out there in DBIO who provide services for those who care for the elderly and chronically ill, I welcome the opportunity to connect with you in the coming year.

I believe that being able to network with other librarians is one of the many benefits of being a part of professional associations. And, using myself as an example, I would say to anyone who has considered getting more involved with *Biofeedback* or DBIO, but is waiting for when they are more established in their career—now is as good a time as any. While my job title may change over the course of my tenure as *Biofeedback* editor, I'm confident that the members of DBIO won't mind.

And to reiterate the comments of Nalini in the Message from the Chair, if there's ever something you would like to write for *Biofeedback*, don't hesitate to get in contact with us. We welcome any contributions from the membership.

SLA DBIO Member Activities (December 2014)

Lori Bronnars

DBIO members are always contributing to the profession, their institutions and organizations. In this issue we report on a publication, service, an exhibit and someone leaving the ranks.

Cindy Clark, Biomedical Librarian at the National Institute of Health Library in Bethesda, Maryland co-authored the following article:

Clark, C. and B. Sullivan. 2014. Evaluating the NIH Library Editing Service: Pilot study used to analyze service impact. *Science & Technology Libraries* 33(4):351-7, doi:10.1080/0194262X.2014.950000 and for those with subscriptions: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0194262X.2014.950000>

She also served as the SLA-Rio Grande Chapter Bulletin Editor this year.

Lori Bronars, Science Research Support Librarian-Life Sciences at The Center for Science and Social Science Information, Yale University co-curated the media wall exhibit below. As of March the PowerPoint version will be available at <http://csssi.yale.edu>

Bronars, L. 2014. Marsh Botanical Garden: Yale's Hidden Jewel, on display through March 2015.

Nancy Stimson retired from her position as Biomedical Librarian and Scholarly Communications Coordinator at the University of California, San Diego Library effective January 1, 2015. She was at the UCSD Library for sixteen years. In her retirement, Nancy plans to travel, hike, write and attend movie matinees. Thanks for your contributions over the years. We will miss you!

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