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Renee Bush

Many Division members have been hard at work over the past three months planning our programs for the 1993 Annual Conference in Cincinnati. I want to give you a brief outline of what we all have to look forward to next June. More detailed descriptions of the sessions will be provided in subsequent issues of *Biofeedback*.

We have two exciting sessions scheduled for Monday: *Issues in Biotechnology*, which will address some of the concerns touched upon in our Biotechnology Roundtable at the Annual Conference last June, and *Biomaterials: Past, Present, and Future*, which will provide an overview of this rapidly growing, multi-disciplinary field. The Pharmaceutical Division is co-sponsoring the Biotechnology program; the Chemistry, Engineering, Metals/Materials, and Sci-Tech Divisions are joining us in sponsoring the Biomaterials session.

Tuesday morning, we will once again co-sponsor the popular biennial *Toxicological Roundtable Update* with the Environment & Resource Management Division. The afternoon's schedule may necessitate making a difficult choice, unfortunately, as a conflict was unavoidable. The Online Section of the Sci-Tech Division has planned a session, which BSD will co-sponsor, that will include a presentation on *Multimedia on a Network* and a discussion and demonstration of a medical textbook

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online. In the same time slot, the Natural History Caucus and BSD will bring you the program *Biodiversity: Preserving the Earth's Natural Heritage* [see page 5]. Wednesday's programs will provide a format change that you may find refreshing after the intensity of the conference's first two days. In the early afternoon, we will co-sponsor a tour of the Lloyd Library and Museum (known for its botany, medical botany, and pharmacy collections) with the Museums, Arts & Humanities and Sci-Tech Divisions and the Natural History Caucus. Later in the afternoon, BSD and ERM will have an informal "drop-in" roundtable session on *The INTERNET for Life Sciences Librarians*.

A full day tour of the Cincinnati Zoo will be offered on Thursday. This zoo is considered one of the top five zoos in the country and is active in the effort to preserve endangered species. The morning program will consist of a discussion and tour addressing breeding programs for endangered species. Following a box lunch on the grounds, there will be a lecture and tour at the Arboretum on zoo horticulture and design.

As usual, there will be Open Houses on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings where we'll be able to unwind over drinks and munchies and enjoy the company of our colleagues.

The program promises to be stimulating and the company is always satisfying, so I hope you will begin to make your plans to join us in Cincinnati next June.

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Center, a part of the Academy Library, opened in January 1991 to provide access to the wide variety of information resources available on biodiversity and the efforts that are underway to preserve it. The Center serves all types of users, ranging from primary school students to teachers to postdoctoral researchers, and is equipped with CD-ROM, online access to databases, videotapes and interactive videodiscs, and conventional print resources. As Coordinator of the Center, Ms. Malley is responsible for organizing and disseminating the vast amount of information available on biodiversity.

Each member of the panel represents organizations that are at the very forefront of the effort to preserve biodiversity. This program will reveal the scope of the problem of dwindling natural resources, while sharing some positive steps that are taking place to safeguard the earth's great diversity of life.

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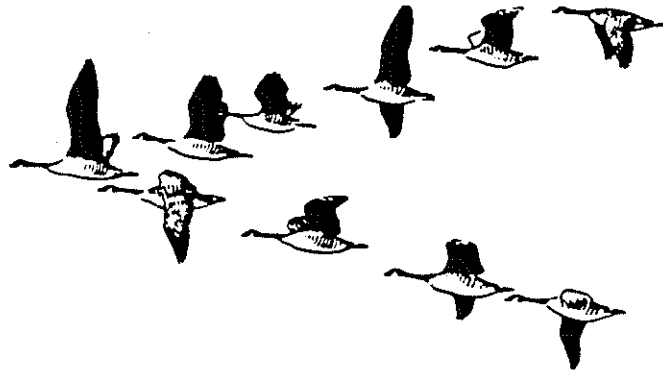
The Fund Raising Committee would like to communicate more interactively with BSD members in order to gain information necessary for its decision-making. While we intend to continue to use printed surveys, the use of electronic mail to poll network-accessible members will give the committee some important initial data.

Please send me your network address in the form of any E-mail message, indicating in the subject (Subj:) line that your message is about the Division (e.g. Subj: SLA, BSD). In order to make parsing easier, place your E-mail address, name, and elements of your U.S. mail address on separate lines. E-mail the message to: DTM@ARETHA.JAX.ORG. I will assemble the E-mail directory and distribute it to the membership. Thank you.

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Call for BSD Nominations

The Nominations and Elections Committee for the Biological Sciences Division is asking for nominations of members interested in running for the Division offices open this year. We are currently seeking candidates for the position of Division Chair-Elect and Division Director for 1993-94. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please contact the Committee Chair, Anna McGowan. She can be reached at (202) 205-4235 or on BITNET: ATM@FDACFSAN. The list of nominees will be published in the Winter issue of *Biofeedback* and the election will be held in the early Spring.



SLA Solicits Award Nominations

It's not too early to start thinking about nominations for SLA's 1993 awards and honors. Association award nomination forms, which are now available at SLA headquarters (contact Lauren M. Emmolo, Manager, Public Affairs at (202) 234-4700), must be completed and submitted to the appropriate committee. Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for the awards listed below is **December 7, 1992**. Chapters, divisions, and individual SLA members are encouraged to submit nominees.

Association awards include:

- Fellow of the Special Libraries Association:** Given to individual members of SLA, not presently serving on the Board of Directors, in recognition of their leadership in the field of special librarianship and for their outstanding contributions and expected future service to the Association.
- SLA Hall of Fame:** Granted to an Association member at or near the end of an active professional career for an extended and sustained period of distinguished service to the Association in all spheres.
- SLA Honorary Member:** An elected honor granted by the members of SLA to a nonmember of the Association.
- SLA John Cotton Dana Award:** Given to an individual SLA member(s) in recognition of exceptional services to special librarianship.
- SLA Presidents Award:** Given to an individual SLA member(s) for a notable or important contribution during the past Association year.
- SLA Professional Award:** Given to an individual or group, who may or may not hold membership in SLA, in recognition of a specific major achievement in, or a specific contribution to, the field of librarianship or information science.
- Meckler Award for Innovations in Technology:** A \$1,000 honorarium and crystal "trophy" given to an SLA member(s) for innovative uses and applications of technology in a special library setting. (*Deadline: January 4, 1993*)
- H.W. Wilson Company Award:** An honorarium and certificate given annually to the author(s) of the best paper published in *Special Libraries* during the previous calendar year.
- Special Recognition for Excellence in Public Relations During National Library Week/International Special Librarians Day:** Given to an individual SLA member or group of members. (*Deadline: May 14, 1993*)
- Member Recognition for Excellence in Public Relations:** Given to individual SLA members in recognition of the outstanding contributions made during the previous calendar year to the public relations goals of the profession, the Association unit, and/or the library/information center. (*Deadline: January 4, 1993*)
- SLA Public Relations Award:** Given to a journalist who, in the opinion of the SLA Public Relations Committee, published an outstanding feature article on the special libraries profession in a general circulation magazine in the previous calendar year. (*Deadline: January 4, 1993*)
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Biodiversity: Preserving the Earth's Natural Heritage

A Panel of Experts

Tuesday, June 8, 1993, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

*Wendy Wasman
Cleveland Museum of Natural History*

Examining rainforest plants with local medicine men to discover new pharmaceutical products ... developing technology for the captive breeding of endangered wildlife ... organizing and disseminating the vast array of information on biodiversity ... These are just some of the ways in which different types of institutions are working to preserve the "world's genetic library."

The Natural History Caucus will hold its first program at the Special Library Association's 84th Annual Conference in Cincinnati, June 5-10, 1993. The program, co-sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division and the Pharmaceutical Division, will focus on biodiversity, a topic much in the news. A panel of experts from the pharmaceutical industry, zoos, natural history museums, and special libraries will share and discuss their roles in one of the most important efforts of all time: preserving the earth's diversity of life.

The panel's moderator will be Dr. Gene R. Kritsky, Chair of the Biology Department at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. Dr. Kritsky is also Adjunct Curator of Entomology at the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. He specializes in the history of science, insect evolution, and insect systematics. He is the author of numerous publications; results from his research have been featured on the ABC Evening News, Good Morning America, and Cable News Network Science News.

Joining Dr. Kritsky will be three panelists from very different types of organizations. Bonnie Shipper, Research Analyst at Shaman Pharmaceuticals (San Carlos, CA), will describe her institution's unique contribution to preserving the world's rainforests. Shaman Pharmaceuticals sends ethnobotanists into the rainforests to work with local shamans, or medicine men, in an effort to discover and develop new pharmaceutical products. The company has already started testing one antiviral drug, and has many others that show potential as marketable medicines. Ms. Shipper has been associated with Shaman since its founding.

Stefanie Parker, Education Specialist for the Cincinnati Zoo's Center for Reproduction of Endangered Wildlife (CREW), will describe CREW's role in preserving endangered species. CREW has developed technology to propagate animal and plant species that are on the brink of extinction. The Center also has established international programs that enable conservationists worldwide to utilize this new technology. As Education Specialist, Ms. Parker develops educational programs, classes, and activities that highlight CREW's efforts in preserving biodiversity.

The last speaker on the panel will be Anne Marie Malley, the Coordinator of the Biodiversity Resource Center at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. The Biodiversity Resource

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Minutes of the 1992 Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 1992, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Marriott Hotel, San Francisco, California

Rita C. Fisher

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Cami Loucks called the annual business meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Forty-six attendees signed the annual business meeting attendance sheet. Board Proctor was Beth Paskoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Contributions received to date for support of the 1992 annual conference are from Pergamon, Chemical Abstract Services, Biosis, Maxwell Online, Inc. (BRS), DIALOG, VCH Publishers. [Additional contributions were received following this meeting from Springer-Verlag and Faxon.] Attendees were encouraged to express their thanks to these vendors.

A review of the Division-sponsored programs was given by the Chair and by Judy Wojcik. The Division co-sponsored the *Human and Plant Genome Projects* and *Chemistry for the Non-Chemist*. Two ticketed events were offered: *Disaster Preparedness for Libraries* and the *Tour of Golden Gate Park*.

The Chair discussed the need for a mentoring process for Division members.

The Chair announced that the Executive Board approved an award for Steven Sowell in recognition of his many years of service as the bulletin editor. Although Steven was unable to attend the conference, a round of applause was given in his honor.

The Chair offered her thanks to Barbara Montanary-Schader, Past-Chair, and Renee Bush, Chair-Elect.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Jo Anne Boorkman, Chair-Elect
Joan DeFato, Secretary/Treasurer

Lucy Rowland, Chair of the Nominations and Election Committee, reported that 257 ballots were returned.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in *Biofeedback*.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was distributed and questions concerning the financial health of the Division were answered. The Treasurer explained the difficulty in identifying the exact costs of the annual meeting to the Division because of the way SLA handles the process. The Chair stressed the projected high cost of this meeting, particularly the food items, but expressed the hope that the 1993 annual meeting in Cincinnati would cost considerably less. The Treasury is still in a reasonably healthy state. The cost per Division member for publication of *Biofeedback* (\$2.02) was presented. The Executive Board had determined last year that this was well within an acceptable range.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Long-Range Planning

Chair Larry Wright was unable to attend. No report was given.

2. Nominations and Elections--Lucy Rowland

Rowland thanked committee members Anna McGowan and Jane Cole. She discussed the difficulties for the committee created by the procedures as detailed in the bylaws. The Chair-Elect will establish an ad hoc Bylaws Committee to address these concerns.

3. Public Relations/Career Guidance--Janice Kemp

Kemp thanked committee members Barry Brown, Sheri Tickle Hester, Stephen Macksey, and Lucy Rowland for their assistance. She introduced Virginia Ann Hammond as the winner of the 1992 Student Stipend. Her winning essay will be printed in an upcoming *Biofeedback*.

4. Professional Development/Programs--Judy Wojcik

Wojcik thanked committee members Wei Wei and Jack Cooper. Thirty-one tickets had been sold for the luncheon. There were still spaces available for the tour. Tour arrangements were made by Jack Cooper.

5. Government Relations--Kay Collins

The NREN (National Research & Education Network) Bill was passed but no funding was allocated. Collins reported on the National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., which she attended. A mentoring program for next year's Legislative Day participants is being developed.

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6. Bulletin Editor--Adam Schiff

Steven Sowell served as editor for the first two issues of Vol. 17 and Schiff served in that capacity for the last two. Sowell will continue to handle the copying and mailing of *Biofeedback*. The total page count was 50 pages. Vol. 17(3) was the largest issue ever. Three paid advertisements at \$60 each were published in Vol. 17. An ISSN was assigned in December 1991.

7. Human and Plant Genome Projects--Efrat Livny

Livny reported on the program presented Monday afternoon. She is looking for assistance for future programs.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was introduced.

TRANSFER OF CHAIRSHIP:

Renee Lahcen Bush was invested as Chair.

CINCINNATI PLANNING (1993):

Bush presented information on proposed programs for the 1993 Annual Conference. Include is a program on biomaterials, to be co-sponsored with several other divisions, one on ethics issues in science/technology areas in which there is some interest from potential co-sponsors, the Toxicology Roundtable, to be co-sponsored by the ERMD, a biodiversity program, a roundtable of Division members with facilitators on topics such as electronic bulletin boards, list servers, or electronic communication options. Assistance is requested for the latter roundtable. The Lloyd Museum is being discussed as a tour. There are yet no definite plans for a CE course.

Wojcik requested feedback on interest in trips to the Cincinnati Zoo, a horse farm in Lexington, KY, and the Audubon Society's bird sanctuary.

David Self, 1993 Hospitality Committee, requested input on desired information about Cincinnati. A restaurant guide will be prepared. A request was made for a list of cheaper hotels.

1992/1993 COMMITTEES:

Three new chairs were announced:

- Anna McGowan, Nominations and Election
- Julia Perez, Membership
- Lucy Rowland, Public Relations/Career Guidance

Three ad hoc committees have been formed:

Bylaws--Mary Compton

Awards--to review a proposal received from Larry Wright. The proposal suggests that awards be given to both individuals and organizations which have made significant contributions to the Division.

Fund Raising--Jo Anne Boorkman, Chair-Elect. The Chair stated that the issues of fund raising were more complex than ever given the economic climate and competition from other divisions and organizations. She requested that this committee work with the Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Larry Wright.

A request was made for volunteers for committees, particularly the Local Planning Committee for Cincinnati.

Rita Fisher was designated the Division's liaison to the International Relations Committee. SLA has agreed that each Division will have such a liaison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ann Juneau announced that the Natural History Caucus met during the conference. Twenty-six people attended. It was agreed to schedule a panel on biodiversity for the 1993 Annual Conference, and to develop a union serial list.

Tools of the Profession is available for purchase at the SLA booth. The Division has a chapter which was prepared under the leadership of Mary Compton.

Pat Wilson expressed a concern that the badges lacked information on division memberships.

Julianne Beall of the Library of Congress distributed a report on the new edition of the Dewey decimal biology classification.

Attendees were reminded of the Open House following this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita C. Fisher, Secretary/Treasurer, 1990-1992

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