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Chair's Report

Renee Bush

In this, my last "Chair's Report," I want to comment on a few aspects of our Division's activities at the Annual Conference in Cincinnati. First, however, I will take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the many people who have worked so diligently this past year to make the Biological Sciences Division a vibrant, worthwhile professional organization. Dozens of BSD members have contributed their precious time and energy to keep the Division running smoothly and to plan our conference programs. Special thanks go to the chairs of our committees for taking on the extra responsibility of coordinating the efforts of our volunteers and, of course, to the Board members who have carried out their duties so ably. I have been greatly impressed with the professionalism, enthusiasm, and creativity of the BSD members with whom I have worked this past year. I have learned a lot and laughed a lot too. Thank you all.

Regarding the 1993 SLA Annual Conference...

Unless you have been involved in planning a conference program, you are probably unaware of the costs involved and the difficulty of raising the necessary funds to cover these costs. Travel and housing expenses and honoraria for session speakers, stipends for the Student Conference Award winner, rental fees for each piece of AV equipment used in each session (e.g., overhead and slide projectors, microphones), signs posted at session rooms to acknowledge sponsors, and refreshments for open house receptions can run into thousands of dollars for the type of programming that BSD typically puts on each year. Without the generous contributions of various companies we would not be able to provide these programs. This year, the following companies and organizations have contributed funds to support BSD programming: **American Ceramic Society, BIOSIS, Ballen Booksellers International, Inc., BRS Online Products, Dialog Information Services, Inc., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., and STN International/MPD Network.** When you visit the

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Exhibit Hall, *please* be sure to stop by the booths of these vendors and thank them for their support. This type of interaction really does influence the companies' decisions to sponsor events at future conferences.

The Biological Sciences Division's Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to attend! For any SLA division or chapter to remain vital and responsive, the members must be informed and involved. The Annual Business Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for members to learn how the division functions and to *meet fellow members*. Please write this meeting into your conference schedule.

For those of you who may be wondering just what it is that the Division's Board does, here are some of the issues to be addressed at the June meeting of the 1992/93 Board:

- consideration of reports submitted to the Board by:

Director -- results of survey of directors of other SLA divisions

Career Development/Public Relations Committee -- recommendations for revising the procedures and funding of the Student Conference Award

Nominations & Elections Committee -- recommendations for procedural revisions

Ad Hoc Committee on Awards -- recommendations regarding proposal to institute an awards program

Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning -- draft of revised Long Range Plan

- revision of *Biofeedback* publication schedule
- decision as to whether Ad Hoc Committees on Awards, Bylaws, and Fund Raising should be made standing committees
- possible "adoption" of a Third World library

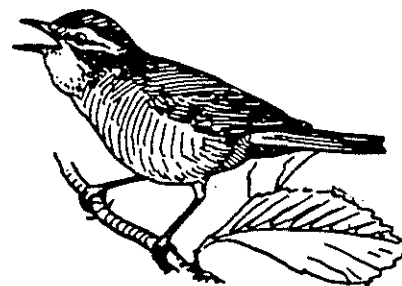
And the Winners Are...

No need to hold your breath any longer. The votes have been tallied and the new Chair-Elect and Director of the Biological Sciences Division have been announced:

Chair-Elect: Patricia B. Yocum

Division Director: Kay Collins

Thanks go to all the candidates for agreeing to run for office, and congratulations to the Nominations and Elections Committee (Anna McGowan (chair), Elisabeth Davis, and Barbara Montanary-Schader) for running another smooth election.



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Call For Papers--Atlanta 1994

The theme for the 1994 SLA Conference is "Information Vision." In keeping with that general theme, the Biological Sciences Division is planning a contributed paper session in the area of collection management-- "Visioning Our Collections." How is collection development and management changing with the rapidly changing patterns of publishing (print and electronic), costs of serials, and ownership vs. access in life sciences collections? Here is your opportunity to tell your colleagues how your collections are changing, how you are measuring what your clientele's information needs are, and how you are meeting these needs, or even what philosophical (and controversial) thoughts you may have as to the role of access in lieu of ownership in your collections.

Guidelines for contributions should follow those outlined for the general conference contributed papers:

Abstract: A 250-500 word abstract, accurately conveying the subject of the paper, its scope, conclusions, and relevance to the program theme.

Text: The complete text of the papers is due to the program coordinators by March 31, 1994.

Length: Paper presentation should take approximately 20 minutes.

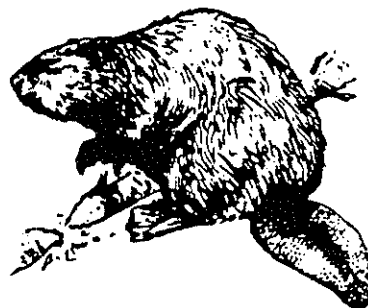
Acceptance: Papers will be accepted only if the abstract has been submitted for evaluation by the deadline: September 1, 1993. Submit abstracts to:

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Participation in BSD Activities

It's not too late to volunteer to participate in BSD committee activities for 1993/94. It would be especially helpful if members in the Atlanta area could assist with local arrangements. We can also use the expertise of those of you who have experience in the area of fund development on the Fund Raising Committee. If you are interested and just didn't get around to filling out the form in the last issue of *Biofeedback*, please contact:

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Student Stipend Award

Joanne Meil, a graduate student in the College of Library and Information Services at the University of Maryland, College Park, is this year's recipient of the student award from the Biological Sciences Division.

Ms. Meil, who expects to complete her studies this summer, wrote an essay entitled "A Greater Role for Biotechnology Librarians." The essay will be published this summer in the next issue of *Biofeedback*.

The award includes a \$300 travel stipend and lodging to attend the SLA annual conference. It was established to help a student member of SLA who is interested in biological sciences librarianship to attend the annual meeting and to network with professionals in the field.

CE Course at the Annual Conference: Online Resources in the Life Sciences/Biotechnology

A full day continuing education course sponsored by the Biological Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association will be offered at the upcoming SLA Annual Conference. This course, taught by Bonnie Snow, will compare and contrast subject scope and content among several databases, including: *BIOSIS*, *TOXLINE*, *EMBASE*, *MEDLINE*, *Derwent Biotechnology Abstracts*, *Current Biotechnology Abstracts*, *BIOBUSINESS*, and others. Participants will learn to compare database content and how to make informed database selection based on subject coverage. Advanced searching tips for several bioscience databases will also be covered.

About the instructor: Bonnie Snow, Manager, Mid-Atlantic Region, Dialog Information Services, Inc., is well-known in the field of online searching. She brings with her an extensive background in medical, biological and pharmaceutical information. Bonnie has held positions of increasing responsibility at Dialog over the past 13 years where she also has had the opportunity to design two seminars. Prior to joining Dialog, Bonnie spent four years at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science Library and two years at Drexel University.

Bonnie's present activities consist of editing and authoring "Caduceus," a column focusing on medical information sources and applications which appears in *Online* and *Database*. She currently serves on the Editorial Board of both *Medical Reference Service*

Quarterly and *Journal of Pharmacy Teaching*. Her Medical Library Association (MLA) involvement is considerable, and includes developing and teaching four courses which are offered worldwide by MLA. Bonnie has written numerous journal articles on online searching and her book credits include chapters entitled, "Biological Sciences," in *Manual of Online Search Strategies* and "Selecting and Using Bioscience Databases," in *Online Databases in Medical and Life Sciences*.

For more information, contact Judy Wojcik (704) 326-3659 or check your SLA Preliminary Program.

PLACE: Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Cincinnati

DATE: Thursday, June 10, 1993

TIME: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

If you have not received a copy of the Preliminary Program for the 1993 Annual Conference in Cincinnati, or if you would like extra copies, send a written or faxed request to SLA headquarters. The address is 1700 18th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009 and the fax number is (202) 265-9317.

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New Member Profiles

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Liz is an MILS student at the University of Michigan's School of Information and Library Studies. She will receive her degree in the summer of 1994. She is also currently employed as a University Library Associate at the University of Michigan Natural Science Library, and will be the librarian at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston, MI during the summer of 1993. After graduation, she hopes to work in a life science, natural history, or environmental library in an academic, governmental, or private setting. Liz received a B.A. in biology and environmental studies from Oberlin College.

Judy Senecal

Judy is a first-year MLIS student at McGill University in Montreal. She is the recipient of an NSERC scholarship for science librarianship and expects to graduate in the spring of 1994. She sees herself starting her career in a medical or life sciences library. Judy has a B.Sc. in microbiology and immunology and is hoping to work at CISTI in Ottawa this summer.

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Natural History Caucus Update

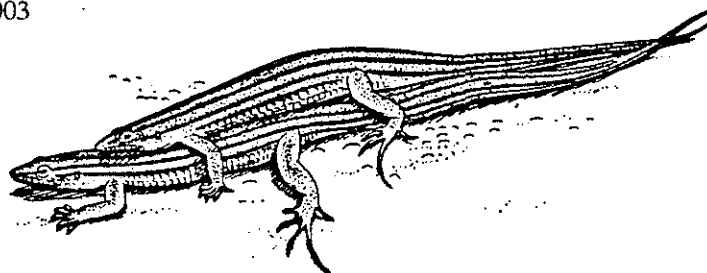
Ann Juneau
Chair, Natural History Caucus

The Natural History Caucus is rounding out its second year as an official entity of SLA. I am pleased to say we are going great guns. Some of our more than 50 members will be attending SLA's Annual Conference in Cincinnati and we hope as many of you who are members of or are curious about the Caucus will participate in the activities we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring.

Due to a great deal of time and effort invested by Program Planner Wendy Wasman (Cleveland Museum of Natural History), with assistance from Adam Schiff (California Academy of Sciences), we have two events you will not want to miss. The first is a field trip on Monday, June 7, 1:30-4:00 p.m., to the Museum Center at Cincinnati Union terminal. Here, we will see the art deco-styled Museum Center housing the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and the Cincinnati Historical Society Library and Museum. Secondly, on Tuesday, June 8, 1:30-4:00 p.m., the Caucus is co-sponsoring a panel on "Biodiversity: Preserving the Earth's Natural Heritage." Experts representing academia, the pharmaceutical industry, zoological parks, and a special library in a natural history museum setting will share and discuss their roles in working to preserve "the world's genetic library."

The Caucus' annual business meeting will be Monday, June 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m. We intend to discuss a proposed mission statement and a resource sharing project through OCLC. Last but far from least, we want to discuss ideas and identify volunteers to work on the program planning for the 1994 Annual Conference in Atlanta.

Once again, we wish to thank the Biological Sciences Division for providing us with their moral support and newsletter space.



BSD Conference Schedule

Saturday, June 5

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 1992/93 Board Meeting

Sunday, June 6

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. ACS Reception

Monday, June 7

7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. 1993/94 Board Meeting

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Human Genome Project

1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Biomaterials

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Open House

Tuesday, June 8

10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Toxicology Roundtable

1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Roles for the Library in Scientific Communication

1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Biodiversity

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Open House

Wednesday, June 9

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Field Trip: Lloyd Library

2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Internet for Life Sciences Librarians

Thursday, June 10

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CE Course: Online Resources in Life Sciences/Biotechnology

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Field Trip: Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden

Citing Electronic Sources

From an Internet discussion comes the following question and recommendation:

"Is There a Standard Way to Cite Electronic Sources in a Bibliography?"

"The book *National Library of Medicine Recommended Formats for Bibliographic Citation* by Karen Patrias (Bethesda, MD: NLM, 1991) has an extraordinarily fine section on referencing electronic sources. Since it clearly explains the elements needed, these elements can be manipulated for any other similar citation method."

Evolution on CD-ROM

An exciting interactive, multimedia set of CD-ROMs has recently been issued by the California Academy of Sciences and Warner New Media. LIFEmap, for Macintosh II-series or higher and 13-inch color monitor, allows users to discover how life on Earth developed over time, from the first living cells, to dinosaurs, to modern plants and animals. LIFEmap illustrates, with branching diagrams, the phylogeny of all major groups of organisms. Graphics, animation, music, narration, and audio effects all tell the story of evolution and of the relationships of organisms to each other. Three separate CD-ROM discs are available:

LIFEmap • Organic Diversity concentrates on the beginning of life and the subsequent evolution of bacteria, fungi, and plants, both extinct and living

LIFEmap • Animals focuses on invertebrate evolution and adaptation

LIFEmap • Animals with Backbones illustrates the evolutionary relationships of both fossil and recent vertebrates

LIFEmap is available from the publisher, Warner New Media, in Burbank, CA, and from the Academy Store at the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco. The cost of each disc is \$39.99.

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Stanford University is seeking an experienced Librarian with an academic research library background for the position of **Head Librarian and Bibliographer** of the Falconer Biology Library effective **September 1, 1993**.

The Libraries are seeking someone with an academic background in one of the Life Sciences disciplines to administer, set policy, and manage the biology library, to provide reference service in the life sciences, and to develop and manage the collections and resources in the biological sciences. The Librarian serves as liaison to faculty and graduate students in the Biology Department and coordinates and provides bibliographic instruction and reference service in the biological sciences, including database searching. The Biology Librarian also participates in the work of the Science and Engineering Resource Group and coordinates collection development with the Lane Medical Library staff. Reference and supervisory support may be given as needed in one of the other science and engineering libraries. The Biology Librarian also participates in library-wide planning and sits on library and university committees as appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS: An academic degree in the Life Sciences or the demonstrated equivalent in experience is required. An undergraduate or graduate degree in Biology, Botany or Zoology is preferred. Adequate knowledge of the literature in the Life Sciences and its organization is required. An MLS degree from an accredited graduate school is preferred, though Stanford will accept the

demonstrated equivalent in training and experience. Effective supervisory and management competence is required, as is the demonstrated ability to contribute usefully to planning and implementation of new and improved services and resources. Preferred evidence would be successful work in a graduate research library. General knowledge of collection development principles and practices is highly desirable and required at the higher level. Demonstrated ability to communicate and work effectively with faculty, students and library staff is required. Ability to perform effectively in and contribute successfully to a diverse, multicultural workplace is required. Experience with microcomputers, automated systems, and instructional offerings will weigh heavily in favor of the candidate.

The position reports to the Head of the Science and Engineering Resource Group.

APPLICATIONS: A letter of application, resume, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references should be submitted by **June 15, 1993** to: **Charlotte Derksen, Chair Search Committee, Biology Librarian and Bibliographer, Branner Earth Sciences Library, Mitchell Building, STANFORD UNIVERSITY Stanford, CA 94305-2174**. Stanford is committed to the principles of diversity and encourages applications from women, members of ethnic minorities, and individuals with disabilities.

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Marketing Swap & Shop '93

Looking for great ways to market your library or yourself? The Swap & Shop will help you chart your course for a successful future! This low-cost ticketed event sponsored by the Library Management Division will be held at the SLA Annual Conference on Tuesday, June 8, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Cincinnati Convention Center. Stop by at your leisure to receive a sample packet of marketing materials, learn tips on successful marketing programs from poster sessions, share ideas with other special librarians, and have a snack!

All of the marketing materials donated, along with donors' addresses, will be displayed on bulletin boards. You'll be able to find out whom to contact about the ideas you really like. For the first time, marketing materials will be grouped by area of interest. Materials from solo librarians and from vendors will be separated from samples from larger libraries.

You can help ensure the successful exchange of ideas at the Swap & Shop! As soon as possible, please send at least 100 copies of your marketing materials to be included as samples in Swap & Shop packets to: Corilee Christou, Mead Data Central, 9443 Springboro Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45401, ATTN: Marketing Swap & Shop.

Materials must be received no later than May 28. If you are able to send more than 100 copies of your materials, it would be greatly appreciated, since 500 people are expected to attend the Swap & Shop.

The Poster Sessions provide individuals who have found especially successful ways to promote their library within their organization the chance to show off their ideas. Informal presentations with displays allow presenters to discuss their methods of marketing their libraries and to answer questions from attendees. If you are interested in giving a Poster Session, please call: Barbara Fletcher, IRC, Brown & Root Inc., (713) 676-3380.

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