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KEYNOTES

It's hard to believe that the end of 1987 is almost upon us and 1988 will soon be beginning. A new year, a new calendar; hopefully, renewed energies and ambitions.

Our Strategic Planing Committee, consisting of Chairman, Ted Srygley, and members Suzetta Burrows, Naomi Elia, Linda Henke, Jo Ann Tibbs, Sarah Harmon, Gwen Walters, Pat Moneyhan, and myself, will be kicking off the New Year with a meeting to be held either in Tampa or perhaps by a telephone conference call during the middle of January. We will be evaluating the progress made by other Committees in the direction of fulfilling our Strategic Plan. One request of the SPC is that institutions participating in DOCLINE forward to Suzanne Grefsheim, RMLS Executive Director, any comments, criticism, or problems encountered with the system. Her address is SE/A RMLS, Health Sciences Library, 111 South Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Susan Woods, Chair of the Membership Committee, is initiating an ambitious project designed to inform the membership of the Florida Library Association about the existence and functions of the FHSLA and to invite members of that organization to become members of FHSLA. The rationale behind this venture is that there are many public, school, and academic librarians who could benefit from membership in FHSLA. If you know any librarians or information specialists who work with any aspect of healthcare or healthcare related research, or

simply have an interest in the field, please encourage them to join! Our longstanding members are the backbone of this organization, but it can be the new members with fresh ideas and new energy who will help to keep the momentum going.

The Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association met in Tampa, October 13 - 18, 1987. The meeting topics were informative and the CE courses well attended. Since hurricane Floyd scooted into the area just days before the scheduled dates, it was uncertain for awhile what the fate of the meeting might be, but all was well by the opening day. In fact, the coolish weather (at least from this attendee's viewpoint, having suffered with 80+ degree weather in South Florida; attendees from the more northern states thought they had come into a heat wave!) was an absolute delight and added to the enjoyment of an excellent experience. The announcement was made official that the location for 1988 SC/MLA meeting will be in Jacksonville, November 2-5. We should feel quite honored and fortunate that this meeting will have been held in Florida for two consecutive years, making it perhaps a bit easier for our members to attend.

And speaking of meetings, Bettye Stille, our Vice-President, is in the midst of concluding plans for our annual FHSLA meeting to be held in conjunction with GHSLA (Georgia Health Science Library Association) Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, March 16, 17, and 18, 1988, at the newly opened Omni Hotel. More on that meeting elsewhere in the Alert!

In closing, remember that, for the FHSLA's fiscal year, we are almost halfway through the current term. Very soon, it will be time to appoint NEW Committee members, appoint NEW Committee Chairperson, nominate NEW officers, and evaluate the ever evolving and therefore ever NEW Strategic Plan. An association is only as good as its members. Please make every effort to become active in your state organization. It will soon be a NEW YEAR.

We need NEW ideas, NEW energies, NEW commitments, an NEW concepts. In short, we need YOU!

Lee A. Whiteside-Murphy
President

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FHSLA STRATEGIC PLANNING
COMMITTEE

TED SRYGLEY has been appointed Chair of the FHSLA Strategic Planning Committee. Other members of the committee are SUZETTA BURROWS, NAOMI ELIA, SARAH HARMON, LINDA HENKE, PATRICIA MONEYHAN, JO ANN TIBBS, GWEN WALTERS AND LEE WHITESIDE-MURPHY. A January meeting will be held to plan for the 1988-89 year. Please jot down your ideas for activities, directions, etc. that you think our Association should be involved in and send them to Ted Srygley, Director, Health Science Center Library, Box J-206, Health Science Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 32610-0206.

FLORIDA LIBRARY NETWORK
INTERLIBRARY LOAN AND DELIVERY
SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

JO ANN W. TIBBS of University Community Hospital in Tampa was recently appointed to the Florida Library Network Interlibrary Loan and Delivery Systems Committee. This committee is chaired by Barratt Wilkins, State Librarian, and met for the first time on November 17, 1987 in Tallahassee. Jo Ann represents special libraries and was nominated to the Committee by Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC). (See TBLC article by Bob Martin in the Consortia News section of this issue of the ALERT.)

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Planning for the second joint meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association and Georgia Health Sciences Library Association is well underway! Representatives of both the Florida and Georgia groups met on October 30th at the new Omni Hotel in Jacksonville, the site of the upcoming meeting.

The theme for the meeting, "Drawing on Your Resources", will emphasize ways to make the most of your assets. CE courses are planned for Wednesday, March 16th, followed by a reception that evening. The program on Thursday and Friday, March 17th and 18th, will set a formidable precedent for all future meetings. We think you will agree that the combination of program and accommodations for this meeting are second to none. DON'T MISS IT!

LIMERICK CONTEST

All you Irish and Irish at heart, put on your green thinking caps and get your best limerick ready. A panel of judges from both Florida and Georgia will select the winning entry and award a special prize to the winner. Details on submitting your limerick will be included in the registration packet.

WANTED: Hospital librarian (s) involved in physician continuing medical education program for panel discussion with FMA at the FHSLA/GHSLA Meeting in Jacksonville on March 18th. Contact Bettye Stilley, Medical Library, Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL 32214, (904)-777-7583.

CALENDAR

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

January 9-14, 1988

American Library Association Mid-Winter Mtg., San Antonio, TX

January 27-29, 1988

Special Library Association Winter Meeting, Williamsburg, Va

February 4-5, 1988

User education: Earlham College - Eckerd College Bibliographic Instruction Workshop. Collection development and CD-ROM technology. Contact: Larry Hardesty, Director of Library Services, 4200 South 54th Avenue, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33661, (813) 867-1166.

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CE NEWS

Just a limited number of copies of the syllabus from CE 352 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION RESOURCES course are available! The syllabus is for sale for \$10. Contact Gwen Walters at University Community Hospital Medical Library, 3100 E. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33613; telephone: (813) 972-7236.

Now available at a discount price of \$10 are copies of the syllabi for CE 246, BASIC BUDGETING FOR HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES and for CE 245, MARKETING LIBRARY SERVICES. If you are interested in purchasing either syllabus, contact Jo Ann Tibbs, Medical Library, University Community Hospital, 3100 E. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33613; telephone: (813) 971-6000, ext. 1046.

CONSORTIA NEWS

MIAMI HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY CONSORTIUM TENTH ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS to the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium (MHS LC)! MHS LC will be celebrating its Tenth Year Anniversary during 1988. To commemorate this event, a traveling exhibit entitled "Meeting The Information Needs of Health Care Professional" will be displayed at member libraries. Plans are underway to design a new logo and to revise the consortium stationery as well. An anniversary dinner for members and their guests will also be held.

Through the years, MHSLC has grown both in size and services. The membership has increased to a total of 24 libraries of various types including hospital, corporate, academic and military. Today, the consortium's basic goal of resource sharing encompasses services such as: a union list of serials; group subscription to Bibliographic Retrieval Services (BRS) for on-line searching; DOCLINE participation; agreements with other library consortia; free interlibrary loan services; OCLC/SOLINET cataloging and processing; as well as local continuing education programs.

Anyone interested in additional information on the MHSLC consortium and/or the Tenth Year Anniversary celebration, may contact Diane Ream, Public Relations Chairman; Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium; P.O. Box 561542; Miami, FL 33256-1542 or call 1-(305)-596-6506.

--Naomi F. Elia

JHEP Library Network

Members of the Jacksonville Health Education Programs Library Network held a quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at the Nemours Children's Clinic. Evelyn Newfield, library manager at Nemours was hostess. the meeting was chaired by Pat Moneyhan, Library Consultant for the Network and member of the staff at Borland Health Sciences Library. A luncheon was followed by a program on cataloging and the Network's union list of serials.

--Carolyn Hall

TBLC - Tampa Bay Library Consortium

The Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc., was established in 1979 to promote interlibrary cooperation among public, academic and special libraries in the Tampa Bay area of Florida including the counties of Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota. Currently, there are approximately 55 TBLC member libraries representing a total of 107 libraries in the Tampa Bay area.

The TBLC Regional Network and Resource Sharing Plan includes:

- * Promoting cooperative efforts in providing reference and information services through a referral system;
- * Building a database of library information resources in the Tampa Bay region and establishing a means of access to the information;
- * Providing training programs to support the continuing education of TBLC library staff, especially in areas of professional development.

Membership is open to libraries in the Tampa Bay area subject to approval of the TBLC Board of Directors. Questions regarding membership or TBLC activities may be addressed to Robert Martin, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Suite 220, 10002 Princess Palm Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619; or telephone (813) 622-TBLC.

--Bob Martin

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MLA MEETING TAPES AVAILABLE

The Health Science Center Library at the University of Florida has a complete set of tapes from the MLA meeting held in Portland, Oregon in May, 1987. These tapes are available for loan through document delivery. When requesting tapes, please specify which sessions you want. There are far too many tapes to ship the entire set.

EVALUATING CD-ROM

The CD-ROM sharing session at the recent MLA Southern Chapter Meeting in Tampa provided useful insight into problems and advantages of CD-ROM. Since critical information is often hard to find, we have put together a list of articles and sources which may help in evaluating CD-ROM products.

Alberico R. Justifying CD-ROM.
Small Computers in Libraries
Feb, 1987; 7 (2):18.

Campbell B. Wither the white knight: CDROM in the technical services. Database Aug 1987; 10 (4) :22-40

Halperin M: Pagell RA. Compact Disclosure: Realizing CDROM's potential. Online Nov 1986; 10 (6):69-73.

Herther N. A planning model for optical product evaluation
Online Sept 1986; 10(5):128-130.

Ketchell D. What is CD-ROM?
Synapse: Alabama Health Libraries Association Sept 1987, VII(3):11-13.

Miller DC. Evaluating CDROMs: To buy or what to buy? Database Jun 1987, 10(3):36-42.

CD-ROM Review provides regular feature articles on software, hardware, a buyer's guide to CD-ROM drives and lists disk titles and producers. The Silver Disk column in Database and Online also provides useful updates to new developments.

The Health Science Center Library has purchased MEDLINE on CD-ROM from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts. Students and faculty alike are enthusiastic about it. No more Index Medicus for them!

Readers are invited to send in comments, questions and especially their personal experiences regarding CD-ROMs to the editor of the ALERT.

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PERSONALS

VAN AFES, Head of Technical Services at Louis Calder Memorial Library, U Miami School of Medicine, was appointed Archivist of the FHSLA. With a masters degree in archives and preservation, in addition to an M.L.S., Van is eminently qualified for and enthusiastic about this position.

DAVID GINN, Head of Reference Education at Louis Calder Memorial Library, presented a paper, "Multisector Approach to the AIDS Information Crisis," at the MLA Annual Meeting, May 19, 1987, Portland, OR and co-authored: "Evolution of an enduser training program" with P.E. Pinkowski and W.T. Tylman in Bull Med Libr Assoc, 75 (2):117-121, April, 1987.

AUGUST LA ROCCO's article, "Ellen Gartenfeld Health Information Network: "The Missing Link", appeared in SEA Currents, 5(5):4, Sept-Oct, 1987. Mr. LaRocco is coordinator of the consumer health network at Louis Calder Memorial Library.

HENRY L. LEMKAU, Director, Louis Calder Memorial Library, is incoming chair of the International Cooperation Committee of MLA. He is also a member of an ad hoc MLA committee to create a permanent endowment for the Eileen Cunningham Intl. Fellowship.

JO ANN TIBBS announced a correction in her telephone number. The number should be 971-6000, ext 1046. Please make the correction in your FHSLA Directory.

KAREN WELLS is now the medical librarian at Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center in Fort Myers. She was formerly a reference librarian at University of South Florida/Edison Community College Learning Resource Center in Fort Myers. Karen has a MLS from the University of Toledo.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, Associate Director for Education and Information Services, Louis Calder Memorial Library, was invited to lecture at Shanghai Medical University in the People's Republic of China. Forty-five library directors and associates from medical libraries from various parts of China attended. The lectures lasted from Sept. 21-25, 1987 and covered various aspects of medical librarianship. Funding for the trip was provided by Shanghai Medical University through a grant from the World Bank. Tom received an official appointment as Visiting Professor for the academic year 1987/88.

Acknowledgement to... POLLY JEAN DUFFEY, PI-YOUNG W. HSU, AND SUSAN E. WOODS who submitted items for the MLA Certification Examination given in November.

WARNING - BUYER BEWARE!

A warning from the TABAMLN meeting regarding publishers of hospital policy & procedure manuals - many companies require prepayment with no refund option. The Hospital & Physician Consulting Service, Inc. company of Marion, Illinois which publishes the 1987 Medical Library Policy and Procedure Manual for \$79.95 was cited as an example. It is STRONGLY advised that you preview or obtain references from other users before placing such an order.

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MLA RECERTIFICATION

Individuals who were certified by examination in November 1982 or who were recertified by application occurring the 1983 calendar year must submit their applications for recertification by December 31, 1987 in order to maintain their Medical Library Association Certification. For information on recertification requirements and application forms, contact the Professional Development Department, Medical Library Association, 919 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3208, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312)-266-2456.

MLA Southern Chapter Meeting

Hearty congratulations to Pat Craig and other members of the MLA Southern Chapter Meeting Planning Committee for a job well done! Glowing reviews have been heard about the CE courses and the sharing sessions and highest accolades go to David King, the keynote speaker. Here are just a few comments which were made about the meeting in Tampa:

--One of the best meetings I have attended. Especially liked the sharing sessions on Budgeting and New Technology.

--The sharing session on MEDLINE on CD-ROM was really informative and made me want to learn more about it!

--David King as keynote speaker was excellent... His topic on "Medical Libraries and Direct Patient Care" was especially relevant in this age where libraries must be accountable for costs and space. I was pleasantly surprised to see such a high correlation illustrated.

--The hotel was wonderfully located and refreshingly affordable.

--The sharing sessions were an inspiration. They gave us an opportunity to think through some of the major new technologies.

--To have a Maine lobster banquet in Tampa? It was brilliant!