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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

In just a few days we will be converging on Orlando for our Annual Meeting. Pat Cole and Nell Wooley have been hard at work for the past several months developing the program. We, the members, will reap the benefits of their labor! I hope to see you all there.

The scholarship program was a huge success this year. Because many members did not request the maximum amount available, we were able to grant twelve scholarships for the Annual Meeting. Due to the demand for this assistance, brought on by many tight travel budgets, the Executive Committee will be developing criteria for the selection of candidates for this program. We hope to be presenting our suggestions to the membership for approval at our Annual Business Meeting.

This year, in addition to the scholarships we made available to our members, we also extended an offer of one scholarship each to both Florida State University and the University of South Florida for a student in their School of Library and Information Science. Through this exposure, maybe we can encourage students finishing library school to consider a career in health sciences librarianship.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nell Wooley, with members Jan Booker, Janie Jones and Lee Whiteside, has reported to me its slate of officers for 1992-1993. The slate includes: Pat Buchan, All Children's Hospital, Tampa for Vice-President, President-Elect; Sue Felber, Naples Community Hospital, Naples for Secretary; and Deborah Lawless, Borland Library, Jacksonville for Treasurer. These candidates, along with any nominations from the floor, will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting.

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REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS

The National Library of Medicine is soliciting proposals for a third round of Grateful Med Outreach Purchase Orders. Requests for Quotations (RFQs) were mailed to all members of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). At least 12 Outreach Purchase Order will be awarded for a maximum of \$25,000 each to hospital and academic libraries. Funded projects will be designed to introduce health professionals to Grateful Med, provide them with a link to information services from a health sciences library and acquaint them with the resources that are available to them from NLM and the National Network.

The distribution of RFQs was done differently for this round of funding. In rounds one and two, only one RFQ was prepared and mailed to all NN/LM members. Two RFQs were prepared for this third round and mailed separately to hospital and academic libraries.

Proposals will be evaluated according to type of library. As part of the continuing effort to reach out to underserved health care professionals, proposals should target one or more of the following: minority health professionals; health professionals in rural (metropolitan area under 100,000), minority and inner city settings. Funded projects will target primarily health professionals who are unaffiliated with a medical library, although this is not a mandatory requirement for inner city hospitals.

If you have specific questions about the RFQs, contact Kathleen VanSteelant at NLM, 301-496-6127. For the first time, RML staff are available to assist in proposal development. Contact Lisa LoVullo, 1-800-338-7657. The deadline for submission is May 29, 1992.

*Susan Bailey, Communications Coordinator,
National Network of Libraries of Medicine,
Southeastern/Atlantic Region D, Baltimore, MD*

JAHIL MEETING

A meeting of the members of JAHIL was held on February 18, 1992, at Borland Library. Deborah Lawless, JAHIL coordinator and member of the Borland Library staff, was in charge of the meeting. A local MLA journal club was organized with Sylvia Kyle, librarian at Nemours Children's Clinic, as convener and a schedule of meetings was planned. After the business meeting, Carolyn Hall conducted an orientation to the keyword index to LUIS (Library Users Information Services), the version of NOTIS used by the Florida State University System Libraries.

*Carolyn Hall, University of Florida Health
Science Center Library, Jacksonville.*

PRESIDENT'S PAGE cont.

The Florida Library Association has asked for our assistance in distributing their Continuing Education Questionnaire. A copy of this questionnaire is included in this newsletter. Some of you may have already received a copy, but if you have not already responded, I encourage you to take time to voice your wants and desires about future CE offerings in the State of Florida.

Again, I am looking forward to seeing all you in Orlando, where we will "Unlock the Magic!"

Pam Neumann



FHIN ESTABLISHED

The University of Florida has recently established the Florida Health Information Network (FHIN) to provide biomedical information services to health professionals in northern Florida. FHIN services are available through annual subscription and include document delivery, database access to the Library's in-house databases including MEDLINE, online catalog access, information and circulation services, and training programs.

Training sessions will teach users how to access, retrieve and manage biomedical resources available through FHIN and through other providers, especially NLM via Grateful Med. FHIN memberships are available in two categories: individual and institutional. FHIN will be the delivery mechanism for library services to the AHEC sites being established by the University of Florida's College of Medicine. For more information contact Susan Woods at 904-392-3854.

Susan Woods, University of Florida Health Science Center Library, Gainesville.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Indian River Memorial Hospital, a 347 bed acute care facility located in Vero Beach, Florida, has an excellent part-time opportunity for an individual with a B.S. in Library Science and minimum three years Medline experience. Previous medical library experience required.

We offer excellent benefits, and competitive salary. Send resume to Steve Massey, Recruiter, Indian River Memorial Hospital, 1000 36th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32960; 1-800-226-IRMH, ext. 1127. Equal Opportunity Employer.

ELECTRONIC CLASSROOM

The Louis Calder Memorial Library is pleased to announce the completion of a new electronic classroom in the Learning Resources Center on the lower level. The classroom was designed as a central resource for teaching faculty, staff, and students at the medical center campus about or with computers.

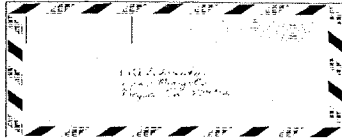
To support this broad objective, 20 IBM 386 computers, with Windows, color monitors, and graphics capabilities were donated to the Library through a gift arranged by the University's Information Resources Department. Two teacher workstations, a projection device, 1 laser printer, 12 correspondence-quality printers, and furniture were acquired.

All of the computers are connected to the School's UMMEDNET local area network which enables access for the University's Financial (FRS) and Human Resources (HRS) Systems, the Hospital Information System (HIS), the Physicians Billing Systems (PBS), the Library's online catalog and MEDLINE database, Biomedical Communications' graphics network, University Academic Systems, office automation packages, departmental services, Internet and BITNET. Six of the computers have modems and telephone lines for access to external databases available only via dial-access, such as AIDSLINE.

Suzetta Burrows, Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine.

Editors Note:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ms. Annamarie Dix, our secretary here at Calder Library, for her constant help with the *Alert*.



PERSONALS

Sarah Harmon of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library has been appointed Technical Services Librarian from Reference Librarian.

Cheryl Dee, Ph.D., Library Director of the Watson Clinic, Lakeland recently spoke to the faculty and students of the Rosary College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Chicago, Illinois. The speech was titled "Information Needs of the Rural Physicians."

Donna Doelling of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library has been promoted from Reference Librarian to Associate Librarian. Her new title is Reference Manager.

Pauline Hicks, Pharmacy Librarian of the Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences attended the "Extending the Connection" instructor course, held January 13-17, 1992.

Judy Johnston, Associate Director of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library attended the ONLINE/CD-ROM '91 Conference in San Francisco.

Gwen Wolff, Education Coordinator of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library attended the 15th Annual Symposium on Computer Applications in Medical Care (SCAMC) in Washington, DC.

CORRECTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The membership directory distributed in January contained some errors which need to be corrected. The editor regrets the errors and apologizes to Jenny Garcia-Barcena, Jim Tillman, and Erica Powell for omissions and inaccuracies concerning their entries in the directory. A special apology goes to Jim Tillman for being eliminated in two places in the directory.

Please make the following corrections to your 1991 Florida Health Sciences Library Association Directory:

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ADD to Alphabetical listing:

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ADD to List of Past Presidents:

Jim Tillman

Janie Jones, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN GOING WELL

Our 1992 membership campaign has produced 78 renewals and 156 new members for a total of 94 members to date. We are pleased to have old friends renewing their membership and particularly want to welcome the following new members:

Jeffrey Baker, Critikon, Inc
Joyce Burnham, U.S. Air Force Hospital, Homestead
Joan Crisp, Central Florida AHEC
Mary Evelyn Dowell, MED Information Systems
Janice Gottlieb, Southeastern University of the Health Sciences
Bob Holder, ReadMore
Deborah Lawless, Univ. of Florida, Borland Health Sciences Library
Tommy Matthew, EBSCO Subscription Services
Christine McMahon, St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach
Eugene Moushey, South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center
Sandi O'Neal, Task Management Association
Debbie Olenek, Cape Canaveral Hospital
Nancy Baker Toole, Naval Hospital, Orlando
Vislava Tylman, Univ. of Miami
Mildred L. Yeo, Matthews Book Company
Ellen Younghaus, University of South Florida

Our total membership for 1991 was 112 members. At the rate we are going, we can easily exceed this figure for 1992. If you have not renewed your membership, please fill out the enclosed membership form immediately. Prompt renewal will save the membership chair much effort in having to send out renewal reminders to individuals. Thanks to all of you who have joined the Florida Health Sciences Library Association for your support.

Some members have expressed concern about membership checks getting lost in the mail. Your receipt of membership dues is your canceled check. If your check does not clear the bank in a reasonable amount of time (2 months), you should call the Treasurer to see if she has received the check.

Janie Jones, Membership Chair

CD-ROM ACQUIRED

CD-ROM searching was installed at the West Florida Regional Medical Center using the CD Plus system in 1991. To date, the complete MEDLINE file is held, and this has just recently been made available to remote users over the telephone during the hours that the library is closed. At the moment this is the only opportunity patrons have of doing their own searching through the Medical Library. We hope at a later date to have terminals in the library for patron use.

Kay Franklin, West Florida Regional Medical Center, Pensacola

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The most recent meeting of the Regional Advisory Council (RAC)/Resource Library Directors of the Southeastern/Atlantic Medical Library Services (SE/A RMLS) (Region 2) was held at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel on December 9-10, 1991. The Florida members present were Beverly Shattuck, Director, Health Sciences Center Library, University of South Florida; and Jo Ann Tibbs, FHSLA representative.

The RMLS five-year contracts with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) became effective on May 1, 1991, and continues until April, 1996. Several changes were made in the Regional Medical Library Network for the new contract period. The network is now called the National Network of Library of Medicine (NN/LM). The network was reorganized to include eight regions instead of seven. Puerto Rico was transferred from Region 1 to Region 2. An 800 number, 1-800-338-7657, is available for accessing national network services. Region 2 fax number and local telephone number are now 410-328-0099 and 410-328-2855 respectively. The approximately 3,300 local health sciences libraries (primarily at hospitals) are now called primary access libraries (PALs).

The new NLM contracts strongly emphasize outreach to unaffiliated health professionals, defined as health professionals who normally would not have privileges with your library. The strategies which shape the Region 2 contract are:

- to continue to decentralize regional network support services, sharing responsibility for their provision with other agencies, networks, institutions and individuals;

- to continue to develop, support and strengthen local networks, especially to prepare them for their new role of incorporating the individual health practitioner with the network;

- to encourage health professionals to use information systems available directly via personal computer or through libraries, brokers, vendors, networks and other agencies;

- to promote the application and use of new technologies for information access at all levels of the network;

- to develop a systematic program of data collection and analysis to provide feedback to NLM including information usage patterns, suggestions for improvement of existing products and services and ideas for new products and services (emphasis added)

[Faith A. Meakin, "Moving into the Nineties: RMLS Sets Goals for 1991-96," SE/A Currents 9(3) (May/June, 1991):2].

The meeting included discussion of the RAC's role as an advisory body to the RMLS, proposed RAC bylaws changes, and the new contract. A part of the resource sharing section of the contract, LOANSOME DOC was discussed in particular. LOANSOME DOC is the name of the link between GRATEFUL MED and DOCLINE.