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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT A Fond Farewell

Dear Colleagues,

This year has passed by in what seems like a blink of an eye. We are once again getting ready for our annual meeting. This year should be a special treat since we will be part of MLA. Although we will not have our usual program, I know we all look forward to seeing each other at the Business Meeting. Don't forget that it will be held on May 28 at 3:00 p.m. Please pay special attention to MLA's final program as to the location.

At first, I was reluctant when asked to assume the position of Program Chair. But I am very glad that I accepted. This year has been very fulfilling and although I have served on various committees in other organizations, my experience in FHSLA has taught me more than I could ever imagine. Not only did I learn how to set up a meeting, but I also had the opportunity to meet and work with so many of you. This year has been an experience I will never forget.

I would like to take this time to thank all of you for your help and support, without you I would never have succeeded. Special thank you's go out to the officers and committee chairs for all their hard work, especially our Program Chair Naomi Elia and her committee in planning this year's meeting. Hope to see you in Orlando.

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FHSLA Annual Meeting

The Florida Health Sciences Library Association Annual (FHSLA) Meeting will be part of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, "MLA 2001: An Information Odyssey," May 25-30, 2001. CEs, Speakers, Roundtables, and other library educational and sharing experiences will be amply provided by MLA.

The FHSLA Annual Business Meeting, considered a Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting, will be held on Monday, May 28th, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. FHSLA will also arrange an Executive Committee Meeting earlier on this day. The time and place will be announced.

FHSLA members and others wishing to attend MLA, please use this information to plan your meeting dates accordingly. We hope many Florida librarians will take advantage of this opportunity to attend a national meeting at the fabulous Walt

Disney World Dolphin Hotel, here in Orlando, Florida. The MLA Preliminary Program has been mailed and can be used for print registration. Visit the MLA website at <http://www.mlanet.org> complete program information and to register online for the meeting. And don't forget to volunteer! Everyone's participation is needed and appreciated. The volunteer form is at <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/MLA2001/mlahos.htm>. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the "MLA 2001: An Information Odyssey."

Naomi F. Elia
FHSLA Vice President/Program Chair

From The Editor's Desk

So far this year has been quite busy for me, as I am sure it has been for most of you. We have just undergone a major network infrastructure upgrade along with the addition of a large number of new workstations. It seems that these days we are being forced to make changes with lightning speed because our patrons are demanding we provide better and faster access to electronic medical resources. Thus, in order to provide improved and more efficient services to our clientele we must change.

I know we are all facing these issues: issues of faster access, access to more electronic resources, access from remote locations. These issues are only some of the ones we are confronted on a daily basis. I feel that the ALERT represents a forum through which our members can share these experiences and accomplishments with others. Sometimes we tend to think we are the only ones being confronted with such issues. It's nice to know and learn from our colleagues that we share similar experiences to provide better service to our customers.

The ALERT is not the product of any one person, but many: all working together to promote our profession within our state. I would like to thank all of you who have consistently contributed to make your newsletter one to be proud of. To those of you who always meant to, but never got around to doing so, I ask that you please make an effort in the future and to those who have never contributed, I urge you to do so, remembering that all items concerning our associations and its members are welcome.

I would like to inform you all that I have decided to accept Ms. Tanya Feddern's generous offer of help. Tanya and I will now co-edit the ALERT. I welcomed her help since my schedule is somewhat hectic. I look forward to working with her and hopefully through both our efforts we maybe able to make your ALERT bigger and better. I would like to sincerely thank my colleague Ms. Jolie Moore, without whose help I would not have been able to get all issues to you in a timely

manner. Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at MLA in May.

David Goolabsingh

Greetings from the Co-Editor

I'm excited to have this opportunity to contribute to FHSLA. I hope to serve this newsletter well, in whichever format it appears (print or electronic). Please contact me if you have any suggestions: tfeddern@caldmed.med.miami.edu. As a side note, the librarian interview was my most enjoyable assignment in library school and I still vividly remember the tales from the field. Please take up the opportunity to wow those USF/FSU library students with your stories: how you were able to dig up obscure information on a little-known disease, what it's like working that frantic yet exhilarating pace in the hospital library, and more. See page 5.

Tanya Feddern

Volunteering for AHIP Points

The Local Assistance Committee for the MLA 2001 Annual Meeting in Orlando needs your help. We are staffing the hospitality booth at the MLA Orlando meeting and need volunteers for staff time. If you can donate a one hour block of time, please register by going to: <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/MLA2001/mlahos.htm>. You may register for more than one time slot, as we need 2-3 persons during each one hour block. MLA members earn AHIP points for volunteering. For every four hours worked, non-members receive one day of free registration, to be used on the day of their choice.

Sandra L. Canham, M.L.S.

MLA CE Classes

FHSLA decided last year at our meeting that, since MLA 2001 will be in Orlando, we will not have our annual meeting of FHSLA, where we normally offer MLA CE classes. Many of us will be totally immersed in helping with the conference, and many also are unable to be away from our libraries twice during the spring. We have tried to share information via the list [FHSLA-L listserv] about CE opportunities around the state and in the region as a temporary substitute this year only. Therefore, FHSLA members are encouraged to enroll in the MLA courses offered in Orlando. Check the <http://www.mlanet.org> webpage for

conference details.

Susan L. McCullough, M.L.S.
Education/Information Services Librarian

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ATTENDING THE MLA ANNUAL MEETING CLOSE TO HOME!

The Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) Annual Meeting will be a part of the Medial Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting, "2001: An Information Odyssey," May 25-30, 2001, at the Orlando Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel. Since MLA will be providing CEs, Speakers, Roundtables, and other educational activities, FHSLA will officially hold an Annual Business Meeting only. The FHSLA Annual Business Meeting, considered a Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting, will be held on Monday, May 28th, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The meeting theme for MLA, "2001: An Information Odyssey," acknowledges that librarians continue to "explore and discover sources of knowledge that help transform our civilization." Come join us and explore leading-edge information technology by participating in CEs that teach us about managing electronic resources, or providing and evaluating electronic full-text information delivery. Learn new strategies for planning and providing consumer health information for today's healthcare system. Keep searching techniques cutting edge with Evidence-Based Health Care Resources. The Business Case CE offers skills to speak the language of administrators. This is only a sampling. There's something for everyone!

Attend the Plenary Sessions that offer an enriching combination of notable speakers and learning experiences. Contributed Papers and Invited Speakers will "embark on an information odyssey" running the gamut from Web Portals and the Digital Library to User-Oriented Collection Management - all designed to help you transform your library's access to information. Register for Chapter Sharing Roundtables to discuss topics that help you discover sources of knowledge to enhance your library world. Topics include e-books, e-journals, marketing, consumer health, distance education, networking, and many more.

The NLM Update will feature practical information on PubMed, DOCLINE, and other NLM products. Jay Daly will be on-hand to show you the latest QuickDoc software. Visit the Hall of Exhibits to view the newest state-of-the-art library products and services. Poster Sessions will highlight your colleagues' present and future endeavors. Of course, it won't be MLA without the Majors' Walk - in the Florida sun, with a Disney backdrop! And Disney itself will provide a playground for children of all ages - theme parks, attractions, resorts, restaurants, and more. Go to <http://www.mlanet.org> for the updated program

information, including the new Itinerary Builder, and featured tours to Central Florida sites such as Winter Park and the Kennedy Space Center. "On our odyssey, we face challenges, but we can also explore innovations and opportunities. Please join us at MLA/FHSLA as we search the unfathomed potential of the future."

Naomi F. Elia

USF/FSU Medical and Consumer Health Information Sources, Email Interview: summer semester

FSU/USF library students are requesting medical librarians to interview for our summer course. These students from the University of South Florida and Florida State University are interested in the retrieval of medical information, and this is your opportunity to encourage them to enter our profession. The email interview will not take long and continuing to chat by email beyond the interview is optional but terrific. Last summer, students toured participants' libraries and many are still in communication with each other in a mentor relationship. As you know, students have been hired to work in numerous libraries in Florida. (Many students will be able to attend MLA in Orlando on May 28th which would provide an opportunity to meet the student. We will be attending the Hospital Libraries Section Connection Reception and touring the Exhibit Area. Stop by and say hello.) If you are interested, please email, fax, mail or call. See you all in Orlando!

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News

The Medical Library Association is holding their annual meeting in Orlando, Florida from May 25-30, 2001 at the Dolphin Hotel at Walt Disney World. The HSC Libraries' Director, Faith Meakin, is the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. We would like to recruit volunteers to assist with the meeting activities. Non-MLA members who volunteer at least 4 hours of work to the conference will receive 1-day free registration to the conference. Volunteers are needed to staff the Hospitality desk, the placement center, and member resource room. We also need volunteers to stuff the conference portfolios on Thursday, May 24 at the Dolphin. If interested, please contact Faith A. Meakin via email at Faith@health.ufl.edu. For more information about the meeting please see <http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2001/program/index.html> The MLA Mental Health

Special Interest Group is co-sponsoring a program on "Consumer Health Information: Special Needs for the Mental Health Population," on Wednesday, May 30, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Invited Speaker, Liz Bruno, M.S.N., Director of Educational Development at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville, will speak on, "A Primer for Librarians Providing Services to Mentally Ill Consumers and Their Families." Contributed Speaker, Karin Dearness, M.L.S., Knowledge Officer for the Centre for Evidence Based Mental Health, University of Oxford, England, will talk about "Delivering Evidence-Based Patient Information: You Can't Always Get What You Want, But Did You Get What You Need? Impact of a Depression Theme Month for NHS Direct (UK)."

The MLA Mental Health Special Interest Group is co-sponsoring a program titled, "An Information Oddity: The Quest for Reliable Resources and Tested Terminology in Alternative and Complementary Therapies," on Sunday, May 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m. In this session, a panel of invited speakers will discuss the difficulties of and progress in identifying resources and terminology in the "other" therapies (non-traditional, alternative, complementary, integrative). The MLA Mental Health Special Interest Group will be meeting on Monday, May 28, 5:45-7:00 p.m. Co-conveners are Rebecca Abromitis, Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic, University of Pittsburgh, and Carmen Bou Rivera, Pomerance Mental Health Library, University of Miami School of Medicine. Diane Rourke, Director, Library Services, Baptist Health Systems of South Florida, will be celebrating National Library Week at South Miami Hospital on April 5, 2001 with a program titled "E-books, Palm Pilots and All That: a Gentle Guide to Your Electronic Life," featuring selection tips for purchasing PDAs (personal digital assistants) and also featuring staff author, Dr. Brad Aiken, who published his first science fiction book, Starscape: the Silver Bullet, electronically as a "print on demand" book. Reference Librarian Pamela Sherwill attended "Finding the Best Resources to Answer Nursing Questions," by Peg Allen at the Metropolitan New York Library Council on March 23.

People: Publications

Susan McCullough, Education Coordinator at the Borland Health Sciences Library at the University of Florida, Jacksonville, presented a poster at the Association of College & Research Libraries' (ACRL) 10th National Conference in Denver on March 17th. The poster, "PubMed Tutorial On The Web: Teaching MEDLINE from a Distance," was co-authored by Tara Tobin and Barbara Francis, both of the HSC Libraries in Gainesville.

Kelly Moore, Carmen Bou Rivera, and Joe Arriaga, medical librarians from Calder Medical Library and the Pomerance Mental Health Library, will be presenting a poster during MLA 2001 titled: "Informatics Training to Prepare Faculty for a New Case-Based Medical School Curriculum." The posters will be up for viewing from Sunday, 2:00 p.m. through Tuesday, 3:00 p.m., at the Hall of

Exhibits. The official poster session with the authors will be on Monday, May 28, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Reference Librarian PiYung (Peggy) Hsu recently published a resource for Alzheimer's disease: Hsu PP. Alzheimer's disease: Internet resources for consumers. *Health Care on the Internet* 2000;4(4):1-14. Reference Librarian Nancy Schaefer recently published an annotated "webliography" entitled "Selected Public Health Information Websites" in the *MLA Public Services Section Newsletter* (December, 2000) and the *MLA Public Health/Health Administration's PH/HA News Winter/Spring 2001*. The latter also contained an article Nancy wrote, "Recapping APHA's 128th Annual Meeting in Boston, November 11-16, 2000--librarians and public health: a natural synergy."

Reference Librarian Michele Tennant has recently co-authored two new articles and has received national media coverage for her recent *Science* publication: Liu RFG, Miyamoto MM, Freire NP, Ong P, Tennant MR, Young TS, Gugel KF. Molecular and morphological supertrees for eutherian (placental) mammals." *Science*. March 2, 2001;291(5509):1786-1789. Tennant MR, Rezeau ME, Tucker P, Butson LC, Boyle M, Clayton G. Customizing for clients: developing a library liaison program from need to plan." *Bull Med Libr Assoc*. January 2001;89(1):8-20.

People: Awards

Congratulations to Sandra Canham, Reference Librarian at the Borland Health Sciences Library at the University of Florida, Jacksonville. Sandra has been accepted for membership into the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) organization at the Provisional Member level.

New 2001 officers for the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium are: Rana Dole (Chair) of Broward General Hospital; Devica Samsundar (Chair-elect) of Baptist Health Systems of South Florida; Carrie Figueredo (Secretary) and Dolly Farooqi (Treasurer), both of Beckman Coulter.

Congratulations to the HSC Libraries' PubMed tutorial group for their recent Davis Productivity Award at the University of Florida. Reference Librarians Barbara Francis, Tara Tobin, Ramona Miller, Susan McCullough, and Lori Driscoll created the online PubMed tutorial <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/> that has received worldwide recognition. They were honored with a plaque and invited to attend a luncheon on November 16th, 2000 to honor their achievements. The Davis Productivity Awards are presented annually to honor groups and individuals in Florida State government for significantly increased productivity in delivering state services and products.

Devica Samsundar, program coordinator, Baptist Health Systems of South

Florida, will be completing her undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree this year in Library and Information Technology, through the University of Maine at Augusta in their distance learning program. If you have any questions about the program, contact her at devicas@bhssf.org.

Congratulations go out to Annamae Trypus! She has been selected as a recipient of the 2001 FHSLA Student Scholarship. Annamae is graduating this semester from the USF School of Library and Information Science, and has recently been hired as Librarian at All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida. Please welcome her at the MLA Annual Meeting, in Orlando, May 25-30th. Annamae will be presenting an electronic poster entitled "Handheld Technologies in the Medical Field," a topic sure to be of interest to FHSLA members. Please stop by to congratulate and welcome Annamae.

People: Appointments

On March 15, the Louis Calder Memorial Library welcomed Tanya Feddern, the new Reference and Educational Services Librarian. Ms. Feddern received her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida and her Masters in Occupational Therapy from Nova Southeastern University, in May and December of 2000 respectively. A native Floridian, Ms. Feddern brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to her new position and enthusiasm for the Library's role in the development and implementation of the School of Medicine's new curriculum.

Heidi Heitlauf is now at Palmetto General Hospital in Hialeah, FL. She formerly worked at the library at Florida Hospital Deland.

The HSC Libraries welcome two new Reference Librarians, Pamela Sherwill and Rae Jesano. Pam comes to us from Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Florida and joined the HSC Libraries Reference staff in November 2000. She is currently the Liaison Librarian for the College of Nursing. Pam recently attended the FHSLA Strategic Planning meeting at the Orlando Regional Health Systems Library on January 19th. We hope you all had a chance to meet her. We welcomed Rae Jesano back home in October 2000 as she returned from All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. Rae began her library career at the HSC Libraries as an LTA and has since received her MLS degree and several years of experience. Rae is also the new FHSLA listserv coordinator, so many of you will have interaction with her. Welcome Rae to the HSC Libraries!

All Children's Hospital recently welcomed Annamae Trypus to the Medical Library Staff. Last fall, Annamae served as the Graduate Assistant in the Library as she was working toward her Master of Arts in Library Science degree from USF, which she will receive this May. In December, she officially became the Hospital's Medical Librarian. Annamae will be presenting a poster session at MLA in

Orlando so be sure to stop by and introduce yourself!

Faith Meakin, Director of the Health Science Center Libraries, was recently elected to the MLA Nominating Committee. Congratulations on your nomination!

Doris Wisher is the medical librarian at Bethesda Memorial Hospital's Raborn Library. Formerly on the staff at the Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard, she worked in public libraries in Oregon before coming to Florida for some sunshine and challenge in the hospital library setting.

People: Departures

Barbara Francis, Coordinator of Educational Activities and also acting Assistant Director of Reference, is now enjoying phased retirement. She and her husband Wayne, a political science professor at the University of Florida, are off until August and will continue to work fall semesters for the next three years. Barbara is continuing her professional activities in the Medical Library Association where she is a representative to Section Council, is on the Continuing Education Committee, and is on the Hospitality Committee for MLA's Annual Meeting in Orlando, May 2001.

Disney Boot Camp I Report

The Miami group (Peter, Erica, & Carmen) went to Disney Boot Camp I on February 19th. Here is what they have to say about their experience:

We started our day at 4:00 a.m. at which time we headed north towards Orlando. Our first stop was at Cracker Barrel where we ate a hearty breakfast in preparation for our day-long marathon! Then we were off and running to the first of four parks, Animal Kingdom, where we quickly learned the advantages of the "Fast Pass." It was extremely useful with the Dinosaur ride, the only ride that we managed to get in. While people were waiting outside for 40 minutes, we breezed through in less than five. We were able to speed-walk the four main sections of this park in around an hour. Then we headed to the Magic Kingdom, where we encountered huge crowds by 11 a.m. We walked right out and hopped on the monorail. We stopped and walked around the Contemporary Hotel and the Polynesian Resort and then we went to the most beautiful hotel in all of Disney, the Grand Floridian (a must see). After that, we landed at the Dolphin Hotel where we jumped ship and went to MGM Studios. We took a "worldwind" tour of Epcot. At this point the rides on the boat were our only rest (and some of us took a nap-you can guess who!). We did a reconnaissance walk around the Dolphin Hotel and the other surrounding resorts (the Swan, the Boardwalk, and the Yatch & Beach Club). After miles and miles and eight hours of walking, some of us needed a stretcher at the end of the day. But we managed to stop at the

shopping outlet (near I-4) before heading back home to Miami! We sure are looking forward to MLA 2001 in May!

New Listserv Moderator

Greetings:

I have taken over for Ramona as the FHSLA Discussion List Coordinator. She has had trouble accessing the server since she left her position at the University of Florida, so she passed the torch to me. If you have any problems or need to initiate any address changes please contact me at: rae@library.health.ufl.edu. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

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