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## KEYNOTES

At our twenty-fifth anniversary annual meeting of the FHSLA in Miami last May, we relived many of the highlights of the association's history through a special luncheon address given by Ted Srygley; learned of the technology and applications of satellite teleconferencing during the Keynote Address; updated our understanding of DOCLINE, networking of special collections, telefacsimile, and special services programs; and renewed old friendships while establishing new ones.

I would like to particularly thank the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium members for their help in organizing and executing the many aspects of planning and running the program. Several individuals were especially instrumental in making this meeting a success, and I want them to know how very much I appreciated their hard work and dedication; even more so with the extenuating circumstances under which I had to function during the three months prior to the meeting. In a word, (two words, actually), THANK YOU!!!

Those of you who have served as President of this organization realize the hard work and vision it takes to oversee and guide the operation of the Association. Our thanks to last year's President, Jo Ann Tibbs, for a job very well done! Many long hours above the call of duty went into her successful year as President. A large thank you also goes out to last year's slate of officers: Pat Jennings, Secretary; Ann Conlan, Treasurer. We are delighted to continue with Pat as Secretary, and thank Ann for the excellent job she has done over the past two years as Treasurer.

We welcome Judy Johnston of the University of South Florida as our new Treasurer, and Bettye Stilley from the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville as our new Vice-President. Bettye will be responsible for orchestrating the plans for our joint meeting with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association next spring.

A new year also means new Committee Chairpersons. Inez Tamanaha of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa is the new editor for the Alert. She replaces Iris Renner from the V.A. Hospital in Tampa, who did an outstanding job as editor during the past year. Iris was responsible for many of the improvements we have seen in the Alert. The Alert's publisher also changes this year from the University of South Florida Medical Center Library to the University of Florida's Health Science Center Library for the next two years. Our sincerest appreciation and gratitude is extended to these institutions and their staffs for their efforts in producing this newsletter and underwriting the publication costs.

Last year's Membership Committee was expertly chaired by Pat Cole (Memorial Hospital, Winter Park). Susan Woods of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library, will be responsible for this year's Directory and membership drive. Please be sure to notify her of any address changes as soon as possible. Also, remember to ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN FHSLA! Our Strategic Plan strives for an increase of 10% in membership by the end of 1987/88. This means we need to keep all current members and enlist at least 8 more!! We have our work cut out for us. Each person needs to seek out those Information Specialists and

Librarians who have an interest in Medical Librarianship and could benefit from membership in this Association.

Tampa is fortunate to be the site of the 36th Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. You have probably received your registration packets by this time, but if not, contact James Pat Craig at USF Medical Center Library, 12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, 33612. "Sun, Fun, and the Basics" will be the theme for the October 13th through 17th meeting at the Tampa Hilton. FHSLA is one of the sponsoring organizations, so let's make every effort to achieve maximum participation.

As a final note, I would like to encourage all members to become active in making this newsletter truly educational, informative, and useful as a tool of the FHSLA. If you know of any courses or meetings that would be of interest to the membership, change your place of employment or status, or wish to share any professional developments and advancements, please forward the details to our editor, Inez Tamanaha, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, P.O. Box 280179, Tampa, 33682.

I look forward to an exciting year with the FHSLA. Feel free to write to me at Center for Neurological Services, 5601 North Dixie Highway, Fort Lauderdale, 33334.

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SECOND JOINT MEETING  
FHSLA/GHSLA LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS  
MARCH 16-18, 1988  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA  
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Inez M. Tamanaha, H. Lee Moffitt  
Cancer Center, Medical Library

I anticipate an exciting and challenging year as the new editor of the ALERT. I look forward to working with the reporters and our new publisher - The University of Florida, Health Science Center Library. I also look forward to meeting and getting to know the membership of FHSLA.

I would like to thank Iris Renner for providing useful advice and tips for editing the ALERT. Her excellent work will be a standard for me to pursue. My thanks also to Jo Ann Tibbs and Pat Craig for their generous assistance in providing some history and insight into the organization of FHSLA.

As a newcomer to Florida, I have observed many concerns which we share with other health sciences libraries nationwide and some which are unique to Florida. I believe that communication between librarians is essential in addressing these concerns. Since it is often difficult to meet face-to-face, it is all the more important to provide a medium through which ideas and concerns as well as information can be communicated. I heartily encourage you to voice your comments on issues which affect your libraries and invite suggestions regarding the ALERT.

I look forward to hearing from the membership and would appreciate your contacting either your area reporters or myself directly with your concerns and/or news items.

1988 GHSLA/FHSLA MEETING

Mark your calendars! The combined GHSLA/FHSLA meeting to be held March 16-18, 1988 at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, is sure to be an exciting event you won't want to miss!

"Resources" will be the general topic of the meeting to include: people, yourself, money (how to get, how to spend), technology, facilities, and vendors. Carolyn Hall, Pat Moneyhan, Susan Wright and Bettye Stilley are still hard at work finalizing the details for the meeting. A meeting to formulate plans was held on July 22 1987. Look for more details in future issues of the ALERT.

SC/MLA CONTINUING EDUCATION  
36th Annual Meeting Tampa Hilton  
October 14, 1987

CE 352 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION  
RESOURCES Instructor: John  
Budrew; .8 MLA CEU; Cost: \$75 -  
MLA Members; \$100 - Non-Members

THE COMPLETE LIBRARIAN --  
PRACTICALLY-SPEAKING.  
Instructors: Duncan Curl,  
Maxyne Grimes, Walter Hahn,  
William Leazer, James P.  
Morrison, Nancy Rogers & Mildred  
Yeo (MLA credits applied for)  
Cost: \$75 - MLA Members; \$100  
- Non-Members

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN THE  
HOSPITAL SETTING Instructor:  
Jane Lambremont; 4.8 MLA CEU;  
Cost: \$30

INFORMATION-SEEKING SKILLS OF  
PHYSICIANS: IMPLICATIONS FOR  
LIBRARIANS Instructor: Karen  
Hackleman; 3.5 CEU SE/A RMLS  
Cost: \$30

CALENDAR

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September 9-10, 1987  
Alabama Health Libraries  
Association Annual Meeting,  
Auscaloosa, AL

October 4-8, 1987  
American Society for Information  
Science, Annual Meeting, Boston,  
MA

October 9, 1987  
Region 2 Regional Advisory  
Council Meeting, Baltimore, MD

October 13-17, 1987  
Southern Chapter, MLA Annual  
Meeting, Tampa, FL. Contact:  
Pat Craig (813)974-2399

October 20-22, 1987  
Online '87, Anaheim, CA

October 28-31, 1987  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter, MLA Annual  
Meeting, Baltimore, MD

January 9-14, 1988  
American Library Association  
Mid-Winter Mtg., San Antonio, TX

January 27-29, 1988  
Special Library Association  
Winter Meeting, Williamsburg, VA

March 16-18, 1988  
FHSLA/GHSLA Second Joint  
Meeting, Jacksonville, FL.

MORE CE NEWS

Two copies of the syllabus for  
MLA CE 246, BASIC BUDGETING FOR  
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES and  
one copy of the syllabus for CE  
245, MARKETING LIBRARY SERVICES,  
are available for purchase at  
\$12 each. Please make check  
payable to FHSLA. If you are  
interested, contact Jo Ann  
Tibbs, Medical Library,  
University Community Hospital,  
3100 East Fletcher Avenue,  
Tampa, FL 33613; telephone:  
(813) 972-7200, ext. 1046.

Participation in workshops,  
courses, or seminars was rated  
as the most valuable type of  
activity in the professional  
development of public library  
administrative staff members,  
according to a study conducted  
by JOHN MCCROSSAN, Professor at  
the School of Library and  
Information Science, University  
of South Florida. Rated second  
highest: reading professional  
library publications.

MLA 1987 ANNUAL MEETING

HOSPITAL LIBRARY SECTION

The HOSPITAL LIBRARY SECTION  
sponsored their first  
contributed papers session. The  
session, "STRATEGIC ACTION FOR  
MASTERING CHANGE", which  
included papers on library  
services to multi-user groups,  
the hospital library as a  
corporate information center,  
cost benefits of consortium  
group purchasing, balancing  
interlibrary loans within a  
hospital library consortium, and  
interactive videodisc in a  
hospital setting.

The Hospital Library Section  
business meeting/breakfast  
featured a joint presentation by  
Nina Mattheson, Director of  
Welch Medical Library, Johns  
Hopkins University and Irene  
Lathrop, Director of the  
Hospital Library at Rhode Island  
Hospital. Their topic "A  
National Agenda for Hospital  
Library Information Services"  
addressed implementation of  
integrated library systems in  
hospital libraries. There will  
be an HLS Task Force addressing  
this topic and volunteers who  
are HLS members are needed.

If you are an MLA member and would like to join the Hospital Library Section, the dues are \$10.00 payable to the Hospital Library Section of MLA. Further information is available by writing Diane Ream, HLS Treasurer, Baptist Hospital, 8900 N. Kendall Dr., Miami, FL 33176.

#### LIBRARY SERVICE LINKED TO QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE

Perhaps the most stimulating paper delivered at MLA, was the paper by David King on "The Contribution of Hospital Library Information Services to Quality Care". This paper proved statistically that the hospital library definitely makes a difference in the management of patient care.

The paper will be published in full in the Fall 1987 Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. This paper will be giving us directions in research in hospital libraries for years to come.

#### AIDS INFORMATION CRISIS

DAVID GINN 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 End-user Training Program" with P.E. Pinkowski and W.T. Tylman in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, 75(2):117-121, April, 1987.

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#### CONSORTIA NEWS

#### JACKSONVILLE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS LIBRARY NETWORK

The quarterly meeting of the Jacksonville Health Education Programs Library Network was held on Tuesday, July 28th, at Borland Health Sciences Library. Topic of the discussion was serials management and union lists. Pat Moneyhan, Associate Librarian at Borland, is the consultant for the Network. A workshop on "The Basics of Searching MEDLINE" was presented by the staff of Borland Health Sciences Library. Plans are being made to continue this and similar workshops on a quarterly basis for health professionals in the Jacksonville area.

#### PALM BEACH HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Spring meeting of the Palm Beach Health Sciences Library Consortium was held on April 27, 1987 at Good Samaritan Hospital. The Consortium has initiated a campaign intended to increase membership by including some of the newer hospitals opening in Palm Beach County.

#### TABAMLN

The Tampa Bay Medical Library Network has established criteria for membership in the group. Any librarian close enough to attend meetings who would be interested in participating is invited to contact Pat Jennings, TABAMLN Secretary c/o Mease Health Care, 833 Milwaukee Avenue, Dunedin, FL 34698.

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SE/A RMLS REGIONAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DIANE REAM, Director of the Health Sciences Library at Baptist Hospital in Miami, Florida has been appointed a member of the SE/A RMLS Regional Advisory Council Education Committee through 1988.

Diane will represent FHSLA on this committee, attending a national meeting of the committee at large in Washington, D.C. this summer. She will also attend a sub-committee meeting at the Southern Chapter meeting in October. The Education Committee will be giving input and evaluating the Region 2 CE programming. It will also be developing closer working relationships with MLA Chapters, state groups, and other regional health sciences librarian organizations within Region 2.

NEW DOCLINE USERS

Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Tampa Unit, Professional Library, 12502 N. Pine St., Tampa, FL 33612. LIBID: 33612D. Claire Keneally, Coordinator, (813)973-2250.

H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Medical Library, P.O. 280179, Tampa, Florida 33682. LIBID: 33682A. Inez M. Tamanaha, (813)972-4673, x2769.

PERSONALS

PAUL CADBY, a recent graduate of USF, is a reference librarian at USF Medical Center Library.

LARRY CHRISMAN, formerly of USF School of Library & Information Science, is now Head of Cataloging at USF Medical Center Library.

SUSAN EBBINGHOUSE, formerly of the Borland Health Sciences Library Staff will become manager of the library at Memorial Medical Center, Jacksonville. Nancy Mitchell, the former manager, has retired.

SARAH HARMON formerly TABAMLN Coordinator, has been appointed Head of Reference at USF Medical Center Library.

F. WILLIAM SUMMERS, Dean of the School of Library and Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, has been elected Vice President/President-Elect of the American Library Association for 1987-88. He was officially installed as the President Elect of the American Library Association on July 1, 1987.

LORRAINE D. SUMMERS is now the Acting State Librarian.

JAMES S. TILLMAN has joined the staff of the University of Florida Health Sciences Center Library in Gainesville, Florida. He will be responsible for monographic cataloging. Previously, Jim was at the University of South Florida Medical Center Library for fifteen years, first as Acquisitions Librarian and then as Cataloger. He's a member of MLA and actively involved in the Florida Health Science Library Association.

BARRATT WILKINS has replaced Thomas E. Gardner (who is the new Executive Director of Natural Resources) as the Acting Assistant Secretary of State.