

FHSLA ALERT



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Prescription for the Millennium-

Yes, the new year has just begun, but before long, you'll be ready for a Spring tonic. Here's the prescription you need -- "**Revitalizing the Value of the Information Professional**" is the theme of the 1999 FHSLA Annual Meeting, to be held **April 15-17**. The **Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on Tampa Bay** is the place where your treatment begins.

Revitalize your skills and information on Thursday, April 15 by choosing one of two continuing education courses: "Planning and Managing Consumer Health Information" with Michele Spatz or "Online Resources in Alternative Medicine" with Bonnie Snow.

Relax and enjoy the spa or jump into the pool before joining your colleagues to feed the body at the evening bayside reception and banquet. Healing laughter is guaranteed as we enjoy some fun with friends at karaoke afterward.

On Friday, April 16, Jacque Doyle will energize us with her keynote address. Roundtables, presentations, and activities will help you prepare some alternative therapies for that pesky question "Why do I need you when I have the Internet?" Pick up some practical pills to treat those Internet newbies who will be camped on your door when you return. Naturally, networking with colleagues will provide one of the best clinics you can find for answers and some therapy too.

Wrap up the conference on Saturday with another opportunity for those who missed Bonnie Snow's Alternative Medicine course, or take the day for yourself to sauna, relax in aromatherapy, sign up for a massage...

Don't miss this terrific treatment for the mind, body, and spirit!

Gwen Wolff
Program Chair and President-Elect

Go West, Medical Librarians, Go West !!!

As this millennium winds down; weary medical librarians, toiling since late in the last century, carrying the full weight and responsibility for the timely and efficient dissemination of the world's medical literature, look to the West...

...for relief,

...for renewal,

...for focus,

...for rebirth, and

...for invigoration to boldly forge toward the Third Millennium.

Florida Medical Librarians look to the West... the West Coast of Florida, that is! To the Safety Harbor Spa for the FHSLA event of the century, indeed, of the Millennium.

Join your colleagues in healthful and stimulating surroundings at our annual event to be held at The Safety Harbor Spa and Resort in Safety Harbor, Florida, April 14-16, 1999. Registration packets will be mailed soon to FHSLA members.

Check the FHSLA homepage and listserv for further details. Also, see the article in this issue on Continuing Education Opportunities at the conference.

President's Message:

Maximizing FHSLA's Continuing Education Opportunities

1998-1999 was the Year of Evidence-Based Medicine for MLA. FHSLA got ahead of the game by having Ann McKibbon's class *Panning for Gold: Evidence-*

Based Medicine at our meeting in Jacksonville. How many of you attended her CE? How many viewed MLA's teleconference in September on Evidence-based medicine? Did any of you organize or join a journal club on evidence-based medicine? Or did you read any of the articles in the bibliography provided by MLA on its homepage?

Now--how many have changed the way you search the literature because of any of these CE opportunities? Have you used the Clinical Queries portion of PubMed to find quality-filtered articles? If your library is lucky enough to have the Evidence Based Medicine Reviews databases, have you tried using them?

We are fortunate that we have many ways to stay up-to-date in our field of Health Science Librarianship, including CE courses. But we must remember that just attending doesn't improve our skills. It is putting into practice what we have learned that is really important.

There are two CE courses scheduled for the FHSLA meeting in Safety Harbor. We hope that you will sign up for at least one of them, and then put into practice what you have learned about resources in **Alternative Medicine** or **Consumer Health**.

Barbara W. Francis
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FHSLA WEB PAGE—

ON THE MOVE!

FHSLA has had its own web pages for almost 3 years? Our web site has lots of useful information about the organization including: FHSLA Bylaws, the complete FHSLA Policy and Procedure Manual, lists of the officers and committee chairs, guidelines and forms for Annual Meeting scholarships, news and useful links to relevant associations.

Judy Johnston at the USF Hinks and Elaine Shimberg Health Sciences Library has been the mother and nurturer of the site. Judy has been commended and must be thanked for all her work on initiating and maintaining the site.

This semester the site is moving to UF. When we know the new site address it will be announced on the FHSLA –listserv and certainly there will be a redirect link for you to bookmark. As we know more, we will tell you.

Meanwhile the current address remains:

<http://www.med.usf.edu/~jjohnsto/fhsla.html>

Suggestions about website additions are welcomed.

FHSLA LISTSERV

Changing Again !!

Once again, the FHSLA-Listserv has changed owners. Designed in 1997 as a monitored list to enable professional networking, communicate among our members and to promote FHSLA activities, Prudence Tucker brought the FHSLA listserv to birth.

From July 1998-December 1998 Kathleen Shea, Education Librarian at the Borland Library in Jacksonville, was the FHSLA-L listowner

As of January 1999, Ramona Miller has been appointed by FHSLA President Barbara Francis as the new list owner.

Ramona is a reference librarian at the UF Health Sciences Library in Gainesville.

There is a lot of valuable information on the list. If you aren't a subscriber to the list, please become one.

New subscribers to the listserv and people with questions will want to send Ramona an email at ramona@library.health.ufl.edu.

The University of South Florida HSC Library Has a New Name

On November 12, 1998, the HSC Library was officially designated as the **Hinks and Elaine Shimberg Health Sciences Library**.

Beverly A. Shattuck, Library Director, welcomed guests to the dedication ceremony. Ultimately, a generous endowment made by the Shimbergs will enhance the library's electronic information resources. A bronze plaque made to commemorate the occasion will be permanently displayed in the library.

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ADDRESS CHANGES for the FHSLA Directory

The FHSLA Directory was mailed with the last issue of the ALERT. A few address changes were sent to the Editor. Please make these corrections in your Directory.

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Linda Butson (linda@library.health.ufl.edu) or posted to the FHSLA-listserv.

Calder Unveils Three New Web Sites

1. PoinTIS Rehab Team Site

During October, the Rehab Team Site of the Point-of-care, Team-based Information System prototype (PoinTIS) made its debut on the Web Site of the Louis Calder Memorial Library of the University of Miami School of Medicine - <http://calder.med.miami.edu/pointis/>.

Funded by a two-year information systems grant from the National Library of Medicine of the NIH, the Rehab Team Site contains a wealth of information resources, organized in the natural sequence of accessing resources to meet clinical care and patient education needs.

Two unique resources were created by the PointTIS Advisory Committee for the Site:

- A Web-based **tutorial** to teach practicing health care providers, patients, and their families to identify an information need, formulate the need as a search query, select the best database(s) to search, develop effective search strategies for the selected database, retrieve and/or otherwise procure full text articles, evaluate the information retrieved, and apply it to patient care and education activities
- Web-based **handbooks on spinal cord injury**, which contain full text, context-sensitive, professionally reviewed information to meet evidence-based information needs at the point-of-care, for patients, their families, and each member of the rehabilitation teams for spinal cord injury (SCI)

In addition to funding for an educator and Webmaster positions, PointTIS supported the acquisition and installation in the Library of a Y2K compliant server, back-up tape, and Netscape Enterprise Server software for the Rehab Team Site and 10 Pentium 300MHz workstations. The 10 workstations were installed at nurses' stations and in day rooms, SCI/TBI gyms, and outpatient facilities in Jackson Rehabilitation Center and Pinecrest Rehabilitation Hospital.

During the installation of the Y2K compliant server, the OVID server for the Library's MEDLINE and other bibliographic and full-text databases was made Y2K compliant, and all Web sites on the Library's server, including the School of Medicine's, were migrated to the Netscape Enterprise Server software and made Y2K compliant.

During July- November, Mr. Kelly Moore, the PointTIS educator, demonstrated and gave preliminary training to more than 200 health care providers at the two demonstration sites. Mr. Moore demonstrated the Rehab Team Site in Ft. Lauderdale at a meeting of the directors of all Tenet hospitals in the regional east of St. Louis; in West Palm Beach at a meeting of the Brain Injury Association of Florida, and in Miami at the 2nd meeting of the PointTIS Advisory Committee, held in the Library.

PointTIS is seen as an effective prototype for harnessing the power of the WWW to meet the needs identified in the needs assessment performed during 1996 for the proposal:

- make professionally reviewed, evidence-based information, readily accessible at the point-of-care, for patient care and education activities, without the obstacles of time, place, and costs traditionally associated with this access
- make interactive, educational opportunities readily available at the desktop to teach health care providers, patients, and their families about information resources and retrieval methodologies

- enhance the case management/multi-disciplinary approach to rehabilitation by making information that applies to individual team members readily accessible to the entire team
- empower patients and their families to assume the additional responsibilities that have resulted from the managed care environment.

2. D. Ralph Millard, M.D. Plastic Surgery Site

Although the D. Ralph Millard, M.D. Collection is readily accessible to all faculty, fellows, and students who come to the Library, Dr. Millard wished it to be accessible to plastic and reconstructive surgeons and scholars world-wide. In response to his wish, the Library created the D. Ralph Millard, M.D. site, announced in November at http://calder.med.miam.edu/Ralph_Millard/.

The first section on Dr. Millard includes his biography and lists of his numerous publications, honors and awards, and presentations. The second component is a database of the Dr. Millard's photographs of the world's leaders in plastic surgery, which is accessible alphabetically by name, chronologically by birth date, and alphabetically by their contributions to the field. The Site was designed by Adolfo Serralto and completed by his successor, Michael Brennan, the computer operator lead in the Library's systems department.

GrantsNet, for example, is a searchable database of thousands of funding opportunities created by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). In addition to the "Search", "Funding News", "Funding Directory", and

"Forum" features, *GrantsNet* supports the electronic delivery of timely information on funding opportunities that match the profiles that can and should be created, at no charge, by all researchers.

3. Science's Next Wave Site

In November, the University's subscription to Science's *Next Wave* site (<http://www.nextwave.org/>) was activated by the Library for direct access, by researchers and all UM patrons, from any workstation within the University's I.P. (Internet Protocol) domain. The *Next Wave* site subscription accords ready and free access to several major resources that directly support the funding and career needs of researchers in training -- graduate students, postdocs, and junior faculty.

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Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium Scores

1998, the 20th Anniversary of the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium, was a banner year for the Consortium and its many hospital and corporate members. Highlights included:

- A luncheon, organized by the Miami Children's Hospital Library
- Sponsorship of the Medical Library Association's *Teleconference on Evidence-based Health Care*, held at the VA Medical Center Library in September. A videotape is available for loan in the Calder Library's Learning Resources Center
- Hosting of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine *PubMed/Internet Grateful Med Training* by the Medical Library of the Nova/Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in November

1998 officers are: Chair: Mildred Kaurkin, Mt. Sinai Medical Center; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect Sandra Poston, HealthSouth Doctor's Hospital; Secretary Susan Hughes, Palmetto General Hospital; and Treasurer, Delores Farooqi, Beckman-Coulter Corporation.

-- Suzy Burrows

Continuing Education Courses at FHSLA Meeting

Online Resources in Alternative Medicine

Instructor: Bonnie Snow, BA, MS

This full-day CE course focuses on online resources that can provide access to information about alternative medical therapies. It incorporates review of the vocabulary used in alternative medicine queries, a survey of events leading to the recent resurgence of interest in complementary treatments, and brainstorming discussion of relevant issues. Building on this foundation, discussion of sample online searches highlights special indexing features in key commercial databases, with group practicum exercises to reinforce strategy formulation skills. A portion of the agenda is also devoted to evaluative

commentary on a selection of free Internet resources. *Course is accredited by the Medical Library Association for 8 contact hours.*

Course Instructor: An MLA and SLA CE course developer since 1979, Miss Snow's involvement in online education began with work as an instructor and librarian at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science. She continued in subsequent appointments as Consulting Education Officer for Excerpta Medica and as Lecturer in Library & Information Science at Catholic University of America. After 18 years with Dialog/DataStar serving as a trainer, District Sales Director, and, most recently, as Information Management Consultant to the pharmaceutical industry, she joined Citizen 1 Software in January 1998 as Director of Healthcare Client Services. Author of *Drug Information: A Guide to Current Resources*, Miss Snow was also editor/author of the monthly "Caduceus" column published in *Online* and *Database* from 1985-1995. One of 23 individuals featured in the recent book, *Secrets of the Super Searchers*, Miss Snow has also been honored with the UMI/Data-Courier Award for Excellence in Published Online Columns.

Special note: *FHSLA is able to offer Bonnie Snow's course on Thursday April 15 and **again** on Saturday, April 17. The class size will be limited to 25 on Saturday due to the classroom size available.*

CE: 201 - Planning and Managing the Consumer Health Library -Thursday April 15

Instructor: Michele Spatz, M.S.L.S

This course is a la carte and structured in two parts. You may sign up for one or both sessions. If you are just beginning a consumer health information service, the full day is recommended. For those of you who have been in the trenches for awhile, the afternoon session is intended to explore the unique aspects of the psycho-social issues of providing consumer health information in more depth than an introductory level.

Part One (8am to Noon) - Do you want to provide consumer health information and need to learn how to begin? Or are you looking for an organized approach because your administration is asking you to offer this service? Have you been providing service to patients, family members and the general public and feel like something's missing? This course has just what you need by covering planning, managing and marketing issues in providing consumer health information, such as needs assessment, costs and funding issues, writing a business plan, staffing, comprehensive collection development and proactive operation's policy development. *This session is certified for 4.0 MLA CE credits.*

Part Two (1pm to 5pm) - This session focuses on the psycho-social aspects of providing consumer health information. What are the special needs of the

individual seeking consumer health information? How do you successfully handle both delicate and difficult situations? Through discussion and interactive exercises, we will cover handling fragile patrons, problem patrons, dealing with ethical dilemmas in the consumer health library setting and self-care for the consumer health information provider. *This course is certified for 4.0 MLA CE credits.*

Course Instructor: Michele Spatz, M.S.L.S., Director Planetree Health Resource Center, The Dalles, Oregon. Michele planned, implemented and manages a community-based health resource center which opened June 2, 1992 and is currently in the process of planning a branch that will open in a neighboring community this summer. She has taught this and similar consumer health information classes locally, regionally and nationally.

FHSLA NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Sue H. Felber has become the Coordinator for the Medical Library at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa, FL. She had been the Library Director at Naples Community Hospital in Naples FL.

Donna L. Doelling, University of South Florida Shimberg Health Sciences Library, has achieved Distinguished Member status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP).

Best of luck to **Kathleen Shea**! Kathleen was the FHSLA listserv owner and Education Librarian at Borland Library in Jacksonville. This month she began pursuit of a Masters in Public Health at the University of Miami.

University of South Florida librarians were actively involved at the SC/MLA annual meeting in Lexington, KY. Paper presentations were given by **Rose Bland** (Technostress: Strategies for Reducing & Preventing a Modern Day Disease), and **Danny O'Neal** with **John Orriola** (60 Minute Website in 15 Minutes). Poster presentations were given by **Rose Bland**, **Donna Doelling**, and **John Orriola** (Showcase Your Library: A Successful Collaborative Production Among Vendors, Publishers and You), and student graduate assistant **Chandra Doby** (Assessing the Quality of Electronic Information Sources).

Simone Brodeur was named Employee of the Month for January at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach. Simone, the Medical Technician at the Medical Library and Editor of the FHSLA Membership Directory was chosen as the outstanding employee from over 2,400 employees at HMC.

Way to go, Simone!

Lori Driscoll-Eagan, UFHSCL Reference Librarian and Webmaster has been selected to receive a scholarship to the 9th Annual Conference of ACRL. This conference will be held April 8-11, 1999 in Detroit Michigan. The scholarship includes complimentary registration and a \$250 cash award. Congratulations, Lori!

Welcome to **Lisa Eicholtz**, newly appointed Assistant Director of Access Services at the UF HSCL. Lisa is moving to Florida from Charleston S.C. where she was Special Projects Librarian at the Medical University of Florida.

Tara Tobin has been named a Reference Librarian at the UF HSCL. She is a recent graduate of USF School of Library and Information Science and attended last year's FHSLA meeting in Jacksonville. She presented a poster at the Southern Chapter meeting in Lexington which was reported about in the last issue of the Alert.

FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

In the minutes of the FHSLA annual business meeting, published in the last issue of the Alert, it was reported that the Scholarship Guidelines were being forwarded to the Executive

Committee to review and rewrite in lieu of the discussion and decisions at that annual meeting.

Here are the Revised Guidelines: [1999 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES for FHSLA](#).

Scholarship application forms will be distributed in the FHSLA Annual meeting registration packets or are available from Barbara Francis, FHSLA President (Barbara@library.health.ufl.edu)

[1999 Scholarship Application](#)

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