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CALL FOR PAPERS

by Kathy Murray, PNC Chair

A golden opportunity awaits you: a chance to "toot your own horn" and share your experiences with your colleagues. Four spaces exist for contributed papers during the joint PNC/MC annual chapter meeting this September. Our goal is to have two papers presented from each chapter.

For this meeting, topics should address issues of library automation or technology. Each presenter will have 12 minutes maximum: you need to plan your time so that you can give your paper and still leave time for some questions. An abstract of 250 words maximum should be submitted to me by **July 30th:** Kathy Murray, Horton Health Sciences Library, Providence Medical Center, Seattle, WA 98124. If you aren't certain whether or not your topic meets the criteria, please call me at 206-320-2423 and let's work it out.

Contributed papers are a new feature of the annual chapter meeting; we hope it will be as beneficial to the presenters as to the attendees. Consider it a training ground for the national meeting!

Take if from someone who has presented a paper: the butterflies in the stomach are only momentary--but the glow is lasting!

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Message from the Chair

By Kathy Murray

It's SUMMER! This is the time to become rejuvenated, to explore new possibilities, plant new ideas and rethink existing programs.

One way to do this is to attend a variety of meetings.

The Washington Medical Librarians Association and the Medical Library Association both had their annual meetings this spring. These meetings were perfect for meeting colleagues, finding answers to questions, and strengthening old ties. I hope each of you will take the opportunities each of your states offers for professional meetings.

When the Executive Board met in April, we spent a great deal of time discussing how to expand our CE efforts. We want to provide more classes or workshops throughout the region. **How can we reach the maximum number of members?**

One solution is to provide more basic "help" information through the newsletter. In the last issue, Susan Way's **AUTOMATION** column asked for your automation or technology questions. This column will work only if you call, write or e-mail your questions to her. Please don't assume you're alone! If you have a problem, there are many others throughout the chapter who will benefit from seeing the answer to your question in the newsletter. If you're shy, ask that your name not be used!!

Yet another Board effort to assist you in your professional development is the newly-created **PNC Professional Development Fund** designed to help you to attend professional meetings, programs, and courses. Please see details and the application form elsewhere in this issue.

The last Board meeting was on June 8. We spent the entire meeting working out revisions to the chapter's "Map"--the document that guides the chapter in its activities.

The map delineates the objectives, measurement indicators, and time tables for the accomplishment of the membership's overall goals. As objectives are reached or conditions change , the map is updated and revised.

If you are new to the chapter (or cannot locate your copy of the map), please contact me. Because the map wil guide the chapter's expenditure of energy and funds for the next few years, we want every member to review it. Please send your suggestions and ideas to me or to any board member.

The map update will be finished at the next Board meeting on July 27th. It will published in the next newsletter; a vote to accept it or do further revisions will be taken at the annual meeting in September.

I was very happy to see so many of you at MLA in Detroit when I accepted the Hospital Library Section's award for Hospital Librarian of the Year--so many of you have played a role in whatever I have accomplished. THANKS! ■

PNC Professional Development Fund

The new PNC Professional Development Fund is designed to encourage participation in professional programs and courses by our members. The Board recognizes that meetings and courses are often too far away for many members to attend--those who live in the major metropolitan areas have a distinct advantage. The aim of fund is to improve access for members, and to equalize opportunities for attendance at programs and courses which improve members' professional development.

All applications must adhere to the criteria listed below. The applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board, and all applicants will be notified of the Board's decisions. Note: All applications which meet the following criteria will be funded, limited only by solvency requirements of the treasury.

Criterion 1   PNC Membership

Applicant must be a current member of PNC.

Criterion 2   Number of Grants per Applicant

Applicants are eligible for a maximum of one grant per year.

Criterion 3   Number of Scholarships per Institution

No institution may receive more than one scholarship per event per year.

Criterion 4   Dollar Amount

A maximum of $100.00 may be awarded per applicant. The grant will not exceed the actual expense associated with the meeting or program or continuing education course(s) for which the grant is requested.

Criterion 5   Matching Funds

No matching funds will be required of applicants.

Criterion 6   Subject/Content of Program/Meeting/Course

Professional Development funds are limited to professional programs, meetings, or continuing education courses sponsored by or co-sponsored by PNC and may not be requested or used for any other purposes.

Please make copies of the PNC Professional Development Fund application on the following page. You, or another PNC member on your staff, may want to apply for a grant to help offset costs of the Pacific Northwest Chapter's annual meeting this September in Seattle.

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Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association

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Send completed application and personal statement to:

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AROUND THE REGION

British Columbia, Canada

Woodward Library is happy to report that **Doug McInnes** is back at work full time and feeling fine.

Jim Henderson is taking a year's leave from Woodward Library to study and set up information services for a network of researchers studying bacterial diseases using molecular biological techniques. Further details are elsewhere in this issue.

Lance Nordstrom has joined the Workers' Compensation Board Library as a full time librarian, effective April 17. Lance was formerly librarian with the Alberta Research Council. He has a B.Sc. in zoology and an M.Sc. in biogeography. He received his M.L.S. from the University of Alberta.

The BC Medical Library Service will be welcoming **Ana Rosa Blue** as summer replacement for various people while they are on vacation. Ana is a recent UBC SLAIS graduate and did her practicum at BCMLS.

Judy Neill will be taking a year's leave of absence from BCMLS while her husband works at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Judy leaves at the end of June and will be replaced by **Anne Moir**, who joins BCMLS 18 June.

On March 9, **Bill Fraser** gave a speech to the BC Medical Association Continuing Medical Education Committee about the effects of technology in libraries. Bill has also been elected to the MLA Nominating Committee for 1990.

Linda Howard recently started in the new library in the Surrey Memorial Hospital. Linda has a varied background in public and academic libraries, including a stint at the University of Fiji.

--(Thanks to Jim Henderson for the B.C. news.)

Alaska

The new director of the University of Alaska, Anchorage's Consortium Library is **Barbara Sokolov**. Many PNC members met Barbara at last year's annual meeting at Salishan. She was formerly the head of the library at the Artic Environmental Information and Data Center in Anchorage. Barbara is also a member of the PNWRHLS Resource Sharing Working Committee.

Idaho

Connie Schardt, the Idaho State Health Libraries Network Coordinator, has accepted a position as Director of the AHEC library at Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury, North Carolina. She will also be responsible for supplying services to five other hospitals within a 30-mile radius of Rowan Memorial. GOOD LUCK, Connie, and take care of those pink flamingos!!

Marcy Horner reports that the Kootenai Medical Center Library in Coeur D'Alene has received an Information Access Grant from NLM to improve their "electronic infrastructure" in northern Idaho. They will place fax machines and PCs with modems in five rural

hospitals; and they will provide circuit rider services along with **Grateful Med** training. They hope to track utilization of services in order to document the patient care role of the library.

Kootenai has also remodeled some library space to make room for a CD-ROM "jukebox" for CINAHL, the Yearbooks, LASERCAT, and Pediatrics on Disk. They are trying to provide more viewing space for the Hospital Satellite Network's video programs, and they want to develop a "multimedia" learning center.

Kootenai will add nine new specialists this summer, and **Marcy, K.C. Ferguson**, and **Lynn Marcie** report that meeting their institution's growing needs "is definitely keeping us busy!"

Pam Spickelmier, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center Library in Boise, reports that her library has been a participant in the "Partners in Education" program with the 3rd grade class at Boise's Roosevelt Elementary School. This program was initiated by the Boise School District as a method for broadening volunteer help for their schools.

The program is in its third year, but this is the first year that St. Luke's has been involved. During the school year, St. Luke's staff participated in Valentine's Day activities and games, described the functions and activities of a medical library to the students, provided an educational videotape on storytelling, donated motivational book-bags and bookmarks, and, at the end of May, coordinated a Spring picnic with non-competitive games and activities.

Participating St. Luke's staff included **Lola Conner** (Library Assistant/Acquisition), **Deana Baroli** (Library Assistant/ILLs), and **Marcy Horner**, Director. Says Marcy: "Who knows? We may recruit a future medical librarian or two!"

Mark Butcher, librarian at Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, describes his service as "a part-time library filling fulltime requirements." In April, Mark attended an informal conference of southeast Idaho librarians in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Mark notes that Sandy Biermann, former librarian at Bannock, has been working at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) in Idaho Falls. He describes INEL as the "bread and butter of the Idaho Falls area."

Colleen Winward, head of the library at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Idaho Falls, reports that her library has a new service for Nursing staff called "One Step Ahead": each month, a new subject is searched online, and three or four articles are chosen from the nursing literature--from these articles, an annotated bibliography with short summaries is created and copies are sent to the Nursing Administration, the nursing areas, the Education Department, and to Public Relatins. A memo describing the next month's topic is also attached. Colleen says the service has been very well received by all.

Colleen also reports that on May 3rd, southeastern Idaho sponsored its second annual Mountain River Library Associ-

ation Mini-Conference. The purpose of the meeting is to support the needs and services of the various academic, public, school, and special libraries in that region. The conference was extremely well-attended.

The conference theme was "Idaho's Libraries Working Together"; there were workshops, speakers, table topics, and panel discussion all addressing library cooperation regardless of type of library. Colleen found the concept of a common library card that would be valid throughout the entire state in any and all libraries, to be very interesting and promising.

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center has announced plans to begin an air ambulance service on or about July 1, 1990. The air ambulances will provide advanced life support services to rural communities and shorten the transport time required to move critical care patients to regional hospitals.

The air ambulances will also lend additional support to hospitals that participate in the Heart Emergency Network. They will serve eastern Idaho, western Wyoming, southern Montana, and northern Utah.

The new service will use fixed-wing aircraft for transfers of more than 100 miles, and helicopters for shorter distances and for picking up patients directly for accident sites.

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center is certified as a 24-hour, Level II Trauma Center. It was chosen as the site for the new air ambulance service because of its central location which insures a timely response to rural communities to the north of Idaho Falls, especially during inclement weather conditions.

Montana

Jane Schafer, St. Vincent Hospital and Health Center, Billings, reports that the Montana Library Association held its annual meeting on April 22-24 in Great Falls. The Health Science Interest Group (HSIG) sponsored two workshops, "Reprint Management" and "The Clinical Trials Literature", respectively taught by **Leilani St. Anna** and **Sherrilynne Fuller**, both of the Health Sciences Library and Information Center at the University of Washington.

HSIG wants to thank outgoing chair, **Koy Sheets,** (Yellowstone Treatment Centers, Billings) for all her hard work over the past few years. Incoming chair, **Jane Schafer,** announced the next meeting of HSIG will be in the fall at Big Sky, Montana.

Oregon

Kenn Harper left OHSU for a new position in Rochester, NY beginning on July 1, 1990. Goodbye, Kenn! We'll miss you!

Natalie Norcross, Tuality Community Hospital, was accepted in into the Academy of Health Science Professionals at the Senior level. She reports that evaluations really are done on an individual basis: "I asked for special consideration, gave my reasons, and it worked." Her experience should be seen as an encouragement to everyone to get those portfolios done!

Betty Kinports, secretary

at Sacred Heart General Hospital Library in Eugene, reports that **Debbie Graham** resigned her position as Director on March 14 to accept a position at the University of New Mexico. "We will miss her," says Betty, and adds: **Kim Tyler,** a reference librarian for five years at Sacred Heart, has accepted the position of Director." Kim has a mathematics degree from Purdue University and an M.L.S. from Columbia University. Notes Betty: "We were very fortunate to have Kim here 'to take over the reins.'"

Joan Carey is the new Assistant Outreach Coordinator at OHSU; she is working with **Steve Teich.** Other OHSU changes include: **Carrie Wellman** is now Assistant Director for Information Services, and **Patrice O'Donovan** is now an Information Resources Librarian. The OHSU phone number has a new prefix: 494.

Mara Wilhelm is the new Chief of Library Service at the Vancouver VA Medical Center Library. Mara hails from the Salisbury VA Medical Center in North Carolina.

Washington

Robin Braun, reports that Empire Health Services of Spokane has successfully moved the Health Information Center to a new location. Says Robin: "Although the new space is not larger than the old, it is strategically located next to the Admitting Desk and the auditorium, and library use by the staff and public has increased."

Debra Robertson and **Mary Wood** have joined the staff at the Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education (ICNE) in Spokane. Debra is the new Periodicals Technician and Mary is the new Reference and Cataloging Librarian. **Nancy Wagner** has been promoted to Interlibrary Loan Technician at ICNE.

Susan Way has accepted a position as head of the library at Physio-Control Corporation in Redmond, WA.

Rebecca Shavlik has moved from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Library to a new position as Reference Librarian with the King County Library System, Seattle. **Cynthia Stevens** has joined Fred Hutchinson as the new Interlibrary Loan Technician, and **Linda Whitford** is the new Library Secretary.

Tamara Turner, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle, has been appointed to the MLA 1992 Conference Planning Committee.

Babies, Pets, and Other Announcements

Patrice O'Donovan's son, Robert Anthony O'Donovan, is a year old, weighs 26.5 lbs. and is "cute as a button."

Mary Campbell's son, Evan Campbell Purser, is 11 months old, weighs 22 lbs, and, in addition to being cute as a button, is the apple of his parents' eyes.

Both mothers report that pictures are available upon request. ▪

An Introduction to MS-DOS

by Paul Buchanan, OHSU, Library Systems Analyst

If you use an IBM or IBM-compatible personal computer, you encouter MS-DOS, at least indirectly, every time you turn on your PC. But, like many users, you may still find it a little difficult to appreciate the role MS-DOS plays in your computer's operations. What is MS-DOS? How can it be so vital to the PC, yet manage to remain so vague to many users?

MS-DOS is a special kind of program known as an operating system. The first version of MS-DOS was created by Microsoft Corporation for the original IBM PC. IBM markets the program under the PC-DOS, and has continued to support succeeding versions as the basic operating system for its evolving line of personal computers. As other manufacturers turned to the development of IBM-compatible PCs, Micrsoft worked with each one to adapt MS-DOS to the particular needs of each machine. Today MS-DOS is available for dozens of PCs covering a broad range of price and performance levels. Yet the system looks almost the same to the user in any of these incarnations, and application programs which run on one MS-DOS machine will usually run on any other.

The operating system plays several roles with your PC. MS-DOS is the first program loaded in the memory of your computer when you first turn it on (this is called "booting" your PC), and at least part of MS-DOS remains in the memory no matter which other programs you use. This resident kernel of MS-DOS provides essential support services to any other application programs you load and run. You can compare this arrangement to a large business: the president and other managers make decisions about what is to be done, but they rely on their employees to actually type the letters, write the checks, sweep the floors, and other detaileed operations which the business running. So, your application programs call on MS-DOS to perform many operations for managing the hardware of your PC. If this sort of low-level support was the only role of the operating system, you could probably ignore it entirely.

But MS-DOS's capabilities are much more extensive than just providing invisible application assistance. When no other program is running, MS-DOS presents itself directly to you through a command interpreter that lets you use many MS-DOS services without going through an application program at all. MS-DOS services allow you to configure various aspects of your hardware, manage your disks and files, and even set the date or time. But to use these services you must learn the MS-DOS command language.

The largest and most important group of MS-DOS commands concern file management. Most of these can be used with either floppy or hard disks, although some are clearly more useful in managing the much larger storage capacity of hard disks. Following are a few of the commonest file management

commands:

FORMAT: prepares a new diskette by erasing any previous data and formatting the diskette to be used by MS-DOS's file system; this command is used occasionally with a hard disk, but you must be very careful since formatting erases all data on the selected disk.

MKDIR (Make Directory); RMDIR (Remove Directory): are used primarily with hard disks to create and manage a hierarchy of directories for organizing your files.

CHDIR (Change Directory): selects a particular directory for subsequent processing.

DIR (Directory): lists the names and attributes of the files residing in a selected directory; TREE is a related command that lists the directory hierarchy.

TYPE; PRINT: are used to view or print the contents of your files.

ERASE: removes files from your disks.

COPY: makes copies of files; these copies can reside on a different disk from the originals.

RENAME: changes the names of files but does not change the contents.

BACKUP; RESTORE: are used primarily to backup and restore the files on your hard disks; you can process an entire disk, or certain directories on the disk, or even individual files.

MS-DOS also provides commands for other aspects of system operations. For example, you can change some characteristics of your color display (MODE), configure your communications ports (another form of MODE), change the prompt MS-DOS uses when waiting for another command (PROMPT), erase display (CLS), or allocate memory for special purposes (FILES and BUFFERS). Unlike file management, which is a common need, many of these other services are somewhat specialized and infrequently required by most users.

Is it important for you to learn the MS-DOS command language? Some people find that the application programs they regularly use provide them with most of the the capabilities they need. Many applications allow you to perform limited file management without resorting to explicit MS-DOS commands.

Shells are another alternative to the MS-DOS commands. A shell is a program loaded with MS-DOS which hides the MS-DOS command interpreter behind a new user interface. These programs typically use menus and windows (and sometimes mouse devices) to put a friendlier face on MS-DOS services while still retaining the full capabilities which MS-DOS offers. 1DIR (pronounced "wonder") and NORTON COMMANDER are two popular MS-DOS shells.

If you want to learn more about MS-DOS and its command language, a good resource is Van Wolverton's RUNNING MS-DOS (4th ed., Microsoft Press: 1989).

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PNC/MLA CHAPTER NEWS

The Canadian Bacterial Diseases Network: A Study
by
Jim Henderson

Late in 1989, the Canadian federal government announced the 14 networks selected for its new $240 million Networks of Centres of Excellence programme. The networks have been given a mandate to support collaboration and "networking" nationwide. Academic, commercial, and government groups have been included, with representation from coast to coast. As laboratories for studying collaboration, a better programme would be hard to construct.

My long-standing interest in aspects of collaboration (how and why it works; what is the difference between cheating, plagiarism, and collaboration; how does "big" science work) brought me to apply for a year's leave of absence from my duties as a reference librarian to study the Canadian Bacterial Diseases Network.

This network is based in the University of British Columbia with Dr. Robert Hancock of the University of British Columbia Microbiology Department as Head. It contains 12 centres with a good mix of types, and extends from Victoria to Quebec City. Network researchers will use "molecular strategies for the study and control of bacterial pathogens of humans, animals, fish and plants". The Network began operations 1 May 1990, the same day my leave began.

The timing, of course, is perfect for my study. I will use a questionnaire to survey the information needs and communication behaviours of the 150 researchers in the network very soon after their network participation starts. I feel assured of their interest in the study because the databases I mount, the services to which I connect them, and the facilities I establish, will be developed on the needs identified in the survey.

Researchers will also be dependent on the capabilities of a computer network which is due to be established. Network funding has been allocated for this purpose, but the exact nature of the computer network is yet to be determined.

After setting up information services and operating them for a few months, I will repeat the survey. I hope the results will answer a few questions:

1) Is it possible to use advanced technology to offer information services to a distributed group of researchers?

2) How do members of the network communicate and collaborate? In particular, does being part of the network significantly change these behaviours?

This should be an interesting year, and I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has any suggestions or queries. Contact me at:

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Focus Group Reports From MLA Chapters are Available
By
Mary Campbell, Chapter Council Representative

During the past year, several chapters followed through on a request from MLA board and headquarters staff to form focus groups to examine MLA's products, programs, and services, and to discuss how they might be improved. Leilani St. Anna, PNC/MLA Membership Chair, and I convened a focus group representative of the chapter during the PNC/MLA annual meeting at Salishan. Leilani recorded and reported on the group's discussion, and the results were submitted to MLA. At least seven other chapters also held focus group sessions, and submitted their results.

I have copies of the focus group reports from all the chapters and will make them available to anyone who is interested. Please contact: Mary Campbell, King County Library System, 300 8th Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109. Phone: (206) 684-6644 or Ontyme: KCLS.

Our thanks to all of the focus group participants who took the time at Salishan to give valuable input to MLA. According to Nancy Fabrizio, who chaired the task force for the focus groups: "This is the first time the concept of focus groups has been applied for obtaining member input at the chapter level about MLA's programs and strategic plan. The reports summarizing this input clearly indicate that focus groups are a most useful method for obtaining grass roots opinion, comment, and suggestions."

It's good to know that MLA is listening. ∎

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Research Committee Ready for Action

Eager to begin work, the Research Committee has been reviewing its options and has decided first to create an Idea Bank of health sciences library research ideas.

The Idea Bank is something in which all PNC members can share: what would you like to learn about in your profession? what questions do you have about services, operations, technology, users, etc.? Even if you don't want to do research yourself (or don't think you can), your ideas can spur discussion, proposals, and research in others.

Please share your ideas with the Research Committee: help us to create an Idea Bank of questions that need to be answered. Who knows—you may be bitten by the ambition bug and want to help with the research, too!

Contact any of the following committee members for informal discussion and sharing of items for the Idea Bank:

Robin Braun, Chair, WA
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Neil Rambo, WA
Tamara Turner, WA ∎

Joint Mid-Continental/Pacific Northwest Chapters of MLA Meeting

ROUND TABLES

Get ready for "hot topics" time on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 3 - 4:30 pm when everyone gathers for Round Table discussions.

Included will be: Criteria-based Performance Evaluations; Keeping the Volunteer Initiative Going; Newsletters and Desktop Publishing; CD-ROM Considerations, and many other topics of concern.

If you are interested in facilitating a round table discussion or have topics you would like discussed, please contact **Leilani St. Anna,** HSLIC, University of Washington, SB-55, Seattle, WA 98195. Phone: 206-685-3125. Fax: 206-543-8066. Bitnet: LSTANNA@UWAV1.ACS.WASHINGTON.EDU

Send For This

New Extension Institute/ Certificate Courses Offered at University of Washington

By Mary Campbell

I am on the Advisory Committee for the U.W. Extension Institute/Certificate Program in Library Management, and have been asked to publicize the availability of two more extension institutes. They are sponsored by the U.W. Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

1. Certificate Program in Library Management, August 18 to Sept.1, 1990.

This is a two-week, intensive workshop designed to enhance the skills necessary for optimal managerial performance and career growth. The course addresses a wide variety of management issues and is presented by experienced instructors. Areas covered include: financial, legal, and technological aspects of managing public, special, medical, school, or academic libraries.

Total cost: $1,975 which includes single dorm room in a U.W. residence hall and two meals per day, plus two special event meals. If you do not need the room/meals, the total cost is $1,475.

2. Certificate Program in Library Automation: Project Management, Oct.3-7, 1990.

This is an intensive program that focuses on library automation and management issues including: planning, procuring, contracting, and implementing an integrated library system. Instructors are Robert Walton and Frank Bridge of Dallas, Texas.

The program will be held at the Redemptionist Palisades Retreat (south of Seattle). Total cost is $895.00 (which includes room and meals).

For more information or to request a brochure, contact the U.W. Extension Office: 206-543-2300. Enrollment is limited. ▉

"The only difference between a rut and a grave is their dimensions."
--Ellen Glasgow, American writer

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS

MLA Nominations for Fellows and Honorary Members

Nominations for 1991 are currently being accepted.

Criteria for election as Fellow:

*Candidate is at or near the close of an active professional career.

*Candidate holds a regular membership at the time of the election.

*The candidate's contribution is significant to health sciences librarianship or the purposes for which the organization stands.

*The candidate's contribution is of more than passing interest or local advancement.

Criteria for election as Honorary Member:

*The candidate has not formerly held regular MLA membership or is outside of the library profession.

The candidate has made a significant contribution that advances the purposes for which the organization stands.

A curriculum vitae and a statement of the candidate's contribution to the profession and to the MLA must be included in the letter of nomination.

The **deadline** for nominations is Sept, 15, 1990. Send nominations to: Frances Groen, McIntyre Medical Sciences Bldg., McGill University, 3655 Drummond St., Montreal, P.Q. H3G I46, CANADA. Phone: 514-398-4722. ∎

Deadline for Academy Paperwork Extended

On June 22, MLA President Lucretia McClure notified the organization that the deadline for upgrading your membership level in the Academy has been extended until Sept. 30, 1990.

Certified MLA members were automatically entered into the Academy at the Member level as of July 1, 1989; they may remain at that level until they are due for recertification on June 30, 1994.

However, if you desire to upgrade your status in the Academy now, you are allowed to upgrade your status by counting professional accomplishments back to July 1, 1984--and the fee is reduced to $20.00 during this one-time-only chance to upgrade your status.

To take advantage of this opportunity, you must submit a candidate portfolio using professional accomplishments from July 1, 1984 through June 30, 1990. The completed portfolio must be accompanied by a fee of $20.00 (after Sept.30, 1990, the fee will return to the standard $75.00.

If you choose not to upgrade your status before this deadline, but plan to do so at a later date, only professional accomplishments earned from July 1, 1989 forward will be accepted, as this becomes your active date for recertification.

If you have individual questions about the Academy, please call MLA Headquarters at 312-419-9094. President McClure cautions that "due to

this extension, adherence to our normal review schedule may not be possible." ■

New Publication from MLA

Zachart, Martha J.K. Educational Services in Special Libraries. Chicago: MLA, 1990.
6"x 9", hardcover;229 p., including case studies, bibliography, and index ($36.00, members; $39.95 nonmembers.)

This book was written especially for those responsible for planning adult group instruction in health sciences, law, corporate, and other special libraries. ■

DocKits Now Available

MLA Publications announced the availability of **DocKits,** compilations of original documents in areas of special interest to the health information management community.

DocKit #1, Position Descriptions in Health Sciences Libraries ($15.00, members; $20.00, nonmembers), was compiled by Carolyn Weaver at the HSLIC at the Univ. of Washington. It contains 78 examples of professional- and supervisory-level positions. The information was gathered from a range of institutions across Canada and the U.S.

DocKit #2, Evaluation Instruments for Health Sciences Libraries, ($39.95, members; $45.00, nonmembers), was compiled by Joanne Marshall, Univ. of Toronto. It contains 56 sample instruments that cover a range of health sciences library operations, activities, and services:

general and specialized user surveys, journal collection, reference service, online services (intermediary and end-user), CD-ROM, clinical library programs, and much more. A bibliography compiled by the MLA Research Section is also included. ■

## AHA To Publish Guide on Consumer Health Information Centers

A **Manager's Guide to Establishing Consumer Health Information Centers** in hospitals is being developed by the American Hospital Association and will be available this summer. The publication utilizes the experiences of 30 different consumer health information services located in a variety of settings.

The **Guide** describes successful strategies for: estabishing a base of organizational support; maximizing consumer and hospital benefit while minimizing legal risks; and tracking the value of the consumer info service.

Salli Kernaghan, Project Editor, is continuing to seek descriptions of innovative services, management approaches, and financing strategies. She is very interested in hearing about **external** financing sources that hospital-based consumer info centers are using. If you are willing to share this information, call her at 312-280-5970 or write to her at the American Hospital Association, Division of Ambulatory Care and Health Promotion, 840 N.Lake Shore Dr.,Chicago, IL 60643.

(From: CAPHIS:Consumer Connections, 7(1) Spring, 1990.) ■

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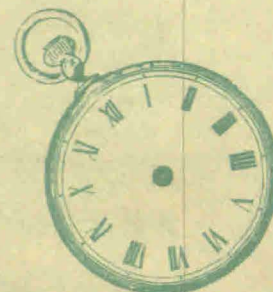
August 13-17   **Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching**
Seattle, WA. Contact MEDLARS Manage-
ment: 1-800-638-8480 to register.

August 15-18   **Pacific Northwest Library Association Annual
Meeting.** Portland, OR. Contact: Kit Dusky,
Portland State University, Miller Library,
P.O. Box 1151, Portland,OR 97207. Phone: 503-
725-4547.

Sept. 19-22   **PNC/MLA and MC/MLA Joint Chapter Meeting.**
Seattle. Contact Jackie Gagne, Group Health
Coop. Hospital, 206-326-3393. Ontyme: GHCCEN

Oct.3-6   **Transcultural Nursing Society,** 16th Annual
Conference, Seattle, Mayflower Hotel.
Contact: Maggie McKenna, 9823 - 44th Ave.SW
Seattle, WA 98136.

Nov. 4-5   **American Society for Information Science,**
Annual meeting, Toronto, Canada. Has many
medical information presentations. Contact:
ASIS, 8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 501, Silver
Spring, MD 20910. Phone: 301-495-0900. Fax:
301-495-0810.

Nov. 4-7   **Symposium on Computer Applications in Medical
Care (SCAMC).** Contact: The George
Washington University Medical Center,
Office of Continuing Medical Education,
2300 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

Nov. 5-7   **Online/CD-ROM '90 Conf.** Washington, D.C.
Contact: Tasha Heinrichs, 203-227-8466 or
Fax: 203-222-0122.

Dec.3-7   **Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching.** Portland,
OR. Contact MEDLARS Management to register:
1-800-638-8480.