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President's Column

The challenges that faced individual health sciences librarians in Michigan in the late 1970's included continuing education and access to information for our customers. Our decision to form MHSLSA was based on the acknowledgement that these were challenges best met by a united group. We thought then that we were in an environment of reduced resources. Little did we know.

As MHSLSA we responded to these challenges effectively by creating a statewide list of serials that provided increased information access to our customers, by cutting down on the response time for document delivery, by managing an annual educational conference and to be the first state serials loaded into DOCLINE, again opening a wider access of information to our customers and cutting down on response time for document delivery.

MHSLSA has matured as an association. We have changed to meet the challenges. The issues of continuing education and information access remain as the challenges, though perhaps with a different twist. Michigan is facing a bleak economic present. Many of us are in institutions that "downsized", then "rightsized" to survive. I realize that I'm telling you things you already know. But I want to stress here how important I think it is for us, as individual information resource managers, to continue to develop our association. We need to continue to work collectively to survive, however difficult this seems. I believe we can use our formal network to support our individual efforts and I believe we can use our individual creativity to expand our association and its resources. We will only benefit from our continued association. --Marge Kars

**Michigan Health Sciences
Libraries Association**

18TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE 1991



A Capitol Year

OCTOBER 1 - 4, 1991

**Harley Hotel
Lansing, Michigan**

Come to the Conference!

TUESDAY:

Join a "Round Table" discussion on Consumer Resources, Research in MHSLSA, One-Person Libraries, Code of Ethics for MHSLSA, Automation, and MSU Medical Schools.

Meet Hiram L. Davis, Director of MSU Libraries at the Cocktail Party.

WEDNESDAY:

Hear Keynote Speaker, Edward B. McRee from Ingham Medical Center talk about "Something of Value".

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Attend the Business Meeting.

Tour Binding Unlimited

Attend workshops on Obtaining outside funding and stress management. Join us at the Banquet and Panel Discussion on "The future of medical education."

THURSDAY:

Visit with the vendors.

Hear Contributed Papers.

Attend workshops on NLM, health care in the year 2000, and resource sharing.

Join us in the evening for an informal buffet and entertainment by Mr B (Piano - Blues and Boogie).

FRIDAY:

Attend CE's on government information resources or total quality management.

This year's conference is being hosted by Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries. For further information contact Doris Asher, Sparrow Hospital (517) 483-2274.

MACHIS TO MEET DURING MHSLS CONFERENCE

The Michigan Association of Consumer Health Information Specialists (MACHIS) will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at the Harley Hotel. MHSLS Members are invited to attend the meeting. MACHIS members are encouraged to stay for the Round Table discussion on Consumer Health Resources that afternoon.

MACHIS is a diverse, special interest group formed and designed to facilitate the networking of information specialists in the area of consumer health.

Members include health and information professionals from Health Science Libraries, Public Libraries, Health Educators, Public Health Departments, etc.

Quarterly meetings include discussions

on Marketing of Consumer Health Services, Communicating to Administrators, Ethics and Legalities of CHI, etc.

For more information on MACHIS contact Judy Barnes, President, (517) 377-8389.



GMRMLN NEWS

"The New Outreach: using GRATEFUL MED Awards, Enhancements and In-house Programs to Meet Your Expanding Service Needs." is the theme of the continuing education program being presented by the Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network Consortia/Local Groups Committee at MC/MLA on Sunday, October 14, 1991 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The program will feature an overview of the National Library of Medicine's outreach mission, the experiences of three librarians in conducting outreach programs and a panel on the marketing strategies used in fulfilling the outreach projects. The cost of the program is \$38.00. Application for continuing education credit is in process.

For more information, contact: Kim Goldman, GMRMLN Management Office, University of Illinois, Library of the Health Sciences, P. O. Box 7509, Chicago, IL, 60680, (312) 996-2464, FAX (312) 996-2226.

Frieda Weise, current Director of GMRMLN will be leaving her position to assume the Directorship of the Southeastern Atlantic Regional Medical Library Network located at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

On July 12, 1991, GMRMLN elected David Keddle to the GMRMLN Executive Committee. He is the only hospital librarian on the Regional Executive Committee and will be representing the views and concerns of all hospital librarians within Region 3.

**MLA & Rosary College
Cosponsor CE for Area
Health Sciences
Librarians**

The Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), Rosary College, River Forest, IL, are jointly sponsoring "Topics in Advanced Medical Reference," a course designed for MLA members and nonmembers who would like to pursue their continuing education, as well as GSLIS students.

The three-credit-hour course consists of six MLA continuing education courses, with an introductory session for those new to the field of advanced medical reference. It is scheduled for the fall 1991 semester beginning on September 13, 1991 and continuing every other Friday through the semester for a total of seven sessions.

CE's offered include: Drug & Pharmaceutical Information Resources, Government Information Resources, Mental Health Information Resources, MeSH and NLM Classification, Toxicology Information: an Introduction and Geriatric and Gerontology Information Resources.

Librarians can opt to take one, several or all of the individual classes, each for eight MLA contact hours. They may also take the course for college credit.

Each individual class is \$115 (\$130 for nonmembers) which includes the course syllabus, handouts and lunch in the college cafeteria.

For more information, contact Reneta Webb, Ph.D., Director of Professional Development, at the Medical Library Association (312) 419-9094.

**American Society for
Information Sciences 54th
Annual Meeting**

October 27-31, 1991, Washington, D.C.

ASIS will present "Panning for Gold: Workshop on research methodology filtering in health sciences," Moderator, Patricia Wolfgram, Mid-Michigan Regional Medical Center, K. Ann McKibbin, McMaster University.

Other sessions of interest to health science librarians are: Address by Dr. Donald Lindberg, Director of the National Library of Medicine; Drug information for minority populations, and evaluating end user search systems.

For more information contact: Pat Wolfgram, (517) 389-3000

CD-Rom Grant Disapproved

In early June the committee received word that NLM had made its decision on the grant proposal to provide CD-Rom technology to 52 hospitals in Michigan.

The grant was found to have merit, but it was decided not to fund it at this time. NLM says that we may resubmit the grant proposal at a future date if we choose to.

Chief among the reasons for not funding the grant were cost of the equipment chosen and the fact that we planned to use CD-Rom instead of MEDLINE online (Grateful Med).

The Grant Committee will take this information to the MHSLA Board where a decision will be made on the future of this project. We will keep you informed on any further developments.

-- Doris Blauet

**Deadline for next issue:
September 15, 1991**

Send articles, announcements to: Judy Barnes, Medical Librarian, Lansing General Hospital, 2727 S. Pennsylvania Ave., 48910-3490 or FAX (517) 372-0341.

More Gack about GAC

In April Frieda Weise, the new Director of GMRMLN, met with members from MHSLSA at Lansing to discuss the future of the Regional Medical Libraries Network, GAC's LOANSOME DOC and various other topics.

The University of Illinois at Chicago has just been awarded the contract to continue as the office for GMRMLN. Ms. Weise sees the role for the regions as changing to reflect NLM's goals of more outreach to under-served health professionals.

With this in mind, a greater emphasis will be placed on such components of MEDLARS systems as Grateful Med and with the addition of LOANSOME DOC to Michigan this fall. Tentative date for Michigan joining LOANSOME DOC is October. More information about LOANSOME DOC will be published as we get closer to that time.

The GMRMLN GAC was discussed in some length. As previously, we are still getting mixed messages about the GAC project. The latest word is that at this time, NLM and GMRMLN will continue to accept a DOCLINE (OCLC) tape from our state, BUT how long they will continue to do this is questionable. NLM would prefer to accept only one tape per region, but on a case by case basis will continue to accept a state tape. This is subject to change almost any time.

Based on this information, my personal recommendation would be for all MHSLSA members to be profiled to join the GMRMLN union list of serials and join the GMRMLN GAC to ensure that at some point their holdings will be in SERHOLD. This would eventually eliminate the need for our state to buy and submit a separate OCLC tape. This will have some impact on the structure of our institutional membership and this will be addressed by the long range plan implementation committees.

The committees on resource sharing and document delivery will continue to monitor developments in these areas and report back to the membership.

-- Doris Blauet, Chair,
Document Delivery Committee

MHSLSA Research Committee

The Research Committee would like to invite and encourage you to attend the Research Roundtable during the upcoming annual conference. We want this time to be an opportunity to share ideas, concerns and experiences our members have had in the area of research.

Several members have conducted surveys or done other research over the past several years. We will give them a chance to present their projects and give us insight into their particular challenges and the lessons they learned along the way. Those who have not been involved in research but are interested should bring along questions.

The Committee has been constructing a survey instrument which will be presented to the membership both during the roundtable and at the business meeting. It involves surveying requestors of database searches which are done for patient care purposes. The survey is based on David King's "Hospital Library Quality Assurance Project Questionnaire." We have, however, limited its scope to answer the question: "Do the literature searches done by hospital librarians have an impact on patient care given?"

Surveys will be given to all patient care search requestors during the last two weeks of January 1991. We ask that all MHSLSA institutions consider becoming involved in this research project. We are excited about the project and look forward to having an opportunity to share it with the rest of the group.

Research Committee members are: Yvonne Mathis (St. Mary's, Grand Rapids), Chair; Lois Huisman (Blodgett); Sandy Swanson (Butterworth); and Mary Griswold (Bronson Methodist). Please feel free to contact any committee member about ideas or questions concerning library research.

Notes on DOS 5.0 and Windows 3.0

It seems as though software upgrades come along faster than cats can reproduce. You no sooner purchase one piece of software and send in the registration, when the upgrade notice comes in the mail. DOS 5 is out now, and I haven't fully utilized DOS 4. DOS 5 uses a mouse in DOSshell and has some refinements that are worth noting:

DOS 5 has help screens! Just enter the command, a space, a slash (/) and a "?".

When you take a directory of a drive using the /w to get a wide screen view of the directory, all subdirectories show up in brackets.

When you reformat a disk, the software will read the disk format it accordingly in the original format. No more having to remember switches to format 360k floppies in a 1.2mb drive.

DOS 5 has its own memory manager and be set to automatically load into high memory. This is helpful if you are running any TSR programs. DOS 5 also includes an extended memory manager and covers functions that used to require additional software like Quarterdeck's Extended Memory Manager. (Extended memory management is limited to a true 386 with more than 2 MB of RAM).

For reviews of DOS 5, see the July, 1991 issue of PC Magazine (v.10, no.13, p.35-38) and the July 1991 issue of PC Computing (v.4, no.7, p.96-120).

If you're using 4.0, you can get an upgrade kit to DOS 5. If not, get with the program and get upgraded.

Now the catch phrase is "will it run under Windows?" Well, I don't have any windows in the library, but I do have the new version Windows software from Microsoft along with Word for Windows, Excel for Windows and Power-Point for Windows. That's enough to tie up a machine from morning to night with users who find the graphical user interface (GUI) more to their liking than menu or command driven software.

Microsoft Word word processing software has been around for quite a while and was designed to run under Windows. What is really nice about Word is that it has W-Y-S-I-W-Y-G (pronounced wissy wig) which means that what you see (on the screen) is what you get (on paper). When you change fonts, they actually show on the screen. This is so much nicer than WordPerfect 5.1, which requires you to go through a few gyrations to get to see what your document looks like. WordPerfect will also not let you edit in "show document" mode. At a recent dealer show, WordPerfect announced that it will produce a Windows version soon.

Excel is Microsoft's spreadsheet software, but it's far from being basic. Excel lets you attach notes, and even make them look like Post-it notes by adding the color yellow. It produces graphs and charts nicely, as does 1.2.3, but these same charts can then be imported into documents in Word. For those of you using 1,2,3, Lotus has announced that it too is developing a Windows version.

And then there's PowerPoint. This is a presentation software, which has Harvard Graphics out classed. It allows you to create slides or transparencies (on-screen and on digital palate), draw, or create an entire presentation that you can be run from the computer.

The interchangeability of information between programs through Windows is what makes it so powerful. This interchangeability exist in all products made to "run under Windows."

Thanks to the generosity of one of our physicians, we now have a Hewlett Packard PaintJet printer paired with the unit running Windows. This makes for some impressive color output.

If you are exploring productivity software packages for your library, take a look at these products. Windows is rapidly becoming the defacto standard. Besides, a mouse is a lot easier to handle than a keyboard. Note, however, a new version of Windows is on the horizon. The new version will be designed to work with DOS 5.

-- Judy Barnes, Lansing General Hosp.

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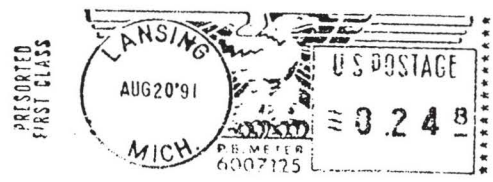
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