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### President's Page

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A century ago, Dr. George Milbry Gould, first president of the Medical Library Association, spoke of his vision for medical information services: That anywhere in the country, the health care worker could visit a library within a short distance of his home and lay hands on medical literature representing the experience of his fellow workers throughout the world. Today there are more than 2500 medical libraries in U. S. hospitals alone. We each serve Dr. Gould's vision.

We now have ways of accessing publications that we do not own. Technologies that make document delivery to our clients practical also make it possible for us to obtain literature from other sources, such as other libraries. Under the tutelage of the National Library of Medicine a couple of decades back, we began to define our roles as search intermediaries; we became very good at identifying relevant literature that we did not own. With local initiatives such as Michigan's MASH and MISHULS and the regional/national programs OCLC and DOCLINE, we developed the tools to put that relevant literature in the hands of the health care workers we serve. And we've reached the stage that the health care worker's published experience from anywhere in the world is now truly accessible.

We are looking as well at another step beyond Dr. Gould's vision; as the AT&T ads would have it, we are looking at information access from anywhere in the world. We can now perform "lit searches" from our living rooms and even from laptop computers on commercial air flights. An Internet announcement this past week described a Library of Congress initiative to begin "digitizing images" its collection of 104 million items; LC is looking at the project from both an access and a preservation standpoint. And Nancy Garman, in the September-October issue of ONLINE, writes that the "masses go online." We no longer speak of "end-users" -- the term implies intermediaries -- but rather of "information consumers."

We will be looking this afternoon at some of the newer technologies that help put this new spin on our attainment of Dr. Gould's vision. The Research Committee will present a "state of the state" report on the conditions of our journal collections and how we are handling our storage needs, among other things. The Ad-Hoc Committee on Technology for Document Delivery and Interlibrary Loan will present a variety of options for local ownership and remote access of the medical literature.

Our challenge is to put these pieces together in a way that will make sense in our local communities, while dealing with the barriers -- or opportunities -- inherent in today's healthcare environment: cost and funding reductions, space and staff limitations, institutional mergers and system building among them.

Dr. Gould's vision has served us well for over 100 years. It is still the base from which we operate. As we face the challenges and changes of this new era, we need to keep his vision firmly in mind.

### ***CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS***

MHSLA'S Education Committee is planning the 1995 Conference. The Poster Session of MHLA's 1995 Education Conference is a great opportunity to report the results of research, studies, or surveys. If you are interested in participating in the session, please send a description of your project to Nancy Manninen at Portage View Hospital, Health Sciences Library, 200 Michigan St., Hancock, MI. 49930, or FAX to: (906) 482-3080. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 1995.

### ***HITCHES AND GLITCHES***

Barbara Kromelink, Document Delivery Chair, reports problems with DOCLINE and GRM routing. Since the installation of a new conversion program in early January, some journal titles are skipping the early non-charging cells in your routing tables and transmitting directly to charging libraries-- particularly Wayne State and the University of Michigan. Incorrectly routed loans can be corrected by cancelling the request and directly routing the item. Please report any occurrences to Kromelink at phone 517-894-3782 or fax 517-894-4862. She is tracking the errors and compiling a list of journal titles which are affected to be published at a later date.

### ***NOTES***

Ferris State university has added their holdings to MISHULS. Please note their code is EZF and their LIBID is 49307A.

Port Huron Hospital (EBH) can be reached by fax in the library. The number is 810-989-3524. Please note the addition in MISHULS.

### ***INTERLIBRARY LOAN STATISTICS***

Please remember to keep an extra copy of your DOCLINE annual statistics report to submit to the Document Delivery Committee.

### ***CONSUMER HEALTH TITLES***

All health sciences libraries in MISHULS are encourage to add any consumer health or patient education titles to the union list in 1995. The demand for consumer health information increases daily. If health sciences librarians can access these titles, we can serve our consumer and patient needs more efficiently.

### ***MICHIGAN STATEWIDE HEALTH SCIENCES UNION LIST OF SERIALS***

Please note on your MISHULS order form that the 1995 MISULS has more than doubled to over 900 pages of journal holdings. Therefore it will require two large binders for the paper format which will not be provided with your order. (The increase in size is due to the addition of Ferris State University's journal holdings.

### ***STATE VENDOR FILE***

Payments for interlibrary loans received by agencies of the State of Michigan will not be processed until suppling institutions are recorded in the State's Vendor File. Libraries which supply state agencies

with interlibrary loan requests via DOCLINE or OCLC and request a vendor packet from: State of Michigan, Registration Division, 517-373-4111. The forms are not complex and essentially require the vendor library's Federal I.D. number.

### ***MHSLA CONFERENCE PREVIEW***

Planning for the 1995 Conference in Traverse City is well under way. The theme is "Northern Exposure--Emerging Roles in information Management." The continuing education courses scheduled are: 1) Research Methods for Health Sciences Librarians and 2) Are you Ready for the JCAHO's Information Management Systems. Vendor exhibits, a Poster Session and some timely Concurrent Sessions are also included in the agenda. Plan to attend September 27-29, 1995.

### ***MEETING CALENDAR***

Indiana Health Sciences  
Librarians

April 5-7, 1995  
Terre Haute, IN

Wisconsin Health Sciences  
Library Association Annual  
Meeting  
Computers in Healthcare  
Education Symposium

April 26-28, 1995  
Thomas Jefferson University  
Philadelphia, PA

For more information call  
J. Garofalo 215-222-1532

Health Sciences OCLC Users  
Group 20th Annual Meeting  
Boulder, CO

MLA (Medical Library  
Association Annual Conference)

May 5-10, 1995  
Washington, DC

For more information call  
312-419-9094

7th International Congress of  
Medical Librarianship

May 11-12, 1995  
Washington, DC

SIGCAT '95 (Special Interest  
Group on CD-ROM Applications  
and Technology) Conference &  
Exposition

"Building Information  
Management Systems with  
CD-ROM"

May 22-25, 1995  
Reston, VA

For more information call  
800-248-8466

ASIS (American Society for  
Information Science) Mid  
Year Meeting  
"Electronic Publishing"

May 23-16, 1995  
Minneapolis, MN

SLA (Special Libraries  
Association) Annual  
Conference

June 10-15, 1995  
Montreal

For more information  
call 202-234-4700 ext. 634

ALA (American Library  
Association Annual Conference

June 22-29, 1995  
Chicago, IL

For more information  
call 800-545-2433

ASIS (American Society  
for Information Science)  
Annual Meeting

"Converging Technologies:  
Forging New Partnerships in  
Information"

October 9-12, 1995  
Chicago, IL

MCMLA (Midwest Chapter of the  
Medical Library Association)

October 15-18, 1995  
Fort Wayne, IN

SCAMC (Symposium on Computer  
Applications in Medical Care)

October 28-November 1, 1995  
New Orleans, LA

For more information call  
301-657-1291

Online/CD-ROM '95 Conference  
and Exposition

October 30-November 1, 1995  
Chicago, IL

For more information call  
800-248-8466

**MLA DOCKIT**

Providing appropriate examples of searches and useful techniques for end-user instruction modules is a difficult task. Therefore MLA is compiling DocKit, a collection of search examples from MEDLINE, CINAHL, PSYCHINFO, HEALTH, and CANCER. MeSH headings and subheadings, Boolean operators, keyword searching, field searching, positional operators, and limits will also be included. The systems covered are NLM, Grafeul Med, CD Plus, CDP Online, SilverPlatter, Compact Cambridge, and DIALOG. The expertise levels covered range from beginner, through intermediate to advanced. Search strategy contributions are now being solicited. A printout of each search strategy must be included for each submission.

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**BELEN AWARD**

July Barnes, past MHSLA president and manager of Michigan Capital Medical Center Library, Pennsylvania Campus, was the 1994 recipient of the Belen Award for Excellence in Management. Managers receiving the Belen have demonstrated leadership qualities and personify excellence every day. Barnes was awarded the Belen for efforts as an innovator, educator, teacher, and builder. She has almost single-handedly developed one of the finest medical libraries in mid-Michigan.

**Postscript**

The number printed in MISHULS for Bronson Methodist Hospital Library is incorrect. The interlibrary loan number is (616) 341-6318.