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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Arlis Ditmer
2001-2002 HSLI President

Blessing Health Professions Library, Quincy, Illinois

Illinois Consortium are the official hosts, but we would welcome any additional help. Please let me know if working on a conference has always been a secret dream of yours! I am sure we will discuss this issue at the June Board meeting in Champaign. Remember the meeting is open to any member and will be held at Carle Foundation Hospital on June 22, 2001 at 10:00 AM.

Today I sent a letter to Midwest Chapter of MLA to request hosting the 2004 meeting in Springfield. This task will be a large undertaking and we will need help. The Capital Area Consortium and the East Central Illinois

quate funding, the graying of our profession, and predatory publishers. As a brief aside, I hope you have been following the "Pat Schroeder" issue, as it is so interesting. What would we do without our email groups!

As I write this, I know that some of us are very involved in getting the SILO list printed and out to our members, some are working on the marketing task force, or organizing the Fall meeting, or thinking about a new design for our logoThe amount of voluntary energy spent on HSLI is enormous. Thank you all and think Spring!



The purpose of HSLI is to promote the professional and educational development of health science librarians in Illinois.



I am sure you are looking forward to the Fall Meeting on November 15-16, as I am. Somehow we need to squeeze in that meeting, a trip to Milwaukee as Midwest is so close this year, and perhaps a peek at ILA in October? I know it is tough and expensive to attend meetings, but all of our library organizations need our input during these times. Particularly when we are bombarded with library filtering, inade-



"The kind of doctor I want is one who when he's not examining me is home studying medicine."

George S. Kaufman (1889-1961)

U.S. Dramatist, Journalist

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NEWS AND NOTES

Bylaws Change Passes

At the fall meeting, the bylaws change involving the elimination of the Illinois State Council was discussed. It was proposed that the Illinois State Council be replaced by a single individual to serve as liaison to Networks (Illinois State Library, ILLINET, and NN/LM GMR). This individual would be appointed by the current President to serve a two-year term. 73 ballots were returned. The vote was unanimous in favor of the bylaws change.

News From the GMR

Please join us in welcoming Tammy Mays, the new consumer health coordinator for the NN/LM GMR. Tammy hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1994, she received her BA in biology from Fisk University and went on to graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and received her MLIS in 1997. Prior to joining the GMR, Tammy was an Associate Fellow (1997-1998) at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. After completing the Associate Fellowship program, Tammy relocated to Wisconsin, where she was the Outreach Librarian for two years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Health Sciences Libraries. You may reach Tammy at tmays@uic.edu.

Chris Shaffer, Technology Coordinator
National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region

HSLI Website Directory

The HSLI Website directory of members has recently been updated. Please help to maintain the accuracy of the directory by contacting Fran Kovach, HSLI Webmaster, or Rhona Kelley, HSLI Membership Chair with any changes to your directory data.

SILO Union List

Copies of the new SILO Union List are being sent out to those who ordered them. Our thanks go to Virginia Gale, Mary Prior, Nancy Stump, and Laura Wimmer, who volunteered their time and resources to make this invaluable resource available to us all. Thank you all for a job well done!

Thanks from the Maghrabi Family

Jan Perone, Past President of HSLI, received the following letter from Syed Maghrabi's family after writing to them to tell them of the creation of the Syed Maghrabi Stipend Award:

Dear Ms. Perone:

On behalf of the Maghrabi family, I would like to extend a warm thank you to you and to all the members of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois. We supremely appreciate the establishment of the Syed Maghrabi Stipend Award. I am certain that my father would have been pleased knowing that his colleagues, whom he always spoke very highly of, care enough to take such steps in remembering him.

It is very gratifying to know that the members of the HSLI were not only my father's colleagues, but also kind, generous, and loyal friends who appreciated his time and effort. Not a day goes by without me thinking about him, and I appreciate your extension of sympathy regarding his passing.

Again, our hearts are deeply touched and we cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Syeda Habiba Maghrabi



Reflections on a Conference

I would like to thank the HSLI Board for offering me this wonderful opportunity to attend the HSLI conference in Rockford this fall. It was a very well planned conference as you all probably saw the testimonials of some of the attendees on the HSLI listserv. It was packed with lots of CE opportunities. I enjoyed meeting and networking with fellow health science librarians in Illinois, some of whom I would not have otherwise crossed paths with.

On my first day of the conference I attended the Hospital Library Web Site Design Seminar. Mike Simmons was an excellent speaker, who gave us an insightful look at the purpose, content and design of the Hospital Library Web Page. Jane Pearlmuter of the University of Wisconsin presented the after-

noon session on Virtual Collection Development, another timely topic that dealt with all the issues that we librarians are grappling with these days.

The next day we were presented with expert views on Complementary/ Alternative Medicine by an illustrious panel. One of the speakers was our very own Jean Sayre from the GMR. This was followed by a GMR update from Chris Shaffer and a computer technology update. The afternoon roundtables were equally informative as we shared our experiences and learned from each other. I wish I could have attended some more roundtables, as they were all on relevant topics.

I really enjoyed the small town atmosphere, smaller discussion

groups without all the distraction of attending exhibits or dealing with vendors, although a few book distributors did sneak in. But, they were trying to find a niche for their companies after the departure of Login Brothers.

The conference committee did a wonderful job of putting together a meaningful, manageable and a fun conference.

Neera Kukreja

*Director, Academic Center Library
Cook County Hospital, Chicago*



**2001 HSLI conference
November 15-16, 2001
Carle Hospital Forum,
Champaign– Urbana, IL**

Topics: Benchmarking by Joanne Marshall, Dean University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

Keynote Speaker: Joanne Marshall

Other topics under discussion: Copyright, Technology Troubleshooting, & Trends in Technology.

To Join the HSLI Discussion List

- Send an email message to listserv@uic.edu
- Leave the subject line blank
- In the body of the message type:
`subscribe hsli firstname lastname`
- To post messages, send to: hsli@uic.edu

News You Can Use — from the Illinois State Library

GRANT NEWS

Award letters have been mailed for the Educate and Automate grants.

The next round of LSTA and Educate & Automate grant offerings will be announced soon.

The web site for information on grant offerings is located at <http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/library/isl/grants/grants.html>.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual Illinois OCLC Users Meeting will be held on May 2, 2001 at the Chicago Public Library Harold

Washington Library Center. The Illinois OCLC Users Meeting is held each year for all Illinois OCLC members. This year we are celebrating our 25th anniversary. The agenda includes a keynote address by Jean Wilkins, the Executive Director of the Illinois State Library, as well as updates on ILCSO, the OCLC Users Council, and ILLINET/OCLC Services. There will be breakout sessions on ILLIAD, OCLC Metadata Initiatives, and Extended WorldCat. All conference information may be found at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/library/isl/oclc/ioug_meeting.html.

Lynn Bierma
Illinois State Library Liaison

New Feature Added to NLM's MEDLINEplus

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has added a daily news service to their consumer on-line public database, MEDLINEplus.

Every weekday morning the home page of medlineplus.gov will be updated with selected health-related articles from the Associated Press, New York Times Syndicate, and United Press International, with NLM anticipating more sources to be added. Articles will be listed on the home page as well as cross-referenced to one or more of the 430 subject areas listed on MEDLINEplus.

"We realize how important it is for people who search for information on the web... to go to a site they trust," said NLM Director Donald Lindberg. MEDLINEplus draws on the extensive resources of NIH and other reliable, non-commercial sites. No registration is ever required for MEDLINEplus users.

MEDLINEplus is a registration-free, public-access information service available at: <http://medlineplus.gov>.

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Membership Application
HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIANS OF ILLINOIS



Please check one: New Member Renewal Year

Last Name First Name

Institution Affiliation

Institution Address

City, State, Zip Code



Work Telephone () Fax Telephone()

E-Mail Address

Institution Web Address

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(if different than above)

Library System (ILLINET) Membership Yes No

Name of Library System

Regular Membership: \$10.00 Student Membership: \$5.00

Members have one vote on all matters of HSLI Business.

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We encourage any HSLI member who comes across interesting information (article, Website, or other) to send us a summary for the newsletter. If it is new or of interest to you, most likely it will also be to many others. This type of information sharing makes our newsletter more valuable.

If you have any items for the newsletter, please e-mail them to Nina at npals@sblhs.org or Molly at mhorio@bromenn.org. Likewise, any suggestion or recommendations, please e-mail to Nina or Molly.

Future deadlines: June 1, 2001

September 1, 2001

December 1, 2001



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