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## Meeting Report: 1995 Annual Dinner Meeting

Once again, there was a good turnout for the Association's Annual Dinner Meeting. Approximately 60 people attended at one of our favourite venues, Massey College, on May 1st to enjoy good fare and good company. An added treat was a tour of the College's collection of 19th century hand-printing presses, conducted by Marie Korey and Richard Landon.

The University of Toronto's Edward Shorter, Hannah Professor in the History of Medicine, gave a stimulating, if somewhat controversial address. His topic, *The Disease of the Month Syndrome: A Historian's Perspective*, dealt with what he termed media-driven and even physician-driven subcultures of illness. With slides to illustrate his presentation, he spoke of diseases of previous centuries, e.g., the vapors, hysterical paralysis, brucellosis, and brought things up to date with the new diseases of the last two decades, including multiple chemical sensitivity (20th century disease) and "the winner of the disease of fashion sweepstakes", CFS (chronic fatigue syndrome). Much of Professor Shorter's material was drawn from the popular and tabloid press, and his presentation was peppered with inflammatory phrases such as "medically ordained suffering" and "medical suggestion contaminating culture". Certainly there is disagreement evident in the medical literature; despite this, provincial governments are contributing millions to establish an environmental health clinic at Dalhousie, and a research and clinical program in environmental illness at the U of T. (*CMAJ* 1995 Apr. 15; 152(8): 1292-1294).

The evening ended on a delicious note, with a dessert buffet and coffee. For this, for the refreshments during the cocktail hour and for a special door prize, we are grateful to our generous sponsors: BOVAR-CONCORD Environmental, CANEBSCO, FAXON Canada, Infomart-DIALOG Limited, Lehmann Bookbinding, Login Brothers, and Wallaceburg Bookbinders.

As a postscript to the evening, we would like to mention that Professor Shorter donated his honorarium to the Museum of Mental Health Services. Located at 1001 Queen Street West in Toronto, the Museum is a registered charity dedicated to recovering the early history of mental health services in Canada. The Museum funds projects of the Archives on the History of Canadian Psychiatry and Mental Health Services, and is developing a public display and interpretation centre.

- Colleen Mulloy

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**FROM THE EDITOR****Cathy Lindsey-King**

Well, the absence of a calendar of coming programs above this message can only mean one thing - the end of another year for THLA, and the last of these issues to be coordinated by yours truly. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the contributors to the *NEWS* this year - your participation and feedback have made this a fun task and a labour of love. A special note of thanks goes to both Anne Taylor-Vaisey and Dorothy Davey for their hard work in the preparation and production of this year's *NEWS*.

As you know, next year Anne and I will be switching roles in the production of the newsletter. However, you should also know that we are actively seeking another member for the team. If you'd like to see your name in print and can join us as an Assistant Editor for 95-96, we'd love to see you become the Editor in 96-97! Thanks to great support from those who have been there before and the miracles of modern communications and word processing, the job is not very difficult, and it really is a lot of fun! Your participation for the coming year will not be too taxing, and we'll be sure to share all of our secrets with you! So, pick up the phone and give us a call - you won't regret it!

On the CHLA/ABSC '96 Planning Front, I am pleased to announce that a team of THLA members will be attending the 1995 conference in St. John's to enthusiastically spread the word about next year's 20th Anniversary celebration here in Toronto.

Also noteworthy is the fact that with the gracious assistance of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and Davida Glazer, the 1996 CHLA/ABSC conference now has an internet address: [chla96@ices.on.ca](mailto:chla96@ices.on.ca).

Davida will maintain this mailbox in order to facilitate electronic communications between the Planning Committee and internet e-mail users. Cyber surfers will also be pleased to know that Rita Vine of U of T's Science & Medicine Library will be producing a World Wide Web Home Page on the net in the near future.

**1995 - 1996 THLA Executive**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Teresa Helik**

On my own behalf and on behalf of you, the members of THLA, I would like to thank all those whose contributions made this a successful year. The new initiatives for this year included the establishment of a scholarship for FIS students and the revision of the Executive position descriptions. Special thanks to **Dorothy Davey** who piloted the scholarship from an idea to reality, and to the other members of the committee, **Sylvia Newman**, **Madeline Grant** and **Joanne Marshall**. The revision of the position descriptions was a project of the entire Executive, with the help of several other THLA members: **Jan Greenwood**, **Madeline Grant**, **Susan Murray**, **Elizabeth Reid** and **Jennifer Bayne**.

This is the fifth and final newsletter for the year. Many thanks are due to **Cathy Lindsey-King** and **Anne Taylor-Vaisey** for making this a high quality, news-filled update for all of us. **Dorothy Davey** also contributed by handling all of the production and distribution logistics.

Five is also the number of programs we held this year. As always, our two social programs were great successes. Thanks to **Rebecca Strange**, who helped **Elaine Wright** with these programs, especially with the sponsorships that are so important to keep these events affordable. Elaine also did a wonderful job with our other programs, finding hot topics that were very relevant to THLA and unique from the offerings of other associations.

When the 95/96 program year begins, two of our current Executive members will be gone. After three years of leadership, **Sylvia Newman** is leaving the Executive but continuing to work as the Co-Chair of the CHLA/ABSC '96 Conference Planning Committee. Our treasurer **Valda Poplak** has finished two years on the Executive. Not only did she keep us with a positive bank balance, but Valda also helped us stretch 12 months' worth of dues to cover 18 months of activities and saved us all some money in the process. Thank you Valda & Sylvia for all your work on our behalf.

Thanks are also due to many other members who hosted and helped with meetings and sat on committees. To all of you who attended meetings, gave feedback, and supported the Association with your membership dues - a hearty thank you for a great year.

**CHLA NEWS**

While the 1996 conference is the focus of CHLA thought for many of us, there are a couple of other CHLA initiatives that we should be aware of.

We now have a new neighbour in the latest CHLA chapter, the **Golden Horseshoe Health Libraries Association**. Congratulations to the group and to founding president **Leslie Sutherland**.

The draft standards that we have heard so much about are now finalized into the *CHLA/ABSC Standards of Library and Information Services for Canadian Healthcare Facilities*.

CHLA initiatives for next year include a benchmarking survey and a code of ethics. If you are interested in either of these please let me or some one on the THLA or CHLA Executives know about it. The final big event of this year is the CHLA conference in St John's. I hope that many of you will be able to attend and will share your insights when you return with those of us who can't go.

Have a great summer.



## MARCH MEETING REPORT

Colleen Mulloy

Rail strike and Oscar Night notwithstanding, an audience of 24 gathered on March 27th to hear about the new health legislation effective April 3, 1995. The site was the sparkling new facility of the CMCC's C.C. Clemmer Health Science Library. Marilyn Schafer and staff generously provided library tours and delicious refreshments.

We were privileged to have as speaker Gilbert Sharpe, Director of the Legal Services Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Health. An accomplished speaker, Mr. Sharpe set the tone of the session as, in a relaxed and informal manner, he spoke of the history behind the legislation. More than 20 years in the making, it grew out of concerns regarding confidentiality of health care information and non-consensual treatment. It aims to codify principles of consent to health care, and is intended to create guiding principles, or balanced rules, for society. This is a movement which "transcends governments".

A colleague of Mr. Sharpe's, Halyna Perun, Counsel at the Legal Services Branch, continued the session by describing highlights of the *Substitute Decisions Act*, the *Advocacy Act*, and the *Consent to Treatment Act*. The first act continues Powers of Attorney for property, creates Powers of Attorney for personal care and establishes the office of Public Guardian and Trustee. The second act sets up an Advocacy Commission, including "rights advisors", to protect "vulnerable" persons. According to the third act, health professionals have the responsibility to ensure that patients give informed consent; the concept of "capacity" is integral to this act. Ms. Perun responded to several questions and it was apparent that the audience was interested from both professional and personal viewpoints. The evening concluded with the presentation of a small gift to longtime THLA member (and soon to be New York state resident), Mary Boite, in celebration of her pending nuptials. Thanks to Elaine Wright for arranging such an enjoyable evening!

## FACES AND PLACES

Anne Taylor-Vaisey

The annual THLA membership directory was mailed with the November issue of *THLA NEWS*. This issue includes a number of additions and changes which have been reported to **Dorothy Davey**, the directory's compiler. Please include these changes in your copy of the directory. For any questions concerning the directory, contact Dorothy at (416) 485-0377.

**Ray Banks** has a new position in Research Information and Corporate Records, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. His telephone number is (416) 923-3523.

**Veronica Carson** is the new librarian in the Balmer Neilly Library, Connaught Laboratories Ltd. Her telephone number is (416) 667-2662. (See also **Leonard**, below.)

**Ann Marie Chin** of the Providence Centre in Scarborough has a new fax number: (416) 759-8565.

**Davida Glazer** has moved from the Macdonald Library at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre to the Resource Centre of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Studies, also at Sunnybrook. She can be reached by telephone at (416) 480-4055 x3612, or by e-mail at [glazer@ices.on.ca](mailto:glazer@ices.on.ca). **Marcia Winterbottom** is assuming Davida's duties in the Health Sciences Library.



**FACES AND PLACES**

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**Barbara Gorska** of the library of the Toronto Western Division of the Toronto Hospital has new telephone and fax numbers. They are, respectively: (416) 603-5750 and (416) 603-5326. (See also **Reid**, below.)

**Helen Kern** has left her position with the Library Information Centre of Glaxo Canada Inc. in Mississauga. (See also **Rodgers**, below.)

**Rex Leonard** is the new library technician in the library of Connaught Laboratories Ltd. His telephone number is (416) 667-2662.

**Cathy Lindsey-King** has a new phone extension and a new fax. You can call her at (416) 630-6331 x239. Faxes should now be sent to (416) 630-6930.

**Linda McFarlane** of the Macdonald Library at Sunnybrook has an Internet address: mcfarlane@vax.library.utoronto.ca.

**Elizabeth Reid** of the library of the Toronto Western Division of the Toronto Hospital has new contact information: telephone (416) 603-5750, fax (416) 603-5326 and Internet: reid@vax.library.utoronto.ca.

**Dianna Rodgers** is Health Information Technology Coordinator at Glaxo Canada Inc. Her telephone number is (905) 819-3000 x6019, and her Internet address is dpr25389@ggr.co.uk. If you wish to contact the library, telephone **Liz Antochin** at (905) 819-3000 x6020.

The correct telephone number of **Inez Rost** of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is (416) 785-2500 x2351.

**Glynis Sheppard** may now be telephoned at (416) 445-6132.

**Anne Taylor-Vaisey's** new Internet address is a.taylor.vaisey@utoronto.ca.

Note: All Internet addresses containing "@medac.med.utoronto.ca" have been discontinued because the Medac computer in the Faculty of Medicine (U of T) is no longer used for electronic mail. People who had accounts on this computer now have new e-mail addresses.

**BETWEEN OURSELVES ...**

**THE MARKETPLACE**

**Positions Wanted**

Information specialist with over 15 years of library, research and management experience (B.A., M.L.S., and B.Sc. in progress), seeks a full-time or contract position in the health care sector. Strengths include: strong customer focus, extensive experience in online searching of medical and pharmaceutical databases, strong planning and organizational skills, excellent interpersonal communications skills, and a good working knowledge of both Medline on CD-ROM and Sydney.

Please contact: Glynis Sheppard at (416) 445-6132.



**BETWEEN OURSELVES ...**

**THE MARKETPLACE**

*Positions Wanted*

Information specialist (B.A., M.L.S.), with ten years' experience in occupational health & safety, customer service, editing of technical literature, plus library and research functions, seeks employment in health sciences or in the O H & S field. Fully bilingual in English and French.

Please call: Saul Kaufman at (416) 633-4552.

**95th ANNUAL MEETING OF MLA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

*Report by Jan Greenwood*

From May 7-12 Washington, DC played host to 2,500 delegates to the 95th Annual Medical Library Association meeting and the 7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship. Approximately 30 countries were represented, including Canada whose embassy provided the site for the Farewell Reception.

The combined theme for the two events, "Health Information for the Global Village", proved to be more cohesive than one might have thought possible. Despite the dazzling spectrum of cultural, political, economic and social perspectives represented at the meetings, a large number of health information issues were common to all. The problems arising from financial constraints, restructuring, and changes in technology are being experienced, albeit in varying degrees, in libraries around the globe. The inaccessibility of the Internet's vast resources, for example, is in some practical ways as keenly felt by North American librarians isolated in institutions without nodes, as by librarians in the developing world. Nonetheless, the creativity and dedication with which information providers in the so-called "have-not" countries pursue their objectives is sobering for all of us in the West who believe that we are suffering professionally.

It was an honour for me personally to be the incoming Chair of MLA's International Co-Operation Section at this particular meeting. My contacts with the international community, both from within a small special library, and now from my own (even smaller!) company have been richly rewarding. The ICS promotes awareness of international issues, fosters communication and understanding among members through projects, job exchanges and a quarterly newsletter, and manages the Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship. Each year the Cunningham provides some funding for a health librarian from outside North America to visit for 6 months to libraries in the U.S. and Canada, and also provides assistance to four foreign delegates to the MLA meeting.

I strongly encourage THLA members who are also members of MLA to join the ICS for a bargain \$10 US per annum! If you would care to receive information about the ICS, or would indeed be interested in hosting visiting librarians from abroad, please contact Jan Greenwood, 290 St. Clements Ave., Toronto, M4R 1H5, telephone (416) 440-1246, or e-mail me at [jgreenwo@life.jsc.nasa.gov](mailto:jgreenwo@life.jsc.nasa.gov).



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **May 1995 - November 1995**

*Compiled by Anne Taylor-Vaisey*

A note re Faculty of Information Studies (FIS) CE courses: for a complete listing, contact **Marcia Chen**:  
Tel: (416) 978-7111 Fax: (416) 971-1399 Internet: ContEd@fis.utoronto.ca. Gopher:  
GOPHER.FIS.UTORONTO.CA [subdirectory: Continuing Education Program]. Call Marcia to get on the  
FIS mailing list, print and/or e-mail. FIS courses cost from \$85 - \$220. There is a discount if you register  
early.

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| May 29    | <b>Introduction to Networking and Local Area Networks</b><br>FIS CE course<br>Instructor: Siu Yeung  |
| May 30    | <b>Novell Netware Network Design and Implementation</b><br>FIS CE course<br>Instructor: Siu Yeung  |
| June 3    | <b>The Internet - An Introduction</b><br>FIS CE course<br>Instructors: Yuen Shyr & Bruce Wood  |
| June 4-7  | <b>Old World - New World:</b><br><b>CHLA/ABSC 19th Annual Conference</b><br>St. John's, Newfoundland<br>Conference Co-Chairs:<br><b>Catherine Lawton</b> Tel: (709) 754-2938 Internet: clawton@random.ucs.mun.ca<br><b>Shaila Mensinkai</b> Tel: (709) 778-4344 Internet: smensinkai@kean.ucs.mun.ca                             |
| June 5    | <b>Accessing Oncology Resources: Literature and Internet Based</b><br>Telemedicine Canada teleconference<br>Speakers: <b>Cathy Bennett</b> and <b>Mike Fraumeni</b> (Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre);<br><b>Jan MacVinnie</b> (Cancer Information Service, Hamilton)<br>Information: Tel: (416) 599-1234<br>Fax: (416) 598-1848 |
| June 8    | <b>Mosaic, Netscape and Graphical Internet Browsers</b><br>FIS CE course<br>Instructors: Gwen Harris & Sandra Wood   |
| June 8-10 | <b>Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada/Société canadienne pour l'analyse de documents and the American Society of Indexers: Joint Conference</b><br>Location: Delta Montréal<br>Information: <b>Anne Taylor-Vaisey</b> (IASC/SCAD President)<br>Tel: (416) 978-8419 Internet: a.taylor.vaisey@utoronto.ca                 |



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- June 10-15     **The Power of Information: Transforming the World**  
**Special Libraries Association Annual Conference**  
 Montréal, Québec  
 Contact: **Jim Mears** (Washington, D.C.)  
 Tel: (202) 234-4700, x628  
 Internet: slal@capcon.net
- June 14-18     **Your Golden Opportunity: 50th Conference of the Canadian Library Association**  
 Calgary, Alberta  
 Information:     Tel: (613) 232-9625  
                          Fax: (613) 563-9895
- June 17         **Internet Basics**  
 FIS CE course  
 Instructors: Michael Gold & Bruce Wood
- June 23         **Understanding the New Complexity System of the**  
**Canadian Institute for Health Information**  
 Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
 Speakers: **Lynne Ashworth & Molly O'Driscoll-Croke**  
 (Canadian Institute for Health Information)  
 Information:     Tel: (416) 599-1234  
                          Fax: (416) 598-1848
- June 23         **Understanding Financial Information**  
 FIS CE course  
 Instructors: Maggie Weaver & Helen Kutz
- June 26         **Applying the New CHLA/ABSC Standards for Hospital Libraries**  
 Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
 Speaker: **Judy Inglis** (Deer Lodge Centre, Winnipeg)  
 Information:     Tel: (416) 599-1234  
                          Fax: (416) 598-1848
- June 28         **Getting Connected to the Internet**  
 FIS CE course  
 Instructors: Henry Mandelbaum & Rita Vine
- July 8           **Internet Basics: Focus on Medicine & Health**  
 FIS Ce course  
 Instructors: Jennifer Reiswig & Rita Vine
- July 14          **The Power of One: Tactics for One-Person Librarianship**  
 FIS CE course  
 Instructor: **Maggie Weaver**



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- July 14      **Gophers, Webs & Other Spaces: Designing and Maintaining Internet Resources**  
FIS CE course  
Instructors: Gerry Oxford & Marian Press
- July 21      **Marketing Information Services: Targeting Customers & Sponsors**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: Maggie Weaver
- Oct. 11-14    **Partners on the Front: UNYOC/MLA '95**  
Rochester, N.Y.  
Contact: **Bernie Todd Smith**  
Tel: (716) 338-4743 Fax: (716) 544-1504
- Oct. 27      **Abstracting for Information Retrieval: Theory and Practice**  
FIS CE course  
Instructor: Michèle Hudon
- Nov. 6       **OHA Annual Conference**  
Location: Toronto  
Contact: **Jessie McGowan** (Ottawa General Hospital)  
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## DOCLINE UPDATE

*Joan Leishman*

A DOCLINE Steering Committee has been set up under the auspices of the Consortium, with participation from THLA and UTL. The Steering Committee is chaired by Joan Leishman, Executive Director of the Consortium, and the members include: Marilyn Schafer representing THLA, Elizabeth Reid representing the joint THLA/Consortium Union List of Periodicals Committee, Sandra Langlands representing UTL, John Jackson representing the Consortium Interlibrary Loan Subcommittee, and Linda McFarlane representing the Consortium Management Committee.

The DOCLINE Steering Committee will explore in detail the implications of participation in DOCLINE (especially in connection with using the union list to report holdings), recommend a decision regarding participation by the end of June 1995, and coordinate the work that needs to be done if the decision is made to go ahead with DOCLINE.

If the decision is made to go ahead, it will take at least a year to complete the changes to the union list required for reporting holdings to NLM for DOCLINE.

DOCLINE will be a topic of discussion at the CHLA/ABSC National Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland, June 2-7. The CHLA Task Force on Resource Sharing has a mandate to facilitate the implementation of DOCLINE across Canada.

For further information, contact Joan Leishman at 978-6359.



**DUPLICATE JOURNAL HOLDINGS AVAILABLE Bonnie Brownstein**

Duplicate issues of the following periodicals are available free of charge from the Scarborough General Hospital Library. These issues will be available until July 28, 1995. For specific issue details, please call (416) 431-8114, or fax your request to (416) 431-8143.

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| American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation     | [1995]                         |
| American Journal of Psychiatry                             | [1991]                         |
| Anaesthesia & Analgesia                                    | [1995]                         |
| Annals of Emergency Medicine                               | [1994]                         |
| Annals of Internal Medicine                                | [1995]                         |
| British Journal of Haematology                             | [1995]                         |
| Byte   | [1994]                         |
| Canadian Family Physician                                  | [1995]                         |
| Canadian Healthcare Manager                                | [1994]                         |
| Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology                       | [1994]                         |
| Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases                    | [1992], [1993], [1994], [1995] |
| Canadian Medical Association Journal                       | [1993], [1994], [1995]         |
| Cancer   | [1995]                         |
| Circulation  | [1992]                         |
| Critical Care Medicine                                     | [1995]                         |
| Critical Care Nurse  | [1992]                         |
| Diseases of the Colon & Rectum                             | [1995]                         |
| Gastroenterology   | [1994]                         |
| Harvard Business Review                                    | [1992]                         |
| Health & Social Work                                       | [1995]                         |
| Hepatology   | [1992]                         |
| Hospital Infection Control                                 | [1995]                         |
| Hospital Medicine  | [1994]                         |
| Hospitals & Health Networks                                | [1994]                         |
| Humane Medicine  | [1994]                         |
| Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice                      | [1994], [1995]                 |
| Journal of the American Geriatrics Society                 | [1995]                         |
| Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)         | [1993]                         |
| Journal of Family Practice                                 | [1993], [1995]                 |
| Journal of Hand Surgery                                    | [1994]                         |
| Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services | [1990], [1991]                 |
| Journal of Trauma  | [1995]                         |
| Medicine North America                                     | [1994], [1995]                 |
| Nursing Economics  | [1993]                         |
| Ontario Medical Review                                     | [1994]                         |
| Optometry and Vision Science                               | [1995]                         |
| Patient Care   | [1995]                         |
| Pediatric Emergency Care                                   | [1995]                         |
| Pediatrics in Review                                       | [1994]                         |
| Progress in Cardiovascular Diseases                        | [1993]                         |
| Quality Connection   | [1994]                         |
| RN   | [1994], [1995]                 |