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PEACE BUILDING

An Academic Medical Odyssey in the Middle East

Dr. Arnold Noyek

Dr. Noyek is the Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto and holds senior appointments at the University of Toronto as Professor of Otolaryngology and Professor of Medical Imaging at Technion University in Haifa, Israel. He is the Executive Director of the **Canadian International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO)**. Over the past decade, Dr. Noyek has organized and presented programs throughout the Middle East. He aims to establish collaborative relationships with individuals, organizations, academic communities, and government representatives with a view both to advancing academic medicine and contributing to peace-building.

Monday, February 9, 1998

Mount Sinai Hospital

600 University Avenue (south of Queen's Park subway)

16th floor classroom, near main elevators

6:00 pm Light Refreshments

6:30 pm Program

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books than to read
them and easier to
read them than to
absorb them.*

*Sir William Osler
(1849-1919)*

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THE BRITISH MUSEUM

by Miroslav Holub

To the tune of "Bolero,"
any ark will be ruined once,
the trilingual Rosetta Stone will be broken,
steles of Halicarnassus will turn to dust,
sandstone Assyrian spirits with eagle heads
will shyly take off,
the carved man-head lions of Ashursirpolis
will croak,
the last red-granite hand of the
Colossus of Thebes will drop off,
the Indian supergod Harikaru
will cover his onyx eyes, the Rhind
mathematical scrolls will catch fire,
the suspended Zen poems will evaporate,
and the green hellish judge from the
Ming dynasty will whine.

For the time of stone is meted out
and so is the time of myth.

Only genes are eternal,
from body to body,
from one breed to another breed,
on Southampton Row
in fact
you find walking genetic codes of
Egyptian mummies,
deoxyribonucleic acid of the man from Gebelin,
hereditary traits of the man from Lindow,
whose bodily receptacle, cut in half by a bulldozer,
successfully swells under a glass bell,
in Bloomsbury, in fact, you find
all the eternity of the world rushing around
buying black flowers for the Last Judgment,
less Last than a midnight hotdog.

So the British Museum is not to be found
in the British Museum.

The British Museum is in us,
quite in the middle,
quite at the bottom.

Miroslav Holub is a Czech immunologist and poet who has published 20 collections of poetry and essays. His work has been widely translated, although for years his books were banned in his homeland. This poem is from *Intensive Care*, published by Oberlin College Press in 1996; seen at biomednet.com/hmsbeagle/1997/04/booksoft/poem.htm; (Issue 4; posted March 21, 1997; archived April 4, 1997).

FACES AND PLACES

Maria Aulicino has replaced Mona Frantzke at the Thomas J. Malcho Memorial Library at Humber River Regional Hospital (Finch Avenue Site); 2111 Finch Ave. E., Downsview, ON M3N 1N1; Tel: 744-2500, ext.2583; Fax: 747-3883; e-mail: yfg@library.utoronto.ca

Brian Cameron, THLA President and on staff at the Fudger Health Science Library at The Toronto Hospital, has a new e-mail address: brian_cameron@yahoo.com

Vicky Duncan has moved to the Dr. Keith G. MacDonald Health Sciences Library at Credit Valley Hospital, 2200 Eglinton Ave. W., Mississauga, ON L5M 2N1; Tel: 905-831-2411; Fax: 905-831-4101.

Katherine Edwards has replaced Teresa Helik at the Janssen-Ortho Inc. Information Resource Centre, 19 Green Belt Drive, North York, ON M3C 1L9; Tel: 382-5106; Fax: 382-5172; e-mail: kedwards@joica.jnj.com

Teresa Helik has retired from the Janssen-Ortho Inc. Information Resource Centre. She can be reached at Tel: 923-6027.

Linda McFarlane of the Dr. R. Ian Macdonald Library at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre has this postal code and e-mail address: M4N 3M5; e-mail: linda.mcfarlane@sunnybrook.on.ca

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Anne Taylor-Vaisey, from the Continuing Education, Faculty of Medicine and Centre for Research in Education, has moved to a new location: The Toronto Hospital (General Division), 585 University Avenue, BW6-600 Toronto ON M5G 2C4; Tel: 416/340-4318; Fax: 416/595-5610; e-mail: a.taylor.vaisey@utoronto.ca; websites: bioinfo.med.utoronto.ca/~cme AND utl1.library.utoronto.ca/www/cre/index.htm

Doris Standing reports that she did not take early retirement from the Ontario Ministry of Health library. She was in charge of the Ontario Ministry of Health, Laboratory Services Branch Library which was independent of the main Ministry library, or rather received great service from Veronica Brunka and her staff in the main library, and were shocked when it was closed. The library of the Laboratory Services Branch is still functioning with some difficulty with its reduced staff. Doris had been asked to come in for part of November and December, and planned to do so, all being well.

INFORMATION CENTRE PROFILE: CATIE INFORMATION EXCHANGE

For the past two years, the **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)** has been providing up-to-date treatment information to people living with HIV and AIDS and their caregivers. Treatment information may be obtained by either calling 1-800-263-1638 and talking to our telephone counsellors or by searching on our web site <http://www.catie.ca>. The treatment information disseminated covers the latest information on "drug cocktails", diagnosis, prevention, clinical trials, and new research in HIV and AIDS. Funding is provided by the federal government as part of the National AIDS Strategy. Our services are national in scope and are provided in both English and French.

The resource centre at CATIE serves the needs of the CATIE telephone counsellors and staff. The counsellors use the resources to answer treatment calls and the staff use the resource centre for research materials to assist them in writing our publications. The most popular publications are our newsletter *Treatment Update/Traitement Sida*, our book *Managing Your Health*, and our fact sheets which provide basic information on a variety of HIV conditions and treatments. Those outside of the organization wishing access to the collection may call and set up an appointment to use the resources in-house, but the collection is non-circulating.

Currently the resource centre has approximately 700 books/monographs, 60 journal titles and about 250 vertical files on a variety of HIV treatment topics. The vertical files are developed and maintained by volunteers

under the supervision of the research coordinator. The volunteers are trained to do research and follow an established set of research guidelines while building a file. Other volunteers index the materials from the vertical files into our treatment information database. The materials are indexed according to the terms in our CATIE thesaurus, a controlled vocabulary of HIV and AIDS treatment information. The database is searchable on our web page at <http://www.catie.ca>.

The library has also been involved with several workshops across the country in assisting AIDS service organizations (ASO's) access treatment information via the Internet. We have presented seminars on the Internet to ASO's in Halifax, Vancouver, and Whitehorse. The seminars have covered the basics of web pages on the Internet, constructing search queries for search engines, using Boolean logic, and assessing the results of an Internet search. The services provided by our outreach, our web page, and our telephone counsellors, ensures that all Canadian living with HIV/AIDS have a chance to make informed health care decisions.

For any further information or any questions that you may have regarding CATIE, please contact me, Robert MacKay-Melrose, Librarian
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FREUD ON SEUSS

A book review by Josh LeBeau
(from the Koala, UCSD's humour newspaper)



THE CAT IN THE HAT

by Dr. Seuss, 61 pages. Beginner Books, \$3.95

The Cat in the Hat is a hard-hitting novel of prose and poetry in which the author re-examines the dynamic rhyming schemes and bold imagery of some of his earlier works, most notably *Green Eggs and Ham*, *If I Ran the Zoo*, and *Why Can't I Shower With Mommy?* In this novel, Theodore Geisel, writing under the pseudonym Dr. Seuss, pays homage to the great Dr. Sigmund Freud in a nightmarish fantasy of a renegade feline helping two young children understand their own frustrated sexuality.

The story opens with two youngsters, a brother and a sister, abandoned by their mother, staring mournfully through the window of their single-family dwelling. In the foreground, a large tree/phallic symbol dances wildly in the wind, taunting the children and encouraging them to succumb to the sexual yearnings they undoubtedly feel for each other. Even to the most unlearned reader, the blatant references to the incestuous relationship the two share set the tone for Seuss' probing examination of the satisfaction of primitive needs. The Cat proceeds to charm the wary youths into engaging in what he so innocently refers to as "tricks." At this point, the fish, an obvious Christ figure who represents the prevailing Christian morality, attempts to warn the children, and thus, in effect, warns all of humanity of the dangers associated with the unleashing of the primal urges. In response to this, the cat proceeds to balance the aquatic naysayer on the end of his umbrella, essentially saying, "Down with morality; down with God!"

After pooh-poohing the righteous rantings of the waterlogged Christ figure, the Cat begins to juggle several icons of Western culture, most notably two books,

representing the Old and New Testaments, and a saucer of lactal fluid, an ironic reference to maternal loss the two children experienced when their mother abandoned them "for the afternoon." Our heroic Id adds to this bold gesture a rake and a toy man, and thus completes the Oedipal triangle.

Later in the novel, Seuss introduces the proverbial Pandora's box, a large red crate out of which the Id releases Thing One, or Freud's concept of Ego, the division of the psyche that serves as the conscious mediator between the person and reality, and Thing Two, the Superego which functions to reward and punish through a system of moral attitudes, conscience, and guilt. Referring to this box, the Cat says, "Now look at this trick. Take a look!" In this, Dr. Seuss uses the children as a brilliant metaphor for the reader, and asks the reader to re-examine his own inner self.

The children, unable to control the Id, Ego, and Superego allow these creatures to run free and mess up the house, or more symbolically, control their lives. This rampage continues until the fish, or Christ symbol, warns that the mother is returning to reinstate the Oedipal triangle that existed before her abandonment of the children. At this point, Seuss introduces a many-armed cleaning device which represents the psychoanalytic couch, which proceeds to put the two youngsters' lives back in order.

With powerful simplicity, clarity, and drama, Seuss reduces Freud's concepts on the dynamics of the human psyche to an easily understood gesture. Dr. Seuss' poetry and choice of words is equally impressive and serves as a splendid counterpart to his bold symbolism. In all, his writing style is quick and fluid, making *The Cat in the Hat* impossible to put down. While this novel is 61 pages in length, and one can read it in five minutes or less, it is not until after multiple readings that the genius of this modern day master becomes apparent.

Source: <http://www.psych.upenn.edu/humor.html>

WEB COPYRIGHT WATCH

The **CanCopy** homepage (cancopy.com) describes the organization, how it works and its various types of licensing agreements. It also provides a large number of interesting links to other sites pertaining to intellectual property.

One such link is **Intellectual Property and Related Statutes** (www.perlaw.ca/canstat1.htm). This page provides (sometimes) annotated links to copyright laws of other countries, explanations and abstracts (in plain English) about a number of issue pertinent to copyright. Although still in progress, this is already a mine of information.

The **CIPO (Canadian Intellectual Property Office)** (xinfo.ic.gc.ca/CIPO) is an invaluable source for general definitions of all types of intellectual property (choose Products and Services from the main menu). On the practical level, the document specifies the criteria required to register a property and provides forms for electronic registration. Links are provided to a variety of government offices and to about 30 other patent offices world-wide.

For reference, the complete **Bill C-32** (An Act to amend the Copyright Act) is available at www.parl.gc.ca/bills/government/C-32/C-32_3/12472bEhtml. It is most easily accessed through the CanCopy homepage link.

CONTINUING EDUCATION / UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto Continuing Education Courses

For more info, contact Marcia Chen (416) 978-7111; Fax: (416) 971-1399; e-mail: conted@fis.utoronto.ca; or www.fis.utoronto.ca. FIS courses cost from \$85 - \$395. There is a discount for early registration.

Jan.23	Cataloguing Internet Resources
Jan.23	The Information Professional as Trainer
Feb.6	Internet Basics
Feb.6	Managing Your Boss: Harnessing the Power Above You
Feb.12-13	Websites: Planning, Implementation and Management
Feb.13	ISO 9000: Merging Customer Satisfaction with Document Management
Feb.13	When Bad Changes Happen to Good Libraries: Survival Skills for Managers
Feb.20	Advanced Search Tools for the Web
Feb.20	Hiring a Consultant: Managing the Process
Feb.27	Electronic Document Management
Feb.27	Making Sense of Making Dollars: Practical Aspects of Fee-Based Services
Feb.27	Job Search Strategies for Information Professionals
Mar.6	Understanding Financial Information
Mar.13	Searching for Information Online: Strategies and Techniques

Mar.23 -May4	Current Awareness Services on the Net (via the Internet)
Mar.27	Evaluating Records Management Software
Apr.3	Bibliographic Software: An Overview
Apr.3	Librarians as Knowledge Leaders (videoconference)
Apr.17	Internet Basics
Apr.24	Introduction to Networking and Local Area Networks

The following are approved for the **Certificate in Continuing Studies in Internet Business and Technology**. Costs range from \$355 to \$522.

Feb.25-Apr.1	Introduction to Electronic Communities
Mar.9-Apr.13	Building an Intranet
Mar.12-Apr.30	Internet/Intranet Security Issues
Mar.14-May 9	Java for Programmers
Mar.14, 15	Web Server Configuration - Unix
Mar.21, 22	Web Server Configuration - NT
Mar.28-Apr.25	Entrepreneurial Skills for Internet Consultants
Mar.28-Apr.25	Internet Search and Retrieval Strategies
Apr.8-29	Introduction to VRML

Consumer Health Information Service Metro Toronto Reference Library

CHIS hosts free health education presentations at 789 Yonge Street.

Feb. 18 **Understanding Eating Disorders**
6:30 - 7:30 pm Speaker: Margaret Beck, MDiv, MSW
National Eating Disorder Information Centre at TTH

CASLIS and SLA - Toronto Chapters

For more information, contact
CASLIS: Mary Cordeiro, (905) 339-0856;
www.ualberta.ca/~thornley/events.html
or SLA: Sean Forbes (416) 947-7898;
www.infomart.ca/sla/meetings/calendr.html

CONFERENCES

MLA: Visions of the Future, Reflections on the Past
May 23-27, 1998, Philadelphia, PA
medstat.med.utah.edu/mla98

SLA: Leadership, Performance, Excellence: Information Professionals in the Driver's Seat
June 6-11, 1998, Indianapolis, IN
www.sla.org/conf_meet/sneak.html

CLA
June 17-21, 1998, Victoria, BC
WWW.CLA.AMLIBS.CA/conf.htm

CAPITALIZING ON INFORMATION

The 22nd Annual CHLA/ABSC Conference will be taking place in Ottawa/Hull **June 5-10, 1998**. Keynote: Allen Nymark, Associate Deputy Minister of Health

CE courses include: Evidence-based healthcare, benchmarking, QuickDOC, the internet, reinventing yourself in the workplace, and Embase. The programme will challenge delegates to critically appraise information and its sources, to discuss copyright and library advocacy, and to manage information proactively. The Conference site is the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Maison du citoyen in Hull with the opening reception at the Museum of Civilization. www.uottawa.ca/library/health/chla98.

THLA 1998 EVENTS

Mon. February 9, 1998 *General Meeting*
Dr. Noyek, CISEPO (Canada-International
Scientific Exchange Program)

Mon. April 6, 1998 *General Meeting*
Sue Pearen, RN, BSc, BScN
Pharmaceutical Clinical Research

Mon. May 4, 1998 *Annual Dinner Meeting*

HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

The Annual Holiday Party was held on Monday, December 8, 1997 at the Garden Restaurant of the Ontario Cancer Institute, and was quite well attended. In total, there were 52 party-goers who enjoyed a selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, desserts, hot apple cider, eggnog, and the requisite tea and coffee.

The guests were thrilled that they were eligible to win one of 22 prizes in the draw. The following sponsors contributed to the success of the evening: Bantam/Double Day Books, Cariad Ltd., Random House of Canada, the Royal Ontario Museum (providing 3 family passes), the University of Toronto Bookstore, and Warwick Communications. Our thanks go out to these generous sponsors.

Thanks to all who helped to pull the Holiday Party together. Congratulations on a lovely evening.

- Marina Englesakis, THLA Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO © ACT

In the wake of the Federal Government's passage of Bill C-32, an act to amend the *Copyright Act*, Canadian copyright licensing agencies have been actively promoting licensing arrangements to permit the reproduction of copyright material. The licensing agency, CanCopy, has been pursuing the hospital sector with respect to a licensing agreement. The OHA believes that it provides the only reasonable means for institutions to protect themselves against infringement of copyright or from claims and penalties in respect of infringement of copyright.

To see a copy of a report from the Ontario Hospital Association, which includes mentions of non-profit educational institutions, and non-profit libraries, archives and museums, contact Carolyn Shushelski, General Counsel, OHA, 200 Front Street W, Suite 2800, Toronto, ON M5V 3L1; Tel: 416-205-1316; Fax: 205-1310.



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