



# THLA NEWS

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## THLA Mid-Winter Event:

# Canadian Health Network

**Speaker: Miriam Ticoll**

The Canadian Health Network (CHN) is a nationally funded initiative in partnership with Health Canada. It is designed to improve access to reliable health information and to strengthen health networks across Canada. This presentation will focus on the goals and objectives of the CHN, as well as the key milestones to date.

**Tuesday, March 30, 1999**

**Toronto Reference Library  
789 Yonge St.**

**(1 block north of Bloor St.)**

6:00 - 6:30 pm Light refreshments, New business  
6:30 pm Program  
7:15 pm Tour of the Consumer Health Information Service  
(CHIS) with Susan Murray

**Cost: \$5.00**

**Please RSVP by March 25, 1999 to:**

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## Historical Note

In January 1826, one of the first Canadian medical journals began publication, the bilingual *Quebec Medical Journal*

Source: Chronicle of Canada. Montreal, Quebec: Chronicle Publications, 1990



## Profile: CMHA on the Net

As technological advances change the way we communicate, it throws the doors open to exciting new opportunities for non-profit organizations such as the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). At the CMHA, Ontario Division, the Internet presents us with the opportunity to expand on our eighty-year tradition of drawing inspiration from the community.

In concert with our 35-affiliated provincial Branches, and with the assistance of the Ontario Ministry of Health, a vision of a virtual organization is taking shape. The benefit to the broader community is immediate access to Ontario Division's extensive and unique information resources in the area of community mental health. These diverse resources include the Ontario Division library catalogue, policy and position statements, its Network magazine, fact sheets, posters, and videos. Access also translates into enhanced opportunities for community participation and advocacy. Participants are able to make their views known by emailing the CMHA, Ontario Division, faxing members of the provincial legislature, responding to a poll, or engaging in discussion groups. Cyber visitors can register for an automatic alerting service to stay in touch with the CMHA.

The CMHA Branches, of course, can access the same interactive features as the general public. However, the CMHA's routine communication functions take place in a virtual workspace with password-protected access. There, Branches have access to key Association documents and a forms-based event calendar. A threaded discussion area channel is also available. Finally, Branches also have access to several

proprietary databases. One of these describes the services and organizational resources on a Branch by Branch basis. Another database itemizes current journal articles received by the Ontario Division library.

It is hoped the CMHA, Ontario Division web site will attract and encourage partnerships. The participation of the Community Mental Health Evaluation Initiative, a research consortium initiated by Ontario Division with the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health and the Ontario Mental Health Foundation as partners, is but a first step in attracting other partners. The benefit to CMHA's partners is the provision of public access to announcements and reports of this research project.

The technical basis for expanding the reach of the CMHA is already in place. Ontario Division possesses one powerful NT server and software for the development of other databases. A second collocated server assures 'round-the-clock access to technical troubleshooters, and blocks unwarranted intrusion to critical information. However, improved communication and access to reliable research and information drive technological innovation.

The CMHA, Ontario Division Web site can be found at [www.ontario.cmha.ca](http://www.ontario.cmha.ca).

- Raymond J. Banks

Raymond J. Banks is Co-ordinator of the Mental Health Information Centre of The Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division.

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## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Well, Spring is right around the corner and with this comes a feeling of renewal. We have a lot to look forward to this year starting with the Canadian Health Network presentation by Miriam Ticoll, hosted by Susan Murray at the Toronto Reference Library in March, followed by a possible CE in April. Also, the Annual Banquet is shaping up to be "out-of-this-world" with Captain Karen Breeck as our guest speaker.

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Survey. The response was very encouraging and has given us guidance in how the THLA should proceed, and proceed it shall. The Executive has formed a committee to locate new sources of funding to give you more

worthwhile events and we expect several new members to come on board in the near future.

Lastly, I would like for you to consider the call for nominations for next year's Executive. Position descriptions and the nomination form are included in this issue of the newsletter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Have a great Spring and hope to see you at all the upcoming events.

- Karen Smith  
THLA President

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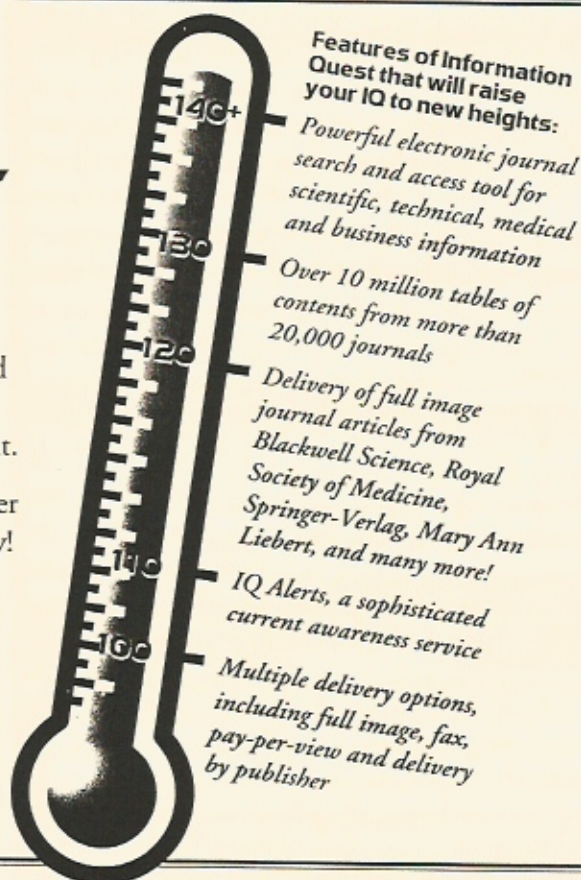
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## Faces & Places

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THLA Past President, **Brian Cameron** has another publication in the works. This time it's an article on web page design. Look for it in the 6(3) Feb/Mar 1999 issue of *Information Highways*.



**Marilyn Schafer** has changed careers to become a technical writer. Since August 1998 she has been writing user manuals and online help for proprietary computer programs. As of January 1999, she will be a full-time Information Designer with Hutchinson Communications Ltd. in Don Mills. She can be reached during the day at (416) 447-7709 ext. 407 or at [schafer@hutchcom.com](mailto:schafer@hutchcom.com).

**Carole Tullis** of Toronto East General Hospital has a new email address: [ctull@tegh.on.ca](mailto:ctull@tegh.on.ca)

## Welcome New Members!

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## Correction

**Joanne Radulovich's** entry in the membership directory should be changed from: "Oakville Trafalgar Site, Trillium Health Centre" to "Oakville Trafalgar Site, Halton Healthcare".

## Holiday Party Report

The Annual Holiday Party in December was a great success with 45 members enjoying the UofT Faculty Club venue. Most memorable were the numerous door prizes (the Merck Manual home editions were snapped up right away) and the delicious selection of gourmet treats.

Congratulations to Anita Lambert-Lanning and co-organizers, Anne Taylor-Vaisey and Karen Smith, on a splendid evening. Special thanks go out to our generous sponsors:

- University of Toronto Bookstore
- Login Brothers Canada
- McClelland & Stewart Inc.
- Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)
- Brian & Nicola Cameron

## Consortium Website

The Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto's website has a new look! The site was designed by Sharon Virtue, who since leaving Doctors Hospital, has established Virsha Productions, specializing in web design, project management and content development. The site features a profile of the Consortium and includes links to the membership directory, Consortium News, subcommittee information, current Consortium initiatives and more. The membership directory includes staff member email and phone contacts, library hours, as well as interlibrary loan information. An added bonus is that the entire site is fully searchable. You will find it at:

[www.library.utoronto.ca/www/hsict](http://www.library.utoronto.ca/www/hsict)

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## THLA Needs Survey Report

In an attempt to keep THLA relevant to its members, the Executive of 1998-99 decided to ask every member a number of questions via a mailed survey sent out with our first fall newsletter in 1998. The survey consisted of 6 brief parts: 2 parts dealt with preferred types of CE; 2 with suggested cost and times for CE; there was 1 direct question about THLA yearly events and 1 about the newsletter. Members were also invited to submit their comments.

Responses were received from 70 of 136 members (51%). The results are summarized below:

### Types of CE

The majority of respondents (63%) indicated that they want both current awareness and skills-building CE sessions in the future. 29 respondents (41%) said 'yes' to an "information/trouble-shooting session"; 40 respondents (57%) said 'yes' to having a "workshop to improve ability to critically appraise the literature"; and 46 respondents (66%) said 'yes' to "learning more about electronic vs traditional reference information".

### Preferred Times and Costs

While many respondents indicated a "1/2 day week mini-conference" or "weekday evening mini-conference" as preferred times for sessions, most did not indicate a preference for any particular day of the week.

51 respondents (73%) indicated they would be willing to pay \$25 for a skills-building session; 51 (73%) would be willing to pay \$10 for a current awareness session.

### THLA Yearly Events

54 of the respondents (77%) do not want to see THLA events limited only to the Holiday Party and the Spring Banquet.

### Newsletter

Over 50% of the respondents read the "THLA News" cover to cover and to stay in touch. 19 respondents (27%) would like to see it put on a website.

### Comments

There were 22 separate and additional written comments from 19 respondents (27%).

Eight respondents made a number of suggestions for presentation topics, including:

- defending the library budget
- managing your manager
- downsizing
- knowledge management
- new software
- web design
- new websites
- marketing
- responding to RFPs
- how to develop new courses
- how to do research in a clinical library setting
- how to interpret statistics
- how to get published

One respondent felt that the Holiday Party was too early in December and "competes with far too many other holiday events and should be cancelled". Another suggested a debate take place about the need for THLA to exist at all, while others suggested partnerships with CASLIS, OHA or the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto.

With only a 51% response rate to the survey, there is the chance that the other 49% of the membership could feel entirely differently about the questions asked. In fact, their unknown opinions could change the results significantly. However, given that the largest turnout for a single event in 1997-98 was 72, one could project that those people who are the most interested in THLA responded and are therefore the members to whom the Executive must address their future plans.

The number of comments submitted was particularly encouraging and exciting as many surveys do not elicit even a 10% comment rate. This alone is a good indication that a good number of members feel strongly about THLA.

If you would like to receive a copy of the full survey report, please contact Executive members Anita Lambert-Lanning or Gaby Fernandes. Copies will also be available at the March 30, 1999 THLA meeting.



## Call for Nominations

Included with this newsletter is a **Nomination Form** for THLA Executive Officers and Newsletter Team members. Following are the position descriptions. If you would like more information, or a copy of a specific position, please contact Brian Cameron, Past President, THLA at (416) 340-3429.

### THLA PRESIDENT-ELECT

*Constitution:* The President Elect shall act in the absence of the President, assist the President in the performance of duties, act as Program Coordinator, and perform other duties as assigned by the Executive.

#### *Specific Duties*

#### 1. THLA leadership

- assumes the President's responsibilities in the President's absence or as specifically requested

#### 2. Program planning

- acts as Chair of the Program Planning Committee
- arranges the programs for each Chapter meeting, including December holiday party and annual May banquet
- ensures that programs have an educational component and that CE courses are offered as appropriate
- makes initial contact with speakers
- arranges introductory and thank-you speeches, gifts or honoraria
- writes thank-you letters to speakers and presenters
- liaises with meeting location hosts, arranges appropriate space, refreshments, etc.
- solicits sponsors for the banquet and CE courses

#### 3. Position documentation

- documents current procedures for executing these duties

Please note: This is a three year commitment, since the President-Elect continues to sit on the Executive two more years, one as President, and one as Past President.

### PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The existence of the Program Planning Committee was initiated at the THLA Executive meeting of December 5, 1994. Its purpose is to assist the President-Elect with program arrangements and meeting details. The committee's term will be for one year, following the annual general meeting.

If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Brian Cameron for more information.

### THLA SECRETARY

*Constitution:* The Secretary shall keep a record in minutes of the proceedings of Association meetings and shall have custody of all books, records and papers of the Association, except such as shall be in the custody of other persons authorized to have possession by resolution of the Executive Committee.

#### *Specific Duties*

#### 1. Documentation (minutes)

- records minutes of the Executive meetings and distributes minutes to Executive members

#### 2. Documentation (general meetings)

- ensures that a synopsis of each general meeting is prepared for THLA NEWS

#### 3. Documentation (official Chapter documents)

- ensures that official chapter documents such as position descriptions are dated, and updated or revised annually as necessary to conform with minutes or other discussions of the Executive
- distributes a Chapter Executive contact list to the Executive and any other Program Planning Committee members at the beginning of each new term
- distributes current procedures to the new Executive at the annual joint meeting of incoming and outgoing Executives

#### 4. Public relations

- sends tributes such as flowers or cards to members as appropriate, and submits invoices to the Treasurer for reimbursement

#### 5. Position documentation

- documents current procedures for executing these duties

### THLA PRESIDENT (Position Filled)

#### *Specific Duties*

- THLA leadership and direction (general)
- THLA leadership and direction (Executive Committee)
- Public relations (CHLA/ABSC Board liaison)
- Public relations (general)



# Call for Nominations

## THLA TREASURER

*Constitution:* The Treasurer shall supervise the collection of and keep on deposit the funds of the Association; keep full, correct and clear record of financial transactions of the Association, supporting all disbursements with proper vouchers; see that the funds of the Association are disbursed as directed by the Executive Committee; prepare a statement and submit it to the Executive Committee for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Association; and cause a register of all members of the Association to be maintained. To assist the Treasurer in the performance of these duties, the Executive Committee may employ the occasional services of a professional Coordinator of Membership Services.

### *Specific Duties*

#### 1. Management of finances

- collects, deposits and manages funds
- issues receipts
- conducts all banking transactions
- files accounts paid and documentation relating to monies received

#### 2. Documentation

- keeps full record of all financial transactions
- presents financial report at each Executive meeting
- produces the year-end financial statement

#### 3. Co-ordination

- co-ordinates with Secretariat on matters relating to membership
- co-ordinates meeting registration and payment

#### 4. Position documentation

- documents current procedures for executing these duties

## THLA PAST PRESIDENT (Position Filled)

### *Specific Duties*

- Nominations and elections
- Records retention
- Public relations
- Program planning assistance as needed

## THLA NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM

*Constitution:* The manner in which the duties are divided between members of the editorial team is left to the discretion of the Editor, but he/she is ultimately responsible for ensuring that THLA NEWS is published in accordance with the Constitution's Terms of Reference. The Editor (or a delegated representative from the editorial team) will attend all Executive meetings. The editorial team solicits articles for publication in THLA NEWS; prepares the publication schedule in consultation with the THLA Executive; prepares each issue for publication and arranges for printing and distribution; and devises editorial policies in consultation with THLA Executive.

### *Specific Duties*

#### 1. Duties of the Editorial Team (Editor; Associate Editor(s))

- liaises with contributors for contents of each issue to ensure that the THLA accurately represents the needs of the membership, the THLA Executive, and CHLA/ABSC as a whole
- wherever possible and practical, the THLA NEWS attempts to publish all pertinent information about events and continuing education opportunities of interest to the Greater Toronto Area health sciences library community

#### 2. Specific duties of the Editor

- responsible for maintaining communication with newsletter editorial team
- ensures that production of each issue must include consideration of the following: content and focus; coordination of article collection, writing responsibilities and word processing; proofreading duties; special features; and production details
- writes Editor's message
- performs desktop publishing to produce the original camera-ready copy
- liaises with the Secretariat to ensure timely and cost-efficient copying and delivery of each issue

#### 3. Association contacts and other newsletter contributors

- the newsletter editorial team maintains a current listing of other association contacts to facilitate the gathering of Upcoming Events and other pertinent newsletter information

#### 4. Position documentation

- documents current procedures for executing these duties



## Web Health Watch

### Health Canada's Travel Medicine Program

This site supplies official Canadian government information for persons travelling outside Canada as well as for travel medicine professionals. It supplies current information on international disease outbreaks, immunization recommendations for international travel, general health advice for international travellers, and disease-specific treatment and prevention guidelines. The major divisions of this site are *Health Hazard Advisories*, *News from International Public Health Authorities*, *Travel Health Recommendations* (including travel advice by country, immunizations and articles of interest, such as "Misconceptions about Malaria and Mefloquine"), *Outbreaks* reported by LCDC, CDC and WHO, and links to other sources of travel medicine advice. The site is very straightforward and easy to navigate.

[[www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/osh/tmp\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/osh/tmp_e.html)]

### CDC Travel Information

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have created a useful site with an abundance of health information for travellers. The major divisions of the site are *Reference Material for International Travel*, including information such as vaccination schedules for children, cruise ship sanitation programs, and information for health care providers; *Geographic Health Recommendations*; *Disease Outbreaks*; and *Additional Information*, which includes information on specific illnesses. Although this site is easy to navigate, it was very slow to load.

[[www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm)]

### The Travel Clinic

Created and owned by Toronto family physician Dr. Mark Wise, this site contains information on health and travel. The sections *Getting Ready for Travel*, *While You're Away* and *On Your Return* focus on health considerations for all stages of travel planning. *The Special Traveller* features information for travellers who are diabetic, pregnant, have IBD, HIV or AIDS. Additional links to travel health information are provided, and the *What's New* section includes a brief discussion of the latest releases of drugs often associated with travel. The site is very easy to navigate and in spite of numerous spelling errors has a polished appearance. Overall this site emanates a very positive attitude, encouraging people to pursue the adventure of travel in spite of some health concerns. (NB: Dr. Wise also has a radio show on TALK 640, heard in the Toronto area on Saturdays from noon until 2pm.)

[[www.drwisetravel.com](http://www.drwisetravel.com)]

- Liz Groskorth

## Tips & Tricks

### Use \*PubMed/IGM to supplement Ovid Medline searches

*... for those of us who still subscribe to "VendorMed" (Medline supplied by vendors such as Ovid, SilverPlatter, etc.) ...*

Whenever you're trying to identify recent articles on a topic, try running a PubMed or Internet Grateful Med (IGM) search *after* your Ovid (or other vendor) session:

- Medline records in PubMed/IGM are updated weekly, whereas updates from vendors are often distributed monthly.
- PubMed and IGM include PreMedline - "in-process" Medline records that contain basic citation information and abstracts, but are not yet indexed with MeSH headings. They're often the references to those articles sitting on your Current Journals shelf. Records are added daily to PreMedline.

The strategy for your supplemental PubMed/IGM search need not be particularly sophisticated as there are not likely to be *hundreds* of new articles on your topic. Remember also that MeSH headings will not be available for PreMedline entries, so keep the search simple.

Advanced PubMed allows more flexibility than IGM or Basic PubMed - you can search by specific field (author, title, journal name, etc.) and can build and combine search statements. Limit your search to the last 180 days or so. Citations appear roughly in reverse chronological order. Scan through until you start to see citations that you've already retrieved in your Ovid search.

#### Advanced PubMed

[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/medline.html](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/medline.html)

#### Basic PubMed

[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/index.html](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/index.html)

#### Internet Grateful Med

[igm.nlm.nih.gov](http://igm.nlm.nih.gov)

\* PubMed (Basic or Advanced) and Internet Grateful Med are the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) web-based Medline products.

If you have suggestions for this column, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Gaby Fernandes with your ideas: (416) 756-6746; [fernandes@library.utoronto.ca](mailto:fernandes@library.utoronto.ca)



## Continuing Education/Upcoming Events

### Faculty of Information Studies University of Toronto

For more information, contact Marcia Chen (416) 978-7111;  
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[www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted). Price range: \$100 - \$595.  
Discount for early registration.

Feb 18 & 19	Planning, Creating & Managing Websites
Feb 19	Records Management Program Administration
Feb 26	Web Search Strategies
Mar 5	Internet Basics
Mar 5	Records Inventory & Retention Scheduling
Mar 8 - Apr 19	Creation & Management Tools for a Dynamic Website
Mar 11 - Apr 15	Building an Intranet
Mar 12	Internet for Health Care Professionals
Mar 13 - May 8	Intermediate Java Programming
Mar 13 & 14	Web Server Configuration - Unix
Mar 15 - Apr 26	Current Awareness Services on the Net (web course)
Mar 19	Advanced Electronic Records Management
Mar 20, 21	Web Server Configuration - NT
Mar 24 - Apr 28	Internet Search and Retrieval Strategies
Mar 26	Evaluating Records Management Software
Apr 10 - May 1	Entrepreneurial Skills for Internet Consultants
Apr 10 - Jun 5	Overview of Internet Technologies
Apr 12 - Jun 7	Multimedia Preparation for the Web
Apr 21 - Jun 9	Searching Your Family Tree
Apr 22 - May 27	Computers and Networks: From A to Z
Apr 22 - Jun 10	Web Site Implementation & Management
Apr 23	Creating Web Documents, Part I: The Basics
Apr 30	Web Search Strategies
May 1 - Jun 26	How to Succeed Using the Internet Channel for Business
May 4 - Jul 6	Effective Project Management
May 5 - Jun 23	Strategies for a Web Presence
May 7	Creating Web Documents, Part II: Design & Functionality
May 11 - Jun 29	Introduction to Java for Programmers
May 14	Internet Basics
May 17 - Jun 28	Internet Search and Retrieval Strategies
May 27, 28	Planning Creating & Managing Websites
May 28	Indexing: A Hands-on Course
Jul 23	Web Search Strategies

### Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) Toronto Reference Library

These free presentations are held in the Beeton Auditorium,  
Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St.:

Feb 17 6:00 - 7:30 pm

#### Women's Health: Peri and Post Menopausal Issues

Speaker: Dr. Sandra Messner

This presentation will explore the medical issues that women face as they approach midlife with an emphasis on how women can help themselves. Prime health concerns to be discussed include breast cancer, heart disease, and osteoporosis from the viewpoint of early detection and prevention. There will also be four exhibitors at the session: Osteoporosis Society of Canada, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and the Welcare Centre.

Mar 10 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

#### Solving the Hepatitis C Puzzle

Speaker: Tim McClelland

It is estimated that at least 300,000 Canadians are living with hepatitis C, a serious disease that can develop into liver cancer, cirrhosis, may require a liver transplant and can be fatal. In addition to the well-publicized debate about compensating Canadians who acquired hep C through tainted blood transfusions, there are many other issues behind hep C. This talk will explore these issues, as well as provide an overview of hep C - its transmission, prognosis, and treatment options.

### CASLIS - Toronto Chapter

Contact: Gitta Rice, (416) 325-1254, [riceg@gov.on.ca](mailto:riceg@gov.on.ca)

Mar 2 Advocacy

Apr 7 Information Audit

Prices: \$12.00 members; \$20.00 non-members;  
\$5.00 students.

### TALTA (Toronto Area Library Technicians Association)

[www.interlog.com/~oaltabo/talta.htm](http://www.interlog.com/~oaltabo/talta.htm)

Feb 27 12:30 - 4:30 pm

#### TALTA & Halton Peel Joint Workshop & Brainstorming Session

Toronto Public Library - Richview Branch

Cost: \$20.00 members, \$25.00 non-members

Mar 27 12:00 - 3:00 pm

#### TALTA Annual Meeting & Workshop

Speaker: Maggie Weaver

North York Central Library - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Rm 1



## THLA 1999 Events

- Mar 30, 1999** **Mid-Winter meeting:**  
- Canadian Health Network  
- Tour of the Consumer Health  
Information Service, Toronto  
Reference Library
- Apr, 1999** **CE Event**  
(To be announced)
- May 3, 1999** **Spring Banquet**  
*Aerospace Medicine*  
Speaker: Captain Karen Breeck, MD

## Upcoming Conferences

- May 13-16, 1999.  
**Ontario Association of Library Technicians**  
**26th Annual Conference**  
**Perspectives '99**  
Sudbury, Ontario  
[www.interlog.com/~oaltabo/conf99.htm](http://www.interlog.com/~oaltabo/conf99.htm)
- May 14-20, 1999.  
**MLA's Annual Meeting '99**  
**Present Tense - Future Perfect?**  
Chicago, Illinois.  
[www.mlanet.org/am/am1999/index.html](http://www.mlanet.org/am/am1999/index.html)
- May 25-29, 1999  
**CHLA/ABSC 23rd Annual Conference**  
**Bridge to the New Millenium**  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
[www.library.dal.ca/chla-absc99](http://www.library.dal.ca/chla-absc99)
- Jun 5-10, 1999  
**SLA 90th Annual Conference**  
**Knowledge Leaders for the New Millennium: Creators of  
the Information Future**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
[www.sla.org/conf/99conf/index.html](http://www.sla.org/conf/99conf/index.html)
- Jun 16-20, 1999  
**CLA 54th Annual Conference & Trade Show**  
**Facing the Challenge: A Practical Survival Guide**  
Toronto, Ontario.  
[www.cla.amlibs.ca](http://www.cla.amlibs.ca)



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