



# THLA NEWS

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## President's Message

Anita Lambert-Lanning, President, THLA

Much to crow about but much yet to do! This is probably a good summary of the 1999-2000 hard working executive. As part of the challenges to come out of the fall 1998 membership survey the first iteration of the workshop partially funded by CHLA developmental funds was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> 1999 and was reported on in the Spring 2000 issue of BMC<sup>1</sup>. This effort marks what we hope is a trend to obtain support to share local expertise with peers in many related professional organizations. Health Librarians have the skills and should be in a position to share knowledge on a regular basis. Both the 'Net Explorations workshop'<sup>2</sup> given by Anita Lambert-Lanning and Dr. Mike Evans and Rita Vine's 'Planning Your Library's Internet Presence'<sup>3</sup> were funded and well-attended CE workshops at the MLA/CHLA/ABSC conference and gave our chapter a proud presence in Vancouver. Additionally THLA members had research posters and presentations at the historic conference. Among the researchers were Joan Bartlett, Brian Cameron, Ani Orchanian, and myself. Numerous other THLA members attended committee and SIG meetings providing a much-needed Canadian presence to the conference as a whole. All in attendance were impressed by the very excellent work of Liz Bayley and other CHLA members in making this such a wonderful event!

This past April THLA was thrilled to have one of the first health information specialists with the title of 'virtual librarian' (aka Tim Tripp) speak to us about his experiences in setting up the University Health Network's virtual library on their intranet. Tim's experiences provided many insights into these challenging tasks and his transition from special to 'very special' health librarian is most welcome! We also launched the THLA web site developed by Silvia Ho that night and thanks to Anne Taylor-Vaisey is now located at <http://www.cmc.utoronto.ca/thla/Default.htm> so visit us soon!

We welcome two new members to executive for next year Margaret Butkovic (Present-Elect) of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College and Steve Zoltai (Treasurer) of the Health Sciences Information Consortium of Toronto and that's about it for now!

1. Lambert-Lanning A. Development Fund Application Report 1999: Toronto Health Libraries Association. *Biblioteca Medica Canadiana* 2000 Spring; 21(3):26-7.
2. <http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/ce/cemay6.html> #344
3. <http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/ce/cemay6.html> #532

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### Changes....

**Elizabeth O'Brien**, formerly of the Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS), has joined the Canadian Cancer Society to assist with their work as the Canadian Health Network affiliate for cancer.

**Sue Reynolds**, previously Manager, Library Services at The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences has moved to the position of Manager, Research Services. Sue can be contacted at (416) 596-3101 ext. 3124 or by email at suereynolds@staff.michener.on.ca

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### A Note of Thanks...

A big 'thank you' to everyone in the Consortium for your help and assistance over the years. You have been so generous, both in sharing your resources and in passing on your professional expertise. You are a great group of people!

**Marie Dorbolo**, Retired, formerly of the Humber River Regional Hospital - Church St. Site

### Congratulations!

**Teresa Helik** and family are pleased to announce the arrival of Meredith Margaret Helik on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2000, at 8lbs 4oz.

**Susan Murray**, CHIS, has been elected to the position of Consumer and Patient Health Information (CAPHIS) Program Chair/Chair Elect for 2000/2001. CAPHIS is a section of the Medical Library Association

**Joan Bartlett** has won the 2000 ASIS SIG/STI BIOSIS Student Award. The SIG/STI BIOSIS Student Award recognizes an outstanding student in a program of library and/or information science with interest in the area of biological information. The award consists of a grant of \$600 US funded by BIOSIS, to provide support for attendance at the ASIS Annual Meeting in Chicago in November.

Joan has also been selected as a participant in the ISIC 2000 Doctoral Workshop to be held in Sweden in August. ISIC 2000 is the third international conference on Information Seeking in Context. During the two-day workshop, doctoral students will share their current dissertation work-in-progress with their peers and with an international panel of academic staff. Participants will work in groups of six students with the support of two members of faculty. Some of the faculty members who have offered to participate in the workshop are: Elfreda Chatman, David Ellis, Carol C. Kuhlthau, and Tom Wilson.

The working title for Joan's research is "Information needs and uses of molecular biologists: implications of the Human Genome Project and molecular sequence databases".

**Terry Sulymko** recently joined The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences as Director of the Learning Resource Centre. Terry comes here from Ottawa where she was Associate Librarian (Systems & Technical Services) at Carleton University Library. Along with her library management and systems background, Terry also has had extensive experience in the area of ILL/document delivery. She can be reached at The Michener Institute at (416) 596-3101 ext. 3454 or by email at tsulymko@staff.michener.on.ca

**Steve Zoltai** of the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto is the incoming assistant editor of the *BMC Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana*.

**B.C. Decker, Inc.** (publisher of Ann McKibbin's *PDQ Evidence-based Principles and Practice*) has agreed to an initial three-year commitment to sponsor a new *BMC* research paper prize, commencing in 2001. The value of the prize is \$500 Canadian.



## Upcoming Conferences

### SLA Annual Conference

*Independence to Interdependence:  
the next phase in the information revolution*  
June 10-15, 2000  
Philadelphia,  
[www.sla.org/conf/](http://www.sla.org/conf/)

### CLA Annual Conference

June 21-25, 2000  
Edmonton, Alberta  
[www.cla.ca/conference/conf.htm](http://www.cla.ca/conference/conf.htm)

### 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medical Librarianship

July 2-5, 2000  
London, England  
[www.icml.org](http://www.icml.org)

### ALA Annual Conference

July 6-13, 2000  
Chicago, Illinois  
[www.ala.org/events/](http://www.ala.org/events/)

### Global 2000—Worldwide Conference on Special Librarianship

*The Information Age: Challenges & Opportunities*  
October 16-19, 2000  
Brighton, England  
[www.slaglobal.org](http://www.slaglobal.org)

## Continuing Education & Upcoming Events

### Faculty of Information Studies University of Toronto

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[www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted). Price range: \$100 - \$595.  
Discount for early registration.

July 3 - Aug 7 Methodology - Basic: Part 1  
July 3 - Aug 7 Methodology - Basic: Part 2  
July 3 - Aug 7 Electronic Resources: The Internet and CD-ROMs  
Aug. 7 - Sep 11 Methodology - Basic: Part 1  
Aug. 7 - Sep 11 Methodology - Basic: Part 2  
Aug. 7 - Sep 11 Census Records - Basic  
Sep. 11 - Oct 23 Mastering Web Searching



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

All sessions are held in the Beeton Auditorium on the first floor of the library.

Date: Wednesday, June 7

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: **Forgotten Memories: An Introduction to Alzheimer Disease**

Learn more about this devastating illness: symptoms and progression of Alzheimer's, risk factors, available treatments, and caring for someone with Alzheimer Disease. Inika Anderson, Education Program Leader for the Alzheimer Society of Toronto will be the presenter.

### CHIS Web -Health Events 2000:

CHIS has just posted the Health Events 2000 listing and updated the list of toll-free numbers for health organizations.  
<http://www.tpl.toronto.on.ca/TRL/centres/chis/index.html>

## Willow - Breast Cancer Support & Resource Services

### Presents:

### Branching Out 2000

Monday, June 12th at the John Bassett Theatre at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre starting at 5:30p.m.; Willow's sixth annual community awareness and fundraising event includes a powerful program with Susan Hay of the Global Television Network, educational speakers, special guests Sandra Shamas, writer and performer, and Michele Landsberg, Toronto Star columnist, as well as a silent auction.

The educational speaker is Dr. Claire Holloway, General Surgeon, breast disease specialist from Sunnybrook & Women's College Health Sciences Centre.

The evening's musical entertainment will be provided by Quartette, Sylvia Tyson, Cindy Church, Caitlin Hanford & Gwen Swick. This group is one of the most dynamic & inspiring music collaborations on the Canadian music scene.

Tickets to this exciting theatre-style evening are \$35. A light repast will be served and a cash bar available. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call Shana Shoub at 778-6314 x. 229.



## Additional CE Opportunities:

### Putting the Internet to Work in Your Library

10 June 2000, Philadelphia OR

11 June 2000, Philadelphia

Join Rita Vine of IMR Internet Training in Philadelphia for a reprise of this popular course, sponsored by the Special Libraries Association. A fast-track, half day lecture on how to harness the Internet in reference and information searching. This course received the top overall rating of all continuing education courses at the 1999 SLA annual conference! More information and registration options will appear on the SLA Web Site:

<http://www.sla.org/conf/2000conf/index.html>

IMR Internet Training has launched a new, FREE electronic newsletter, called *IMR Sitelines*, for clients and students. You can subscribe electronically at: <http://www.workingfaster.com/newsletters.htm>

## News & Views

### THLA News Exclusive!

#### RoweCom Canada Acquires Canadian Health Serials Service

With retirement in sight, Jim Rogers, President of CHSS, invited RoweCom Canada to purchase the medical subscription management service he founded six years ago. Jim, who is well known in the Toronto Health Library community worked for RoweCom Canada (then Faxon Canada) from 1988-1993 and the relationship between the two companies has always been amicable.

The deal was finalized May 31, 2000.

RoweCom Canada wishes to welcome our new clients, all of whom are health libraries in the GTA.

RoweCom Canada also wishes to extend our best wishes to Jim, who has been a valued member of the Canadian serials community for many years.

RoweCom Canada

#### THLA Presentation:

##### "Trust Me, I'm A Librarian!"

Tim Tripp, Virtual Library Project Manager at the University Health Network, spoke to THLA members about the Virtual Library project on April 17, 2000. While the crowd was relatively small (13 people), they were interested and inquisitive!

Tim spoke of the brave new world envisioned by UHN senior management who were supportive of the project from the start. He first explained his own "virtual culture shock" moving from Spar Aerospace, where there were only 500 employees, he was the only librarian, the library was low profile, and his work was relatively low risk. In contrast he now had to toil as a high profile project manager in the UHN with 10,000 employees, and where access to information could literally mean life or death.

He described the UHN Virtual Library to date: over 2 dozen databases, 1,500 electronic journals, interactive request forms, library information, internet links, and more. He gave a brief tour of the Virtual Library, and answered numerous questions, including a discussion on negotiating electronic journal contracts with vendors, how electronic forms were sent directly to Information Specialists, etc.

Tim wrapped up by telling the crowd about the developments beyond the Virtual Library – how the Virtual Library will be integrated with the Electronic Patient Record, used as a clinical decision support tool, provide access to clinical practice guidelines, and eventually develop an intelligent agent interface to link the EPR and the VL with Medline.

Tim certainly has his work cut out for himself!

#### THLA Banquet

On May 18 almost fifty THLA members descended on the Montréal Restaurant/Bistro & Jazz Club to renew friendships, share some wine and dinner, and participate in this year's annual general meeting. THLA President Anita Lambert-Lanning reviewed a successful year, and recognized THLA Past President Karen Smith for her outstanding support of the organization over the past three years. THLA Secretary Ani Orchanian presented for voting two motions concerning THLA Constitution Bylaw changes, and both motions passed. (Please contact Ani for minutes.) Jennifer Bayne presented the THLA Annual Student Prize in Health Sciences Librarianship to recent FIS graduate Silvia Ho, for her work in designing the THLA Web site. After an excellent dinner, THLA President Elect Anne Taylor-Vaisey introduced past and present executive members, as well as the evening's after dinner speaker, Nick Pashley of the University of Toronto Bookstore. If the level of laughter accompanying Nick's talk on the pitfalls of after dinner speaking is any indication, he provided an amusing ending to a most enjoyable evening.

By Anne Taylor-Vaisey, President-Elect





## THLA Members Presentations, Papers, Posters in Vancouver at MLA/CHLA-ABSC May 5-11 2000

By Anita Lambert-Lanning, THLA President

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**Rita Vine** with Henry Mandelbaum *"Planning Your Library's Internet Presence Through Strategic Goals and Objectives"* – Full Day Workshop – 8 Contact Hours

Why go online? What makes a Web site effective? How do you attract a target user community to your Web site and ensure that it has continuing value for them? Address these questions and more as you learn how to apply planning principles to building an effective Web site. Understand how planning applies to an effective Web presence. Create a vision and goals for your own medical library Web site.

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**Anita Lambert-Lanning** with Dr. Michael Evans *"Net Explorations: Finding the Internet Evidence"* – Half Day Workshop – 4 Contact Hours

Be inspired by exploring some of the newest modes of finding clinically relevant evidence on the Web. Learn to evaluate a sample document. Begin to understand the difference between the many new modes of evidence-based materials available in the primary health care domain for practicing clinicians and health science librarians.

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**Brian Cameron & Ani Orchanian** "Emerging trends in the provision of library services at the University Health Network: an evaluation of the program management model" presented as part of the Federal and Hospital Libraries Sections Symposium entitled Feng-Shui For Surviving the Downsizing Dragon.

**Abbreviated Abstract:** The purpose of this paper was to describe the evolution of the libraries' Program Management model, and examine the results after one year of implementation. Setting: Libraries of the University Health Network - UHN (Toronto General, Toronto Western, and Princess Margaret Hospitals) in response to the restructuring of the health-care sector in Toronto, and in order to better address the needs of the clinical program areas adopted a program management model for the delivery of library services.

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**Anita Lambert-Lanning** *"Integrating Medical Informatics into the Undergraduate Curriculum"* Poster #12 co-investigators: Lynn Watson MD, CCFP; and Mike Evans MD, CCFP. Toronto Western Hospital-UHN Dept. of Family & Community Medicine University of Toronto. 1999-2000. \*

**Abbreviated Abstract:** **Background/Population:** A web-based workshop to facilitate trainee access to medical informatics and encourage an evidence-based approach to finding information using an 'educational prescription' was implemented in 1997. By the end of the 1998-99 academic year the course was expanded to include trainees from all clinical placement locales in the Family Medicine undergraduate programmes at the University of Toronto. **Discussion:** Librarian and Physician collaboration on the development and conduct of this web-based workshop may support successful integration of medical informatics and life long learning in this undergraduate curriculum and may have potential applications elsewhere. **Conclusion:** Results of student evaluations demonstrate the continued popularity of this web-based workshop and web-based resources of learning.

\* this paper was also published in the Spring edition of BMC 2000



**MLA/CHLA-ABSC 2000  
Demystifying the Dragon  
May 5-11, 2000, Vancouver, BC**

***One attendee's impressions...***

Vancouver, while damp, was spectacular with its mountain vistas and ocean views. As a venue for an international health science librarian's conference it was superb!

The conference itself was overwhelming with the volume of information it made available, both via the presentations and papers, and the numerous vendors in attendance. There were many excellent presentations, and the THLA was admirably represented among them.

The plenary speakers were engaging – addressing many different aspects of medical librarianship and its interaction with the world around us. Plenary speaker Dr. David Suzuki, familiar to Canadians and Americans alike, spoke passionately about the need to think environmentally in

order to sustain the quality of life on earth. There are finite resources available, and we should use them more sparingly. Dr. Suzuki admonished us to reject rampant consumerism – we don't need more "stuff." He also encouraged us to speak out, to get involved in environmental concerns.

Days of information overload were made a little easier by some of the vendors who treated attendees to dinners, dancing, desserts and other delights! Who can forget Yolanda ("Dancing Fool") Savino-Walsh, the life of each and every party! The Energizer Bunny wishes it could keep up with Yolanda!

I am only now able to absorb the vast volume of information that was made available at this conference. As a joint effort, the MLA and the CHLA-ABSC must be commended on a well-run and well-attended conference. Let's hope this is the first of many successful joint ventures!

Marina Englesakis, *THLA News* Editor

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**Toronto Health Libraries Association Web Site is now located at:**

**[www.cme.utoronto.ca/thla](http://www.cme.utoronto.ca/thla)**

The THLA is hoping to add links to as many of its members as possible. If you have a web site, please consider forwarding your web site information to the THLA for inclusion.

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### New THLA Executive Members for 2000-2001

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Secretary: Ani Orchanian  
Secretariat: Dorothy Davey  
Newsletter Editor: Marina Englesakis  
Newsletter Aide: Liz Groskorth

❖Denotes new members of the THLA Executive.

❖**Margaret Butkovic**, is the Assistant Library Director and Media Librarian at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. She has long been a member of the Toronto health sciences library community and a valued international member of the chiropractic librarians community.

❖**Steve Zoltai** is currently the Assistant Executive Director for the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto. He graduated with a MIST from the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto in 1995 and went on to earn a certificate in Computer Network Engineering from Humber College the following year. Prior to joining the Consortium, he worked as a systems librarian in the Information Resource Centre at Celestica, Inc

Many thanks to outgoing executive members Karen Smith and Carol Burnham Cook for their dedicated service to the THLA!

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#### Deadline for submissions

- ✓ Vol. 19, No. 1 September 20, 1999
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- ✓ Vol. 19, No. 3 January 19, 2000
- ✓ Vol. 19, No. 4 March 16, 2000
- ✓ Vol. 19, No. 5 May 15, 2000