



# THLA NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

### THLA March General Meeting

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#### THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH NETWORK VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Date: **Wednesday, March 6, 2002**

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

Location: To be announced

Speakers: **Tim Tripp and Michael  
Sidlofsky**

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*Please see page 7 for further details.*

### THLA Annual General Meeting & Banquet

Date: **Thursday, May 9, 2002**

Time: To be announced

Speaker: To be announced

Location: Montreal Bistro & Jazz Club,  
65 Sherbourne St. at Adelaide

### This Month in Medical History...

*February 8, 1994:* Robert Holton announces the total synthesis of Taxol, a powerful anticancer drug used against several leukemias and tumours in the brain, breast, lung and ovary.

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## President's Message

Welcome back. We hope that all of you had wonderful holiday, and that once again we are ready to face new challenges in this new year. The joint Holiday Social at Hart House was a resounding success and we would like to continue with this tradition.

By the time you read my message, our web site will be operational. My personal thanks goes to Michael Sidlofsky, who has been instrumental in its implementation. In December, I attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto. Listening to reports from Subcommittees and Working Groups, I was impressed with the achievements of this vibrant group of dedicated colleagues. The guest speaker, Dr. Alex Jadad, Director of eHealth Innovation at University Health Network, University of Toronto, gave an enlightening presentation addressing the impact of innovative technology on health information.

Patrick Ellis sent a summary of the THLA's focus group session to me. The top five issues identified, with recommendations, are as follows: electronic resources; new skill sets; more effective outreach to Information Studies students; financial and human resources crunch; advocacy-promotion of issues beyond the library community. We look forward to the outcome of the final report.

Reading *Information Today*, I came across an interesting article, "What's Ahead for 2002?" and I would like to share some thoughts with you. An interview was conducted with twelve information industry gurus. Some of their predictions and issues for 2002 are: "digital copyright reforms will be moving forward as well as wireless access to patient data; functionality, value and innovation will be the basics to rely on; XML and the Web and what constitutes real value for a critical mass of clients; increase in the number of digitization projects for collections to be available online; the development of e-solutions that link different online resources into single display formats" and others. These concerns will influence our libraries in some ways.

I look forward to seeing you at our general meeting in March.

— Margaret Butkovic

## Feature Article

### THLA Launches New Web Site

By Michael Sidlofsky

THLA Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

For some time, the THLA Executive has felt the need to enhance and expand on its Web presence. We are proud to announce the launch this month of our new site at [www.thla.ca](http://www.thla.ca).

Our new online home retains much of what many of you have previously found useful: THLA's mission and goals, member news, announcements of upcoming health information-related events, and employment resources. We have also made improvements in site design, readability and navigation.

However, this is only the beginning. In the near future, we will be moving *THLA News* and the *THLA Membership Directory* online, in a password-protected Members-Only section. This will allow us to reduce substantially the time and cost involved in the production and distribution of our publications, and to provide more timely information. Another reason to renew your membership!

Although we are phasing out the print distribution of our publications, hard copies will remain available to THLA members upon request.

We have other ideas for the site. Anyone who has worked in today's professional environment quickly learns how difficult it is to access practical, how-to-do-it information --the kind they don't teach in library school--and how common it is to reinvent the wheel on the job. So we would like to create an online knowledge base that will capture and make available our members' expertise in such tricky areas as finding information on health instruments and questionnaires, negotiating e-content licenses, and the like.

To make this happen, we need your help. Please send suggestions for what you'd like to see in the knowledge base (or other sections of the site) to me at [ssid@istar.ca](mailto:ssid@istar.ca). Also, feel free to submit feedback on the site, corrections, announcements, job/looking for work ads, link suggestions, or anything else that you feel would improve our site--*your* site.

On behalf of the THLA Executive, I would like to thank Laure Perrier, Web Manager of the Continuing Medical Education department at the University of Toronto, for her kind and prompt assistance in maintaining the previous version of our site.

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### In Memoriam

**Lusi Wong**, born on April 28th, 1949, passed away peacefully on January 18th, 2002 at The Princess Margaret Hospital after a spirited and courageous battle with lung cancer. She was the wife of Lincoln Wong, and mother of James and Jonathan Wong. A dedicated and goal-oriented librarian in the pharmaceutical industry, she exhibited unprecedented professionalism and a compassionate heart that touched the lives of many. Lusi was a member of THLA and well known to SLA and CASLIS members. She will be greatly missed.

*—Dorothy Davey,  
THLA Secretariat*

## Evening of Holiday Cheer a Success

By Carol Burnham Cook  
Newsletter Assistant Editor

Hart House Music Room, that grand old room in the building which has such fond memories for many of us who went to U of T, was the scene for the holiday party for a group of library associations on December 13. Judging by the number of people who filled the room, the buzz of conversation from 160 attendees in a festive mood, and the food and drink that was consumed, it was a definite success.

The joint party was a change of approach for THLA, which has always done our own thing in the past. This year we had the chance of meeting friends and colleagues from CASLIS, SLA, OALT/ABO. SLA, as one might expect, comprised the largest group with 55 members. CASLIS followed with 34, then THLA with 22. One person commented afterwards: "I met some wonderful people and saw some old friends." Another said, "I saw some people I hadn't seen for years, people from other eras, other times. But I still saw lots of THLA folks."

With several stations for food, and the drinks in a separate room circulating was easy, and getting that extra Thai spring roll when you needed it was facilitated. As one person said, "There was room to roam around and talk to people without blocking the food." Favourite foods? A hard question because it was all so nicely presented and so tasty, — but those Thai spring rolls brimming with fresh and colourful vegetables, and the asparagus and cream cheese wrapped in prosciutto, smoked salmon on little rye squares, pita with various salsa toppings had to be among the top choices. Are you hungry yet?

At least three THLA attendees won a prize from the seemingly endless array donated by the sponsors, and in addition, everyone took home a gift bag with a neat calculator donated by the Financial Post.

In my small survey of THLA attendees, I asked whether we should do a joint holiday party again. "I think it makes sense for all the professional and technician associations in Toronto to come together — not just CASLIS and SLA," said one person. Another commented, "I think that the concept of the joint holiday social was wonderful and hope it continues. Good party all around!"

## Continuing Education

### Faculty of Information Studies University of Toronto

For more information on these and other courses, and to register, please visit [ce.fis.utoronto.ca](http://ce.fis.utoronto.ca).

Feb. 15 Advanced Web Search Strategies

Feb. 15 - 16 Project Management for  
Information Managers

(Certificate in Managing Information  
Enterprises)

Feb. 21 - Apr. 11 E-Commerce Models,  
Infrastructure and Implementation

(Certificate in E-Business Management &  
Operations)

Feb. 22 Basics of Web Graphics

Feb. 25 - Apr. 12 Introduction to Records and  
Information Management

Mar. 2 - 3 Web Server Configuration - Windows  
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Mar. 4 - Apr. 15 Internet Competitive  
Intelligence

Mar. 6 - Apr. 24 Usability Evaluation  
(Certificate in Information Design)

Mar. 7

(Ottawa) Micrographics and Imaging  
(Records Management Certificates)

Mar. 7 - 8 Designing & Delivering High Impact  
Presentations

(Certificate in Managing Information  
Enterprises)

Mar. 7 - Apr. 25 Strategies for a Web Presence  
(Certificate in Internet Business & Technology)

Mar. 8 Managing Email

Mar. 12 - Apr. 30 Intermediate Java  
Programming

(Certificate in Internet Business & Technology)  
Mar. 12 - Apr. 30 Website Implementation and  
Management

(Certificate in Internet Business & Technology)

Mar. 13 - May 1 An Introduction to E-Business

(Certificate in Internet Business & Technology)

Mar. 14 - Apr. 11 E-Business Software Selection

(Certificate in E-Business Management &  
Operations)

Mar. 14 - May 2 Introduction to Java for  
Programmers

(Certificate in Internet Business & Technology)

Mar. 14 - May 2 Principles of Information  
Design

(Certificate in Information Design)

Mar. 15 Copyright Demystified

Mar. 15 Researching Canadian Records  
Retention Requirements

Mar. 16 - 17 Web-Enabling Your Database  
(Certificate in E-Business Management &  
Operations)

## Upcoming Conferences

### Internet Librarian International 2002

Olympia 2

London, UK

March 18 - 20, 2002

[www.internet-librarian.com](http://www.internet-librarian.com)

### InfoToday 2002

New York Hilton & Towers

New York, NY

May 14-16, 2002

[www.infotoday.com/it2002/default.htm](http://www.infotoday.com/it2002/default.htm)

### CHLA/ABSC Conference 2002

*The Spirited Connection*

May 28 - June 1, 2002

Waterloo Inn and Conference Centre

Waterloo, Ontario

[www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/sites/chla](http://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/sites/chla)

*Juraffy Davey,*

*THLA Secretariat*

## THLA March General Meeting

### Click on Research: The University Health Network Virtual Library

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2002

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

**Location:** To be announced

**Speakers:** Tim Tripp and Michael Sidlofsky

In recent years, virtual or digital health sciences libraries have helped facilitate access to health information within a health care centre or a network of centres. But how do you set up and administer a virtual library, and how can you measure its impact on clinical decision making, education and research? Join our speakers as they share the story of the University Health Network's successful Virtual Library project and what we can learn from it.

Tim Tripp is the Senior Manager for Clinical Decision Support at the University Health Network. He serves as Director of the Special Libraries Association, Toronto Chapter. Michael Sidlofsky recently served as Research Analyst for the Shared Information Management Systems at the University Health Network, and as Information Specialist for Inner City Health at St. Michael's Hospital. He is the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster for THLA.

*Refreshments will be served.*

Please RSVP to Christine Chang, [cchang@smartrisk.ca](mailto:cchang@smartrisk.ca)

### Looking for Work

An accomplished and dedicated health library professional with extensive reference and management experience in academic and research libraries currently seeks a part-time or contract position. Primary skills include: client interviewing, database searching (MEDLARS, Ovid, CINAHL, PsycInfo, Biosis), many software programs (MS Office, FrontPage, Acrobat, Photoshop), collection development, report writing, strategic planning, budget development. Quick study, team player, excellent communication skills, good organizational skills, hard worker, good sense of humour. Contact Marilyn Schafer in Pickering at (905) 428-2147.

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