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Editors' Corner

As I write this Editorial, the weather outside belies the month of January. Magic shadows are dancing under the trees, and the sun is playing mischief with the snow. After a cold and blustery December, even the semblance of Spring is appealing.

Accounts of both the November and December 1989 THLA meetings are included in this issue of the NEWS. The November meeting on CD-ROM was very informative, and Susan has included some bibliographic references in her President's message. Those who attended the annual Christmas Social know that it was an enjoyable event, as always.

Please note, with special interest, the forthcoming meetings section. We look forward to seeing many of you at Women's College Hospital for the presentation on Primary Care Medicine. By all means, reserve the date of May 14 for the Annual Dinner. I am fortunate enough to work with Rosalie Hellinga, who won the free dinner ticket at the Christmas Social, so we will be there with bells on!

Included in this January issue, are the THLA Nomination Forms. I join with Susan and Tsai-O in encouraging you to become involved in the THLA Executive process.

To everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Marjory Morphy
Editor

INSIDE CIRCUIT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Whew! We were encouraged by the turnout at the November 13th CD-ROM MEDLINE session and the enthusiastic responses we have been receiving. This topic could easily have been a half-day workshop and we could consider this for next year if there is sufficient interest. As you could see, there are no easy answers to which CD-ROM MEDLINE system is "best": it depends on your users, funds, staffing, etc.

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Unfortunately, there was a small omission in the CD-ROM bibliography - article 6/1 was cut off. The complete citation is:
0136334 8906369

Effects of cost sharing and end-user searching on a clinical librarian program. Miller, N. (Medical College of Pennsylvania, Phila., PA) Bulletin of the Medical Library Association (US) , Vol. 77, Issue 1, p. 71-74, Jan 1989

Also, here are a few other items which might be useful:

- 1) Snow, B. Med-Base: ease of use and search accuracy. Online 1987 May; 11(3):125-33.
- Compact Med-Base is the name formerly used for what is now CD-PLUS. This article does not specifically discuss the CD-ROM version (it was not available until May 1988), but it provides a clear explanation of how the mapping feature works.
- 2) MEDLINE on CD-ROM: National Library of Medicine Evaluation Forum, edited by Rose Marie Woodsmall, Becky Lyon-Hartmann, and Elliot Siegel. Medford, NJ: Learned Information Press, 1989. 506 p.; softbound only. Order from Learned Information, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055-8707.; phone (609) 654-6266. Price \$49.95 (plus \$2.50 postage and handling for the first volume; for additional volumes in the same order, add \$2.00 per volume).
- Since the Evaluation Forum took place in September 1988, much of this information is out-of-date. CD-PLUS was so new that it is only included on the features checklist.
- 3) Canadian Health Libraries Association. Fact sheet No. 3: CD-ROM. 3 p. Available from CHLA or can be freely photocopied from a CHLA member's copy.
- 4) Hewison, NS. Evaluating CD-ROM versions of the Medline database: a checklist. Bull Med Libr Assoc 1989; 77:332-6 & appendix.

The Christmas meeting was a pleasant interlude as always - the 19th century surroundings helped to create a soothing, slower-paced mood during this hectic holiday season. It's an occasion to simply meet with friends and have a good time. Carol Morrison was a charming, hard-working hostess and Rosemary Ulliyot most ably attended bar. Many thanks to all who baked the luscious desserts (my Grand Marnier heart truffle recipe is available on demand). Our grand prize winner - the recipient of a ticket to the dinner meeting in May - was Rosalie Hellinga of North York General Hospital.

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Please try to RSVP for our meetings - quite often a light supper has been arranged by our host library and it is crucial to know how many people will attend.

And last but definitely not least, do consider running for a position on the THLA Executive for 1990-91: there are vacancies for President-Elect (the person who plans all the meetings), Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Editor of the newsletter.

See you in 1990!

Susan Murray
President

NOMINATIONS !!!!!

It is my official responsibility as Past-President to ensure that four THLA offices are filled for 1990-91. These positions are: **President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Editor** for the THLA NEWS. With this mailing you will find the **Nomination Form** and the **Terms of Reference** for all positions. Ballots will be sent with the next issue of the NEWS. Please give serious thought to running for an office.

We are also calling for nominations for **Honorary Life Membership** in THLA. To be eligible, a candidate must have played an active role in the affairs of THLA and fulfill the following:

1. be at or near the close of an active career in health sciences librarianship,
2. hold a regular membership at the time of nomination,
3. have made a significant contribution to the advancement of the purpose of THLA.

A curriculum vitae and a statement of the candidate's contributions to, and activities within THLA must be included. Nominations must be made in writing and mailed by **Feb. 16, 1990** to:

Tsai-O Wong, Past-President
Health Sciences Library
The Mississauga Hospital
100 Queensway West
Mississauga, Ont.
L5B 1B8

Tsai-Wong
Past-President

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TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER MEETING
13 NOVEMBER 1989
U OF T SIGMUND SAMUEL LIBRARY
ALICE MOULTON ROOM

TOPIC: CD-ROM DATABASES

SPEAKERS: EVA GULBINOWICZ, CENTRE FOR FORENSIC SCIENCES
LIBRARY

ELAINE WRIGHT, MARJORIE MCLEOD, SCIENCE &
MEDICINE LIBRARY

SUSAN MURRAY, FACULTY OF DENTISTRY LIBRARY

ATTENDANCE: 47

Four vendors of MEDLINE on CD-ROM were represented at the November 13th meeting. CD Plus, Compact Cambridge, SilverPlatter and MEDLINE/EBSCO were demonstrated.

Eva Gulbinowicz spoke on behalf of SilverPlatter, Susan Murray described her experiences with CD Plus and Elaine Wright and Marjorie McLeod talked about Compact Cambridge.

Elaine Wright spoke on Sci Med's Compact Cambridge. It contains NLM's MEDLINE database, back files to 1976, is updated quarterly or monthly and contains complete records including abstracts. The MeSH headings are annotated, permuted and can be exploded. Search levels are menu driven for novices and "command level" for experienced searchers.

Marjorie McLeod rounded off the discussion of Compact Cambridge by describing how the system was set up at Sci Med and how it was utilised by the end users there. She described the typical user as adept and satisfied, adept and dissatisfied, inept and dissatisfied, and, the worst case scenario, inept and satisfied.

Susan Murray described CD Plus as the Cadillac of CD ROM. It contains the entire MEDLINE database from NLM; has back files to 1966, is updated monthly and contains complete records including abstracts. The MeSH headings are annotated, permuted and include scope notes and can be exploded. The MeSH headings also include a MeSH mapping feature. CD Plus will search on two levels, novice and expert. It's other bells and whistles can be found in their information package. TGH, St. Michael's and Dentistry Library all have CD Plus.

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Eva Gulbinowicz spoke about MEDLINE on SilverPlatter. SilverPlatter MEDLINE contains the complete NLM database, has back files to 1966, is updated monthly and contains complete records including abstracts. The MeSH headings are permuted and can be exploded. Search levels are novice and expert. The Hospital for Sick Children and the Ontario Cancer Institute have MEDLINE on SilverPlatter.

After the meeting demonstrations were held in the Science and Medicine Library. **Marjorie McLeod** demonstrated Compact Cambridge, **Sophia Kaszuba** demonstrated SilverPlatter, **Susan Murray** demonstrated CD Plus and **Rosemary Ulliyot** demonstrated MEDLINE/EBSCO.

Eva Gulbinowicz introduced and thanked the speakers and demonstrators. Thanks to **Gwynneth Heaton** for arranging the facilities and refreshments.

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS SOCIAL 4 DECEMBER 1989 STAFF HOUSE, ONTARIO CANCER INSTITUTE

The annual Christmas Social was held on December 4, 1989 at the Staff House of the Ontario Cancer Institute. Attendance was 40 plus. Members and guests enjoyed hot and cold hors d'oeuvres catered by the Ontario Cancer Institute Nutrition Department, and an assortment of delicious home made desserts contributed by members of the THLA. The grand prize draw was won by Rosalie Hellinga of North York General.

Special thanks to **Eva Gulbinowicz**, **Susan Murray** and **Tsai-O Wong** for organizing the meeting; to **Edna Allen** for the floral arrangement prize; to **Carol Morrison** for arranging the food; and to **Rosemary Ulliyot** for bartending.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

January 22, 1990

TOPIC: Primary Care Medicine; trends, information needs, resources.

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PRESENTERS:

Dr. Wilfrid Palmer - Chairman, Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto.

Lynn Dunikowski - Librarian, College of Family Physicians of Canada, based at the University of Western Ontario.

Rita Shaughnessy - Librarian, Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto.

PLACE: Women's College Hospital (WCH)
76 Grenville St.
Toronto, Ontario

TIME: 6:15 PM Light Supper
WCH, 2nd floor classroom

7:00 PM Presentation
WCH, Cummings Auditorium

R.S.V.P: to Eva Gulbinowicz, at 965-2561, by Jan. 17, 1990.

NOTE: In December, Rita Shaughnessy mailed out a 1 page Questionnaire on Primary Health Care. The requested return date was Jan. 2, 1990. Rita has requested us to complete the form, even if it is past the meeting date. She is anxious to review the information. If you have misplaced your copy of the Questionnaire, please contact Rita for another copy. Her 'phone number is 978-5606.

April 9, 1990

TOPIC: Jack the Ripper: Psychiatric Profile

PRESENTER: Dr. Steve Hucker - Director, Forensic Psychiatry Unit, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry

PLACE: Clarke Institute of Psychiatry,
Auditorium
250 College St.,
Toronto, Ontario

TIME: 7:00 PM

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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

TOPIC: To Be Announced

PLACE: Massey College

PLEASE NOTE:

The CAN/OLE Seminar, scheduled for February 20-28, 1990, has been cancelled. If you wish to attend a CAN/OLE Seminar, please contact CAN/OLE Client Services at (613) 993-1210, as soon as possible.

INTEREST GROUPS

UNION LIST COMMITTEE

The Union List Committee will be sending each contributor a package of information by the end of January. Along with a printout of a library's journal holdings as submitted up to the end of December 1988, contributors should watch for the following: an explanatory cover letter; page(s) of guidelines for the update process; a form to obtain your lending policies and other background information for union list users; a feedback/checklist form to help ensure that the next stage in the update process proceeds smoothly. We also plan to send out a list of all titles from the present data base (5th ed. plus supplement) which we have been unable to verify using several standard sources. For those titles, we ask that contributors please check their original issues for ISSN's and/or volume-year data (especially for volume 1) so we can get full information into the Union List. This should only involve a handful of titles for any one contributor. Please be sure to indicate title changes and the "from-to" or "to-from" linkage. If all goes well, the 6th edition will be ready for distribution before this summer.

DISABILITY RESOURCE LIBRARY NETWORK (DRLN)

The next meeting will be on Tues. Jan. 16, at 2:30 pm at the Barrier Free Design Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave. For more information contact Joanne Bar, 395-5581.

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CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Consultative Committee met in early December to finalize the implementation plans for the Consortium. The Board members for the Consortium have been selected, and the first meeting of the Consortium Board is scheduled for January 9, 1990. At this meeting there will be a formal transfer of responsibilities from the Consultative Committee to the Health Science Resources & Information Consortium. In December some of you received Draft copies of the Consortium By-Laws, and an invoice for membership payment. This Consortium concept will be a major force in unifying our information organization and dissemination efforts. It deserves our enthusiastic and whole-hearted support.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MICROMEDIA CD CENTRE

Micromedia's CD Centre announces (December 1989) that it has concluded an agreement to distribute Cambridge Scientific Abstracts' Compact Cambridge databases. For more information about these databases, please contact the CD Centre: Micromedia Ltd., 158 Pearl St., Toronto, Ont. M5H 1L3 (416) 593-5211 Toll free 1-800-387-2689 Fax (416) 593-1760.

SOFTWARE SURVEY

Very few software surveys have been returned to date. It is difficult to know whether people have forgotten to fill out the survey or whether very few THLA libraries have micro software which they are using for library applications.

Please fill out the survey (which was in the October THLA News) and return it to Susan Murray as soon as possible. Thank you!

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CHLA/ABSC TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE AWARD

The CHLA/ABSC Tenth Anniversary Award recognizes that one of the most tangible means whereby the mission of CHLA/ABSC is accomplished is through the activities of its chapters. The Award, therefore, is available to chapters in order to further the CHLA/ABSC mission. It is in the amount of \$500.00 and is awarded annually.

Application for the award:

1. All Chapters in good standing are eligible to apply.
2. The President of the Chapter must submit, no later than a month before the Annual General Meeting, a detailed summary of the special activity on which the judgement is to be based. The submission must be co-signed by any other member of the Chapter executive. This submission is distinct from any annual report submitted to the Board.
3. The activity which forms the basis upon which a Chapter applies for an award may take place in a given year or be represented by the efforts of several years.
4. All applications must be submitted to the current President of CHLA/ABSC.

Submissions must be in writing and mailed to:

Donna Dryden, President
Library Services
Royal Alexandra Hospital
10240 Kingsway Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5H 3V9

Submissions must be received by May 10th, 1990.

MARKETPLACE

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Library of Congress Subject Headings
Cumulative microform edition, December 1985

Contact: Faculty of Dentistry Library, 979-4560

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Medical Clinics of North America - 1981-1986
Journal of Medicine & Philosophy - 1977-1979
1981-1986

Contact: Rita Shaughnessy, 978-5606
(Department of Family & Community Medicine, U of T)

2 journal Kardexes
Bound volumes of Circulation, vol. 55, 1977 - Vol. 62, 1980

Contact: Elaine Bernstein, 598-7520
(Hospital for Sick Children Library)

POSITION AVAILABLE

UNIV. OF TORONTO, SCIENCE AND MEDICINE LIB.

Full-time libn: Electronic Information Services Coordinator. Reporting 1/2 to Assoc. Libn. (Reader Services) to: coord library-wide elect info serv (fee-based and end-user search services, SDI, & CD-ROM); devel publicity, & promotional prog; train staff and users; analyze costs and charges. Reporting 1/2 to the Head, Info Services, Sci/Med Lib for: ref desk, and electronic info serv duties. Qualifications: grad of accred lib school; min 3 yrs relevant prof exp; flexibility; responsive to tech change; achieves results through creative, consultative, and cooperative approaches; interacts with others to achieve high levels of service; committed to public service. Experience in ref service, elect info serv, and admin or sup. work desirable. Successful applicant will take initiative in the intro of innovative services. Full posting at FLIS. Apply with curriculum vitae to: Lisa Raftis, Personnel Manager, Roberts Library, 130 St. George St., Toronto, Ontario M5S 1A5

FACES & PLACES

1. A brief update to our November '89 bio on Valda Poplak at the Health Sciences Library, Centenary Hospital. Valda wishes to thank THLA members for their support and to report that her Library Assistant's contract position has been made permanent. Valda's plans for the New Year include adding Centenary's holdings to the THLA Union List.

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2. **Marina Englesakis** is now working at St. Michael's Hospital Health Science Library in the newly created position of Librarian/Archivist.

Directory Additions

Ms Ina Mae Chan
Health Sciences Library
McMaster University
1200 Main St. West
Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3Z5

Ms Marcia J. Douglas
WCB Reference Library
Workers' Compensation Board
2 Bloor St. East, 22nd Floor
Toronto, Ont. M4W 3L3

Directory Change

Mrs. Rita Shaughnessy
Department of Family and Community Medicine
University of Toronto
8th Floor, 790 Bay St.
Toronto, Ont. M5G 1N9

THLA Treasurer

1. Election

The Treasurer is elected annually by the members of THLA. The duties of the Treasurer extend over a one year period, July 1 to June 30.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 Conducts all banking transactions.
- 2.2 Issues cheques, receipts, invoices when necessary.
- 2.3 Prepares a financial report for each executive meeting.
- 2.4 Prepares year end Financial Statement for publication in the final issue of the THLA News.
- 2.5 Maintains financial records.
- 2.6 Advises secretary and THLA News editor of new THLA members.

THLA Secretary

1. Election

1.1 The secretary is elected annually by the members of THLA. The duties of the secretary extend over a one year period, July 1 to June 30.

2. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Secretary are as follows:

- 2.1 Minutes. To take the minutes of the THLA Executive meetings and to make changes as required. The minutes must be typed and distributed to all members of the CHLA Board as well as to the THLA Executive and one copy is retained on file for archival purposes.
- 2.2 To provide THLA letterhead to members of the Executive as necessary.
- 2.3 To ensure that changes to the Constitution are recorded in the THLA News. A copy of the Constitution remains with the Secretary.
- 2.4 To send flowers or cards etc. to members as necessary and to submit invoices to the Treasurer.

2.5 To submit to the THLA News birth announcements or other personal notes.

THLA News Editorial Team

1. Composition

1.1 An editor, an associate editor and an assistant editor will comprise the editorial team of THLA News.

2. Elections/Appointments

- 2.1 An election to the position of Assistant Editor will take place annually, the elected person agreeing to a 3-year commitment, allowing for one Association year at each editorial level.
- 2.2 In the event that no candidate runs for this office, the THLA Executive, in consultation with the Editorial team, may appoint an individual to the position.
- 2.3 Failure to find an assistant editor, or in the event that another member of the team vacates his/her editorial position, these duties are assumed by the Secretary of the THLA Executive until such time that an election can be held.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 The manner in which the following duties are divided among 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 these terms of reference.

3.2 The Editor of THLA News will attend THLA Executive meetings but may delegate this responsibility to either the Associate Editor or the Assistant Editor in his/her absence.

3.3 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; distributes the publication in accordance with established procedures; devises editorial policies in consultation with the THLA Executive.

THLA Executive

TERMS OF REFERENCE

THLA PRESIDENT

1. Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the President are to:

- 1.1 Represent THLA in the public forum.
- 1.2 Provide liaison between THLA and the CHLA Board. The President should submit to the President of CHLA, before each CHLA Board meeting, a written report of THLA activities; the President also presents a verbal synopsis of the year's activities at the CHLA Annual Meeting.
- 1.3 Provide leadership and direction for the Association and thus to initiate projects. The President is expected to write a column for each THLA News published during the year of office.
- 1.4 Chair meetings of the Executive; set the agenda and arrange for their distribution.
- 1.5 Maintain close liaison with members of the THLA Executive.
- 1.6 Chair general meetings of THLA.
- 1.7 Coordinate the activities of THLA.
- 1.8 Respond appropriately to the expressed needs of THLA members.

THLA President-Elect

1. Election

The President-Elect is elected annually by the members of THLA and is committed to serving a further two years as President and Past-President.

2. Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities of the President-Elect are to;

- 2.1 Attend THLA Executive meetings and participate fully in all discussion and decision-making. The President-Elect must maintain close liason with other members of the Executive.
- 2.2 Assume the tasks of planning and organizing THLA programmes by
 - 2.2.1 contacting speakers

- 2.2.2 arranging locations of meetings

- 2.2.3 ensuring that meetings are well publicized in THLA News

- 2.2.4 hosting the programme portion of General meetings

- 2.2.5 making appropriate arrangements for the Annual Dinner Meeting by ensuring that seating and catering facilities are adequate and by introducing the guest speaker.

2.3 Chair THLA Executive and General meetings in the absence of the President.

2.4 Carry out and participate in projects required and supported by the President and the Executive.

THLA Past-President

1. Liaison

Provides liaison between past and current Executive decisions.

2. Archival Responsibilities

Maintains and stores THLA's Archives.

3. Annual Elections Responsibilities

- 3.1 Recruits nominees for vacant offices.
- 3.2 Submits nomination forms and ballots to the THLA News within the agreed deadlines.

- 3.3 Informs all candidates personally of the results.

- 3.4 Informs the Executive and the President of the results formally in writing.

- 3.5 Submits a report of the election results to the THLA News.

4. Assumes projects and responsibilities as required throughout the year.

5. Participates fully in all Executive meetings and decision-making.