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OUR APRIL PROGRAMME:

CONSENT TO TREATMENT LEGISLATION *(and other tales of trials and tribulation!)*

- DATE:** Monday, April 15, 1996
- TIME:** 6:00 p.m. *Light refreshments* 6:45 p.m. *Programme*
- LOCATION:** Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Avenue
16th floor classroom (near the elevators)
- SPEAKER:** Joseph J. Colangelo of McCarthy Tétrault

Some of you may remember that last year, our March programme dealt with the new health legislation, the trilogy of bills which went into effect April 3, 1995. **Gilbert Sharpe**, Director of Legal Services, Ontario Ministry of Health, spoke to us about the history and development behind this work. Now on April 15, a year later, we'll hear about some of the real-life difficulties encountered by practicing physicians. Our guest speaker is a partner in the law firm which assists physicians as legal counsel. Come to hear about *the other side of the coin!*

If you have any questions about this meeting, contact Colleen Mulloy at 601-7964 or cmulloy@mccarthy.ca

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<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday, April 15	General Meeting: Consent to Treatment Legislation
Monday, May 6	Annual Dinner Meeting, Massey College
Friday, May 10	THLA NEWS deadline for contributions

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**Elaine Wright**

These are indeed troubling times! The *Task Force on Consortium Response to Mergers, Closures, and Restructuring of Hospital Libraries* had barely begun when we learned of the closing of the Ontario Hospital Association Library. A small committee including Elizabeth Uleryk, Elizabeth Reid, Linda McFarlane and Jennifer Bayne met with OHA administrators and drafted recommendations and guidelines to assist them in assessing their information requirements and their options.

The Task Force has completed a draft of recommendations, guidelines and assessment forms for CEOs and Library Directors for all three scenarios (merging, closing and restructuring). An open meeting to discuss the draft will be held on Tuesday, March 26 from 9-11 a.m. in the Alice Moulton Room of the Sigmund Samuel Library. Before distribution, the document must be approved by the Consortium Board in May. A letter describing the work of the Task Force and its terms of reference has been mailed to CEOs of Consortium member institutions.

A second session on DOCLINE drew 28 people from the Consortium and THLA. Training sessions on constructing routing tables will be held in April or May. (For details, contact Jeannie An at 978-1847.)

Many of you, thankfully, are very busy organizing the CHLA conference but we hope you will take a break and attend the THLA April 15 meeting and the May 6 banquet at Massey College.

We had no responses to our plea for a new logo! Does this mean that members are happy with our current logo? After June, THLA will continue, probably with the same logo, but with some new (and some former!) executive members. Please welcome your executive for 1996-1997 ...

PRESENTING

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YOUR 1996 - 1997 THLA EXECUTIVE!**ELAINE WRIGHT****Past President**

Elaine has worked in Information Services at the Science & Medicine Library since graduating with an MLS in 1981. At U of T she has chaired the Reference Services Committee and served on The Advisory Committee on the University of Toronto Library System, the Information Technology Steering Committee and, currently, the Science Services Implementation Team. A new chapter in her life begins on April 30 when she will officially retire from the university, but her interest and concern for academic and health libraries and librarians will not diminish.

COLLEEN MULLOY**President**

Colleen's THLA experience is varied: she served as Treasurer in 1989-90, as Secretary in 1994-95 and President-Elect in 1995-96. (Her meteoric rise to fame culminates this year, and after her stint as Past-President, she intends to retire from public service for a while.) She's also acting as Facilities Chair for the CHLA/ABSC 1996 conference in June. Colleen has been the medical librarian at the law firm of McCarthy Tétrault since October, 1990. A graduate of Loyola of Montreal (now part of Concordia University) and UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Science, she has worked in various health sciences libraries, including ARF and the Academy of Medicine (Toronto). We look forward to your public service zenith as President of THLA, Colleen.

BRIAN CAMERON**President Elect**

Brian has been employed by the Toronto Hospital since June, 1994. Currently, he is a librarian with HealthSearch@TTH, a service of the Toronto Hospital Libraries. Brian was previously employed as curator of the Hart House Library at U of T and as a lab advisor at FIS, where he continues to provide assistance with Internet training sessions. He received a BA from the University of Guelph, followed by an MA from Wilfrid Laurier University before coming to FIS for an MLS. Welcome, Brian!

DAVIDA GLAZIER**Program Planning Assistant**

Davida received her BA in Sociology from McMaster, and her MLS from McGill. After a brief stint at the Science & Medicine Library, she worked as reference and systems librarian at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre (1990-95). Davida is now Resource Centre Coordinator at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES). She has extensive experience on the local scene, having served as THLA Secretary, on various projects with the Consortium, and, currently, as co-chair of the Sponsors & Exhibitors Committee for this year's CHLA conference in Toronto. Welcome back to the THLA executive, Davida.

VIVIAN HUNG**Secretary**

Vivian obtained her MLS from U of T in 1992. Her first assignment after graduation was with the Ontario Medical Association and she is still with the OMA, where her current responsibilities include implementing records management and library services. Prior to entering library school, Vivian was an assistant curator in the Hong Kong Museum of Art. On the lighter side, Vivian is the proud parent of two cats, Cookie and Mac. She enjoys the friendliness of the medical library community and hopes to give something in return by assuming the role of Secretary in THLA. Welcome to you and the cats, Vivian!

MARIETTA FORSTER-HABERER**Treasurer**

Marietta is a graduate of U of T (BA), Carleton (MA) and UWO (MLS). She has managed the Baycrest Hospital Library, been reference/collection librarian at the Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS), and, since last October, has managed the library at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. Marietta is a long-time member of THLA, and served on some earlier committees. Welcome back to the THLA executive, Marietta.

ANNA GAGLIARDI**Newsletter Co-Editor**

Anna has been the reference librarian at the Health Science Library in St. Michael's Hospital since graduating with an MLS from FIS last April. During her second year at FIS she worked at the Science & Medicine Library at U of T, and she worked in the reference department at CISTI during the summer of 1994. Anna continues this year's involvement with the THLA executive, as co-editor of *THLA NEWS*.

TERRI ROTHMAN**Newsletter Co-Editor**

Terri received her MLS from FIS last June, along with the Ontario Library Association Anniversary Prize, granted to the student ranking highest in the MLS program. She has worked at the U of T Criminology Library and the library of The Toronto Hospital (Western Division). Since graduating, Terri has started a freelance business as an information services consultant, providing organizational, research, and communication services to the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario, the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, and Medical Information Services. Terri's experience as newsletter editor for The Ontario Lupus Association (since 1991) and Publicity Committee Chair of the 1993-94 FLIS Student Council equips her for the role of co-editor of *THLA*

NEWS. She looks forward to contributing towards a professional image for THLA and to keeping members informed on relevant issues, trends, and events.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING REPORT

About 30 people gathered to hear Dr. Laura Shanner speak on the ethical implications of new reproductive technologies. Dr. Shanner is the I'Anson Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. She is cross-appointed to the Department of Philosophy and the Centre for Bioethics.

Dr. Shanner began the evening with a definition of ethics and provided a hand-out that summarized types of theoretical ethical approaches to bioethics. She then pointed out that within North America the approach of the healthcare system has shifted from paternalism to autonomy. People are becoming *partners* in their healthcare decisions. In order to make *informed* decisions about their care, people need to have access to information that is free of bias or manipulation. Dr. Shanner does not feel that this type of information is readily available to those making decisions about going forward with one of the new reproductive technologies.

Dr. Shanner claims that, in general, only 10% of what is done in the doctor's office is critically assessed, and *proven* to be useful. In her opinion, the new reproductive technologies are not as good as advertised. Structured outcome studies have not been done. Follow-up studies have been too small in size to determine the negative effects of some of the new technologies. The literature is replete with articles that focus on a 20% success rate. She wonders how many people would opt for the new technologies if articles discussed the 80% failure rate!

Where is information on the negative aspects of these new technologies being published? It is buried in government documents, WHO reports, and sometimes found in the popular literature. She implored us to direct patrons to these sources of information, in addition to resources such as MEDLINE, so that people can make truly *informed* decisions about the use of the new reproductive technologies.

Submitted by Tamsin Adams-Webber

Selected In Vitro Fertilization References

Note: Dr. Shanner prepared a list of references for the Consumer Health Information Service. For a complete list, and/or a copy of Dr. Shanner's hand-out, please contact Anne Taylor-Vaisey at 978-8419.

Burfoot, A. An interview with Dr. Hugh Gorwill: potential risks to women exposed to Clomiphene Citrate. *Issues in Reproductive & Genetic Engineering* 5(1); 1992: 9-12.

Harrison, K.L., Callan, V.J., & Hennessey, J.F. Stress and semen quality in an in vitro fertilization program. *Fertility & Sterility* 48(4); 1987: 633-636.

Klein, R. & Rowland, R. Women as test-sites for fertility drugs: Clomiphene Citrate and hormonal cocktails. *Issues in Reproductive & Genetic Engineering* 1(3); 1988: 251-73.

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). *Long-term effects on women from assisted conception*. Canberra, Australia: Australian Government Printing Office, 1995.

Shanner, L. Informed consent and inadequate medical information. *The Lancet* 346(8969); 1995: 251.

Shanner, L. Abuse by medical practice? Clinical reinforcement of negative cultural norms. *Monash Bioethics Review* 14(1); 47-57.

Shanner, L. The right to procreate: when rights claims have gone wrong. *McGill Law Journal* 40; 1995: 3-54.

CHLA / ABSC 1996
20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
DELTA CHELSEA INN TORONTO: JUNE 12 - 17, 1996

By now you should have received your pre-registration package for this June's conference. One look and you will no doubt be impressed by the number of venues and opportunities available for you to *get connected!* From the CISTI presentations on DOCLINE and special focus databases like BIOETHICSLINE, TOXLINE, and HEALTHSTAR ... to several very topical CE courses ... to the *Multi-Media Madness* presentation by Login Brothers ... to the keynote address, invited papers, and other panels and discussions ... to the social events ... WOW - This conference will be a stimulating, valuable and exciting way to spend a few days in June!

We of the Conference Planning Committee sincerely hope that you will be able to join us and your colleagues for as many of the events as possible, including Saturday evening's *Night on the Town*. Please take a moment to check out the programme, fill out your registration form, and return it (with your payment) to Dorothy Davey (Registration Chair), **NO LATER THAN APRIL 30**. If you have any questions, or if you have not received your pre-registration package yet, please call any member of this year's THLA Executive (see list, p. 2), or contact Dorothy Davey at (416) 485-0377. See you there!

Don't forget our Web Site: <http://www.imr.on.ca/~contact/chla96.html>

Submitted by Cathy Lindsey-King

FACES AND PLACES

Carol Burnham Cook has joined THLA. Carol works at the Willow - Ontario Breast Cancer Resource & Support Centre, and may be reached at 487-8394.

Elizabeth Ann Groskorth of CCH Canada Ltd. has also joined THLA. Her telephone number is 441-4001, ext. 437, and her Internet address is: groskore@ca.cch.com.

Vivian Hung's direct telephone number is 340-2914, not 2916, as listed in the 1996 THLA directory.

As of January, **Rona Lang** and **Glynis Sheppard** have been working part-time as reference librarians at Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS). Telephone them at 393-7168.

We congratulate **Susan Murray**, who recently received accreditation at the Distinguished Level in the Academy of Health Information Professionals! Susan is President-Elect of CHLA/ABSC and the CHLA/ABSC liaison to the Medical Library Association. She has a message for any THLA members planning to attend the MLA'96

conference (June 1-5). In planning the Canadian dinner, Susan would like potential attendees (Kansas City, here we come!) to contact her: Internet: smurray@mtrl.toronto.on.ca, TEL: (416) 393-7168 or FAX: (416) 393-7181.

Robert Shairulla has joined THLA. He is working as a freelancer at Four Villages Community Health Centre. E-mail Robert at shairull@utcc.utoronto.ca, or telephone him at 240-1515.

John Tagg no longer works at the Ontario Hospital Association Library, because that library has been closed. John may now be contacted at 423-4089.

Compiled by Anne Taylor-Vaisey

MARKETPLACE

Here is a selection of job search tools. Many thanks to **Anna Gagliardi** for this submission.

Internet Web Sites

Faculty of Information Studies, U of T	http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/news/jobsite.htm
Foothills Library Association	http://www.ucalgary.ca
<i>HUM</i> (December issue): government ++	http://www.hum.com
Library & Information Studies, Dalhousie	http://quasar.sba.dal.ca

Internet Listservs

International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA)	listserv@infoserv.nlc-bnc.ca "subscribe libjobs <firstname lastname>"
Atlantic Provinces Library Association - posts jobs available in the Maritimes	mailserv@ac.dal.ca "subscribe lis-joblist "<firstname lastname>"
Special Libraries Association (SLA): see also <i>Who's Who in Special Libraries</i>	listserv@iubvm.ucs.indiana.edu "subscribe slajob <firstname lastname>"

Telephone Joblines

British Columbia Library Association	(604) 430-6411
Faculty of Information Studies, U of T	(416) 978-7073
Foothills Library Association	(403) 263-6260
Manitoba Association of Library Technicians	(204) 261-7940
Ontario Library Association	(416) 363-3380: librarians (416) 363-9161 technicians
Special Libraries Association	(202) 234-4700
Library and Information Studies, UWO	(519) 661-3543
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology	(403) 284-7100

Publications

Information Professional's Job Search Guide. Faculty of Information Studies, U of T, 140 St. George St., Toronto, M5S 1A1. Costs \$15.00 by mail (cheque payable to U of T), \$12.00 in person.

The American Library Association's *Guide to Library Employment Services* is free! TEL: (312) 280-4277 or write to: The Office for Library Personnel Resources (OLPR), American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL, 60611

Other Resources

Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, Ottawa branch. Write to: CASLIS Job Bank Co-Ordinator, 266 Sherwood Drive, Ottawa ON K1Y 3W4.

Ulla de Stricker, president of de Stricker Associates, reviews resumés of new graduates. FAX her at (905) 820-7805.

C. Berger and Company, P.O. Box 274, Wheaton, IL, 60189. TEL: (708) 653-1115.

Pro Libra, 6 Inwood Place, Maplewood, NJ, 07040. TEL: (201) 762-0070.

Taylor and Associates, Library Management and Information Services Personnel, 1 Montgomery Street - 15th Floor, San Francisco, CA, 94104. TEL: (415) 391-9170.

Position open: Purdue Frederick (Pickering, Ontario) has an immediate opening for an information professional to manage its corporate library. Responsibilities include ensuring that library resources provide efficient and effective information to internal staff as well as to health care professionals (including drug information centres, hospitals and community pharmacists). For a complete list of duties, consult the FIS Web site. Qualifications: MLS, 3-5 years experience in a medical, scientific or business library, solid organizational and communication skills. Send resumés to: **Connie Milnes**, Manager of Human Resources, Purdue Frederick, 575 Granite Court, Pickering ON L1W 3W8.

BACKMED is a listserv which posts offers of duplicate journals. It is hosted by Readmore Incorporated. To subscribe, send a message to LISTSERV@SUN.READMORE.COM:

"subscribe BACKMED <firstname lastname>"

Jane McLaughlin at the C.C. Clemmer Health Sciences Library, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, reports that offers of duplicate journals will now be posted only on the BACKMED list.

Journal Of Immunology discards! **Loraine Varga** at the Hospital for Sick Children is offering the following to THLA members: bound volumes - v.121, 1978 - v.144, 1990; unbound volumes - v.145 #1,2,6-12, 1990; v.146 #1-12, 1991; v.147 #1-12, 1991; v.148 #1-12, 1992; v.149 #1,5-12, 1992; v.150 #1-12, 1993. If you are interested, please FAX Loraine at 813-7523.

Compiled by *Anne Taylor-Vaisey*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS : MARCH - AUGUST 1996

Note re Faculty of Information Studies (FIS) CE courses (indicated with an asterisk):* For a complete listing, contact **Marcia Chen**. Call Marcia to get on the FIS mailing list, print and/or e-mail. FIS courses cost from \$85 - \$325. There is a discount if you register early.

TEL: (416) 978-7111 FAX: (416) 971-1399 INTERNET conted@fis.utoronto.ca
GOPHER: GOPHER.FIS.UTORONTO.CA [subdirectory: Continuing Education Program]
<http://www.fis.utoronto.ca>

- Mar. 16 Internet Basics***
Instructors: Gwen Harris & Bruce Wood
- Mar. 21 Understanding Your Core Competencies: a Self-Assessment Workshop**
SLA Toronto General Meeting
Location: Metro Toronto Reference Library, Elizabeth Beeton Auditorium
Time: 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. Registration: 252-4564
Cost: \$15 members, \$17 non-members. Bring your own lunch!
More information: <http://www.infomart.ca/sla/index.html>
- Mar. 26 Task Force on Consortium Response to Mergers, Closures, & Restructuring of Hospital Libraries - Open Meeting**
Location: Alice Moulton Room, Sigmund Samuel Library
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 28 Getting Connected to the Internet***
Instructors: Henry Mandelbaum & Rita Vine
- Mar. 29 Marketing Libraries Through the Internet***
Instructors: Jane Dysart & Stephen Abram
- Mar. 29 Job Search Strategies for Information Professionals***
Instructors: Karen Melville & Caroline Werle
- Apr. 12 Performance Management***
Instructors: Susan Geary & Faye Marcotte
- Apr. 15 THLA April General Meeting: Legal Update**
Consent to Treatment Legislation
(See p. 1.)
- Apr. 29 The Clinical Informatics Network (CLINT): Information Tools Supporting Evidence-Based Medicine**
Telemedicine Canada teleconference
Speaker: **Dr. Robert Hayward** (McMaster University)
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848
Internet: info@tmed.org

- May 6 THLA Annual Dinner**
Location: Massey College, University of Toronto
Speaker: **Dr. Bill Green** (of *In Pastures Greener* fame - or infamy!)
- May 16 International Special Librarians' Day**
Information: <http://www.infomart.ca/sla/index.html>
- May 22-25 Multimedia '96 Exposition and Forum**
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Information: **Susan Blair**, TEL: (905) 660-2491, FAX (905) 660-2492
- June 1-5 96th Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association: The Information Frontier**
Kansas City, MO
Information: <http://www.kumc.edu/MLA/MLA96>
(Potential attendees please call Susan Murray at 393-7168.)
- June 6-9 CLA Annual Conference**
Halifax, N.S.
TEL: CLA at (613) 232-9625 ext. 305
- June 8-13 37th Special Libraries Association Conference: Information Revolution - Pathway to the 21st Century**
Boston, MA
Information: <http://kalypso.cybercom.net/~sla/events.html>
- June 10 Positioning the Library for Success in a Restructured Health Care Environment**
Telemedicine Canada teleconference
Speaker: **Jennifer Bayne** (The Toronto Hospital)
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848
Internet: info@tmed.org
- June 12-17 Creative Connections: CHLA/ABSC 1996**
Delta Chelsea Inn, Toronto
Information: <http://www.imr.on.ca/~contact/chla96.html>
(See p. 6.)
- Aug. 8-9 Marketing & Public Relations**
Middle Management Institute: SLA CE course
Information: **Tracy Lofty** TEL: (202) 234-4700 ext. 649 Internet: tracy@sla.org