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Editors' Corner

The September pumpkins are in the hands of the Halloween carvers, and the magic colours of the autumn leaves are here to brighten our days. These are reminders that our 1989-90 THLA meetings are underway in earnest.

The September meeting was on MIS Guidelines for Hospital Libraries, and a report of the meeting is included in this issue of the NEWS. The November meeting is of interest. It will include a presentation relating to CD-ROM databases. In addition, during November 6-17, the CD-ROM MEDLINE databases will be on demonstration at the U of T Science & Medicine Library. Phone Elaine Wright, at 978-8617, if you are interested in attending sometime during the two-week period. The December meeting is the annual Christmas Social. This is always an enjoyable occasion, so plan now to attend.

In past years, the THLA Membership List has been mailed with the November issue of the NEWS. This year it is planned to distribute it at the Christmas social in December.

The Editors encourage you to participate in providing items for publication in the NEWS. These can include areas of professional interest and concern, that you would like to share with library colleagues. Please take a few minutes and write about them. Copy deadlines and publication guidelines are included in the September issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marjory Morphy
Editor

INSIDE CIRCUIT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Special thanks go out to those who helped make our first meeting of the year on the subject of "MIS Guidelines" so worthwhile: **Susan Hendricks** and **Elizabeth Reid**, for their excellent presentations on this timely topic, and the staff of St. Michael's Hospital Library, particularly **Anita Wong**, for providing their spacious auditorium, hearty refreshments and a library tour.

Our next meeting on CD-ROM should be of great interest. Since people heard that the Dentistry Library was getting CD-PLUS, I've had several calls to see our system. The November 13th meeting at the Alice Moulton Room will give you a chance to see both Compact Cambridge

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and CD-PLUS - Elaine Wright has arranged to get CD-PLUS on demo to coincide with our meeting. Be sure to attend.

It is unfortunate that so few Canadians were able to attend "UNYOC at Twenty-Five: Building for the Nineties" in Syracuse from October 4-6th. Only about ten of the 150 registrants were Canadian - from London, Ottawa, Hamilton and Toronto - but we made our mark. Joanne Marshall gave a lively and thought-provoking lecture on "Health Science Library Education in Canada and the U.S." Joanne stated that most health sciences courses are offered by adjunct/part-time faculty, resulting in there being no consistent advocate for a health sciences specialty. Tom Flemming effortlessly chaired the meeting and Mary Anne Trainor has been working along with Tom to increase membership in UNYOC (Mary Anne collects dues in Canadian funds to make membership for Canadians less costly and more convenient). MLA is also concerned about the decline in membership: there was an informal discussion session with a small cross-section of Canadian and American UNYOC attendees to elicit some of the problems. And I won a prize! My name was chosen in ISI's draw for a 1988 Science Citation Index on compact disk. In my report to our Assistant Dean, I duly noted the smart economics of sending me to the meeting! Plan now to attend the UNYOC Annual Meeting in Rochester from October 14-17, 1990 on "Quality for the Nineties."

One last reminder...it's not too early to make plans for the Christmas season. Our Christmas social is a definite crowd-pleaser: good company, yummy food and lovely location. Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible. The only change this year is that we will also have beer available from the bar. Another inducement to attend is that we will be distributing the new membership list: it really isn't possible to have it ready much earlier, as many people put off renewing their THLA membership (tsk, tsk). Do come!

Susan Murray
President

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
25 SEPTEMBER 1989
SAINT MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL

TOPIC: MIS GUIDELINES FOR HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

SPEAKERS: **Susan Hendricks**, Oshawa General Hospital
Elizabeth Reid, Toronto Western Hospital

ATTENDANCE: 25

Susan Hendricks gave a brief outline of the CHA/MIS Project. In response to the need for clearer, updated management of information system guidelines, the Canadian Hospital Association proposed the formation of the MIS

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project. The mandate of the project was as follows:

1. To improve the timeliness and comparability of data collected within Canadian health care facilities for management, planning, evaluation, reimbursement and research purposes.

2. To better measure resources and activities by integrating financial, statistical and clinical operational data bases.

Oshawa General and the Toronto Hospital were two of the test sites chosen by the project.

Elizabeth Reid of the Toronto Western Hospital talked about her library's role as a test site and demonstrated how she adapted the MIS Guidelines to accomodate the statistics she chose to record.

Susan Hendricks described the CHLA/ABSC Task Force on the CHA/MIS Guidelines. The Task Force's terms of reference are: to gather the background information on workload measurement systems and to assess the CHA/MIS Guidelines prior to submitting recommendations for consideration by the CHLA/ABSC Board.

In closing, Susan noted that in times of financial constraint and budget cutbacks, comprehensive workload measurement systems can be used to justify the addition of staff and other resources to the annual budget.

Sandra Langlands, Chair of the Consultative Committee, addressed the meeting on the progress of the consortium. The by-laws are in their 8th draft and have been sent to several hospitals and the University's lawyers for comment. The Committee expects the by-laws to go to a 9th draft before they are finalized. A membership contract is also in the preview stage.

A job description for the Director of the consortium is being drawn up and several names for the consortium are being considered. The Committee hopes the consortium will be up and running by January 1990.

All the speakers were introduced and thanked by Susan Murray. Thanks to Anita Wong and Bonnie Brownstein for arranging the facilities and refreshments.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

November 13, 1989

TOPIC: CD-ROM Databases - to include demonstrations
by U. of T. Science & Medicine Library staff.
PLACE: U. of T. Sigmund Samuel Library, Alice Moulton
Room.
TIME: 6:30 pm

December 4, 1989

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SOCIAL

PLACE: Ontario Cancer Institute
Staff House
2 Wellesley Place

TIME: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
5:30 - 6:00 cash bar
6:00 - Dinner

DIRECTIONS:

Wellesley Place runs north of Wellesley St., between Jarvis & Sherbourne streets. There is limited parking on Wellesley Place in the hospital parking lot.

COST:

Tickets will be available at the door and will include food, a glass of wine and a chance of door prizes. \$6.00 Members, \$8.00 guests.

R.S.V.P. to Eva Gulbinowicz, at 965-2561, by November 29, 1989.

VOLUNTEERS: You are invited to bring tempting and tantalizing desserts.

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UPCOMING 1990 MEETINGS

JANUARY 1990

TOPIC: Primary Care Medicine

SPEAKERS: Dr. Wilf Palmer, Lynn Dunikowsky

FEBRUARY 1990

TOPIC: CAN/OLE II - Seminar at U.of T. Science & Medicine Library. Alice Moulton Room.

APRIL 1990

TO BE ANNOUNCED

MAY 1990

Annual Dinner Meeting

Details about the 1990 meetings will be included in future issues of the THLA NEWS.

INTEREST GROUPS

DISABILITY RESOURCE LIBRARY NETWORK

The next meeting will be on Tues. Nov. 21, at 2:30 pm at Bloorview Children's Hospital, 25 Buchan Court and will be hosted by Deborah Lambert (494-2222). Peter Bernauer will speak re the barrier-free design centre. Elaine Bernstein will speak re In-Magic. For more information contact Joanne Bar, 395-5581. At the last meeting there was a business meeting followed by a session given by Joanne on the North York Public Library microcomputer for children and adults with visual impairments.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The preparation and review of the By-Laws for this consortium is almost complete, and the selection of Board members has begun. The Committee members would like to thank those people who suggested names for the consortium.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

There will be a Medline on Dialog seminar Dec. 12/89 at Micromedia. To register, and for more information contact Maggie Weaver at 593-5211. THLA members can get a discount on the seminar so make sure to say you are one.

1. **Valda Poplak** will be managing the library at Centenary Hospital as of Oct. 30/89. Valda has many years of experience as a Medical Librarian in South Africa, whence she has recently arrived.

2. The Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled is now located at 45 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 801, Willowdale, M2N 5W9 (250-7490)

FACES & PLACES

NEW MEMBERS/NEW MEMBER LOCATIONS

Ms. Homa Asayesh
Women's Health Centre

Ms. Barbara Gorska
Toronto Western Hospital

Mrs. Joanne E. Collingwood
Sunnybrook Medical Centre

Mrs. Elizabeth Mullens
Academy of Medicine

PUBLISHING DEADLINE - 1990 MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The Membership lists, personal and institutional, will be sent to the publisher November 30th and distributed on December 4th at the Christmas party. In the interests of resource sharing and networking among THLA members, please make sure that any name, address or communications changes are submitted prior to the publishing deadline to either **Colleen Mulloy** (964-7088) or **Dorothy Davey** (485-0377). Please note that both ENVOY 100 codes and FAX numbers will be listed in this edition.

Since changes will be carried in the THLA News throughout the year, they will be welcomed at any time. If you hear of changes with respect to institutions other than your own, please don't assume that we have also heard - send them along.

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MARKETPLACE

1988 SLA DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The 11th edition, 1988 Directory of Special Libraries in the Toronto Area is available from Colin Hoare, Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd. 620-2849. Prices are as follows: \$65 for SLA members, \$75 for non-members. Call now as supplies are limited.

POSITION AVAILABLE

A full-time Librarian/Archivist is required for the Health Science Library at St. Michael's Hospital. Responsibilities: Collecting, organizing, preserving and retrieving all archival materials relevant to the history of St. Michael's hospital. Assist in the planning, researching and implementation of an integrated library automation and document management system. Participation in the Quality Assurance program. Qualifications: A proactive individual with an MLS or equivalent, an advanced level of knowledge in computer applications as well as a certificate or commitment to take courses on Archival practices, on-line searching skills (Medline, Dialog). The preferred candidate will have experience in archival practice/library automation, some hospital/health care experience and excellent interpersonal and communication skills. To apply please send a resume indicating salary expectations to: Human Resources Department, St. Michael's Hospital, 30 bond St., Toronto, Ont., M5B 1W8.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STUDENT PRACTICUMS

THLA members are invited to submit outlines for student practicum projects for the Health Sciences Information Resources course at FLIS. The course will be taught from January to April 1990 by Professor Joanne Marshall. The projects may be administrative in nature or they may deal with a service or the building or organization of a collection. For further information please contact Joanne ASAP at 978-4664. The deadline for project outlines is Nov. 15/89.

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MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

Dorothy Davey has kindly consented to take on the responsibilities of Membership/Public Relations Officer. Dorothy has been providing computerized address labels and the annual membership list for a number of years, but now she will contact potential members throughout the year to make them aware of THLA. She is also working on a brochure describing the aims and activities of THLA.

Please let Dorothy know if you have any changes in your library (phone #, address, staff members etc.) OR if you are aware of changes in other libraries.

CO-ORDINATOR OF THE THLA UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS

Eleanor Hayes, the first recipient of the THLA Honorary Life Membership, continues to be an extremely active member of THLA. After having edited the 5th edition of the THLA Union List of Periodicals, Eleanor has bravely signed on to co-ordinate the 6th edition. However, we are still looking for three people to assist her in this Herculean task. See below...

THLA UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS COMMITTEE

The THLA Executive is still in the process of selecting an editor (proposed, but not yet confirmed - Pat Fillery), and a Permanent Committee of Three - don't let the word "permanent" scare you off from volunteering: it'll likely be a term of two or three years. This is your last chance to let the Executive know that you are interested in being on the Union List Committee - please phone Susan Murray at 979-4372.

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THLA UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS - 6TH EDITION

Start now to pull together your list of new titles, changes and deletions. Sometime before the end of the year (fingers crossed), you will be receiving a printout of what your holdings were in the 5th edition and 1989 supplement. Please make this a high priority item and select a staff member with familiarity with periodicals to take on this task.

CD-PLUS DEMO AT SCIENCE & MEDICINE LIBRARY

From November 6-17, the CD-PLUS system will be on demo in the Science & Medicine Library. CD-PLUS will also be discussed and demonstrated at our next meeting on November 13th. In addition, the Dentistry Library, Toronto General Hospital Library and St. Michael's Hospital Library are all using the CD-PLUS system.

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SOFTWARE SURVEY

In order to facilitate the sharing of microcomputer expertise among THLA members, we would ask you to list below any micro software you or your institution are currently using for library applications. Please exclude word processing applications.

<u>NAME OF SOFTWARE</u>	<u>LIBRARY APPLICATION</u>

Please forward your replies to: Susan Murray
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