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For details of this publication please refer to any of the office bearers listed below, or to ALIA headquarters. Please note that contributions are solicited from our members. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the editor or the National Executive, and feedback is welcomed.

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Please do not hesitate to contact any of the above for information about our Section, to suggest and/or comment upon what you feel the Section should be doing on your behalf and to contribute items for the next Newsletter. Please also keep in contact with your local branch Executive about happenings in your state.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

At the recent Congress in New Delhi a draft Resolution was submitted on forming an International or World Association of Medical and Health Science Librarians and setting up an Interim Committee to examine this proposal which would include a representative of the National Health Libraries Section of A.L.I.A.

You will find a copy of this resolution and other related matter in this Newsletter and you are asked to consider it carefully and write or otherwise contact a member of your State Executive (or the National Executive listed previously) voicing your opinion of this submission. We would like to respond on behalf of all our members as soon as possible and appreciate your urgent consideration and reply to the Draft Resolution.

CONFERENCE UPDATE

The programme for the 9th Biennial Health Librarians Conference being held with the 4th Asian Pacific Specials and Law Librarians Conference at the Canberra Convention Centre in Canberra from Sept 1st to 5th, 1991 is almost ready for distribution.

The conference is focussing on Achieving Excellence and will include two days of general interest papers for all librarians followed by two days devoted to health or law or special librarian's topics.

Members of the National Executive have again met with other Committee members in Canberra to formalize the papers and produce the Programme for distribution in March.

Guest speakers for the Health Libraries group are Guy St. Clair (guru on small libraries), Dr. Marjorie Pawsey (Quality assurance and accreditation), Margaret Gibson-Smith (Collection management) and Dr. Patricia Layzell-Ward (Reference and education).

A most interested and varied programme has been planned with papers from librarians representing academic, hospital, psychiatric hospital, occupational health and drug company libraries. There will be key note addresses, short and long papers, poster papers and a role play. A report by the latest recipient of the Anne Harrison Award is also on the programme and the Award will also be presented at our special Dinner being held at the National Gallery on Wednesday 4th September after the Section's AGM.

The flowers will be in bloom, the snow is not far away and there is plenty to see and do before and after as well as during the Conference.

Further details can be obtained from Linda Mulheron (Westmead Hospital Library 02-6336260) or Prue Deacon (Dept of Community Services and Health 06-2897062) or Margaret Saville (CSIRO 06-2818355). Linda has lots of details about accomodation too and would be happy to keep a register of those interested in sharing.

ANNE HARRISON AWARD

The first call for applications for the Anne Harrison Award for 1992/93 will shortly be forthcoming. Please watch Incite for details of the Award and methods of Application. The Secretary for the Award is Katherine Kelly (Westmead Hospital 02-6336262).

A copy of the first report by the current recipient, Frances Bluhdorn appears in this Newsletter.

DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION

The W.A. Branch of HLS has voiced its concern about the number now assigned to patient education in DDC - 615.507 where it is grouped with the therapeutics section. The subject now sits between iatrogenic diseases and eclectic and botanic medicine, and just before allopathy, homeopathy, and osteopathy.

Whilst the change from 610.73 may be intended to indicate that patient education is also done by people other than nurses, there is now no provision for using 610.73 to indicate patient education that is done by nurses and the new number is not very descriptive anyway.

We are seeking your views and comments on this change to DDC and will publish your responses in future Newsletters. As patient education becomes a major focus in hospitals and other health settings, it will be even more critical for us to simplify the retrieval of the growing literature in this field. If appropriate, recommendations for change will be submitted to the cataloguing standards committee of ABN.

Write to us or your state Secretary with your comments now.

HOSPLAN Sydney, N.S.W.

The New South Wales Hospital Planning Advisory Centre is well known to most health librarians, particularly those who have at any time had to be concerned with the construction, fitting or commissioning of new hospital services. From its earlier location in Foveaux Street, Surry Hills, inner Sydney it was displaced by the Computer Division of the state Health Department and moved into the present premises at Rozelle Hospital.

At vast expense, one of the lovely old Sydney sandstone buildings, known locally as Kirkbride (for historical reasons) was completely restored and made available to HOSPLAN, for such is the acronym of Hospital Planning Advisory.

The institution was a Schedule 4 hospital (other) for the purposes of funding and staffing. There are various ways of obtaining federal funds for state activities. Indeed, most of the employees of the Computer Division of the Health Department were not public servants, but Hosplan employees.

The Health Department reviewed early in 1990 the functions and activities of Hosplan, and decided to close it down. Some of the functions were assumed by the Capital Works Unit of the N.S.W. Health Department while others were abandoned. As an entity, the organization was wound up entirely.

Some of the other dismembered parts of Hosplan or their functions or the people who hitherto performed them were relocated to other parts of the health system,

The Minister for Health is also the Minister for the Arts (at least until after the next election) and he has used his influence to have the Rozelle campus considered as a site for the new campus of the Sydney College for the Arts. There is a coloured brochure and plan which

have been developed for the site, copies of which have been seen at Rozelle as well as at the Health Department. Later on, a small portion of the land may be sold for real estate development after the new hospital buildings have been constructed.

Of the thirty five staff of Hosplan, some were offered redeployment and others redundancy. The Librarian, Sue Brockway, chose the latter. She is well known and much respected by her colleagues, and her expertise will be much missed.

It has been proposed, and is generally accepted that the whole contents of the library be put into the care of the College of Health Service Executives, as it is now known. Their premises are to be located at North Ryde on the Macquarie Hospital campus. For various reasons it was seen as desirable that the collection be maintained by this body, rather than the library of the Health Department, even though it is expected that the Department will continue for some time to finance the collection of the library.

It is fortunate that the value of the collection has been recognised. Other colleges and professional bodies active in the health professions will be offered accommodation on the campus, and it is planned that possibly part time staff will manage the library.

Wouldn't it be pleasant if Sue Brockway decided to come back to the collection and once again grace it with her experience and knowledge. One such health planning library is still very much needed.

It is expected that the library will open in February 1991, and be in full operation some time after that. The college will appoint the library staff, and the initial responsibility of the library will be to the members of the college of Health Service Executives, though it is expected that it will take its place in the larger health library community.

FROM THE LITERATURE

ALBERANI V

The use of grey literature in health sciences: a preliminary survey. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 78(4) October 1990 358-363. Paper describes some initiatives in the field of grey literature, and activities of an Italian study group. Excellent introduction (the first?) to grey literature in health. Evaluates the use of grey literature by end users and how it is cited in regular periodicals. Enumerates the various types and their utilization, country of origin and publishers- whether governmental or not. This study is ongoing. Excellent paper.

BLEEKER A

Analysis of external and internal interlibrary loan requests: aid in collection management. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 78(4) October 1990 345-352. Analyses 61,000 external ILL requests for copies of papers from Erasmus University Medical Library, Rotterdam. Study was to determine optimum length of retained backruns. More than 50% of requests were for material in the last two years, and 90% within twenty years. In one year about 4,000 internal requests were received for titles not held. These were analysed to guide purchasing. New titles are reviewed for price, bibliometric indicators, number of requests, backfiles, and requesting departments. Library committee ultimately decides. This paper shows what guides them. Excellent study.

CAMPBELL FM

National bias: a comparison of citation practices by health professionals. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 78(4) October 1990 376-382. Citation practices of U.S. and U.K. authors were studied in the files of the Lancet and New England Journal of Medicine. Results suggest that U.S. authors publishing in NEJM and U.K. authors in the Lancet tend to cite material produced in their own countries more than would be warranted by the amount of material produced by these countries. In addition, these authors cited material produced in non-U.S. and non-U.K. countries far less than the amount of material produced by these countries would indicate.

CRAWFORD DS

Regional health library service in Northern Ireland. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 78(4) October 1990 364-369. The regional medical library service provided to physicians, hospitals, nurses, social workers and health administrators throughout Northern Ireland by the Queen's University of Belfast is described. A brief outline of the National Health Service in the U.K. is given and the library service described in terms of collections, cataloguing, ILL and reference.

FITZGERALD P

Third Asian and Pacific Special & Law Librarians Conference. A S L Australian Special Libraries 23(3) Sept 1990 77-86. This conference was held in Adelaide while this paper represents a delayed report of consumer satisfaction with the event. A questionnaire was distributed to delegates and the results collated. Figures are given. The response of delegates was generally positive, despite questions of the loaded kind "Did you appreciate...?" Chief consumer concern seemed to be about the quality of the papers and their presentation. Also the few overseas delegates, considering the resounding title of the gathering. Debate whether to seek more delegates from Australia and New Zealand, or try market research for others. Your correspondent who is involved in the Canberra conference in September this year believes that all who labour on the same project should read this paper.

LAW DG

The International scene in biological and medical libraries. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 78(4) October 1990 337-339. A very brief summary of the activities of International Federation of Library Associations in the health field. An introduction to this issue of the journal which centres on international activity.

MADDOX J

Does the literature deserve the name? Nature 6296 15 Nov 1990 191. Describes and condemns badly written papers, speculating on the cure.

SALEM S

Bibliometric aspects of medical information in Arab countries. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 78(4) October 1990 339-344. Concentrates on Arabic sources of medical papers and analyses the size and development of the literature over the last century. Sources both within and without the region are covered. Author concludes that the sheer size of the literature is worth collecting. Only with serious treatment of the literature will Arab medical infrastructure develop. Author address is Arab Centre for Medical Literature, Kuwait.

EDITORIAL

Dual publication and manipulation of the editorial process. Archives of Dermatology 126(12) December 1990 1625-26. Six leading U.S. editors of dermatology journals have agreed to expose double publication - by asking for explanations from intending authors. Details of the plan are given and the beneficial outcome to be expected.

Compiler Ian Stubbin NPOW

NEW MESH HEADING FOR 1992 RECOMMENDED BY AUSTRALIAN LIBRARIAN

Don Keast, Librarian at Campbelltown Hospital in N.S.W. has recently convinced the National Library of medicine to introduce a new MESH Main Heading in 1992.

This is: PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASES

This heading will simplify retrieval as at the moment there are only see references from PVD to such headings as ARTERIAL OCCLUSIVE DISEASE.

Don has submitted other suggestions to NLM which are still under consideration. Congratulations to Don on this achievement and a reminder to others to submit possible changes, corrections and suggested new headings for consideration to Lois Anne Coliani at NLM.

ALIA HOUSE OPENING

The new National Headquarters of ALIA were officially opened on the 23rd November, 1990. The building, designed by well known Sydney architect Philip Cox is 2000 square metres and features a marble foyer floor, a circular foyer with a gallery level on the first floor and brass banding on the circular walls. There is a Conference Room opening onto a paved courtyard and lots of room for ALIA staff. The building symbolizes the tradition of libraries as they move into the C21st.

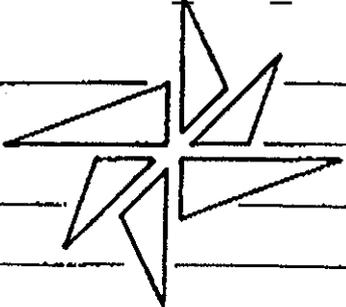
The new address for ALIA is:
9-11 Napier Close, Deakin, A.C.T. 2600
PO BOX E441, QUEEN VICTORIA TERRACE, A.C.T. 2600.

Why not visit the new building when you come to Canberra for Achieving Excellence in September?

KEEPING UP WITH THE LITERATURE

Those health librarians who expressed interest in sharing views on managing one and two person libraries may be interested in the book by Bill Katz, published in 1987 but still a leader in its field.

The book is entitled THE HOW-TO-DO-IT MANUAL FOR SMALL LIBRARIES and it presents practical advice grounded in the day-to-day activities of running a small libraries. 30 librarians have contributed chapters on topics including staff and personnel, budget preparation, cataloguing, library promotion, procedure manuals, cooperative services, collection development and automation. The book is published by Neal-Schuman and costs \$54.25. It's ISBN is 1-55570-016-0



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ANNE HARRISON AWARD, 1989
PROGRESS REPORT

The activities of the Anne Harrison Award, 1989 entail the development of an instrument to assist health librarians demonstrate the contribution of hospital library information services to patient care. The planned study will test the instrument in representative hospital environments of New South Wales. As the recipient of the 1989 Anne Harrison Award, it is with great pleasure I present the following progress report.

1. From an administrative perspective:

Katherine Kelly from the Westmead Hospital Library accepted the position of Secretary to the Anne Harrison Award Administrators and has been available for any enquiries about the requirements, administration and management of the Award.

I liaise continually with Lesley Townsend, Co-Ordinator, Research Development Office, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The Research Development Office is responsible for co-ordinating the administration of research grants where Royal Prince Alfred Hospital has undertaken to act as the Administering Institution. Specifically, the following actions have resulted:

-- a trust account has been opened via Financial Services Department for administration of the Award funds and includes maintaining a record of all financial transactions and monitoring expenditure. The trust account is named by the Award and surname of the Award recipient.

-- a "Central Registry" file has been created for the Award to establish an official record

of all activities. Copies of all paperwork relevant to the Award, including a copy of the Award application, have been filed. The file is known by the name of the Award and the surname of the Award recipient. The file is kept in the Research Development Office.

2. Major activities engaged to date:

In the middle of 1990, I travelled to the United States of America^o and consulted with David N. King, College of Library and Information Science, University of Kentucky. David King effected the development of a similar instrument in a study first conducted in Chicago in 1986 (1). I am very pleased to report David King is delighted by the prospect of this Award.

While in the United States of America^o, I consulted with colleagues who have experience in adaptations of the King Study (1):

- Kay E. Wellik, Health Sciences Library, St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix AZ
- Helen L. DeRoy Medical Library, Providence Hospital, Southfield MI
- Tamara A. Turner, Director of Libraries, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Seattle WA
- Sylvia E. MacWilliams, Hospital Library, Southwest Washington Hospitals, Vancouver WA

I have increased my knowledge of developments in the field of research into the impact of library information services via my travel to the United States of America^o by attending the Medical Library Association's 90th Annual Meeting, the Special Libraries Association's 81st Annual Conference, and related continuing education courses, such as "Productivity in Libraries and Information Centers", conducted by Donald W. King and José-Marie Griffiths.

I continue to review the literature reporting activities in measuring the impact of library information services, or studies on use of library information services and application of information by library patrons.

[^o1 was assisted in my travel to the United States of America by the awarding of a Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Medical Board Bicentennial Travelling Fellowship for 1990. The Medical Board offers the Fellowship to members of staff to support travel in Australia, or overseas, to enable the presentation of a paper or to assist in any other scientific, medical or educational purpose deemed to be of benefit to the Hospital.)

3. From the perspective of kudos:

I am absolutely delighted to advise that the Australian Library and Information Association, Health Libraries Section, Queensland Group in its capacity as the National Executive of the Section for 1989, reported my receipt of the Anne Harrison Award in Incite 1990 Feb 19; 11(1): 24 (Apology -- 1990 Apr 30; 11(5): 6) and MLA news 1990 Feb; 222: 20. Written expressions of congratulations were received from:

- Prof. M. Browne, Head, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Technology, Kuring-gai Campus, Sydney
- J.M. Demas, Library of Rush University, Chicago, U.S.A.
- V. Hemingway, Managing Director, Bennett-Ebsco Subscription Services, Sydney
- W.M. Horton, Director General, National Library of Australia, Canberra
- J. Kirk, Department of Library and Information Studies, University of Technology, Kuring-gai Campus, Sydney
- M.G. Sell, Medical Information Services, Faxon, U.S.A.

Summarily and sadly, I report progress on the activities for which I received the Anne Harrison Award are behind schedule owing to a number of unforeseen situations and circumstances beyond the control of the Administrators of the Anne Harrison Award and myself. However, activities are underway and much of the administrative procedures established. I look to greater progress over the next twelve (12) months.

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(1) King DN. The Contribution of hospital library information services to clinical care: a study in eight hospitals. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 1987 Oct; 75(4): 291-301

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