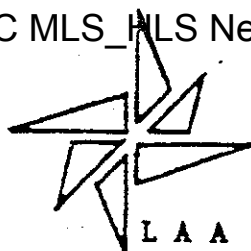


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Medical Librarianship in the '80's and beyond . . .

- M Y W O R L D P E R S P E C T I V E -

Fiona Makay Picken, Regional Librarian at the North West Thames Regional Library, Charing Cross Hospital will be the guest speaker at the September general meeting of the MLS Victorian Group.

Fiona will be talking about the future of medical librarianship based on her experiences in medical libraries throughout the world. No doubt, Fiona will have some interesting stories to tell, not only of her professional experience, but also of adventures beyond libraries.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

DATE : Friday 25 September 1987  
TIME : 6.00 for 6.30 p.m.  
VENUE : Medical Library, Prince Henry's Hospital  
St Kilda Road, Melbourne  
COST : \$2 towards refreshments  
RSVP : Andrew Rooke, by Friday 18 September  
620-0621 ext 2351

After this meeting, a small group will be dining with Fiona at a nearby BYO restaurant. If you'd like to come along, please let Andrew Rooke know when you RSVP.

Also, Fiona is staying in Melbourne for several days after the Adelaide Conference. If you'd like to join her on a day trip on Saturday 26 September, please contact Sue McNair (phone 389-1233)

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#### JULY MEETING REPORT

The meeting was attended by 30 people and began with a farewell presentation to Pat Nakouz former Chief Librarian, Victorian Department of Health, by Veronica Delafosse. Many of Pat's colleagues joined in wishing her well in her retirement and thanking her for assistance and inspiration.

Jenny Waddell the Victorian co-ordinator for HEAPS (Health Education and Promotion System) then spoke on the development of HEAPS throughout Australia. HEAPS is a directory of health education and health promotion programmes which are currently running or have been run in the past. The HEAPS database can only be accessed via MEDLINE.

Improvements to HEAPS are being planned by increasing the coverage of the database; updating records every 6 months or so to keep contact names and evaluation of programmes current; and simplifying the data collection forms to include pertinent questions only. A manual for searching HEAPS is in progress and should be available by October 1987. Jenny distributed literature on HEAPS, including some search exercises.

Thanks to the staff of the John Lindell Library for their hospitality.

### HOSPITAL STATISTICS

A reminder to all hospital librarians to forward completed statistics forms for July 86 - July 87 to Kathy Hutton, C/- Medical Library, Royal Children's Hospital, Flemington Road, Parkville 3052. If you have any queries, Kathy may be contacted on 345-5109.

### COMBINED PRESENTATION TO LAW LIBRARIAN'S GROUP : MLS AND WHIG

Aina Zalitis (VCI) and Judy Czuchnowski (RMH:SON) represented MLS Vic Group in a panel discussion with Helen Scott (Brotherhood of St. Lawrence) and Ruth Harrison (Family Action) at a Law Librarian's Group meeting in May.

Aina opened the session with an overview of: the medical library system in Victoria; the variety of indexing and abstracting services supporting medicine; and the most frequently used databases. Judy then followed with a description of existing health networks including CMLO, RMLS and HEAPS. Judy also outlined the proposed ILL co-operative scheme based on GRATIS/SA.

Ruth Harrison first spoke on the networking of the Welfare and Health Information Group. Members are using Inmagic software and are swapping floppy disks to gain access to each others holdings. Ruth then discussed the library services at Family Action. Her clients are generally social workers throughout Victoria so contact with them is usually by mail. ILL requests are guaranteed to be delivered within four days of requests being received. Databases used include DHSS (London), Social Work Research and Abstracts (USA), FAMILY, Australian Education Index and APAIS.

Helen Scott outlined the services of the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence Library. The library is open to the public and aims to collect material related to disadvantaged people in Australia.

Susan Sandford (Secretary, LLG) closed the meeting and thanked the guest speakers. Comments from those present suggested some envy at the degree of co-operation amongst medical libraries. The Law Librarians expressed their willingness to speak at an MLS meeting on a topic of interest.

Thanks go to Aina and Judy for preparing and presenting their talks and for representing MLS Vic Group.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

A Quality Assurance Sub-Committee was established in May 1987 to look at the elusive concept of quality assurance in health science libraries. The Sub-Committee has met several times to evaluate the QA literature relating to libraries. It has accepted as its base document the AMA/ACHS Peer Review Resource Centre's publication, Quality assurance in hospital libraries : information kit. In addition, the Sub-Committee has identified a number of examples of QA programmes, most of which could be implemented quite simply. The Convenor of the QA Sub-Committee can provide details of where these examples can be found in the literature.

The Sub-Committee intends to file examples of QA programmes for libraries (particularly health science libraries). They would be delighted to hear from members who can contribute details of their own successful QA programme for sharing with other members.

Sub-Committee members:	Anne McLean	VAUH (Convenor).	450.5111
	Veronica Delafosse	VSMH	528.6433 ext 832
	Jocelyn Dixon	VMMH	419.0031
	Margaret McKinnon	VRGH	490.2111

### LAA FAX NUMBER

For speedier correspondence with the LAA: FAX (02) 692-0689

ALTERNATIVE ILL SCHEMES

Given the recent increase in ILL charges, libraries are looking to alternative schemes providing cheap or free copies and/or loans. Two such schemes currently being considered by health science libraries in Victoria are:

- 1) CMLO (Central Medical Libraries Organisation) ILL scheme
- 2) Victorian GRATIS ILL scheme

CMLO ILL scheme

Many CMLO members have expressed interest in a proposed scheme to obtain ILL photocopies and loans from University of Melbourne libraries at a cheap rate. The copies and loans would be made on behalf of CMLO participants by a person(s) employed by CMLO. A Working Party is developing a strategy to bring the scheme into effect. The anticipated cost of a loan or photocopy will be well under \$6.00.

Joan Martin is sending a letter to CMLO members asking them for details on their potential use of the scheme, taking into consideration the possible development of a Victorian GRATIS scheme (see below).

If you would like more details, please contact Joan Martin, CMLO Secretary, C/- Brownless Medical Library, University of Melbourne, PARKVILLE 3052. Phone 344-5717.

GRATIS/GRATISSA REVISITED

Last year, members were asked to express their interest in developing a free-of-charge ILL photocopy scheme, similar to the GRATIS scheme in NSW and the GRATISSA scheme in South Australia. Thirteen Victorian health science libraries, many of them hospital libraries, responded positively to the idea. At the time, this number was thought to be insufficient to create a viable scheme.

The broad aims of GRATIS/SA are:

- to maximise the use of the resources available in health science libraries, before approaching other sources
- to reduce demand on net lenders
- to provide a free and fast ILL service to other members
- to create and maintain a union list of periodicals held by participants in the scheme
- to have reciprocal rights with similar schemes

Any health science library, regardless of size or hours of operation, is welcome to join as long as they can meet the following criteria. Members need to:

- supply a complete list of periodical holdings on joining the scheme, and provide an updated list annually, with six monthly supplements
- offer an adequate ILL service
- have a NUCOS locat-on symbol for easy and unique identification (there is no need to be a contributor to NUCOS to have a code assigned to your library)

GRATIS/GRATISSA REVISITED (CONT'D)

Each library is ranked as a first, second, third... resort library, depending on the size of their journal collection. Consideration is also given to any risk of over-use, especially where staffing is a severe problem.

The basic rule of operation is that members request ILL copies from a 'first resort' member capable of filling the request. Members with large collections are asked to supply material only if they are the sole source. Members are asked to not make excessive use of any one library. Requests which cannot be filled are returned immediately.

GRATIS and GRATISSA have been operating successfully for several years. Members of these schemes are keen to see a similar operation in Victoria. Both networks would be willing to arrange reciprocal rights with VIC GRATIS.

If you are interested in joining a VIC GRATIS scheme, or would like more information on its possible implications to your library service, please complete the form below and return to Judy Stoelwinder, VAUH, before Friday 18 September 1987. If you have any queries, please ring Judy on 450-5111.

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GRATIS SCHEME FOR VICTORIA

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YES, I am interested in the proposal to form a Victorian GRATIS ILL scheme and would consider joining

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YES, I would like some more information about a Victorian GRATIS ILL scheme

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NO, I am not interested in a Victorian GRATIS ILL scheme

NAME :

LIBRARY :

ADDRESS :

TELEPHONE :

Please complete and return before Friday 18 September, 1987 to:

Judy Stoelwinder  
Medical Library  
Austin Hospital  
Burgundy Street  
HEIDELBERG 3084  
ph. 450-5111

UNION NEWSprofessional pay rates

During the week beginning 20th July 1987, libraries at the following institutions were inspected by officials from our union (VAHPA), the Health Department of Victoria and the Department of Labour: Prince Henry's Hospital; Royal Melbourne Hospital; Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre; Austin Hospital; Alfred Hospital; Cancer Institute; and Royal Children's Hospital. The libraries were chosen to include specialised and general hospitals, to allow the interviewing of librarians with a range of qualifications, to illustrate the variety of library services and collections, and to identify the common skills Librarians use to manage information. The meeting of the officials involved in the inspections took place on 3rd August. Our union is confident that the claim for professional or 'science rates' will be found to have merit i.e. that the skills and responsibilities of Librarians are comparable to those groups already being paid 'science rates'. However movement towards deciding the rates of pay, and the approval of these rates will be more problematic, and progress will not be known for at least another month.

Union rationalisations

It is the policy of the ACTU, Federal Government and business lobby groups that unions are to be reduced in number. Because unions without access to federal registration have a very bleak future, VAHPA's Executive authorised the investigation of establishing an HEF 3 Branch for VAHPA members. Discussions have also been held with union representatives of the Medical Scientists and Hospital Pharmacists, groups also interested in the HEF 3 proposal. It should be stressed that there is no possibility of HEF Branches amalgamating into a single health union, nor of Branch members being called on to support the industrial action of the other Branches. As elections for office bearers are expected to be held soon, VAHPA members are urged to join HEF 3 now.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is an application form for VAHPA, and HEF 3. If you are already a VAHPA member, simply fill in the HEF application and return the form to VAHPA's offices at: P.O. Box 157 ABBOTSFORD VICTORIA 3067. VAHPA's union dues are \$169 p.a. for full-time employees, and there is no additional fee for joining HEF 3. Your union representatives, Elisabeth Giddy (phone 344-2398) and Kathy Hutton (phone 345-5109) would be pleased to answer any union queries.

EXPERIENCE SOUGHT BY VISITING CHINESE LIBRARIAN

Gongfa Luo is Technical Services Librarian at Sun Yat-Sen University of Medical Sciences. He will be visiting Australia for six months in 1988 to further his training and experience in library science. Mr Luo will be supported by the Chinese Government during his visit to Australia. The Canberra College of Advanced Education has arranged for Mr Luo to attend a series of lectures and tutorials. He would like to follow this up with practical experience in an Australian medical library. If you can offer assistance, please contact Enid Meldrum, MLS Vic Group Secretary (ph.520-3003) for a copy of Mr Luo's letter, or contact him direct at the following address:

Mr Gongfa Luo, Librarian-in-Charge  
Technical Services Department, Library  
Sun Yat-Sen University of Medical Sciences  
74, Zhongshan Road  
II, Guangzhou  
The People's Republic of China

NURSING EDUCATION LIBRARY FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

The Nursing Education Library Facilities Sub-Committee was formed in May 1986, at the request of the Inter-Departmental Steering Committee for the transfer of Nursing Education from Hospital to Tertiary Sector Programmes.

The sub-committee members met monthly, until the completion of their work in December 1986. A summary report of their recommendations is now available. Copies may be obtained from Sandra Russell, St Vincent's Hospital Library, phone 418-2201.

NURSING AUSTRALIA

Nursing Australia 1987-88 is a new release, available from Information Australia, 45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000. It provides a national guide for nurses at all levels with sections on courses for enrolled, auxiliary and mothercraft nurses; scholarships and financial assistance; professional associations; nursing opportunities; nursing abroad; and information for overseas nurses. The cost is \$39.95 plus \$5.55 postage and handling.

NURSING AND HEALTH RELATED SERIALS

Nursing and Health related serials: a union list of titles held in colleges offering nursing programmes in NSW and ACT.

Copies are available free from: Kevin Stapleton, Campus Librarian  
Catholic College of Education Sydney  
40 Edward Street (P.O. Box 968)  
NORTH SYDNEY 2060  
(phone (02) 929-0199)

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Mary Delafield retired from the Baker Medical Research Institute on 9 July, 1987 after 18 years with the Institute. Tessa Morton is now the Librarian at BMRI.

Adam Clark has joined the Library at the Monash Medical Centre, Clayton Campus. Adam was formerly Librarian at World Vision.

Congratulations to Janice McDermott on the birth of her daughter, Kate in June.

CHANGES TO NOTE

The Australian Medical Libraries Group (ACT Branch) is now called the Australian Association for Health Literature and Information Science (AAHLIS for short!)

The Library at the Queensland Branch of the Australian Medical Association (QAMA) has now closed. No further library inquiries are being accepted. The University of Queensland Library at Herston and various hospital libraries now hold the collection between them.

MEDLINE ON CDROM

A demonstration of Medline on CDROM is to be held on 22 September, 1987 at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton Campus. Please contact Bronia Renison, Moorabin Hospital, phone 579-4444, for more details.

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AND AGM

Arrangements are underway for our end-of-year celebrations and Annual General Meeting. Friday 27 November is the date, so please make a note to keep it free. The venue will be the beautiful buildings and gardens of the Lincoln Institute School of Nursing. Further details in the next Newsletter.

LAA ACQUISITIONS SECTION PUBLICATIONS

Following the LAA Acquisitions Section seminar "The Dollar Crisis" held in Darwin on 29 June, 1986, several papers presented at the seminar have been issued as occasional papers.

Occasional Paper 14

The dollar crisis: (publishers)  
Trevor Glover, Penguin Books, Australia Ltd

Occasional Paper 15

The dollar crisis: impact on special libraries  
Peter Dawe, CSIRO

Occasional Paper 16

Acquisitions and the Australian dollar: a dilemma or a challenge  
for Australian academic libraries  
Dr Brian Cook, Brisbane College of Advanced Education

Free copies of these publications may be obtained from Sandra Russell, Library, St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria Parade, FITZROY (phone 418-2201).

MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP NETSDI OUTPUT

A NETSDI profile on medical librarianship is regularly run against MEDLINE. A selection of titles received from searches over the past few months are listed below. If you would like copies of the abstracts of these articles, please contact Sue McNair (phone 389-1233).

Rankin JA; Williams JC; Mishelevich DJ. Information system linking a medical school with practitioners and hospitals. J Med Educ 1987 Apr;62(4):336-43.

Lacroix EM; Dutcher GA. A comparison of interlibrary loan requests received by the National Library of Medicine: 1959 and 1984. Bull Med Libr Assoc 1987 Jan;75(1):7-13.

Wos M; Oddan L. Effect of institutional mergers on hospital libraries. Bull Med Libr Assoc 1987 Jan;75(1):34-5.

Messerle J. Health sciences libraries: strategies in an era of changing economies. Bull Med Libr Assoc 1987 Jan;75(1):27-33.

Davis RM. Where will technology put the library of the 21st century? Bull Med Libr Assoc 1987 Jan;75(1):1-6.

Littlejohn L. Nursing a library back to health. Nurs Times 1986 Oct 22-28; 82(43):40.

Holtz VH. Measures of excellence: the search for the gold standard. Bull Med Libr Assoc 1986 Oct;74(4):305-14.

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The printing and postage costs of this Newsletter have been donated by the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories. Please send any items for the next Newsletter to: Sue McNair, CSL Library, 45 Poplar Road PARKVILLE 3052

- LET'S HAVE SOME FRESH BLOOD -

Nominations are now being called for members of the Medical Libraries Section Victorian Group Executive Committee for 1988.

The Committee consists of up to eight members and includes the office bearers President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. Other members of the Committee are involved in arranging venues, speakers and refreshments at general meetings; compiling and distributing the Newsletter; and organising the end-of-year function. Committee members may also participate in working parties for special projects and publications.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU???

- Experience on a professional committee
- Close association with professional colleagues
- Awareness of issues facing medical libraries and the LAA
- A valuable addition to your CV
- Experience at providing hospitality at professional functions

#### MORE INFORMATION

Contact any of the 1987 Committee members for information on what's required for each office:

President	Veronica Delafosse	528-6433 ext 832
Secretary	Enid Meldrum	520-3003
Treasurer	Andrew Rooke	620-0621 ext 2351
Past President	Sandra Russell	418-2201
CE Officer	Jocelyn Dixon	419-0031
Newsletter Editor	Sue McNair	389-1233
Committee member	Jean Leith	418-6858

If you'd like to stand for the 1988 Committee or wish to nominate someone you know who has enthusiasm for their profession or expertise in the medical library world, please complete the form below and return it to:

Enid Meldrum  
The Secretary, MLS Vic Group  
Medical Library, Alfred Hospital  
Commercial Road  
PRAHRAN 3181

\*\*\* CLOSING DATE : 12 October, 1987 \*\*\*

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#### NOMINATION FOR THE 1988 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEDICAL LIBRARIES SECTION VICTORIAN GROUP

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for the position of \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Seconder \_\_\_\_\_  
I, \_\_\_\_\_ accept the nomination.  
Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

\* PLEASE NOTE: All signatories must be members of the LAA Medical Libraries Section





# I WANT YOU

TO STAND FOR ELECTION  
TO THE MLS VICTORIAN GROUP'S  
1988 COMMITTEE