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RESOURCE LIBRARY DIRECTORS MEET

Mary Mylenki, Associate Director

On July 17, 2001, the directors of the Resource Libraries in the Middle Atlantic Region met at the New York Academy of Medicine. This was the first annual meeting of the group under the new contract. Nearly all of the 24 Resource Libraries were represented. The RML staff and the directors welcomed Angela Ruffin, head of NLM's National Network Office, as our guest. Dr. Ruffin gave an informative presentation about the complex process by which RMLs are selected and described the expanded goals of the NN/LM program.

Mary Mylenki, Associate Director for the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region, followed up with an overview of the regional program, describing ongoing program areas such as network membership and plans to increase it; the role of Resource Libraries; and a new structuring of the Regional Advisory Committee. Ms. Mylenki spoke briefly about the National Training Center and Clearinghouse (NTCC), which had also been mentioned by Dr. Ruffin, and answered some questions. The NTCC staff's first priority is updating the training manuals, which will be posted on the NN/LM web page and will be available in both MSWord and pdf formats. The clearinghouse functions are still under discussion between NLM staff and the NTCC staff.

A substantial portion of the meeting, morning and afternoon sessions, was given over to discussion of two major programs proposed for the region, led by Dr. David King, Director of the RML and of the Academy's Division of Information Management. First he presented the proposed consumer health information project called CHORD (Consumer Health Out-Reach Development). This project will begin with information-gathering forums at several sites around the region, leading to a number of local collaborative projects over the next three

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years. These projects will include Resource Libraries, health sciences institutions, consumer organizations, and other healthcare organizations, with a goal of planning, implementing and assessing consumer health information outreach throughout the region.

The second major project discussed is the Electronic Document Delivery Research Project, a multi-year initiative designed to provide a systematic evaluation of different methods for implementing electronic document delivery in the region. The participating libraries will develop a joint research plan for investigating the technical, economic, legal and administrative aspects of different methods of digital document delivery. There are many issues to explore, ranging from copyright questions to the ability of borrowers to receive electronic documents.

Although Dr. King announced to the group that he would be leaving the Academy in early August, he is committed to these projects and wishes to be involved in their planning and implementation.

Further discussion centered upon other regional programs, including the consumer health subcontracts geared toward hospital and public libraries; potential technology forums which are planned for each year; additional public health outreach projects in Year 2; and cross-regional projects supported by NLM. Announcements of these funding opportunities will soon be going out. Look for them on the MARL list. In the meantime, as the major projects develop, we will be keeping you informed.

NEW RELEASE OF THE PUBMED TUTORIAL

This past July saw the release by the National Library of Medicine of a new version of the [PubMed Tutorial](#), formerly titled "PubMed Online Training." As always, the tutorial is available from the PubMed sidebar.

Many users requested an Index, and this is now accessible through the tutorial sidebar. The tutorial now includes a section dealing with the Cubby and its functions. This feature is also available through the sidebar.

The tutorial has a new, fresh look with several new graphics and all new screenshots as Flash animations. The animations were also optimized to decrease download times as well as to decrease the need for scrolling as requested by users.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Welcome New Network Member

NDRI, Inc. (National Development & Research Institutes), New York, NY (NYUCJK)

NDRI is a non-profit research and educational organization founded to advance scientific knowledge in the areas of drug abuse, HIV, AIDS, therapeutic communities, related areas of mental and public health, criminal justice, urban problems, prevention and epidemiology.

Library Closings in the Middle Atlantic Region

The following libraries have either closed or merged within the past two months. Please remove them from your Routing Tables.

Parkview Hospital (PAUPMT) closed

Trinitas / Elizabeth General (NJUEGN) merged with NJUSEE

May we remind you that if you have not yet removed Carrier Clinic, NJUCFL, Genesee Hospital, NYUGHR, and MCP Hahnemann Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, PAUPPI from your routing tables, please do so (see the May-June 2001 issue of the *Middle Atlantic Perspective* for more information.)

EFTS - THE ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER SYSTEM

From: New England Sounding Line, March-April 2001

The Electronic Fund Transfer System (EFTS) has been meeting the needs of health science libraries in the New England and Middle Atlantic regions since it became operational in January 1996. The University of Connecticut Health Center Library will continue to offer EFTS service and will be conducting a campaign to enlist new libraries in the coming months.

The NN/LM Mid-Continental Region (CO, KS, MO, NE, UT, WY) recently hosted EFTS presentations from the staff and will be joining the system this summer. The NN/LM South Central Region (TX, AR, LA, OK, NM) has been running an independent server for the last two years. As of May 1, 2001, these libraries were added to the database and became viable EFTS partners. Using EFTS, Harvard can now directly bill the University of Texas. Finally, the hardware and software that support EFTS have been enhanced. A new server running SQL will be used to process the increasing number of transactions and add more functionality to the system in the near future. The wish list includes online monthly statements, and web-based data collection. So collect your thoughts on EFTS and think about features you would like to have included in EFTS. The staff is preparing to survey its users to gather input for the next version of the application.

For those of you who are not EFTS participants and wish to learn more about it, information can be found at <http://nlnmner.uhc.edu/efts/> or by calling the University of Connecticut Health Center, (860) 679-4500.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS PRINTOUT CAME FROM?

[For those of you who have Internet Explorer and would like to add a default copyright statement to any pages you print, we happily reproduce a tip from David Brennan, MLS,

*AHIP, which appeared in the April 2001, issue of the **Pittsburgh Pulse.**]*

One of the nicer things about printing from the Web is the header/footer that appears on each page that gives you a notion of what the site is and the URL. But did you know that this is a function of your browser and can be changed to anything that you want? For example, I've set up a default header/footer that puts the copyright notice at the top of each page.

In Internet Explorer, select File and then Page Setup – note the current settings in case you want to go back to them. Then just enter the text you want to appear as the header or footer. This would be particularly useful for literature searches or full-text articles that you print for your users. Some advances copiers also have this feature and, when combined with memory settings for double-sided and stapled, can save many hours of labor throughout the year.

David uses the following wording as his header: “NOTICE: This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17 US Code).” In his footer he states “Provided by Health Sciences Library, St. Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA (<http://www.sfhs.edu/library>).”

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER & CLEARINGHOUSE'S CLASSES – SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2001

The September - December 2001 training schedule along with the beginning of the year 2002 classes may be found at the National Online Training Web site (<http://nlnm.gov/mar/online>). You may register online at this site.

Classes Offered:

Keeping Up with NLM's PubMed, the NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov

This one-day class covers PubMed, the NLM Gateway, and ClinicalTrials.gov. This class is designed for the NLM searcher who has been searching PubMed but would like a refresher or an

update on the newest enhancements; or for the searcher who has been searching MEDLINE from another interface and wants to transition to PubMed. An overview with demonstrations to learn about the NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov is also included.

It is expected that students attending this class should be familiar with MEDLINE, MeSH vocabulary and Boolean logic as these core topics are not covered. If you have never searched MEDLINE or used MeSH before, the two-day Introduction class (described below) is appropriate. There is no charge for this class.

September Calendar

September 10, 2001	Minneapolis, MN
September 24, 2001	Bethesda, MD

October Calendar

October 19, 2001	Tempe, AZ
October 22, 2001	Bethesda, MD
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November Calendar

November 5, 2001	Denver, CO
November 14, 2001	Worcester, MA
November 19, 2001	Bethesda, MD
November 28, 2001	San Diego, CA

December Calendar

December 3, 2001	Chicago, IL
December 10, 2001	Atlanta, GA

Introduction to Web-based Searching: Using PubMed, the NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov.

This two-day class is designed for the searcher who is new to searching MEDLINE. This includes those who have never searched before as well as users with some searching experience but little knowledge of the MEDLINE database or the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) vocabulary.

Instruction on the MeSH vocabulary and Boolean logic is included. Students will learn to use PubMed and will receive an overview of the NLM Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov.

There is no charge for this class.

September Calendar

September 10-11, 2001	Bethesda, MD
September 12-13, 2001	Minneapolis, MN

October Calendar

October 15-16, 2001	Bethesda, MD
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November 5-6, 2001	Bethesda, MD
November 7-8, 2001	Denver, CO
November 15-16, 2001	Worcester, MA

December Calendar

December 4-5, 2001	Chicago, IL
December 11-12, 2001	Atlanta, GA

TOXNET on the Web

This one-day class conveys the basics of searching NLM's TOXNET, a Web-based system of databases in the areas of toxicology, environmental health, and related subjects. Students learn the content and structure of files covering toxicology data, toxicology literature, toxic releases, and chemical searching and nomenclature. Among the databases highlighted are TOXLINE, the Hazardous Substances Data Bank, the Integrated Risk Information System, the Toxic Release Inventory, and ChemIDplus.

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NLM TECHNICAL BULLETIN 2001

The following articles from the current *Technical Bulletin* are available on the Web at:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/tb.html>

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- Future of the MEDLINE Unique Identifier - e2
- NLM Announces the National Training Center and Clearinghouse Contract and the May - December 2001 Class Schedule - e3
- New Version of Locatorplus - e4
- Title Word Search Added to Single Citation Matcher - e5
- AIDS-related Citations Added to PubMed® and the NLM Gateway - e6
- How to Search OLDMEDLINE Using the NLM Gateway - e7
- Hands On: Adding Your Library's Icon using the PubMed Cubby - e8
- Changes to the PubMed® Journal Browser - e9
- Technical Notes - e1:
 - NN/LM Contracts Awarded
 - NLM Preservation Practices
 - New Version of NLM Gateway Released - May 23, 2001
 - New Alias URL for PubMed: pubmed.gov
 - MEDLINE Citation Maintenance
 - Papers of Nobel Scientists Christian Anfinsen and Marshall Nirenberg added to *Profiles in Science*
 - New NLM Factsheet: What's the Difference Between MEDLINE and PubMed?
 - Conversion from Wade-Giles to Pinyin Romanization Scheme
 - NLM Classification Online
 - Beta Test Version of the Redesigned PubMed Central Pages
 - EPA's TRI99 Joins TOXNET

MLA TAPES AVAILABLE

The NN/LM office has purchased a full set of audiotapes from the Medical Library Association 2001 annual meeting held in Orlando. The theme of the meeting was: "An Information Odyssey."

The tapes are available on loan from the NN/LM office and may be requested by DOCLINE® through the New York Academy of Medicine library (NYUNYA). When ordering, please note in the Comments field, "Available from the RML." There is no charge for borrowing these tapes.

GENERAL SESSIONS

- GS1. **Welcome from the President of the Medical Library Association...***J. Michael Homan, AHIP, president, MLA; Welcome from the Southern Chapter...**Lynn M. Fortney, chair, Southern Chapter; Welcome from the 2001 National Program Committee(NPC) ...Judith G. Robinson, chair, 2001 NPC; Jean P. Shipman, AHIP, associate chair, 2001 NPC; and Faith A. Meakin, AHIP, Local Assistance chair, 2001 NPC*
- GS2. **Plenary Session I - The John P. McGovern Lecture: Introduction...***Wendy N. Carter, director, Library Programs, VA Central Office, Washington, DC; "Patient Empowerment versus Patient Endangerment: The Delicate Balance Between Privacy and Access"...**Dixie B. Baker, Ph.D., vice president, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), and chief technology officer, Health Solution Group, Redondo Beach, CA*
- GS3. **Plenary Session II - The Janet Doe Lecture:Introduction...***Rachael K. Anderson, AHIP, director emerita, Arizona Health Sciences Library, University of Arizona-Tucson; Adjusting to Progress: Interactions between NLM and Health Sciences Librarians, 1961-2000...**Betsy L. Humphreys, AHIP, associate director, Library Operations, and assistant director,*

*Health Services Research Information,
U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM),
Bethesda, MD*

GS4. **Legislative Update...***Jane Bortnick Griffith, assistant director, Policy and Legislative Development, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD; and Dale Dirks, president, Health and Medicine Counsel of Washington, Washington, DC*

GS5. **NLM Update**

GS6. **Plenary Session III - The Joseph Leiter NLM/MLA Lecture: Introduction...** *Faith A. Meakin, AHIP, 2001 Local Assistance Committee, and director, Health Science Center Library, University of Florida-Gainesville; “From the Gene to the Marketplace: The New Age of Biotechnology?”...Anthony (Tony) J. Shuker, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer, EmTech Biotechnology Development Inc., Atlanta, GA*

GS7. **Plenary Session IV - Introduction...** *Judith G. Robinson, chair, 2001 NPC, and assistant dean, Library and Learning Resources, Brickell Medical Library, Eastern Virginia Medical School - Norfolk, VA; “Transformational Leadership: Leading in Changing Times”...Carol Kinsey Goman, Ph.D., president, Kinsey Consulting Services, Berkeley, CA*

SECTION SESSIONS

1. International Cooperation and Public Health/Health Administration Sections - “To Boldly Go Where No Information Has Gone Before”
2. Medical Library Education Section - “Embarking on the Odyssey: New Perspectives”
3. Cancer Librarians, Consumer and Patient Health Information, Medical Society Libraries, Hospital Libraries, and Pharmacy

and Drug Information Sections and Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG - “Gene Therapy: We’re Only at the Beginning”

4. Medical Informatics, Public Health/Health Administration, Leadership and Management, and Medical Library Education Sections - “Core Competencies for Librarians in Informatics–Intensive Environments”
5. Public Services, Medical Informatics, and Federal Libraries Sections - “Using the Web and Other Technologies to Enhance Reference Services”
6. Chiropractic Libraries, Hospital Libraries, Consumer and Patient Health Information Sections and Mental Health and Complementary Medicine SIGs - “An Information Oddity: The Quest for Reliable Resources and Tested Terminology in Alternative and Complementary Therapies”
7. Dental Section - “DVD ‘Bookbag of the Future’: Implications for Libraries”
8. Federal Libraries and Hospital Libraries Sections - “MEO, Streamlining, and You”
9. Pharmacy and Drug Information Section - “The 2001 EMBASE Lecture”
10. Research Section - “The Research Process: The Beginning, or How to Get Started”
11. Collection Development, Technical Services, Public Services and Consumer and Patient Health Information Sections - “User-Oriented Collection Management”
12. Medical Informatics and the Educational Media and Technologies Sections - “Education Outside the Classroom 1: Libraries’ Roles in Distance Learning”
13. Public Services Section - “Providing Reference Services Differently”

14. History of the Health Sciences and Leadership and Management Sections and Oral History Committee - "Profiles in Leadership: Time Travel with Some of Our Most Memorable Mentors"
15. International Cooperation Section - "Opening the Doors to HAL – Programs for Developing the Health Librarian of the Future"
16. Hospital Libraries, Corporate Information Services, Collection Development, and Educational Media and Technologies Sections and Internet SIG - "What Is an Information Portal and Why Should I Care?"
17. Leadership and Management and Public Services Sections - "Making the Magic: Essentials of Leadership"
18. Cancer Librarians Section and Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG - "The Impact of 'DNA Chips' on Medicine in the Twenty-First Century"
20. Educational Media and Technologies and Medical Informatics Sections - "Getting All the Oars in the Water: Collaborative Teams and Strategies for Technology Implementation and Support"
21. National Program Committee - "Voyages into New Ways of Educating Users"
22. Consumer and Patient Health Information and Relevant Issues Sections - "Speaking Plainly: Meeting the Health Information Needs of Low-Literate Consumers"
23. History of the Health Sciences and Medical Informatics Sections - "IAIMS Then and Now: An Informatics Odyssey" (2 tapes)
24. Hospital Libraries and Leadership and Management Sections - "A Publishing Odyssey: What Medical Librarian Authors and Journal Purchasers Need to Know"
25. Nursing and Allied Health Resources, Chiropractic Libraries, and Collection Development Sections and Complementary Medicine SIG - "Mapping the Literature: From Theory to Adaptation and Implementation"
26. Veterinary Medical Libraries Section - "Odyssey to the Unknown: Research in Toxicology" (2 tapes)
27. Educational Media and Technologies, Medical Informatics, Hospital Libraries, and Leadership and Management Sections - "Education Outside the Classroom 2: Decision Support and Information Systems Training in Clinical Settings"
28. National Program Committee - Exploring Our Future"
29. Research, Consumer and Patient Health Information, and History of the Health Sciences Sections - "From Idea to Research Plan: How to Get Started"
30. Technical Services, Collection Development, and Federal Libraries Sections - "The Digital Library: Reality or a Galaxy Away?"
31. Nursing and Allied Health Resources and Consumer and Patient Health Information Sections and Mental Health SIG - "Consumer Health Information: Special Needs for Mental Health Populations"
32. Public Health/Health Administration, Federal Libraries, International Cooperation, Consumer and Patient Health Information, and Pharmacy and Drug Information Sections and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Librarians and Rehabilitation Hospital SIGs - "Medicine for International Travel: State of the Art, 2001"
33. Bioethics, Genetic Counseling, and Gene Ethics – "Issues in Veterinary and Human Medicine"

NOTE: Section Session 19 (Problem-Based Learning SIG – "Supporting Palmtops in the Curriculum") was not taped.

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