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The catastrophic events of September 11 unfolded as this newsletter was nearing completion, and like all of you, and indeed everyone throughout the country, we could scarcely believe what we were hearing and seeing. The shock and horror would have been unimaginable twenty-four hours earlier. All of us have been affected, some more deeply and personally than others. I sincerely hope and pray that no one among you lost friends or loved ones in this disaster. There is nothing we can say that hasn't already been said many times over.

Like many other organizations some distance from the disaster scene, our basic telephone carrier and ISP were both located in lower Manhattan, along with a lot of New York's technological infrastructure. As I am writing this nine days later, we still have very limited telephone service; we were saved by the fact that the 800 number and our fax number are with different carriers. The real difficulty, of course, was being cut off from e-mail and the Internet. I wouldn't say we ordinarily take these things for granted, but we sure are dependent on them for so much of our communication.

A few programs have been set back, and some things which we expected to get out to you earlier in September have been delayed. As we catch up within the next days and weeks, we will make every effort to get all these programs back up to speed as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, as we all aim for normalcy, our hearts go out to everyone of us affected by these terrible events. We look forward to seeing many of you in person at the upcoming MLA chapter meetings and other regional fall meetings.

### **NOTE:**

This is a newsletter. The links and information are up-to-date when published and are NOT updated after the published date.

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## IFLA UPDATE – “LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE KNOWLEDGE AGE.”

by Erica Burnham, Consumer Health Information Coordinator

It has been 15 years since the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Annual Conference was held in the United States and so it was a rare opportunity to attend this year in Boston, MA. Over 5,000 people from 150 countries participated. This is the first year that the National Library of Medicine has both exhibited and presented a workshop. In addition, in partnership with the Medical Library Association, the NLM sponsored ten people from around the world to come and participate in the conference.

People from the Middle Atlantic Region, the New England Region and the National Library of Medicine staffed the exhibit. Over 100 people stopped by to ask questions and to take part in demonstrations. It was a great experience to hear cataloguing issues debated in French, to discuss the changes to PubMed and Internet Grateful Med with the librarian from the University of Medical Sciences in Tehran and to introduce MEDLINEplus to a large Chinese delegation.

Javier Crespo, the consumer health coordinator for the New England Region, and I held a workshop at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital on the last day of the conference. Thirty people showed up for a tour of the hospital's Learning Center and a demonstration of consumer health projects and resources in the United States, with an in-depth demonstration of MEDLINEplus. Participants from Finland, New Zealand, Spain, France, and Japan shared what their countries were doing to increase access to relevant and authoritative health information. A discussion of corporate bias in the production of lay language health materials illustrated a variety of national policies in the development of selection guidelines. Another hot topic at the workshop and at the conference in general was the provision of full-text journal articles via the National Library of Medicine's databases via LinkOut and PubMed Central.

IFLA was a great opportunity to see how valuable and appreciated the National Library of Medicine is throughout the world.

## NCBI OFFERS NEW BOOKS DATABASE

Reported by Annette Nahin, Bibliographic Services Division, NLM

In collaboration with book publishers, NLM and the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) are expanding the Books feature by adapting more books for the Web. As in the past, the books are linked to PubMed citations, but can now also be searched directly. To search Books, click on the “Books” link on the black bar at the top of the screen, or choose Books from the “Search” pull-down menu on any PubMed screen. Searching and other new features will be explained in a forthcoming article in the NLM Technical Bulletin, <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/tb.html>

In addition to the original text, **Molecular Biology of the Cell**, 3rd ed. (New York: Garland Publishing; 1994) by Bruce Alberts, Dennis Bray, Julian Lewis, Martin Raff, Keith Roberts, and James D. Watson, the Books database now includes:

**C. elegans II**. Riddle, Donald L.; Blumenthal, Thomas; Meyer, Barbara J.; Priess, James R., editors. Plainview (NY): Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press; c1997.

**Retroviruses**. Coffin, John M.; Hughes, Stephen H.; Varmus, Harold E., editors. Plainview (NY): Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press; c1997.

For more information, please visit Books or write to [books@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](mailto:books@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

## CITING INTERNET RESOURCES

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce the availability of the following new publication on its Web site:

National Library of Medicine Recommended Formats for Bibliographic Citation. Supplement: Internet Formats, at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/formats/internet.pdf>

An HTML version will be available shortly.

Like the original Formats publication, this Supplement is based on guidelines provided by the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) and the International Standards Organization (ISO), and it provides many sample citations illustrating the recommendations. The Supplement also includes an appendix updating the list of abbreviations for journal title words that appeared in the earlier publication.

The original Formats publication is still available in hard copy from NTIS at <http://www.ntis.gov>

Patrias, Karen. **National Library of Medicine recommended formats for bibliographic citation.** Bethesda (MD): The Library; 1991 Apr. Available from: NTIS, Springfield, VA; PB91-182030.

It contains citation formats for 12 categories of published material: journals, books, conference publications, technical reports, dissertations and theses, bibliographies, patents, newspaper articles, maps, legal materials, audiovisuals, and electronic formats such as online and CD-ROM. Unpublished material such as “in press” items and personal communications are covered as well.

## DEADBEATS?

*by Joanne Jahr, Network Programs Coordinator*

Interesting conundrum... What to do in a case where a request for article delivery winds up at your library and the requesting library owes you money from requests you filled for them previously?

One thing you should NOT do is to reject the request by using CAN or CST. If you do not want to fill it, move it on in the DOCLINE system using the OTH code. An even better idea would be to get on the phone and call the delinquent library. There may be an excellent reason why they have neglected to pay their bill; often it's a glitch in their accounting software, but you should give them a chance to explain. It goes without saying that everyone is overworked and understaffed; to stop a request means that the borrowing library is going to have to start all over. If it's a unique title, the request could very well wind up once again in your library.

To reject a request without an explanation can only serve to escalate the decibel level. If you are shy and dislike “confrontation,” call us at the RML. Explain your predicament and let us act as your intermediary. We would be more than happy to arbitrate the “dispute.”

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS IN THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

The following library closed within the past two months. Please remove it from your Routing Tables. Please consult the previous two issues of the newsletter for other closings and mergers that have occurred during the year.

United Health Services / Binghamton General Hospital  
NYUZGG

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC NIGHTMARE... BEFORE YOU CLAIM....**

by Joanne Jahr, Network Programs Coordinator

Six months ago there was a brief, complex discussion on SERIALST about the Wiley InterScience journal, *Arthritis & Rheumatism* (ISSN 0004-3491). Recently, a MEDLIB-L subscriber trying to do an ILL, and unaware of the previous discussion, noticed some apparent confusion with a citation to an article. There are 254 libraries in this region listed in SERHOLD as holding *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. For those of you who missed the discussion or who missed seeing an editorial that appeared in *Arthritis Care & Research*, we are reproducing the initial MEDLIB-L inquiry and an explanation from NLM, which may or may not clear up matters.

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Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2001 09:50:06 -0500  
Subject: Combination of Arthritis & Rheumatism /  
Arthritis Care & Research

We received an ILL request for an article from *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. It had been verified in MEDLINE, but the citation appeared to be incorrect, and we verified it in another database as actually appearing in *Arthritis Care & Research*. When I reported the apparent error to NLM, this was their reply. I wanted to put this out FYI in case others were unaware of the situation:

“I am writing in response to your e-mail to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) regarding some confusion with a citation to an article in *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. The PubMed citation is correct, but your confusion is understandable. A decision was made by the American College of Rheumatology to produce the journal *Arthritis Care & Research* as a section of the journal *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. This is explained in an editorial in the December 2000 issue of *Arthritis Care & Research*:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext?ID=81502384&PLACEBO=IE.pdf>

Basically, the editorial said that with the February 2001 issue, *Arthritis Care & Research* officially

became a section of *Arthritis & Rheumatism*. [According to the editor, Gene G. Hunder, the distinction between the two publications is that *Arthritis Care & Research* is to focus on clinical rheumatology.] The cover of *Arthritis Care & Research* includes the name *Arthritis & Rheumatism* to show the new connection. It also shows the same International Standard Serial Number (ISSN). The ISSN carried by *Arthritis Care & Research* since 1988 (ISSN 0893-7524) has been dropped by the publisher(s). **Because it is now considered a section of *Arthritis & Rheumatism* and both journals carry the same ISSN, NLM must label citations for both in PubMed as *Arthritis & Rheumatism*.**

Dr. Hunder’s editorial went on to state that “a more noticeable change will be in the yearly volume designation,” and here is where it gets more confusing. *Arthritis & Rheumatism* continues its old volume numbering and is volume 44 for 2001, with monthly issues, and *Arthritis Care & Research*, a bimonthly, which was volume 13 in 2000, leaps to volume 45 in 2001. If you look at the Wiley InterScience web site, the August 2001 issue of *Arthritis & Rheumatism* is listed as volume 44, issue 8, while the August 2001 issue of *Arthritis Care & Research* is listed as volume 45, issue 4. In 2002, the volume numbers will be 46 and 47, respectively.

Dr. Hunder also stated, “citations of specific journal articles will be similar but distinct. Citations of articles in *Arthritis & Rheumatism* will remain as they are now, but citations of articles in *Arthritis Care & Research* will be altered to the following style: Author. Title. Arthritis Rheum (Arthritis Care Res) year; volume:pages.”

A number of Resource Libraries have already confronted the cataloguing and shelving difficulties, citing *Cancer* and *Cancer Cytopathology* as similar situations.

If you have any problems (or complaints), please direct further correspondence to the publisher, Wiley InterScience:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/custserve.html>

## **BRANDON/HILL TITLES AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Ever wonder if any of the Brandon/Hill journal titles were available online? And, even better, if they were free? Such a list is maintained by the NN/LM PSR on the NN/LM web site. Currently there are 135 journal titles listed. The format includes the journal title, the publisher and a link to any web site maintained for the journal; the start date of web access; and finally, whether or not full text articles are available and any restrictions imposed. If your library subscribes to a title, you may be able to just click through to the full text. Bookmark the page <http://nmlm.gov/libinfo/ejournals/branhill.html> to see what established core resources you may have access to.

## **WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND A JOURNAL IN SERHOLD OR LOCATORplus**

How can I add a holdings record for my library if I can't find a bibliographic record in LOCATORplus? And if a journal changes its name, what then?

NLM has posted a policy statement outlining the criteria for the inclusion of non-NLM titles to SERHOLD at [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/nlm\\_locatorplus\\_add\\_mod\\_for\\_serhold.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/nlm_locatorplus_add_mod_for_serhold.html) If you have a title you feel should be included, either because it's new or has undergone a title change, take a look at the criteria. If, after reading them thoroughly, you still believe the title should be included or modified, fill out the bibliographic data addition/modification form and send it to NLM. The form itself can be found at [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/nlm\\_bib\\_add\\_mod\\_form.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/nlm_bib_add_mod_form.html)

## **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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- Customizing NLM Gateway Search Results Display – e1
- 2000 Cumulated Index Medicus: The End of an Era – e3
- More Monographic Citations Migrated to LOCATORplus – e4
- John Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs and NLM Cease POPLINE Agreement – e5
- Plans for an Accessible Version of PubMed – e6
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- MLA 2001 –e9a-d
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  - NLM Reduction in ILL Charges to International Libraries
  - Strategy for AIDS Subset Revised
  - New Look for MeSH Web Site
  - PubMed Central Link Now on the PubMed Sidebar
  - NLM Announces a New Version of the PubMed Tutorial
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  - NCBI Offers New Books Database

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