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NCNMLG Newsletter

President's Message by David Brown

When I was a youngster, America was still described as the country in which every boy could aspire to be President someday. I guess to my surprise I have proved that true, although I am not sure this presidency was quite what people saying that back then had in mind. On the other hand, I suspect that presidents of all sorts have shared experiences similar to mine regarding their situation.

When Nominating Committee chair Julie Haugen telephoned to ask me to run for President of the NCNMLG, I was completely floored. The idea, to that moment, had never occurred to me and it was, quite frankly, more than a little frightening. Oh, I know how one is supposed to be honored and all that, and in truth, I was honored, but I was mostly scared. What was involved, really? What would be expected of me, really? I joked with Julie that the reason she was asking was just that I look nice in a suit and tie, but of course I knew that the President of the NCNMLG is more than a figurehead. I had seen others, librarians to whom I look up with respect as professionals and as individuals, perform the role with grace. Would I be able to do even half so well?

Already, however, I am learning what I feel certain all presidents must learn: president one may be, but many people, contributing various expertise and considerable work, are the true support of the institution of which one is merely temporary head. Already many committee chairs have called on me for clarification of what is required and approval for what they hope to accomplish and then gone on to do their job well, and thoroughly, and also independently of

me. And theirs is the true labor that will make this year another successful year for our group.

This year we hope to look at several puzzles, most involving our world's and our profession's usual arch-friend and arch-enemy, technology. One such puzzle concerns how much longer we should find ourselves maintaining the Inter-Library Loan Coupon System. At its instigation the most reasonable solution to a distressing problem, is it now to be completely superceded by the more technologically compatible system of Electronic Funds Transfer? Another puzzle concerns how to communicate among ourselves. Shall we entirely forgo paper-based means? Shall voting, shall official communications all be done via either email or some other online method, just as our newsletter is available only through email and on our web site, just as so much communication is done via our listserv? And will this mean an end, some distant day, to our meeting face to face at intervals to share conviviality and professional knowledge?

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I hope that such a day of not meeting face to face will never come; one of the pleasures of entering medical library work for me has been the annual conferences of the NCNMLG, where I have learned much and found friends. This year our group will meet with the Hawaii-Pacific Chapter (HPCMLA) and the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona (MLGSCA) at a meeting hosted by the Pacific Northwest Chapter (PNR) in Seattle from October 14 through October 17. We will hold the business meeting of our organization at this conference, and I hope to see many of you there.

And just as the upcoming conference in Seattle is a demonstration of co-operation between chapters of MLA throughout the west, so I feel certain the coming year for the NCMLG will demonstrate once again how it is the co-operation of all its many hard-working members that creates the real organization, the people who make up the truth behind the name.

So I guess the only question for me is, when will my suit be back from the cleaners?

David Brown

President, 2006-2007

Minutes of the NCNMLG Transition Meeting

Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group Transition Meeting - June 16, 2006 1800 Harrison St. Oakland, CA

Present: Ysabel Bertolucci, Anne Shew, Peggy Tahir, Terry Henner, Heidi Mortensen, Mike Liddicoat, Rebecca Davis, Terri Malmgren, Owen Miller, Keir Reavie, Marilyn Tinsley, Heidi Heilemann, David Brown, Ruth Amernick, Jerry Thompson.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Heidi Heilemann at 10:20am. She turned over the meeting to David Brown, the new NCNMLG Chair.

The minutes for February 24, 2006 and May 2, 2006 were reviewed. One error was noted. The May 2, 2006 meeting began at 5:25 PM not 5:25 AM. The minutes were approved with the one correction.

Officer and Committee Reports

Archives Report - Keir Reavie Only one archives request was received this year. He is asking members to send materials to him for the archives, especially pictures. He does accept electronic documents.

President Elect - Keir Reavie No report.

Awards and Honors - Julia Kochi No report.

Bylaws - Carolyn Kopper No report.

Continuing Education - Nancy Mangum Two programs: MLA Patient Safety telecast and PSRML class "Planning and Evaluating Health Information Outreach Programs." No written report submitted.

Credentialing - Anne Shew Minimal activity this year. Planning promotional activities in the newsletter next year. Concentrate on what AHIP means to members.

Electronic Resource Documentation - Chris Stave Chris has been working on correcting listserv problems.

Electronic Document Delivery - Ron Schultz Ron demonstrated scanners at a NCNMLG meeting. No written report.

Exchange - Ron Schultz No report.

Government Relations - Barbara Ryken Many emails sent during the year. No report.

ILL/Coupons - David Brown Financial report distributed. Discussion tabled until additional business discussion.

Joint Meeting - Terry Henner Terry Henner and Jim Curtis from the University of Nevada-Reno are co-chairs. Terry discussed preliminary plans, including plans to invite additional chapters to the meeting, and to publicize the meeting nationally. They are looking for chairs for subcommittees and for any background information from past meetings. Rebecca Davis has materials from previous joint meetings which she will ship to Terry Henner. Terry offered to have his staff digitize the materials for the archives.

Membership - Kristi Wessenberg Rikke Ogawa will be assuming the Chair of this committee. No report.

Mentoring Task Force - Ysabel Bertolucci Each new member of NCMLG has been paired with a mentor. There will be more publicity about the program this year. No written report submitted.

MLA Benchmarking - Lynn Van Houten No report.

MLA Membership - Rikke Ogawa Combining the NCNMLG membership and MLA membership chairs. No written report.

Newsletter - Cathy LeGrand Recommends that the newsletter be published quarterly rather than bi-monthly, and that there be recurring features and columns. There was lengthy discussion concerning push technologies and newer ways to disseminate information to the membership. The distinction of time-sensitive information which should be disseminated by the listserv, and the need for documentation and therefore use of a newsletter. The discussion also led to a review of the listserv membership and recent problems. The discussion ended with participant opinions of how information should be indexed on the web site.

David will check to see if the change of frequency requires a change in bylaws. If no, the change was approved. Every NCNMLG member will be automatically added to the listserv. The documentation and web site issues will be sent to the appropriate committees for further recommendations at a future meeting.

Nominating Committee - Marilyn Tinsley No report.

Paraprofessional/Professional - Elyse Eisner No report.

Parliamentarian - Rebecca Davis Wants to find a replacement.

Program Chair - Nancy Mangum This position is part of Chair-elect duties. Keir Reavie will assume responsibility.

PSRML Representative - Peggy Tahir Updated the group about the latest RAC meeting held at UCLA. Reviewed the programs funded by the new contract. Will send out the report of the new contract either through the listserv or to the newsletter.

Public Relations - Heidi Mortensen Reviewed the speed networking event at UC Berkeley and the May meeting at San Jose State University. No written report.

Research - Terry Henner Discussed a re-examination of the committee focus and purpose. There was interest in having the committee consider new research: one to continue a study conducted in public health and a second, imitative of Jean Shipman, to investigate the value of library services. Ruth Amernick introduced the topic of weeding and wondered if there were guidelines which would assist consumer health librarians weed medical collections in public libraries. The group wanted Terry to investigate these two research proposals and report back at a future meeting. Weeding polices was of general interest and should be considered as a possible topic for a future meeting.

Western Chapter Meeting - David Brown Meeting is scheduled for October 14-18 in Seattle. The first two days will be CE courses. The CE course listing and hotel information are currently up on the web site of the Pacific Northwest Chapter. David Brown will write an article about the meeting for the newsletter

Continuing Business

eBay Sales A new chair is needed for this activity if it is to continue. There was much discussion of whether to continue or whether to sell off the existing items in a silent auction at a future NCMLG meeting. No final decision was made.

Electronic Balloting Bylaws have been changed so the Chapter can run electronic elections. Terri gave an update from the MLA Chapter Council meeting concerning electronic balloting and MLA's role. Terri will investigate the issues with MLA-sponsored electronic balloting and will bring information to the next meeting.

Tentative schedule of meetings for 2006-07 Business meeting during the Western Chapters Meeting in Seattle. The second meeting in late January or early February connected with a CE or an MLA teleconference, and the last meeting in April.

Three meetings: October, Jan-Feb, April.

Coupons Should we discontinue? Issues to consider:

- ❖ There is little activity for purchase or redemption of coupons.
- ❖ Most members now belong to EFTS.
- ❖ Many members belong to FreeShare.
- ❖ Interest in knowing the status of coupons in MLGSCA.
- ❖ Interest in learning more about how to charge in EFTS.
- ❖ Before any meaningful discussion of discontinuing coupons, a lawyer needs to be consulted as to the procedure.

David will further investigate the viability of coupons in MLGSCA. A general discussion of coupons will be scheduled for a future NCNMLG meeting. EFTS and charging will be considered as a topic for a future NCNMLG meeting. David Brown will contact a KP lawyer for a referral.

Mail Pick-up NCNMLG mail has been picked up by Laurie Bagley and Bette Anton for many years. David will write an article for the newsletter commending the long service of these two members.

Survey Monkey Access - Rebecca Davis Pacific Northwest Chapter offers access to Survey Monkey as a perk of membership. Rebecca wondered if NCNMLG could do the same. The group thought this would be of interest to the general membership.

Rebecca will investigate the price of offering Survey Monkey as part of NCNMLG membership.

Treasurer's Report - Tilly Roche An audit was conducted this year.

Thank you's - David and Heidi Committee chairs were thanked for their hard work this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ysabel Bertolucci
Acting Secretary

A Small Thanks for Workers behind the Scenes

Soon after I joined NCNMLG, I was recruited to take over the Inter-Library Loan Coupon Committee—a committee, like so many NCNMLG committees, of one—and soon after I accepted that position I began to receive packages in the mail from UC Berkeley and later from Alta Bates Hospital. These packages, which arrived almost weekly, contained orders from libraries for inter-library loan coupons and packages of coupons sent in for redemption. The original address on all these letters and packages was for the NCNMLG mail box on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. The answer to my slightly puzzled query regarding these mailings was that individual members of NCNMLG served by taking charge of receiving and forwarding to the appropriate committee or officer the mail received at the organization's mail box; these mailings were my share, but many others among the committee chairs also received mailings.

Well, it has been over six years now and still those packages keep coming and the same members of NCNMLG continue to keep our organization functioning by picking up and redirecting our mail on a regular basis. At our last

business meeting, we decided that at the very least we should acknowledge and publicly thank these two members for their very necessary labor.

Laurie Bagley, Health Sciences Librarian at Alta Bates Medical Center, and Bette Anton, Head of the Fong Optometry & Health Sciences Library on the UC Berkeley campus, you have for many years now, without reward save for your own virtue and behind the scenes and unknown to many of us, performed this vital task with never a complaint and with regularity and dispatch. Representing the membership of the NCNMLG as its current President, I want to thank you for your service to our organization. As is true in many human endeavors and in library work in particular, it is the small, everyday accumulation of tasks regularly and faithfully performed that allows all the more visible and glamorous results to happen at all.

Thank you, most sincerely, from all the members.

David Brown

Western MLA Chapters 2006 Annual Meeting

Missions and Mountains: Believe and Achieve **October 14-17, 2006** **Red Lion Hotel, Seattle, WA**

Speakers: The banquet speaker will be [Gordon Taylor](#), author of "Fever and Thirst", the story of a 19th century medical missionary. His talk is entitled "Medicine's Eastern Frontier: Dr. Grant of Kurdistan, 1835-44". [Stephen A. Bezruchka, MD, MPH](#) from the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine will present "How Medical Librarians Can Make America Healthy Again", addressing issues such as:

- ❖ What makes a population healthy?
- ❖ Why is the U.S. the least-healthy rich country?
- ❖ What can medical librarians do in and outside their jobs to further health?

[Mark W. Oberle, MD, MPH](#), also from UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine, will speak and share slides of his experiences in Thailand when the tsunami hit.

Continuing Education:

- ❖ *An Evidence-based Approach to Complementary and Alternative Medicine*
- ❖ *Evidence-based Medicine and the Medical Librarian*
- ❖ *Evidence-based Nursing*
- ❖ *Geeks Bearing Gifts*
- ❖ *Introduction to Medical/Healthcare Informatics for Librarians*
- ❖ *Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate the Value of Your Library*
- ❖ *The 3Rs of Licensing: Risk, Rights, Restrictions*

Meeting Website: www.pncmla.org/pncmla2006/

Job Opportunities

Library Manager Barnett-Briggs Medical Library San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center

The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) invites applications for a full-time Library Manager based at the Barnett-Briggs Medical Library, San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center. For more information about the library, consult our website at: sfguide.ucsf.edu/barnett/

Responsibilities: The Library Manager has overall administrative and budgetary responsibility for the Barnett-Briggs Medical Library, located at San Francisco General Hospital; will establish short and long-term goals providing definition and implementation of knowledge-based information services, print and electronic resources and training in support of patient care, educational, research and administrative activities; be responsible for the recruitment, hire and supervision of library personnel; maintain and expand external linkages with UCSF and SFGH departments and functional units; perform evaluation of existing services and resources with supporting documentation from library use statistics, surveys, quality management bench marking and needs-assessment data; strategically plan for state-of-the art programs and services based on current and projected needs; administratively ensure compliance with all regulatory standards, policies and procedures; provide fiscal management of Library revenue sources and effectively control costs; represent the SFGH Dean's Office on select committees; and perform other duties as assigned.

Requirements: American Librarian Association accredited Masters' degree in library/information science (MLIS); five years of post-MLIS and supervisory experience in a health science library environment; experience providing medical reference services; extensive knowledge of core biomedical and nursing databases and concomitant searching skills; experience developing clinical informatics programs; knowledge of evidence-based medicine practices and resources; knowledge of current information and instructional technology trends; demonstrated ability to work well with individuals and health care professionals in a culturally-diverse environment; excellent

communication skills, both written and oral; ability to effectively respond to rapidly changing priorities; excellent computer and organizational skills; demonstrated presentation and documentation proficiency; ability to function well in a service-driven, support-oriented environment; physical ability and manual dexterity to produce work 75% or more of the time using a computer; ability to travel via shuttle, public transportation or automobile to various UCSF work sites and offices to accomplish responsibilities of the position; ability to move material weighing 40 pounds. Note: Fingerprinting and background check will be required.

Preferred: Experience with California Digital Library (UC) search systems; interest in marketing services.

Salary/Benefits: Salary: \$5,375 - \$8,867 monthly commensurate with experience and skills. Excellent University of California benefits package.

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Please apply directly for this position on the UCSF job website: ucsfhr.ucsf.edu/careers/ and be sure to reference Requisition # 19473BR. We look forward to receiving your resume.

**Library Director
Graff Library
City of Hope National Medical Center**

City of Hope National Medical Center and its Beckman Research Institute seek a dynamic Director of Graff Library. The institution is located in Duarte, California, 22 miles northeast of Los Angeles. It is one of only 38 NCI Comprehensive Cancer Centers. City of Hope's small size, beautiful campus, and strong humanitarian tradition make it a fulfilling place to work.

Graff Library has three professional librarians, four staff members, and many volunteers. Its budget is more than \$1.2 million. It has received an IAIMS grant and is a member of the SCELCLC library consortium.

The ideal candidate will have an MLS, an interest in informatics, previous work in a scientific and/or medical library, and management experience. Talent, drive, and vision may substitute for all but the MLS.

Interested parties may search the City of Hope Website and contact Steven J. Novak, PhD, Director of Professional Education, at snovak@coh.org.

Awards and Fellowships

MLA Fellows and Honorary Memberships

Nominations for MLA Fellows are due November 1, 2006.

Please consider nominating an outstanding colleague for fellowship in MLA. The basic criteria for MLA Fellowship are (a) current regular membership in MLA, (b) membership for at least ten continuous years prior to nomination, and (c) at least ten years of professional experience in health information sciences. Specific criteria include five or more years of notable leadership in MLA, outstanding achievement, significant scholarship, and professional reputation.

Nominations for Honorary Memberships in MLA are also due November 1, 2006.

Please also consider nominating persons who have never been MLA members but have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the goals of the association. Past recipients include public officials, leaders in health sciences institutions, and others.

The criteria and nomination forms can be found at: www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/

For additional information, contact Lisa Fried at MLA headquarters: mlapd2@mlahq.org, or Mary Riordan, Chair of the Fellows and Honorary Members Jury: mriordan@ahsl.arizona.edu.

The Thomson Scientific/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award – Recognize Technological Innovation in Health Science Information

MLA recognizes that there are many innovators in our profession creating new information services and using technology in novel ways. Maybe you are one of them? Or maybe you work with or know someone who is? We encourage you to take a moment to think about what your colleagues are contributing and nominate them for the Thomson Scientific/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award.

The Rogers Award, originally called the ISI Information Advancement Award, is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions for the application of technology to the delivery of health science information, to the science of information, or to the facilitation of the delivery of health science information.

The award has been sponsored by the Thomson Institute for Scientific Information since 1973. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, May 13-23, 2007, in Philadelphia, PA.

For more information on the award and past winners go to: www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/rogers.html

For a copy of the nomination form, eligibility information and instructions go to:
www.mlanet.org/pdf/awards/rogers_nomform_2005_0721.pdf

All nominations are due by November 1, 2006. Please forward this message to colleagues who might be interested.

Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award

Each year, the Medical Library Association honors individuals who have rendered distinguished service to health sciences libraries and furthered the purposes of health sciences librarianship.

The Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award, established in 1998 in honor of one of MLA's most respected members, honors outstanding practicing librarians or library educators in the field of health sciences librarianship and informatics who demonstrate skills in one or more of the following areas: teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research, or leadership in education at local, regional, or national levels. The recipient receives a certificate at the annual meeting and a cash award of \$500 after the annual meeting.

Please take this opportunity to nominate an outstanding colleague for MLA's Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education. Complete information and application forms for all MLA awards and honors may be found at: www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/index.html. Nomination deadline is November 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Carol Powell, Jury Chair, at Powell.225@osu.edu.

Ten Days in Venezuela

TEN DAYS IN VENEZUELA: A JOURNEY FROM CURIOUS TO AWESTRUCK

By Kristi Wessenberg



I admit I'm a convert: I totally believe in and support Hugo Chavez's Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela. However, before traveling there this summer as part of a 16-member US delegation sponsored by the Marin Interfaith Task Force on the Americas, I really didn't know anything about it. Now that I am better informed and have listened to Venezuelans speak about the changes, I want to share this information.

Hugo Chavez was first sworn in as President of Venezuela on February 2, 1999. In his first speech as president he announced that a national referendum would be held (April 1999) to decide whether elections should be held for a Constitutional Assembly (88% voted yes) that would draft a new constitution. This all took place and the new constitution was voted into effect in December 1999.¹

Among the many innovations in this new constitution the ones I want to highlight here are Articles 83-85 under Title III that guarantee free and quality healthcare as a human right to all Venezuelan citizens paid for by the State and explicitly proscribe its privatization.²

You may think of Venezuela as wealthy – after all it makes millions of dollars from its oil, downtown Caracas has fancy skyscrapers and Venezuelan beauties have won 5 Miss World and Miss Universe competitions. However, like many other Latin American countries, Venezuela's wealthy make up 10% of the 23 million population, while the great majority of the country is permanently poor and hungry. Several million such poor live on the steep slopes of the hills of Caracas. These **barrios** (shanty towns) are made up of tiny cheap brick huts piled one on top of another.

It is here that Chavez started his healthcare revolution with **Misión Barrio Adentro** (Mission Inside the Barrio) in early 2003. Prior to 2003 Venezuela had benefited from Cuba's exportation of health practitioners throughout the

Third World. In 2003 a new and enlarged program began in which 8000 Cuban doctors were housed in people's homes and in community centers. In 2004 the government constructed two-storey octagonal brick buildings housing a clinic on the ground floor and living quarters above. At the same time the number of Cuban doctors increased to 13,000. They were aided by 5,000 Venezuelan health assistants while hundreds of young Venezuelans were able to study medicine in Cuba and some Venezuelan patients were flown there for advanced medical treatment.³ We spoke to one elderly woman who had been flown there for cataract surgery. She was very pleased by the whole experience.

South of Caracas, in the city of Palo Verde, we visited a Cuban doctor's clinic. She has been a doctor for 13 years, 18 months of which have been here in Palo Verde. She has some Venezuelan student assistants who are involved in a six months pre-medicine course, which includes three days of classes and three days of practice. Living at the clinic she can provide 24-hours emergency care. Her normal routine, Mondays – Fridays, is to have office visits in the mornings and house calls in the afternoons. Ten miles down the road is a larger clinic where she can refer patients whose needs exceed her capacity. The most common conditions she sees are respiratory diseases and hypertension.

Misión Barrio Adentro II was inaugurated in June 2005. This second phase of the public health care program includes construction of public clinics, Integrated Diagnostics Centers and Integrated Rehabilitation Rooms (600 are planned for the coming years).⁴ In Caracas we visited one of these health clinics that is part of an “endogenous” (“development from within”) economic model. The clinic is part of a center run by people living in nearby **barrios**; it includes a textile and shoe co-op, an organic garden, a sports training facility and a co-op with disabled persons. The health clinic is staffed by Venezuelans, has modern equipment, and provides care in the fields of pediatrics, family medicine, OBGYN, dentistry, some basic emergency medicine and a lab that processes routine tests. Cuban doctors in the **barrios** refer patients here.

Then in August 2005 President Chavez announced the third phase of the plan **Misión Barrio Adentro III**, which will overhaul the existing hospital system. Close to \$2.5 million will be spent on purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment from abroad. “When we conclude **Misión Barrio Adentro III**, we should have also concluded **Misión Barrio Adentro I and II**. We will all work so that by the end of 2006 we can say that we have a true public health system in Venezuela for the first time in 200 years,” declared Chavez.⁵

In January 2006 another mission was started: **Misión Negra Hipolita**. The purpose of this mission is to diagnose, treat, and provide help for the homeless, drug addicts, and those in extreme poverty. The mission focuses on four main areas: prevention, initial attention, rehabilitation centers, and garbage dumps. One such rehabilitation center is Bejarano Rehabilitation Center on the outskirts of Caracas. Its main dining hall is set beside a stream fed from a nearby waterfall. The center provides classes and workshops for participants living nearby and plans to grow vegetables and raise animals.⁶

The four missions mentioned here are just the health care ones. Altogether the Venezuelan government has started 14 social programs (or missions) since 2003. And the innovations in the new Venezuelan Constitution are not limited to health care. Venezuela has not become a paradise on earth by any means – there are still plenty of problems in the areas of garbage, pollution, dependence on food imports, and too much migration to the cities. Yet the great strides that have been made in health care demonstrate what can be accomplished when the focus is on using the country's resources to provide an important benefit for the poor as well as for the wealthy. In my opinion, Venezuela has set up a blueprint that other countries can use to improve the health of their people. The fact that a third world country like Venezuela can offer free health care to all its people makes it even more unbelievable that the US can't offer some kind of low cost health care to its uninsured.

¹ Gott, Richard (2005). *Hugo Chavez and the Bolivarian Revolution*. London, New York: Verso, 2005. p. 143-144.

² *Health care as a human right*. Retrieved July 10, 2006, from en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999_Venezuela_Constitution#Health_care_as_a_human_right

³ Gott, Richard (2005) *Hugo Chavez and the Bolivarian Revolution*, p. 257.

⁴ *Barrio Adentro II: Victim of its own success*, Jeroen Kuiper, July 28, 2005. Retrieved April 19, 2006 from www.venezuelanalysis.com/print.php?artno=1510.

⁵ *Venezuela to completely overhaul its health care system*, Gregory Wilpert, Aug. 29, 2005. Retrieved July 7, 2006 from www.venezuelanalysis.com/print.php?newsno=1739.

⁶ *Venezuela launches primary health program for extreme poor*, Michael Fox, Apr. 22, 2006. Retrieved July 7, 2006 from www.venezuelanalysis.com/print.php?artno=1712.



Member News

Please welcome our new members:

Amy Andres
Librarian
University of California San Francisco-Fresno
Fresno, CA

Lynn T. Dix
Librarian
Samuel Merritt College
Oakland, CA

Owen Miller
Library Services Manager
Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center
San Francisco, CA

Reeta Sinha
Collection Development Manager, West
YBL Library Services
Las Vegas, NV

Josephine Tan
Education & Information Consultant
UCSF Library & Center for Knowledge
Management

Congratulations are in order...

David Brown has accepted the position of Kaiser Permanente's Library Technical Services Coordinator. David will be responsible for the online catalog system; original cataloging; and coordination with Kaiser's IT department, the catalog vendor, and all Kaiser libraries throughout California. David began his new position on July 24, 2006.

Medical Libraries and Disaster Relief

MLA continues to collect information regarding recovery and relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina. Their website serves as a clearinghouse and information resource for the many efforts MLA members have made to support their friends and neighbors.

As of July 19, 2006, MLA has collected more than \$14,055 in donations for hurricane relief. It is not too late to make additional donations! Members in need can apply through September 1, 2006, for monetary awards from that fund.

As always, the MLA Board wants to hear ideas you may have about how to help friends and colleagues. Please send ideas to President Jean P. Shipman, AHIP, or to Executive Director Carla J. Funk, CAE.

Visit www.mlanet.org/hurricane_katrina.html to view an extensive list of MLA-related relief efforts, fundraisers, information resources, etc.

Ways You Can Help

- ❖ Partner with your local public library to provide resources for the affected communities, including Internet access.
- ❖ Hold on to old journals and books that can be donated after cleanup efforts and restoration are complete.
- ❖ Adopt a library or find a buddy library: an academic library paired with a hospital library in the affected areas is particularly helpful.

NLM Update

New Contract for National Training Center and Clearinghouse

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce a five-year contract (2006-2011) to the New York Academy of Medicine to serve as the National Training Center and Clearinghouse (NTCC) in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM).

The NTCC sponsors more than 40 classroom sessions across the country each year as well as Web-based training on NLM's information resources. The training is provided to health professionals, librarians, other professional groups, and members of the general public. In addition to providing training, the NTCC will focus on developing Web-based tutorials and improving its Web site in the new contract.

Contact information:
National Training Center and Clearinghouse
The New York Academy of Medicine
1216 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10029

Phone: 212-822-7396 or 800-338-7657, press 2
E-mail: ntcc@nyam.org

Questions may be addressed to the NN/LM National Network Office at 301-496-4777.

Monthly Health Observances

AUGUST

Cataract Awareness Month

www.aao.org

Psoriasis Awareness Month

www.psoriasis.org

SEPTEMBER

Healthy Aging Month

www.healthyaging.net

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

www.pcacoalition.org

National Pain Awareness Month

www.understandingpain.org

OCTOBER

National Medical Librarians Month

www.mlanet.org/resources/nml-month/index.html

Halloween Safety Month

www.preventblindness.org

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

www.nbcam.org/about_nbcam.cfm

Healthy Lung Month

www.lungusa.org

Lupus Awareness Month

www.lupus.org

LISTSERV ADDRESS:

ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to the general listserv. These are very low-volume lists designed to communicate important information from NCNMLG to its members. You will only ever need to unsubscribe if your e-mail address changes. In that case, please unsubscribe your old e-mail address and then subscribe the new address. This keeps our listserv current!

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TO SEND A MESSAGE:

Send a general e-mail to: ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

Instructions for listserv features (including accessing listserv archives) are available on NCNMLG's webpage: www.ncnmlg.org/pubs/pubs_listserv.htm

SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please email your submissions to the Newsletter editor. Items for the NCNMLG Newsletter may be sent in electronic format to:

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If you have questions about submitting articles or announcements to the Newsletter, please feel free to contact the newsletter editor.

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