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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Joyce Sims

AIHeLA's Executive Board is active in various ways. A very productive board meeting was held March 20 in Montgomery. Sister Mary is hard at work on the Directory and you should have already received and responded to her update form. Maureen B. and her committee is very busy with the Fall Program as well as smaller workshops--one held recently on DOCLINE, others to come on Advanced Microcomputers and possibly, Marketing. Bobby Powell is still soliciting archival materials, Lee McCann is adeptly handling membership and Mary Ann Donnell will coordinate the liaison and public relations functions. Marliss Giles and her bylaws committee is looking into bylaws revisions. You will see the result of their work when proposed bylaws are published in the September issue of SYNAPSE. Pat Hall continues to do an excellent job as our secretary/treasurer and is as well working on designing a banner for our organization to use at meetings and is completing IRS forms for tax exempt non-profit status.

I attended a meeting in Montgomery April 15 on the future health informational needs within the state and how all the various organizations and union lists can be coordinated to achieve a unified effort. A grant proposal will be written by a committee that was formed at the meeting.

A matter that has been brought to my attention is that there is some confusion over the merging of AIHeLA and the ALASHLIM (hospital library managers) organization. Members of the former ALASHLIM are not automatic paid member of AIHeLA. The funds that were transferred from ALASHLIM were used as agreed upon by both boards for paying for affiliation with the Alabama Hospital Association. If you are a former ALASHLIM member who has not joined AIHeLA, you will need to complete the membership form and send it in with \$10 in order to continue receiving the SYNAPSE.

The suggestions, advice and comments I have received to date are most encouraging. Contact any board member of AIHeLA with questions, problems, etc. as we will meet next on August 14 in Tuscaloosa.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 15, 1986

Deadline for September issue of SYNAPSE.

October 1, 1986

ABULS holdings updates and ILL statistics due your coordinator.

October 15, 1986

ABULS coordinators submit holdings updates to USC.

October 15-18, 1986

Mid Atlantic Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting, Charlottesville, Va.

Contact: Lenore K. Schnaitman, Chairperson/Registration
Claude Moore Health Sciences Library
Box 234
University of Virginia Medical Center
Charlottesville, VA 22908

October 16-17, 1986

AIHeLA Annual Fall Conference. Gulf State Park Resort, Gulf Shores.

November 4-7, 1986

Joint Meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA and the Tennessee Health
Science Library Association. Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel, Nashville.

Contact: T. Mark Hodges, Vanderbilt University Medical Library or
Leslie Goodale, Meharry University Medical Library.

November 15, 1986

Deadline for December issue of SYNAPSE.

February 15, 1987

Deadline for March issue of SYNAPSE.

May 15-21, 1987

Medical Library Association's 87th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

June 15, 1987

Deadline for July issue of SYNAPSE.

MEMBERSHIP

Various people have requested a simple alphabetical list of our members, individual and corporate. Following is a list of our paid membership as of June 16, 1986.

Alabama Department of Public Health
Alabama Library Exchange
Alabama Public Library Service
Auburn University at Montgomery Library
Baptist Medical Center Montgomery
Barnett, Susan A.
Battistella, Maureen S.
Bick, Dawn
Brennan, Marian
Britt, Mary Claire
Buckner, Rebecca
Burnham, Judy
Burton, Dot
Clemmons, Nancy W.
Cook, Romilda
Dabbs, Mary Lou
Dance, Betty
Dexter, Kathy H.
Donnell, Mary Ann
Donnell, Robert M.
Doughty, Barbara
D. W. McMillan Memorial Hospital
Fenske, Ruth E.
Fortney, Lynn M.
Fowler, Kay L.
Gramka, Billie Jean
Greil Memorial Psychiatric Hospital
Hall, Pat
Henley, Atha Louise
Holley, Martha
Im, Tesuk
Jackson, Henrietta
Jackson Hospital and Clinic
Jones, Rachel E.
Kennedy, Billye R.
Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences
Majors Scientific Books, Inc.
Medical Center East
Mobile College
Mobile Infirmary
Nichols, Amy
Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center Library
Peresich, Mary Giles, R.S.M.
Pfau, Julia G.
Powell, Bobby H.
Rodgers, Patricia M.
Russell, Lisa Rains
St. Margaret's Hospital
Shearer, Barbara
Shelby Medical Center
Sims, Ina R.
Southern Research Institute
SPMC Medical Library
Stringer, Mary Helen
University of Alabama Selma
Family Medical Center
University of South Alabama
Biomedical Library
Vaughn Regional Medical Center
Veenstra, Robert J.
Willmon, Judy A.
Wright, A. J.

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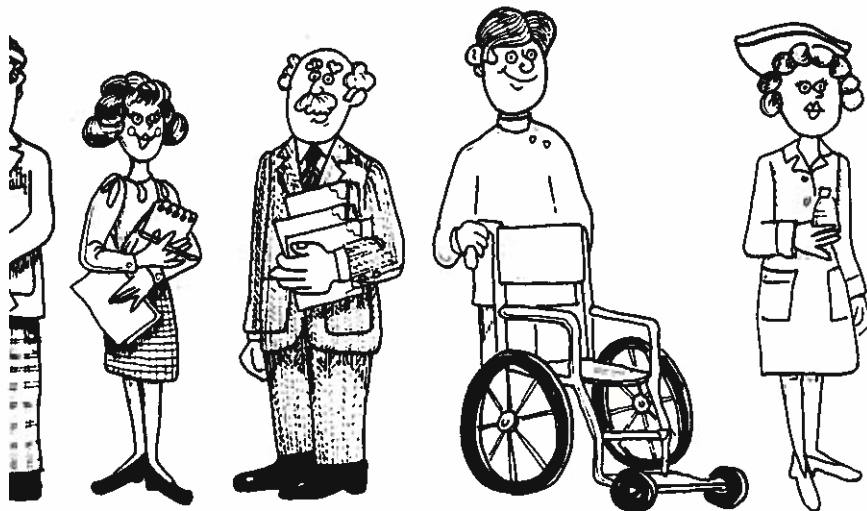
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Mary Ann Donnell, Chair
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News from Lister Hill

DOCLINE WORKSHOP

by

Marian Brennan

and

Lynn Fortney

The afternoon of May 9, ALHeLA sponsored a workshop on DOCLINE at the Library and Resource Center of Auburn University at Montgomery. DOCLINE is the National Library of Medicine's automated interlibrary loan request and referral system. The program began with an overview of the system presented by Marian Brennan, Outreach Services Coordinator-SEA/RMLS (region 2). Lynn Fortney, Associate Director for Public Services at Lister Hill, explained the process used for determining a routing map, a major component of the DOCLINE System. The realities of using the system were humorously described by Rebecca Buckner, Librarian at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Gadsden. Following a question and answer session, Rebecca Buckner and Tesuk Im, Interlibrary Loan Manager at Lister Hill Library, actively demonstrated the system and allowed participants to experiment on their own.

Twenty-three representatives from a wide variety of libraries participated in the workshop. Participants asked questions concerning the effectiveness of the system, its usefulness to non-health sciences libraries, what kind of computer equipment can be used, and how individual library holdings are reflected in the DOCLINE System. Several active DOCLINE users emphasized that, even with the problems inherent in any new online system, DOCLINE has proven to be easy to learn, cost effective, and much faster than manual systems or even electronic mail. At present there is no charge for using DOCLINE, and NLM does not plan to institute charges until sometime in 1987.

You do not have to be a MEDLINE user to access DOCLINE, but your library's journal holdings must have been entered in NLM's SERHOLD database. Holdings for all libraries participating in the Alabama Union List of Serials (ABULS) have been entered into SERHOLD. Applications to access DOCLINE are available from the RMLS-2 office in Baltimore (800) 638-6093.

THIS AND THAT

SIMS TO SERVE

Word has been received from the Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library Services, Region 2, located in Baltimore, that Joyce Sims has been appointed to serve as Alabama's representative on their Regional Advisory Council for a term of three years. Joyce replaces Mary Ann Donnell whose term of appointment expired this Spring. Congratulations and best wishes, Joyce!

NEW EDITION!

The second edition of the Alabama Biomedical Union List of Serials (ABULS) was produced and distributed to the participants in April. There are twenty-four Alabama health science libraries in this new edition. The union list database now contains 7,867 titles and approximately 14,217 holdings.

WELCOME!

ABULS takes this opportunity to welcome the newest participant to the union list. In May the Scientific Information Center at the U. S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory at Fort Rucker joined as the twenty-fifth participant. Sybil Bullock is the contact person. WELCOME!

C A L E N D A R

Reminder: Holdings updates and ILL statistics should be sent to your coordinator by October 1!

Coordinators: Send holdings updates to USC by October 15!

ALICAT

Copies of ALICAT are available to non-participants on a first-come, first-served, basis. The May 1986 microfiche edition may be purchased for \$40.00. All orders should be sent to Alabama Public Library Service, 6030 Monticello Drive, Montgomery, AL 36130, Attention: Alice Stephens.

Subscription Study

The following study is provided by Joe K. Weed, Vice-President, Director of Marketing at EBSCO Subscription Services.

SELECTED STATISTICS USING TITLES COVERED BY THE ABRIDGED INDEX MEDICUS

This study was based on prices of 115 journals covered by the ABRIDGED INDEX MEDICUS during the period from 1982-1986. (One title covered by AIM was excluded because of publisher restrictions.)

The prices used were the least expensive, annual retail subscription rates available to non-membership institutions in the U.S. Rates were those current in February of each year to insure accurate, current-year data.

The title breakdown, geographically, is as follows:

TOTAL SAMPLE-----115 TITLES (100%)
 U. S. PUBLISHED-----101 TITLES (87.8%)
 NON-U. S. PUBLISHED-(13 BRITISH, 1 CANADIAN)----- 14 TITLES (12.2%)

PRICE COMPARISON OF THE TOTAL SAMPLE (115 TITLES), BY YEAR

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Total Subscription Price (all 115 titles)	\$6,695.09	\$7,202.47	\$7,686.45	\$8,348.35	\$9,139.70
Average Price Per Title	58.22	62.63	66.84	72.59	79.48
Average Annual Percentage Increase	---	7.6%	6.7%	8.6%	9.5%

During the period 1982-1986 the total price increase for all titles was \$2,444.61, or 36.5%. The average annual percentage increase was 9.1%.

PRICE COMPARISON OF ALL U. S. PUBLISHED TITLES (101), BY YEAR

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Total Subscription Price (all 101 U. S. titles)	\$5,299.45	\$5,745.80	\$6,167.20	\$6,781.50	\$7,495.50
Average Price Per Title	52.47	56.89	61.06	67.14	74.21
Average Annual Percentage Increase	---	8.4%	7.3%	10.0%	10.5%

During the period 1982-1986 the total price increase for all U. S. published titles was \$2,196.05 or 41.4%. The average annual percentage increase was 10.4%.

PRICE COMPARISON OF ALL NON-U.S. PUBLISHED TITLES (14), BY YEAR

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
Total Subscription Price (all 14 non-U.S. titles)	\$1,395.64	\$1,456.67	\$1,519.25	\$1,566.85	\$1,644.20
Average Price Per Title	99.69	104.05	108.52	111.92	117.44
Average Annual Percentage Increase	---	4.4%	4.3%	3.1%	4.9%

During the period 1982-1986 the total price increase for all non-U.S. published titles was \$248.56 or 17.8%. The average annual percentage increase was 4.5%.

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL COST OF ALL 115 TITLES BY U.S. AND NON-U.S. TITLES, BY YEAR

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
U. S. Titles	79.2%	79.8%	80.2%	81.2%	82.0%
Non-U. S. Titles	20.8%	20.2%	19.8%	18.8%	18.0%

During the period 1982-1986 the total price increase was attributed 89.8% to U. S. titles, and 10.2% to non-U. S. titles.

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