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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Tamara Lee

Greetings ALHeLA colleague! Now that the wrath of Opal has passed, I'd like to reflect on the recently held annual conference. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you! And, you missed an enjoyable and educational meeting on the Plains of Auburn! With the theme *In and Out of the Comfort Zone: Medical Libraries in Transition*, Dr. Marion Paris, Associate Professor, University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies, challenged thirty-three of us to reach beyond our comfort zone in our consumer health responsibilities. Mary Fran Prottzman, Lyster U.S. Army Hospital, and Joan Lukins, Samford University, Guided the breakout groups in focusing on consumer health scenarios experienced at local libraries.

Jane Lambremont, Veterans Administration Medical Library, Alexandria, LA, and Eleanore Stewart, Head Conservator, Stanford University, helped bring us back to comfort with grants/extramural assistance and disaster planning/recovery workshops, respectively. We also had a lot of fun, including a walking tour of campus by an Auburn University *Tigerette*, and, a sunset barbecue at Chewacla State Park with lots of good food, fellowship and door prizes.

The Program Committee included Jay Harris and Susan Seay, Continuing Education, Geneva Bush, Publicity, Mary Fran Prottzman, Registrar, and myself. The committee invites your comments and suggestions for improvement. Please pass them on as we want to continuously improve the quality of our annual meetings. Also, when you have the opportunity, please extend thanks to our meeting sponsors: Information Access, Readmore, Mosby, Ovid Technologies, Educational Reviews, EBSCO, Major, Tuscaloosa Library Bindery, Matthews Medical Books, Rittenhouse Book Distributors and CAB International.

Now, to look forward to our new year, I feel quite blessed to be part of such a hard-working, creative and progressive professional association. I've heard so many wonderful ideas already from new folks, as well as from the long-term ALHeLA members. Kay Hogan, our new President-Elect, already has plans for the next annual meeting! I look forward to working with our new secretary, Diane Whited, and again with our treasure, Martha Tillotson, as well as the rest of the Executive Committee. The new committees are formed and the chairs have been appointed (listed in this issue). I anticipate that this group will provide strong leadership to our organization. Jie Li has agreed to revitalize the publication of Synapse and I'm sure we all look forward to her commitment to this timely and significant communication of our organization. The quarterly meeting dates for the Executive Committee have been established: January 12, March 15, and June 21. Robert Avant has arranged graciously, again, for us to meet centrally at the Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery. Please remember to be involved and that your participation makes a difference! Together we will have a rewarding and productive year. See you in January!

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**Alabama Health Libraries Association
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
September 8, 1995**

Judy Burnham, President called the annual business meeting to order at the Foy Union Student Center, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, at 1 pm. Judy expressed appreciation to Tammy Lee for an excellent meeting and program.

Mary Fran Prottzman distributed minutes of the last meeting which were approved as written.

Martha Tillotson presented the Treasurer's Report. As of September 6, 1995 our balance is \$5,841.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws/Handbook

No report. Judy suggested that we update the bylaws next year.

Continuing Education

Susan Seay reported that there were 21 attendees at each of the CE courses. We received 4 hours credit from MLA for each course. The committee co-chairs are continuing to work with the program committee of the Alabama Library Association. ALHeLA would like to offer a "Consumer Health Resources" course during the 1996 AlaLA conference in Mobile.

Directory

Kay Hogan announced that the area codes have changed. A new edition of the ALHeLA membership directory is due next year.

Exchange

No report.

Liaison

Judy suggested that we continue our efforts to revise the MASA manual. Judy's overall goal as President was to raise the visibility of health science librarians in Alabama. In pursuing this goal several attempts were made to contact other health care organizations in the state. A list was compiled by Geneva Bush of the annual meeting for other Alabama health care

organizations. The Alabama Chapter of the Physical Therapy Association will be having a meeting soon. Judy suggested that we apply for this kind of grant, and offered her assistance. Another group that was contacted was MASA. MASA's director of Education suggested that a representative from ALHeLA attend the annual meeting of CME Directors in September. Judy suggested that ALHeLA purchase a membership in the CME Director organization. Contact was also made with the editor of Alabama Medicine regarding ALHeLA submitting a column in that journal.

Membership

Diane Whited reported that we have 32 individual members and 25 institutional members.

Synapse.

No report.

Union List

Robert Avant reported that the holdings of CAI, a commercial document supplier, is appearing on the Alabama Union List of Serials. Document suppliers can pay a fee to OCLC to have their holdings added to any union list. Robert has asked Solinet to remove CAI's symbol from the Alabama list.

Robert also reported that there have been some problems with holdings not being deleted when Serhold is updated. If you discover any problems report them to him.

Annual Meeting

Tammy Lee, Program Committee Chair, expressed her thanks to all her committee members: Susan Seay and Jay Harris, Continuing Education, Mary Fran Prottzman, Registration, Geneva Bush, Publicity, and Martha Tillotson, Treasurer. Tammy acknowledged all the vendors for their assistance. Judy Burnham was presented a plaque in appreciation of her leadership during the past year. Tammy encouraged participation in ALHeLA by all of us and to encourage others in our institutions to join.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Seay encouraged attendance at the North American Sport Library Network conference April 26-27 1996, in Columbus, GA.

Nominating Committee

Sandra Pfeiffer presented the Nominating Committee Report. The following slate of officers was presented:

Kay Hogan, President-Elect
Diane Whited, Secretary
Martha Tillotson, Treasurer
Pat Higginbottom, Member at Large
Jie Li, Member at Large
George Marangoly, Member at Large

The officers were unanimously elected.

Members of the nominating committee were:

Geneva Bush
Lisa Russell
Sandra Pfeiffer

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

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Alabama Hospital Libraries and the Internet

In the midst of the current Internet craze, hospital librarians are likely to feel out of the loop, since so many hospital libraries do not have as ready access as academic health libraries. It was with this in mind that ALHeLA formed an ad hoc committee last year to investigate how to facilitate access to the Internet for those libraries.

First, the possibility of an Association-coordinated NLM grant was research. (For the past two years, the National Library of Medicine, along with the National Science Foundation, has awarded basic Internet connection grants of \$30,000 each and network grants of \$50,000 each to medical and health institutions). Upon investigation, however, this idea proved unworkable at present. Not only was the grant application deadline too close, but we were advised by the NLM, ALHeLA, as grant recipient, would have to designate a facility in the state to provide Internet support services to the hospital libraries. UAB's Lister Hill Library was suggested as a

natural site for these services, but Lister Hill could not commit to this, being in the midst of a major addition to the library as well as searching for a new library director.

Since the Association could not take as active a role in the provision of Internet access to hospital libraries, we decided to provide hospital librarians with the information necessary to make wise decisions as to provider and extent of Internet services, so that each library could pursue the matter individually. To this end, the committee provided packets of information at the ALHeLA meeting in Mobile. (There are some popular commercial online providers: America Online (1-800-827-6364), CompuServ (1-800-823-6505), Prodigy (1-800-prodigy), Delphi (1-800-695-4005), and Solinet (1-800-999-8558), as well as some local direct Internet providers).

A final note: the National Library of Medicine is again offering the Internet Connection Grants to Medical Institutions for those libraries interested in pursuing this route of finding. (Again, the association will be unable to apply as a consortium this year, although the idea has not been abandoned.) Ten to sixteen awards will be made, with approximately \$600,000 total funds available. See NIH Guide, January 20, 1995, for more details.

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Welcome to Alabama



Expanded Library Services Focus of New Director of USA Biomedical Library

Tom Williams joined the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library as Director, effective September 1, 1995. Most recently, Tom was Associate Director for Systems and Access Services at the Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine. Tom brings a strong background in all aspects of library services and has unique experience in implementing online systems for libraries. Tom will use this experience to improve and expand services at the USA Biomedical Library. One of his first goals is to install a network that will provide 24-hour access to MEDLINE, CINAHL, and other bibliographic databases, as well as a myriad of electronic products and resources. Plans are well under way as are plans for the Biomedical Library's Homepage presence on the World Wide Web.

Another goal is to expand library services to the community. In addition to providing service to off-campus USA sites, services will be offered to individuals and institutions, on a fee-basis, in the surrounding communities.

To better position itself for the challenges to come with online systems, expanded services and new programs, the Biomedical Library has gone through some reorganization. Pat Rodgers has been named Assistant Director for Technical Services and Systems. In this capacity, Pat will be responsible for the day-to-day management of both departments and will oversee, along with Tom, the implementation of new systems, hardware and software.

Geneva Bush has been named Assistant Director for Public Services and Education. All public services departments, Circulation, Document Delivery and Reference, have been combined into one division to be headed by Geneva. Additionally, she will be responsible for the coordination of all educational activities for the Biomedical Library.

Judy Burnham has been named Assistant Director for Regional Services. Judy will continue to coordinate library activities at the UMC location as well as all other USA affiliated hospital sites. Additionally, she will lead the library's outreach efforts by coordinating services to area unaffiliated hospitals, corporations, law firms and others who may have need of biomedical library services and resources.

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T. Scott Plutchak, New Director at UAB, Lister Hill Library

Dr. Kenneth J. Roozen, provost of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, recently announced the appointment of T. Scott Plutchak as the new director of the Lister Hill Library. Scott will arrive at UAB on November 1, 1995.


For the past six years, he has been the director of the Health Sciences Library at St. Louis University. From 1987 to 1989 he was the associate director at SLU. Prior to that he served on the staff of the National Library of Medicine as a technical information specialist and library associate. He has served in numerous positions within the Medical Library Association, the Association of Academic Health Science Library Directors, the Mid-Continental Chapter of MLA, and the American Medical Informatics Association.

Congratulations are also in order on his recent marriage to a well-known ALHeLA member, Lynn Fortney!

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INTERNET Corner

World Wide Web Indexes

 **Yahoo** is recognized as the best subject list on the web. It also enables keyword searching of all the sites it organizes.

<http://www.yahoo.com/>


TradeWave Galaxy, Former **Einet Galaxy** also organizes its sites by subject, and contains an excellent Medicine section.

<http://galaxy.einet.net/>

Web Jewels was developed by Harvard University Countway Library. The web sites are organized by subject. It also enables keyword searching by using WebCrawler, Yahoo, InfoSeek, Galaxy, Lycos, World Wide Web Worm and other search engines.

<http://www.med.harvard.edu/webjewels/search/>

WWW search

 **Lycos** has indexed over 7.89 million pages (about 91%) throughout the world.

<http://www.lycos.com/>

WebCrawler is a tool for searching the Web. It enables keyword search of over 196,000 different documents by their title and contents.

<http://webcrawler.com/>

Here are some other interesting World Wide Web sites.

Medsearch America is the first and only Internet employment advertising and communications network designed specifically of the healthcare industry.

<http://www.medsearch.com/>

HealthWeb - the health sciences libraries from the Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago are building HealthWeb, which lists subject areas in which they have special expertise.

 <http://www.ghsl.nwu.edu/healthweb/>

The **National Health Information Center (NHIC)** offers consumer health information. NHIC puts health professionals and consumers who have questions in touch with those organizations that are best able to provide answers.

<http://nhic-nt.health.org>

Pathfinder is Time Warner's homepage. You will find latest news from TIME, Money, and Entertainment Weekly.

<http://pathfinder.com>

Here are some electronic journal sites:

MedWeb from Emory has a large listing of full text journals.

<http://www.emory.edu/WHSCCL/medweb.ejs.html/>

The **Virtual Library** collection of electronic journals has the collection separated by type.

<http://www.edoc.com/ejournal/>

Journal of Biological Chemistry

<http://www-jbc.stanford.edu/jbc/>

British Medical Journal

<http://www.bmj.com/bmj/>

JMB Online provides WWW access to full text articles and abstracts from the Journal of Molecular Biology.

<http://www.hbuk.co.uk/jmb/>

The International Journal of General Practice and Primary Care.

<http://www.cityscape.co.uk/users/ad88/gp.htm>

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ANNUAL REPORT - 1995

Judy Burnham, Past President

At the January meeting, the Executive Committee held a brainstorming session to determine goals for 1995. My overall goal for the year was to raise the visibility of health science librarians in the state of Alabama. Towards this goal, we explored avenues of Internet access for medical libraries in the state. However, a grant that would have helped to achieve this required that a large medical library takes responsibility for technical support. Since both UAB and USA were in the process of searching for a director, neither institution felt it could undertake this responsibility and it was tabled.

Another activity considered was an update of a manual prepared for the Medical Society of the State of Alabama in 1988. Contact was made with the chair of the Director of Education for MASA, who will present this proposal to the Council on Medical Education in November. A representative from ALHeLA was invited to attend the annual meeting of the CME Director in Mobile in September. Joy Harriman attended on our behalf. Another contact was made with the Editor of Alabama Medicine regarding a column by ALHeLA each month in that journal. The editor has agreed and the first column will be submitted soon.

Contact was also made with the NN/LM S/EA regarding exhibiting at the Alabama Library Association meeting in 1996. Assistance in staffing the booth by ALHeLA members was offered. The regional library does plan to exhibit and noted that ALHeLA could distribute any materials, i.e. membership brochures, in the booth. Also, NN/LM S/EA agreed to furnish reproduction costs for handbooks, etc. if a Grateful Med class were taught at this meeting.

The Association is also considering applying for a grant from the NN/LM S/EA for exhibiting at meetings of health care professionals.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in working toward these goals. The Executive Committee was very helpful and worked very hard. I would especially like to thank Tammy Lee and her committee and Jay Harris and Susan Seay for planning such an informative and stimulating Annual Meeting. I encourage each one of you to assist Tammy and the Executive Committee during the coming year.

In and Out of the Comfort Zone: Medical Libraries in Transition

The 15th Annual Conference of the Alabama Health Libraries Association was held September 7-8, 1995, at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center. This year's meeting promised both to inform and challenge with two continuing education courses on Thursday and the keynote address and program on Friday.

Thursday morning, Jane Lambremont, Veterans Administration Medical Library, Alexandria, LA, taught a course, Grantsmanship for the Health Sciences Librarian, giving insight and assistance in obtaining extramural funding.

Thursday afternoon, Eleanore Stewart, Head Conservator, Stanford University, CA, led a workshop, Disaster Recovery of Libraries. After completing this course, librarians felt able to formulate a disaster plan to implement recovery.

"Abandoning the Comfort Zone: Making Medical Reference Accountable" was the keynote address given by Dr. Marion Paris, Associate Professor at the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies. Her talk included changing attitudes toward consumer access to health information, and proposed a service model for training and accountability. Dr. Paris was joined by Joan Lukins, Samford University, and Mary Fran Prottzman, Lyster US Army Hospital, to lead group discussions on strategic planning for the provision of consumer health information.

Wednesday afternoon, an Auburn University Tigerette and a Plainsman led a walking tour of the campus. The view of the campus from the top of the Haley Center was worth the trip. Thursday evening a barbecue dinner was held at Chewachla State Park. The dinner was preceded by a hike down to and a climb up from a tranquil waterfall site. After dinner drawings were held for door prizes. About half of the people there were able to take home a wonderful prize.

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Our recent ALHeLA conference was great. Many thanks to Tammy Lee for producing the conference, Marion Paris, our keynote speaker, Pat McGee for obtaining consumer health bibliographies from Majors, Infotrac and Ebsco for providing demonstrations of their CDROM products, and Cindy Mitchell for technical and advisory assistance. The following is an attempt to answer some of these questions raised during the consumer health information session. For additional information or to raise additional questions for future issues of Synapse, contact Mary Fran Prottzman, Medical Library, USAAMC, Bldg 301, Fort Rucker, AL, 36362-5000, 334-255-7350, 334-255-7990(fax).

Jody Upton of Floyd Medical Center, Rome, GA distributes the following disclaimer: "This is for your information only. It does not necessarily reflect Floyd Medical Center's opinions or procedures. Please direct all concerns and questions to your doctor and medical team." on a one page cover sheet, flanked with 'caution' road signs. She credits Mamie Bell for her assistance.

Questions concerning consumer health information issues may be answered by the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section of the Medical Library Association.

The growth in membership from 217 in 1990 to 460 in 1995 indicates a growing interest in consumer health information. The section encourages the formation of guidelines for the provision of consumer and patient health information, promotes the education of health sciences librarians in the provision of such information and provides a program on consumer and patient health information at the annual meeting of the association. The Section's newsletter, Consumer Connections, is published three times a year. The summer, 1995, issue contained information on : the DHHS Libraries as Gateways project which is expanding distribution of federal health materials to public library patrons; Med Help International, a non-profit corporation providing medical information to patients and their families; Healthnet, the Connecticut Consumer Health Information Network's database of news article summaries available through the Internet. Book reviews, annotated bibliographies of articles from the popular and professional literature, and a list of sources of Spanish language patient education materials were also included. Non-MLA members may subscribe for \$10.00/year by contacting Kay Deeney, UCLA Louise Darling Biomedical Library, Box 951798, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1798. Membership information is available from Margaret Trevanian, 412-367-6320,

nhpmedlib@hslc.org. Only three members from Alabama were listed in the 1995 directory so there's plenty of room for the rest of ya'll.

The following are inexpensive resources that I have found useful in my institution, both with clinical staff and with patients and their families.

PATIENT EDUCATION RESOURCES

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

H. Winter Griffith, a family practice physician, began writing one to two page patient instructions in 1975. Our clinicians appreciate their brevity & simplicity. Each book costs \$15.00-\$45.00 & describes etiology, symptoms, treatment & when to call the doctor

Griffith, H. Winter., M. D. Instructions for Patients. W. B. Saunders, 5th, 1994, 0-7216-3666-7
Alphabetically arranged by disorder(300+) ranging from acne & constipation to Bell's Palsy & thrombophlebitis. Includes 12 diets.

Schmitt, Barton D., M. D. Instructions for Pediatric Patients. W. B. Saunders, 1992, 0-7216-3160-6

Griffith, H. Winter, M. D. Complete guide to pediatric symptoms, illness & medication. Body Press, 1989 0895868164
Topically arranged by symptoms(1000), illness(400) & medications(2000). Advises when to return to school.

Griffith, H. Winter, M. D. Complete guide to symptoms, illness, & surgery for people over 50. Body Press, 1992 0-89586-830-X
Topically arranged by symptoms, illness, surgical procedures & medications. Over fifty surgical procedures described ranging from toenail removal to angioplasty. Includes results, risk factors, preoperative tests, anesthesia & postoperative complications, average length of stay, outcomes, home care & when to resume activities. Good illustrations of surgical procedures.

Griffith, H. Winter, M.D. Instructions for patients: medical tests & diagnostic procedures. Lea & Febiger, 1989 0-8121-1257-1
Over 400 entries. Explains purpose, reliability, risks, patient preparation, equipment, post-test care & results.

Griffith, H. Winter, M. D. Complete guide to vitamins, minerals, nutrients & supplements. Fisher Books,

1987.1-55561-006-4

Medication teaching manual, a guide for patient counseling. American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, 6th, 1995 1-879907-51-8

Arranged alphabetically by generic drug name with an index by brand name. Describes purpose, when & how used, special instructions, side effects, storage.

GUIDES

Inlander, Chalres B. & Staff of the People's Medical Society. The consumer's medical desk reference. Hyperion, 1995 \$24.95 0-7868-6056-1

Clarifies choices concerning the use of medical procedures & tests, medications, hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory care centers, healthcare providers & insurance. Contains charts of mortality, morbidity, & complication rates for the top 18 high risk surgical procedures; blood alcohol levels correlated with number of drinks & body weight; travel information, patients bill of rights, informed consent, advance directives, & malpractice. Lists hotlines, government agencies, associations & information brokers for additional information.

Miller, Marc S., ed. Health care choices for today's Consumer: The Families USA Guide to Quality & Cost. Living Planet Press, 1995. \$14.95 1-879326-23-X

Discusses consumer rights; selecting health plans, providers & hospitals; alternative healthcare, long term care, & home care. Lists support groups, self-help clearinghouses, electronic resources, & data brokers. Excellent use of comparative charts to simplify complex topics such as insurance plans & Medicare coverage.

Napoli, Maryann. The Center for Medical Consumers ultimate medical answerbook. Hearst books, 1995. \$23.00 0-688-127533-3

Provides clinical data in an easily digested form for 75 common afflictions by quoting current studies in NEJM, JAMA, BMJ, AHCPR guidelines, & DATTA(AMA).

Rees, Alan M., ed., Consumer health USA: essential information from the Federal Health Network. Oryx, 1995. \$49.50 0-89774-889-1

Reprints 151 federal government publications from AHCPR, FDA, CDC, etc. Good cross references, subject & title index. Includes NLM's Health Hotlines.

Rees, Alan M., ed., Personal health reporter. Gale Research, 1993 \$95.00 1061-4125

Excerpts of current articles on 148 medical conditions &

treatments. While the content is similar to Griffith's books, PHR also lists related articles, books & support groups. Covers an array of 'popular' topics ranging from carpal tunnel syndrome & chronic fatigue to the common cold & head lice. Articles are abstracted from AMERICAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN, JAMA, NEW ENGL JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, PATIENT CARE, RN, NURSING '91 & health letters, pamphlets, newspapers, popular medical guides & medical texts.

ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORIES

National healthlines directory(toll-free numbers). Information Resources Press, 1992 \$15.00 0-87815-063-3

Arranged by organizational name(212) with subject & audience indexes.

Winter, Arthur, M.D. Consumer's guide to free medical information by phone & by mail. Prentice Hall, 1993 \$15.00 0-13-96199-X

Arranged by topic(400 organizations)

DIRLINE

NLM's online database of health organizations. Free as of January, 1994. HEALTH HOTLINES is the abbreviated print format.

PLANNING/SELECTION TOOLS

Rees, Alan M. Consumer Health Information Source Book. Oryx Press, 4th ed, 1994. \$42.50 0-89774-796-8

An evaluative guide to the selection of health information resources for the general public. Books, popular magazines & newsletters, pamphlet titles.

Rees, Alan M. Managing Consumer Health Information Services.. Oryx Press, 1992. \$39.50 0-89774-622-8

Provides practical guidance for the development & operation of consumer health information services.

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NN/LM SE/A Region News

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Suitcases in hand, the NN/LM SE/A team are preparing to meet the Fall travel schedule. First, SE/A staff will sojourn to Richmond, VA for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of MLA meeting October 14-17. At the meeting, Janice Kelly, executive director, will provide an update on staff activities, new NLM initiatives, and NN/LM projects. Also at the conference, Barbara Kuchan and Beverly Gresehover will present a poster, Moving Forward: the transition to serial records updating using the Online SERHOLD Updating System, which describes the Maryland Association of Health Sciences Librarians change from tape to online SERHOLD updating and the production of their union list of serials. Lisa Boyd, outreach coordinator, will also be presenting a poster--hers will cover tips for writing a successful grant proposal, Grantsmanship: the Art of Getting Money. SE/A personnel will be available at the SE/A exhibit booth to discuss issues and concerns, and answer questions. Lora-Lynn Stevens, Internet coordinator, will demonstrate our World Wide Web page, the SE/A Net, and Karen Ginter from NLM will demonstrate Internet Grateful Med. Visitors to the booth will be asked to complete our Consultants Registry Interest Form and Training Needs Assessment. With a stop in Atlanta for the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting from October 29-November 2, Lisa and Lora Lynn join the rest of the SE/A crew in Puerto Rico for the Southern Chapter of MLA meeting in mid-November. We are looking forward to seeing and catching up with all our network member friends again this Fall!

NLM has developed a new factsheet entitled Opportunities for Training and Education Sponsored by the National Library of Medicine. Topics listed cover: medical informatics, biotechnology, online information access and medical librarianship. A brief description of these subjects is provided. This factsheet is available from the SE/A office or from the NLM ftp server at: [ftp://ftp.nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov/nlminfo/factsheets/trainedu].

On November 28, 1995, Beverly Gresehover and Barbara Kuchan will offer a full-day Grateful Med/DOCLINE class at the Health Sciences Library (HSL), University of Maryland. The class will be held in the HSL microlab from 9 am - 4 pm. Participants will earn 3 MLA Contact Hours for the DOCLINE portion. There is no charge for the class. The first half of the class will be devoted to Grateful Med: search

features and using MeSH. The second half will cover DOCLINE and its features, interaction with other MEDLARS files, Loansome Doc, and the DOCUSER file. Hands-on practice time will follow. Call the NN/LM SE/A office, 800-338-7657 or 410-706-2855 to register.

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MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant

EBSCO Subscription Services sponsors two grants in the amount of \$1,000 each to enable a medical librarian working in a health science library to attend MLA's Annual Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be currently employed as a medical librarian
- Applicant must have not less than two (2) and not more than five (5) years of experience as a librarian in a health sciences library at time of the annual meeting.
- Applicant must complete an application form including a 200 word statement answering the question, "What do you expect to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the MLA Annual Meeting"?

For applications and further information, please contact MLA's Professional Development Department at 312/419-9094 or email mlapd@mlahq.org. Applications for grants are due by December 1, 1995.

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