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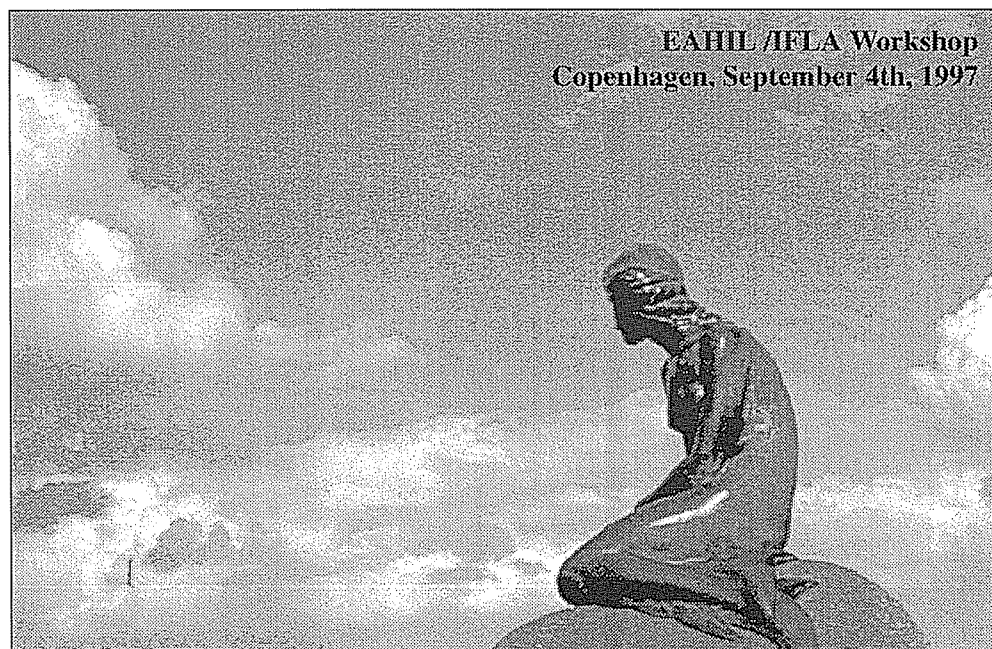
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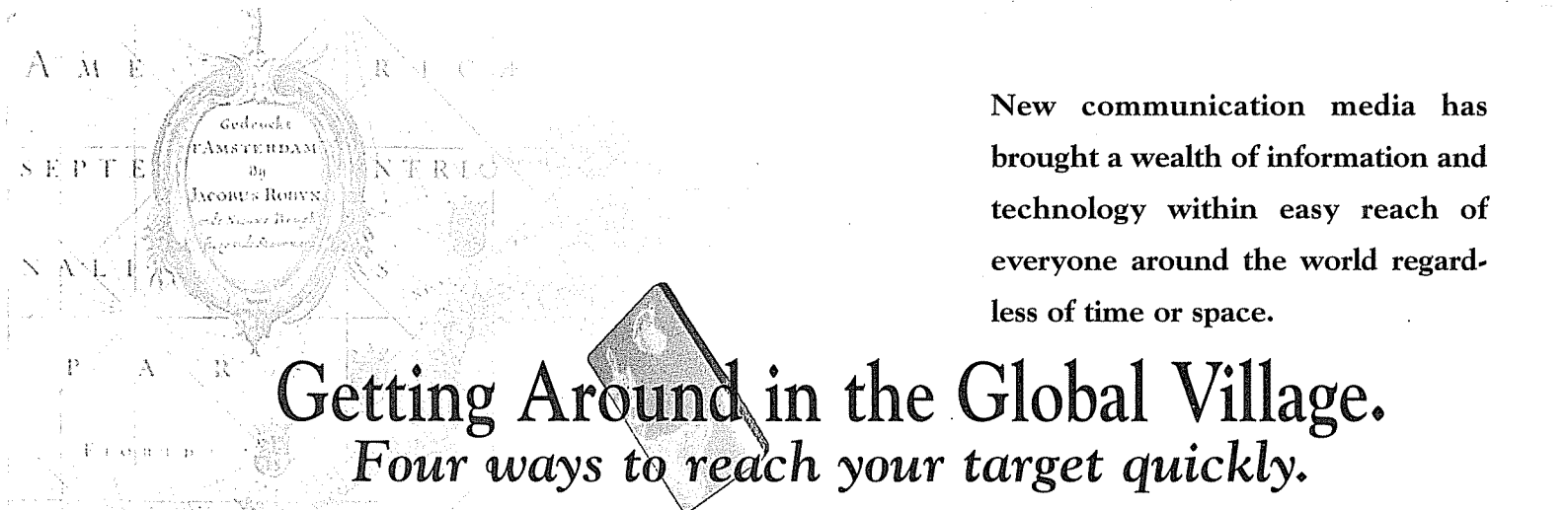
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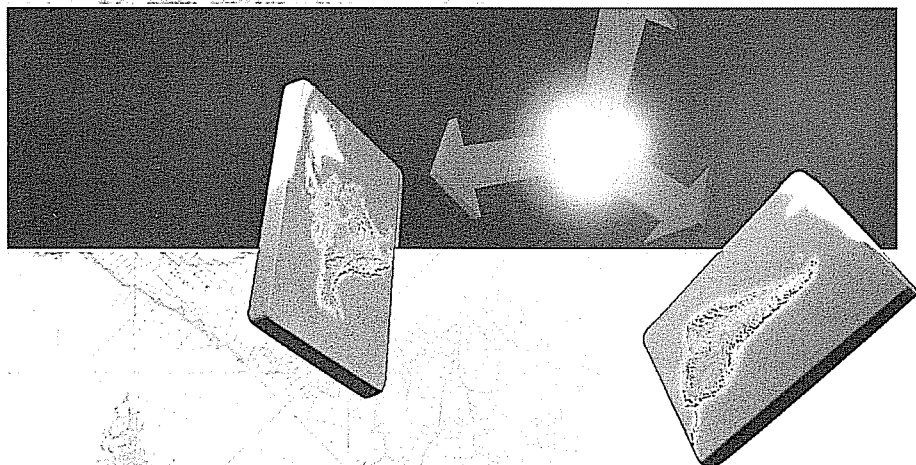
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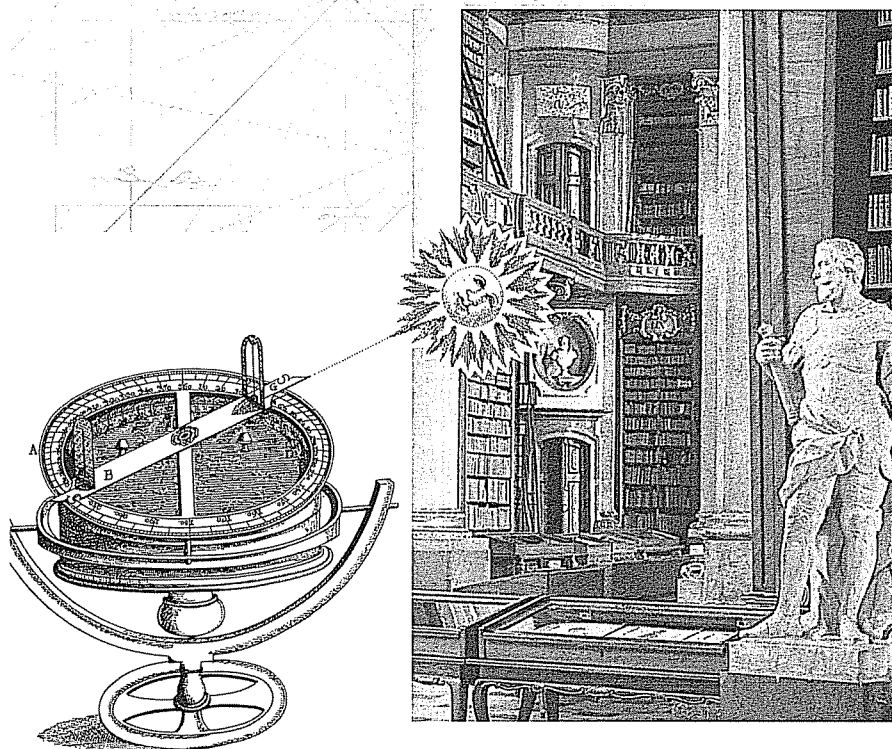
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EDITORIAL



This issue is publishing two papers which were accepted months ago as feature articles; both the subjects are not too time-sensitive, but the editor apologizes to authors for keeping them waiting and

invites them to take advantage of this note to start a written discussion.

As a reader, you look at article titles and decide what is worth reading. If you are in an Editorial committee, you just hunt for papers and general copy in almost an acritical way: somebody else will assess them. When you become the editor, you start asking questions to yourself even before reading the author's name; with deadlines, space problems, the variety of subjects, equities in languages all in your mind.

Is it appealing just to me or will it be of general interest? Is it original? How useful is it? And you realize how little you know

of the profession, and how amazing it is that you survived in it without having the need to approach things in the way others are doing.

The French paper in this issue is a good example, of a reproducible study, with a strict methodological approach to the comparative assessment of two databases. The authors are comparing French Pascal to the International gold standard Medline: I would ask them why they did not choose Embase for the comparison? Is it for cost reasons? Where all your scientists used for searches French or French-speaking? And to myself: why have I never searched Pascal, if 50% of the journals it covers are published in Western Europe? What bias have I taken in the business I am servicing?

The Italian paper gives so much food for thought in terms of changes for all the actors involved in publications - from authors through publishers to librarians, that the questions are so many that I cannot decide what is worth asking. Other than to myself what opportunity is my business losing due to a delayed and full deployment of Internet?

The two papers read together are good extreme examples of « soft » skills and « hard » knowledge necessary to be an information professional, and so I hope appealing in one way or another to the entire population of EAHIL.

I urge the readers to start from this very issue and these two articles a journal with more communication, i.e. correspondence. Please don't be shy or lazy and forget that this is a quarterly Newsletter. Please send in your comments, and points of view, agree or disagree, but give feedback on everything which is published. A lively debate will improve our Newsletter and all of us in our daily practice.

If letters have a role in reviewing research the same is true of opinions in information sciences, particularly in a Newsletter which has no peer review process. ■ ■ ■

Luisa Vercellesi
Chief Editor

Ce numéro vous propose deux articles acceptés il y a des mois comme articles de fonds. Aucun de ces deux sujets n'a vieilli, mais la rédactrice-en-chef tient à s'excuser auprès des auteurs d'avoir gardé ces textes en réserve et profiter de cette note pour ouvrir le débat.

Comme lecteur, vous jetez un coup d'œil aux titres et décidez de ce qui mérite d'être lu. Si vous appartenez à un comité de rédaction, vous vous contentez de partir à la chasse aux articles et sujets généraux de manière

plutôt non critique : quelqu'un d'autre les jugera. Quand vous devenez rédacteur-en-chef, vous commencez à vous poser des questions avant même de lire le nom de l'auteur; vous avez à l'esprit des problèmes de date limite, d'espace, de diversité des sujets et d'équilibre des langues.

Cet article n'attire-t-il que moi ou est-il d'intérêt général ? Est-ce original ? Est-ce utile ? Et vous vous rendez compte que vous en savez très peu sur la profession et qu'il est étonnant que vous ayez survécus sans appréhender les choses de la même manière que les autres.

L'article français que vous trouverez dans ce numéro est un bon exemple d'étude

reproductible, avec une approche méthodologique rigoureuse, de comparaison de deux banques de données. Les auteurs comparent la base française PASCAL au célèbre standard international MEDLINE : je voudrais leur demander pourquoi ne pas avoir choisi EMBASE comme élément de comparaison ? Est-ce une question de coûts ? Tous leurs scientifiques sont-ils de langue française ou habitués à chercher en français ? Et à moi-même :

pourquoi n'ai-je jamais interrogé Pascal, si 50 % des périodiques référencés sont publiés en Europe occidentale? Quel biais ai-je ainsi introduit par rapport à l'entreprise qui m'emploie ?

L'article italien donne tant de sujets de réflexion en termes de changements pour tous les acteurs impliqués dans l'édition (de l'auteur au bibliothécaire, en passant par l'éditeur) que les questions fusent de toutes

parts et que je ne peux choisir celles qu'il convient de poser. En dehors de mes questions, quelles sont les occasions de pertes dans mon entreprise dues au retard de déploiement de l'Internet ?

Les deux articles lus en parallèle sont des exemples extrêmes des compétences en

"soft" et des connaissances en "hard" nécessaires à un professionnel de l'information, ces textes sont donc intéressants d'une manière ou d'une autre pour tous les membres de l'AEIBS.

J'incite les lecteurs à commencer à faire de cette Newsletter et à partir de ces deux articles, une revue plus axée sur la communication, p.e. lancer une correspondance de discussion. Ne soyez ni timides, ni paresseux et oubliez que c'est une revue trimestrielle. Envoyez vos commentaires et points de vue, accords ou désaccords, mais donnez suite à tout ce qui est publié. Un début vivant améliorera notre Newsletter et notre pratique quotidienne. Si les lettres à l'éditeur ont un rôle dans la critique de la recherche, il en va de même pour les opinions dans les sciences de l'information; particulièrement pour une Newsletter qui n'a pas de procédure de critique par les pairs.



Luisa Vercellesi
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Topics on the Board Meeting held in Brussels, on January 31/february 1st 1997

The new Board of the EAHIL had its first meeting in Brussels in February. The agenda was long: 20 items! This means that we sat at the Secretariat in the heart of Brussels for two days, with only short breaks.

With members from so many different countries and cultural backgrounds and bureaucratic cultures and national characteristics, it is always exciting to see how things work out. One of the most important things to understand is the true meaning of international cooperation: all nationalities and all persons do the things in their own respective ways, and the others accept it. I can speak for myself: it was very soon noticed that the Finno-Hungarian human races are not very talkative and do not have the tradition of small talk or of answering letters as strong as the other European nationalities have. And despite this, things are usually sorted out in time and in good order.

The functions of the new members of the EAHIL Board have been decided as follows:

- Tony McSean, Executive Secretary
- Otakar Pinkas, First Vice President
- Liisa Salmi, Second Vice President
- Manuela Colombi, Assistant Secretary
- Arne Jakobsson, Treasurer
- Françoise Pasleau, Belgian Member

Pascal Delausnay regretfully could not accept to be the Belgian representative, she will be replaced by Françoise Pasleau of the University of Liège.

We concentrated on other matters: the future get-togethers in Budapest, Utrecht, Tartu, London. We made decisions on our relationships to other European associations, and of course on our rather new measure of communication, the www page on the Internet. However, the two big themes of the present Board are cooperative agreements with medical and health science libraries in Eastern and Central Europe and the membership figures.

There are several libraries in Eastern and Central Europe who very much need the help of others. Norway has had an exemplary project with the Kaunas Medical Library, providing them among others things with freejournal article copies and new books. We try to encourage all members and member libraries to take similar actions, because the greatest problem is not accessibility but availability of information in these libraries.

The number of members is now about 470, and one of the goals of the EAHIL is to have 1000 members by the year 2000. This looks very ambitious: it means that we

should more than double the membership in 3-4 years. We did not find an absolute solution to this problem, but decided to have campaigns in countries which are under-represented compared with their medical librarian populations. What would you think is a good proportion of the total of medical librarians in a country to be recommended to join EAHIL? And on the whole: do we need 1000 members and if we do, for what purpose? This means that we also thoroughly discussed the justification of our existence. As a result, one chain of thought is quite clear: in the Association we learn to know each other; the better we know each other, the better cooperation flourishes, the better cooperation we have, the better information is intermediated to those who need it. We could go on: the better information is intermediated, the better health care can be provided. ■ ■ ■

Texte français dans le nr de Juillet.

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Summary of the Council Meeting held in Coimbra, on September 17, 1996

Before the Council meeting in Coimbra, the Council members were sent an activity report on Sept. 1995 - Aug. 1996, the main activities having been meetings and events of EAHIL, the programme work, measures of communication with the members and relationships with other organisations and associations.

The Council members had also been asked to contribute with suggestions on future activities, and this time, especially on the international programme of the National Library of Medicine, whose representative, Lois Ann Colaianni was invited to the meeting as a special guest. Some of the suggestions to the NLM by the EAHIL members were: course material produced by the NLM for teaching professionals and end users MEDLINE searching, quality assurance by the NLM for free MEDLINES on the Internet, organisation of biomedical sources on the Internet, and more

extensive use of Internet as a communication measure. The MLA liaison person, Donna Flake, was also invited to the meeting as a special guest, giving a presentation of the favourable development in the relationship between the two associations.

Communication between the Board, the Council and EAHIL members was discussed, and it was stated that use of Internet will enhance the communication in many ways. Mailing lists and discussion groups can be established, which work has already been started by the Board Swedish member Arne Jakobsson. He has also created a home page for EAHIL in collaboration with Ragnhild Lande from Norway.

The EAHIL programme of work seems to be fixed till the year 2000, and it can be further discussed in connection with the IFLA Meeting in Copenhagen in August 1997. As to the financial matters, the

preliminary budget for 1997-98 was accepted, and it was decided that the subgroups can collect an extra fee to cover their special activities.

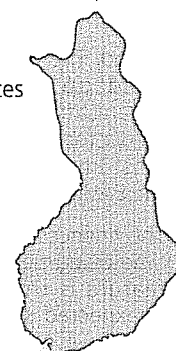
A few written reports from Council members of local activities were presented. The low number of written reports is due to the fact that Council Members do not in fact know what the Board wants from them. A wish to the Board to express more precisely what issues are wanted to be reported was presented.

The Council meeting minutes are available in full at the secretariat in Brussels.

Texte français dans le nr de Juillet.

Liisa Salmi

2nd Vice President





EAHIL LAUNCHES A DISCUSSION LIST FOR ALL EAHIL MEMBERS

EAHIL-L is a new electronic discussion list for all EAHIL members. EAHIL-L is based on the same software, i.e. LISTSERV, as MEDLIB-L, the discussion list run by the Medical Library Association. EAHIL-L is intended as an electronic forum for ideas, questions, and announcements specific to EAHIL members. The list will stimulate interaction and discussion between all EAHIL members. An electronic mail/message sent to the list is delivered in a matter of seconds to all people currently subscribing to the list. Only EAHIL members can subscribe to the list.

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L'AEIBS LANCE UNE LISTE DE DISCUSSION POUR SES MEMBRES

EAHIL-L est une nouvelle liste de discussion pour tous les membres de l'AEIBS. EAHIL-L se base sur le même logiciel - LISTSERV - que MEDLIB-L, la liste de discussion de la MLA. EAHIL-L se veut un forum électronique d'idées, de questions, et d'annonces spécifiques aux membres de l'AEIBS. La liste stimulera les interactions et la discussion entre tous les membres de l'AEIBS. Un courrier électronique envoyé à la liste sera délivré en quelques secondes à toutes les personnes inscrites à la liste. Cette liste est réservée aux membres de l'AEIBS.

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EAHIL General Assembly held in Coimbra, on September 19, 1996

The General Assembly had reached the quorum of EAHIL Members to decide upon Association matters. After the approval of the minutes from the Oslo meeting in 1994, the President gave an activity report of the previous

period. The programme of work, efforts to build up relations to other related organisations and associations and new media for reaching the members were the most important items. A new edition of the EAHIL directory will also be prepared.

The finances of the Association are for the time being healthy and stable, and a new feature is that a contingency fund for unexpected situations is established. No

increase in the membership fees for 1997 is planned; the 25% reduction for the newly registered Eastern and Central European members and libraries in 1997 remains unchanged. (The results of the 1996 elections were published in the 1996 October issue).

The new editor of the Newsletter will have new tasks in planning the electronic version together with EAHIL's homepage on the Internet. We all hope that having now both printed and electronic means of communication, the Association will be closer to its members and will reach them better. The Prix d'Honneur recipients for 1995 and 1996, Ann Lois Colaïanni (USA) and Otakar Pinkas (the Czech Republic),

were introduced and thanked for their work in the health science library community.

A good example of the activities of the Association is the conferences and workshops. There will be several of them in the coming years: Budapest 1997, Utrecht 1998, Tartu 1999, London 2000.

A new model for organising the secretariat in the future was presented. The main idea is to have the President and the secretariat in the same place, most preferably in a health sciences library. The details will be worked on.

Liisa Salmi
2nd Vice-President



NEWS... NEWS... NEWS... EN BREF... EN BREF...

Nominations invited for 1997 EAHIL Award

The EAHIL Awards for 1995 and 1996 were presented at the Coimbra Conference in September 1996 to Lois Ann Colaianni (National Library of Medicine, USA) and Otakar Pinkas (National Medical Library, Czech Republic), respectively, for their contributions to the medical library community. Now the EAHIL Board invites nominations from members for candidates of the 1997 EAHIL AWARD - PRIX D'HONNEUR.

The procedure will be the same as earlier:

- the nominee should be a EAHIL member who has made an outstanding contribution to health and medical library and information services at regional, national or European level;
- the nomination should include a short summary of the person's career, sent to the EAHIL Secretariat by 15 May, 1997;
- the decision about the Award will be made by the Board at its Autumn meeting, presented at the Budapest Workshop in September in 1997 and announced in the Newsletter.

Liisa Salmi
2nd Vice-President

Have you settled your 1997 Membership fee ?

Have you ordered your copy of the Coimbra Proceedings ?

Don't wait !

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The EAHIL Secretariat in Brussels

EAHIL Council

A new French delegate on the EAHIL Council has been nominated and approved by the French members to replace Ms Nicq from Montpellier who resigned end of 1996. We would first like to thank Ms Christiane Nicq for her participation to the EAHIL activities as national representative for the past two years.

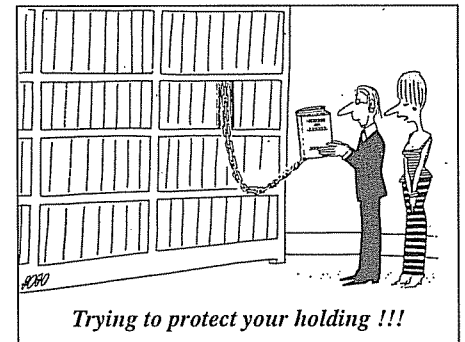
We are pleased to welcome Mr François LEMOINE, of the Reims University Champagne-Ardenne Library, Health Section (51 rue Cognacq Jay, F-51097

Reims Cedex - tel: 33 326 05 39 01 - fax: 33 326 05 39 05) as a new French delegate on the Council. We much appreciate his will to represent his country within EAHIL, and to join Mrs Marie-Danielle Meunier of Pfizer Paris, first French delegate, to work together to the EAHIL activities.



EAHIL Meetings in Budapest

The EAHIL Board and annual Council meetings will take place in Budapest, in the context of the EAHIL Workshop, on September 23, 1997. All Board and Council members are invited to attend it. The invitation and agenda will be sent in due course.



Appel aux nominations pour le Prix d'Honneur 1997

Les Prix d'Honneur de l'AEIBS pour 1995 et 1996 ont été remis lors de la Conférence de Coimbra en septembre 1996 respectivement à Lois Colaianni (NLM, USA) et Otakar Pinkas (NML, République Tchèque) pour leur contribution apportée à la communauté des bibliothèques médicales. Le Bureau Exécutif lance un appel aux nominations de membres pour le Prix d'Honneur 1997 de l'AEIBS.

La procédure reste la même qu'auparavant :

- le nominé doit être un membre de l'AEIBS qui a contribué de manière importante au développement des bibliothèques et services d'information médicaux et de santé au niveau régional, national ou européen;
- la proposition de nomination doit inclure un bref résumé de la carrière du candidat et être envoyée au secrétariat de l'AEIBS au plus tard pour le 15 mai 1997;

- la décision d'attribution du Prix sera prise par le Bureau exécutif lors de sa séance d'automne, le prix sera remis lors du Symposium de Budapest en septembre 1997 et annoncé dans la Newsletter.

Liisa Salmi
2nd Vice-President



Le Conseil de l'AEIBS

Un nouveau délégué national a été nommé par les membres français pour les représenter au sein de Conseil de l'AEIBS avec Mme Marie-Danielle Meunier de Pfizer Paris. Il remplacera Mme Christiane Nicq de Montpellier qui a démissionné de ce poste fin 1996. Nous saisissons cette occasion pour la remercier de sa participation à nos activités ces deux dernières années.

C'est ainsi que nous sommes heureux d'accueillir Mr François LEMOINE comme

nouveau représentant français au sein de Conseil et le remercions de sa volonté de coopération au sein de notre Association.

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Les réunions de l'AEIBS lors de notre Workshop à Budapest, le 23 septembre 1997

Les réunions du Bureau Exécutif et du Conseil de l'AEIBS se tiendront dans le cadre de notre Workshop à Budapest, le 23 septembre prochain. Les membres du Bureau et du Conseil sont cordialement invités à y participer. Les invitations et ordres du jour leur parviendront en temps utile.





NEWS FROM OUR

ASSOCIATION

The EAHIL « Oslo Fund » *Bourses de voyage de l'AEIBS « Oslo Fund »*

The EAHIL Executive Board is pleased to give you below the statutes of the EAHIL « Oslo Fund » administrated by the Norwegian Library Association.

Le bureau Exécutif de l'AEIBS a le plaisir de vous donner ci-après les statuts concernant les bourses de voyages de l'AEIBS "Oslo Fund" ainsi que les instructions pour les obtenir.

The EAHIL "Oslo- Fund" - Statutes

- §1 - The name of the fund is the EAHIL "Oslo- fund". It was founded in 1996 by the Local Organizing Committee in Oslo on the basis of the profit made at the "Fourth European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries" in Oslo
- §2 - The Fund is administered by the Norwegian Library Association, Section for Medicine and Health Sciences (SMH).
- §3 - The object of the Oslo-Fund is to give travel grants to members of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL), in order that they may participate at the conferences and workshops of EAHIL.
- §4 - The grants will be distributed in accordance with §3. A maximum of four travel grants will be awarded per year. An invitation for applications will be announced in the EAHIL Newsletter.
- §5 - The receiver of a travel grant is required to send a written report to SMH or EAHIL about how the grant has been used and the professional outcome of it. EAHIL reserves the right to publish the report in the EAHIL Newsletter.
- §6 - A grant committee will assess the applications and award the grants. The grant committee will consist of three members: two members of the Norwegian Library Association, Section Medicine and Health Sciences (one of the Board and a full member) and a Norwegian EAHIL member.
- §7 - The grant committee shall assess the professional value to the applicant and to the library environment in his or her country, in accordance with the aims of the Fund. An applicant may be awarded a grant more than once, but the grant committee should aim at an even distribution between members and their respective countries. The grant awards shall be published in the EAHIL Newsletter.
- §8 - The value and viability of the Fund can be assessed after 10 years with the aim of dissolving it.

Guidelines for applying for a travel grant:

1. The applicant must be a member of EAHIL
2. The grant can only be distributed to individuals
3. The applicant must present a budget together with an application form
4. The applicant must give details about other contributions
5. The applicant cannot apply for a grant for activities that have already taken place
6. The applicant must give a report after the conference/workshop

Instructions pour la demande d'une bourse de voyage:

1. Le demandeur doit être un membre de l'AEIBS/EAHIL
2. La bourse est individuelle
3. Le demandeur doit présenter un budget ainsi qu'une demande écrite
4. Le demandeur doit donner des détails sur ses autres contributions
5. Le demandeur ne peut pas faire une demande pour des activités qui ont déjà eu lieu
6. Le demandeur doit soumettre un rapport après la conférence

Please send your application in English for the **BUDAPEST WORKSHOP** to be held from September 23-25, 1997 to Elisabeth Akre, Oslo, **before 31 MAY 1997**.

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EAHIL President



M E M B E R S H I P

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS :

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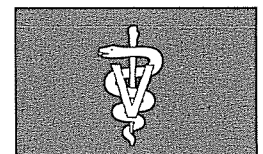
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- University of Athens, Panagoya ZACHOU, Health Science Library, Athens, Greece
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Global cooperation of veterinary libraries: a start.

The veterinary library community on this world - as you may call it - is gradually uniting. The creation of the European Veterinary Libraries Group under the wing of EAHIL has been started in Europe to run parallel to the existing American group that functions there with great success as a part of the Medical Library Association.

Last year we welcomed the initiative to set up an African organisation. The black-boxes are in Asia, South-America and to a lesser extent in Australia. The further East you move on the map, contacts between West, Middle and East vanish. It is important to notice such difficulties and EVLG and also EAHIL should act accordingly.

EVLG's newsletter is serving the vet-lib community very well, each issue becomes

better and the number of contributions from all over the world is increasing. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact one of the editors:

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We are looking forward to the Second International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (ICAHIS 1997) to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on July 1-4, 1997. The final announcement has been launched and a glance at the programme confirms that the above observations are right: there are a lot of contributions from the US and from Europe, two from South-

Africa and one from Mexico. The "rest" of the world is not there...

But as the title of this article says: it's a START.

And let's be glad with that!

P.S. We'll be very pleased to welcome you in Copenhagen. You can obtain all information on ICAHIS 1997 at The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University / DIS, Thorvaldensvej 40, DK-1871 Frederiksberg C, Denmark, E-mail dis-con@inet.uni-c.dk

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Discussion list

Great news ! As announced in this issue, EAHIL members can now make use of a powerful communication tool : an Internet discussion list.

We encourage members of the Group to subscribe as soon as possible, in order, as we discussed in previous issues, "to fill the gap between the biennial conferences". As a reminder, not only people having an Internet account can use this, but also people having access to a DataMail : e.g. Anne.Pion@dm.krinfo.ch. Most pharmaceutical companies also have a gateway to Internet mail. Ask your IT department for more information.

We propose to use this channel extensively. If the traffic caused by the Group is too heavy, we can scan the possibility of setting up our own discussion list.

Contact to the EAHIL Board

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EAHIL 1998 Utrecht

From 13th to 15th February, the first meeting of the International Programme Committee of the 6th EAHIL European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries took place in Utrecht.

Utrecht is a very pleasant city, half an hour from Amsterdam, a charming little town with all facilities of an internationally well-known university town. In addition, you can taste a large range of food and drinks... (as you can see, I love it !). We visited the Jaarbeurs Congres and Convention Centre, the future location of the Conference. It has an outstanding position (very close to the Central Station), and the whole range of facilities of one of Europe's largest exhibition complexes.

We met members of the Local Organizing and Programme Committees. They have already done outstanding work. This event will be great !

In order to organize the Pharmaceutical Information Session during the next EAHIL Conference in Utrecht, candidates are sought for the Decision Committee. Interested people can drop me a note. The

list of candidates will be published in the next issue.

As a reminder, the task of the Decision Committee is to organize the Pharmaceutical Session, by :

- encouraging potential authors to submit papers and posters, - evaluating them, - giving the authors organisational help
- and by supporting them on the Conference Programme Committee.

This Committee is composed of three members from the General Assembly.

Conferences

The potentials of Internet and Intranet for the pharmaceutical industry seem to inspire a lot of people : many conferences recently focussed on that subject. Proceedings are sometimes available. You may contact the organising body if you are interested.

- "InfoTech Pharma - the information revolution" 28th-30th Jan 1997, Olympia Conference Centre, London - IBC, Tel. +44 171 453.27.01 or louise_hill@ibcuklon.ccmil.compuserve.com <http://www.abc-uk.com/conf/infotechpharma/>
- "Discover the commercial implications of pharmaceuticals on the Internet & Intranet" - 19th & 20th Feb 1997, The Berners Hotel, London. Conference papers available for £220 - SMI Tel. +44 171 252 22.22 or 100531.3067@compuserve.com
- "Develop & maintain competitive advantage through the strategic use of the Internet in the pharmaceutical industry" - 26th-27th Feb 1997, Metropole Hotel, London - IBC, Tel. +44 171 453.27.01 or louise_hill@ibcuklon.ccmil.compuserve.com
- "Putting the Internet to work in pharmaceutical Brand & Category management", Workshop lead by Mark Chataway- 21st Feb 1997, The Berners Hotel, London - SMI Tel. +44 171 252 22.22 or 100531.3067@compuserve.com
- "Effective use of the Internet and Intranet in pharmaceutical R&D" - 10th-11th March 1997, Park Lane Hotel, London - Congress papers available for £200 - IBC, Tel. +44 171 453.27.01 or louise_hill@ibcuklon.ccmil.compuserve.com <http://www.abc-uk.com>
- "Internet and Intranets for pharmaceuticals" - 7th & 8th April, Le Meridien, London - AIC Conferences, Tel. +44 171 242 23.24

PharmNET News

We received an evaluation issue of PharmNET News, a 44 page newsletter dealing with the pharmaceutical industry and the internet / intranet, with a classical mix of news, articles and congress announcements, and an interesting part with pharmaceutical industry web site reviews. Only one disadvantage : a little expensive : £99 / year for bi-monthly periodicity..

Information and evaluation copies can be obtained from:

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News from other Associations

Medical Library Association :

1997 Annual Meeting - Seattle, May 23-28, 1997. The Preliminary program is available at :

<http://www.kumc.edu/MLA/preprog.html>
About the "Pharmacy and Drug Information section" : The 27th May, at 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. : The Embase Lecture by Dr. Philip Hansten, University of Washington, Seattle

Special Libraries Association:

88th Annual Conference - Seattle, Convention Center, June 7-12, 1997

"Information Professionals at the Crossroads: Change As Opportunity"

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European Society of Clinical Pharmacy 4th European Conference -

"Disseminating Drug Information" - 21 - 23 May 1997. Amsterdam, The Netherlands - secretariat@escp.nl. For more information, contact the Secretariat : +31 (0)71 3646435 or <http://www.escp.nl/html/escphp.html>

PhInfG HomePage

The first draft of the PhInfG HomePage has been distributed to interested people for evaluation. At the time of reading, the page might already have been launched. Take a look at the EAHIL HomePage.

Do not hesitate to send me you comments or suggestions.

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NEWS FROM

EUROPE

5th EAHIL European Conference of Medical and Health Librarians a flashback

5^{ème} Conférence Européenne des Bibliothèques Médicales et de Santé de l'AEIBS : un flashback

Deux axes importants ont guidé l'organisation de cette conférence : A) la complémentarité et l'aptitude au travail d'équipe des membres du Comité d'Organisation local; B) la définition de buts principaux que le Comité souhaitait atteindre : 1) accroître la coopération et l'échange d'expériences au niveau international; 2) promouvoir une large participation européenne et internationale; 3) offrir la possibilité de perspectives et savoirs nouveaux; 4) fournir une meilleure utilisation des technologies de l'information; 5) accueillir les visiteurs selon la tradition portugaise. Le résultat du travail intensif de promotion est la participation de 450 personnes issues de 30 pays d'Europe, mais aussi d'Amérique latine et du Nord, d'Afrique ou d'Océanie. Cette importante participation reflète l'intérêt des conférences, posters et cours proposés, tous choisis selon les critères de qualité et de représentativité nationale. En résumé, l'idée principale était de combiner un bon programme scientifique tout en permettant aux visiteurs d'avoir un aperçu de l'identité portugaise. Le Comité d'Organisation local remercie pour leur aide : les collègues, les membres du Conseil de l'AEIBS, les membres du Comité International et le secrétariat de l'AEIBS à Bruxelles.

Since the very first moment Portugal was to organize the 5th EAHIL European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, we were guided by two important issues:

1. The experience in team work by the members of the Local committees, particularly within the APDIS (Portuguese Association for Health Documentation and Information), and their complementary profiles due to the different parent institutions they work in;
2. The definition of the main goals the Local Organizing Committee would like to achieve:
 - to increase the co-operation and the exchange of experiences at an international level;
 - to promote the participation of the largest number of delegates from different countries in Europe and outside Europe;
 - to offer the possibility of new perspectives and knowledge;
 - to provide a better use of the information technologies;
 - to welcome our visitors under the Portuguese tradition.

The increase of co-operation began with the first contacts with the members of the International Programme Committee and the Local committees in order to take decisions about the Scientific Programme and Continuing Education Courses. This International Committee was suggested by the EAHIL Board in January 1995, in London, following the Oslo strategy with good results. A meeting in Coimbra provided a broad discussion on the Conference Programme and schedule and a visit to the Conference Centre, in March 1995.

This meeting was followed by other contacts with suggested monitors and keynote speakers who agreed to

participate with a great interest. This has been quite rewarding. The Scientific Programme was definitively established in a Scientific Committee meeting that was held in Lisbon in January 1996 and confirmed in a EAHIL Board Meeting on February 10, in Brussels. The final announcement/preliminary programme was only waiting for these final decisions.

An extensive Conference promotion began during the 4th EAHIL Conference in Oslo. After Oslo, professional and health journals both at national and international level published promotional information following the Conference marketing strategy, by calling for participation and papers. The Medical Library Association Newsletter and the EAHIL Newsletter were of great importance.

Lots of letters were sent to publishers in the health field and eighty thousand « First announcement » and « Call for Papers » were delivered all over Europe, Brazil, United States, Australia, South Africa. Five thousand « Final announcement/preliminary Programme » were sent to EAHIL members, publishers, sponsors and many people we contacted by asking for information on the Conference. The Local Committees are very grateful to their colleagues, EAHIL Council members, international committee members who have given very good help in this process in the UK, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Italy and also the EAHIL Secretariat in Brussels.

Thanks to this wide promotion we could host four hundred and fifty delegates from thirty countries, including Brazil, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Senegal, Australia. The delegates brochure did not include a few participants who registered just before the Conference

During the six day Conference and Continuing Education Courses lots of meetings were convened. Several professional groups took this opportunity

to exchange their ideas, experiences and think of future projects in their own field. The Continuing Education Courses presented new themes and refreshed ideas on old ones that information professionals deal with in their daily activities.

As for the Scientific Programme two main criteria were the basis for papers and posters selection: quality and countries representativeness, so that all delegates might enhance their knowledge in other countries experiences. Regarding the keynote speakers they were appointed by the EAHIL Board and the Committees members based upon their own expertise and the countries representativeness, as well. The most recent information technology could be demonstrated not only through the Continuing Education Courses and papers presented but also through the exhibition. Well-known publishers displayed their products on CD-ROM and on the Internet. Everybody could use Internet at the Conference Centre either in the Conference rooms or the exhibition area. The social programme concentrated on Portuguese tradition to welcome our colleagues, invited speakers and exhibitors who decided to share the experience with us. The committees major concern was to make everybody feel at home and also be aware of the natural beauty of Portugal, the historical and cultural environment, particularly Coimbra and its surroundings, typical Portuguese food and wine, folk music and Coimbra fado, as well. In short, the main idea was to combine a good scientific programme and let our visitors have a flash of the Portuguese identity.

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Annual Meeting of the Association of Medical Librarianship (AGMB), Basel, 30th September-2nd October 1996

Réunion annuelle de l'Association des Bibliothèques Médicales, Bâle, 1996

Between the 30th of September and the 2nd of October 1996, the annual meeting of the AGMB was held in Basel and organised by the Medical Library in the cantonal hospital, which is a branch of the Library of the University of Basel.

The AGMB, an association which promotes affairs of medical libraries and information services in German-speaking countries had its meeting in Switzerland for the second time in its 26-year history, the first occasion being 20 years ago. A varied programme was presented by the 22 speakers and 14 exhibitors for the 135 participants of the meeting.

After the official welcome by the chairperson, Peter Stadler (Central Library of Boehringer Mannheim GmbH), the organiser, Dr Peter Wolf (Medical Library of Basel), presented « The Medical Library Services of Switzerland and the Medical Library of Basel », which is an important document supplier for the field of Medicine in Switzerland. A further Swiss contribution came from Beatrice Mettraux (Swiss Association of Librarians) regarding « Interlibrary loans and document supply in Switzerland ». Amongst other issues, Ms Mettraux referred to a project of establishing an electronic ordering and payment system, called « ILL électronique ».

In his informative paper, Steven Karger, who is the great-grandson of Siegbert Samuel Karger, the founder of the wellknown publishing company, talked about the history of the Karger publishing company, from its establishment in Berlin in 1890 to its development into the largest medical publishing company of Switzerland.

Sascha Höning gave a talk about electronic publishing with SGML by the Broackhaus publishing company. SGML, which is compatible with all software, is used for processing and archiving texts.

Lisa Denz (Scientific Library of Dr Karl Thomae GmbH) and Ursel Lux (Central Library of Boehringer Ingelheim KG) presented « The electronic administration and information system (VIB) ». VIB is used at both BI-sites to help administer the receipt and circulation of journals, book binding orders, reminder and invoicing

issues as well as to process literature request electronically.

In her talk « From circulation of journals to electronic BM-SwetScan contents in the network », Dr Marianne Gretz (Boehringer Mannheim GmbH) described how the library manages to place the current table of contents of about 330 journals at the disposal of their users by email.

The next talk by Dr Annette Eckes (University Library of Heidelberg), on the Heidelberg Electronic Document Delivery » showed how scientists at the University of Heidelberg can order copies from « ,500 medical journals in the library via the Internet and how the documents are supplied, either by www or by email.

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In his lecture « 25 years of the journal data bank », Prof. Günter Beyersdorff, Director of the German Library Institute in Berlin, spoke about the history as well as the problems and perspectives of this unique, national system for online-cataloguing and identification purposes.

Ulrich Korwitz from the German Central Library for Medicine in Cologne contributed on « Electronic journals and

the medical literature supply of the future » and critically overviewed the various projects of the publishing companies, library associations and journal agencies to make a large quantity of journals available electronically and also via the Internet.

Dr. Oliver Obst (University and Regional Library of Münster) presented the AGMB Homepage on the WWW which he initiated and designed himself (<http://medsun08.uni-muenster.de/agmb/>).

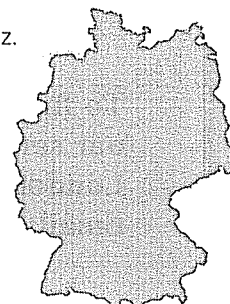
Dr Volker Johst (Central Library of Charite, Berlin) reported on « 5 years of supplying information in the Central Library of Charite » and outlined the important results and problems with the procedure of supplying information to the fields of research by experts and end-users as well as of educating the users.

Dr Werner Stöber (German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information) and Dr Franz Josef Kühnen (German Central Library of Medicine in Cologne) gave their tradition yearly report. Dr Kühnen entered retirement on 1.1.1996 and he rendered the AGMB great service.

In the members committee, a new management board has been elected for the period 1996-1998, and is formed as follows: Dr Volker Johst (Central Library of Charite, Berlin): Chairperson - Inge Pawel (Medical Library of the City Hospital of Wolfsburg): 2nd Vice-chairperson - Dorothee Boeckh (Medical Science Library of University Clinic, Mannheim): Secretary - Ursel Lux (Central Library of Boehringer Ingelheim KG): Publications.

The next annual meeting of the AGMB will take place on October 6-8, 1997 at the Library of the University Mainz.

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NEWS FROM

EUROPE

The European Community is augmenting its impact on projects on libraries

La Communauté Européenne renforce son impact sur les projets pour les bibliothèques.

La Communauté Européenne développe ou élargit les programmes suivants :

COBRA+, concernant principalement les bibliothèques nationales et les problèmes de bibliographie nationale; ECUP+, centré sur le copyright; PUBLICA, consacré aux bibliothèques publiques; CAMILE, pour le management de l'information, la mesure des performances et la création de supports de décision standardisés. Ces programmes s'intéresseront dorénavant plus particulièrement aux problèmes de l'édition électronique.

COBRA+ is an action involving national libraries in Europe with the goal of promoting initiatives and actions in the area of national bibliographic services at European level. Cobra+ will continue work already under way but will widen its focus beyond national bibliographic services to include collection based issues, particularly those concerned with deposit collections of electronic publications and related service developments in national libraries.

ECUP+ will enhance awareness among information professionals of copyright issues. Considerable attention will be given to the increasing problems confronting libraries concerning copyright in electronic

services. The action will include provision of a helpdesk and information server.

PUBLICA concerning public libraries has the objectives of stimulating more public library participation in current programmes, assisting the European Commission in ensuring public libraries benefit from the results of projects, and reducing disparities between public library services in the different Member States. It will encourage public libraries to address information society issues. As public libraries constitute half of some 100,000 libraries throughout the EU, the Commission is keen to ensure that they are fairly represented.

CAMILE on management information for libraries in Europe is addressing

performance measurement and decision support. Drawing on the experience and expertise of previous projects and a study on performance indicators, this action should lead to long-term consensus, the development of common approaches and the application of new standards.

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About Job Exchanges in Europe

HOPE Exchange programme for Hospital Professionals

Programme d'échange de HOPE pour les professionnels des hôpitaux

Un des objectifs du Comité Permanent des Hôpitaux de l'Union Européenne (HOPE) est de promouvoir entre les Etats membres des programmes d'échanges afin de former et de perfectionner le personnel hospitalier (y compris les bibliothécaires médicaux) appelé à travailler dans un contexte européen. Il ne s'agit toutefois pas d'un programme de stage médical. Ceux qui sont intéressés à participer à ce programme d'échange en 1998 peuvent obtenir plus d'information auprès de HOPE ou auprès d'un des coordinateurs.

The Standing Committee of the Hospitals of the EU (HOPE) is a non governmental European Association, which was created in 1966, and since 1995 is an international social profit association. It includes national hospital associations as well as representatives from the national health system of the 15 member States of the European Union, plus Switzerland as an observer.

One of the objectives is to promote exchange programmes between the Member States (and other countries) of Europe and to provide training and

experience for hospital personnel in the European context.

In pursuance of this objective, HOPE has set up (since 1981) the « HOPE Exchange Programme for Hospital Professionals » (non-subsidized) which is intended for administrators and other hospital professionals (including people working in hospital libraries).

It should be clear that this programme is not a medical training but an administrative managerial programme.

People who are interested in participating in the 1998 Exchange Programme (from the beginning of May until the middle of

June 1998, 5 weeks) for which the procedure starts in August 1997, can contact the national coordinator concerned or HOPE for more information and all the necessary sheets.

For further information:

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B-3000 Leuven, Belgium,
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E-mail: hope@geo2.poptel.org.uk

The list of the national coordinators and the application form can be obtained from the EAHIL Secretariat as well.

New diploma in Pharmaceutical Information Management

A course leading to a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Information Management will be available at the City University, London.

The contents of the course have been formatted by various interested parties, including AIOPI (The British Association of Information Officers of the Pharmaceutical Industries), the ABPI (Association of British Pharmaceuticals Industries), drug information pharmacists and the University.

Several pharmaceutical companies had been very actively involved in a preliminary course, which comprised a series of modules hosted by individual companies. Because of the increase in the volume of relevant information and the changing world of information and knowledge management, there is a need for in-depth learning at a sufficiently high level to warrant academic recognition.

Candidates successfully completing 4 modules, each comprising 5 days at the University and some 70 hours of private

study and project preparation, will be awarded a Certificate in Pharmaceutical Information Management: completion of 8 modules over two years will lead to award of the Diploma in Pharmaceutical Information Management.

Our thanks to Paul Woodcock, Medical Communication Manager, Zeneca, for this information.

Luisa Vercellesi
Chief Editor
Basiglio (MI), ITALY

Preliminary announcement of the Meeting

« Information infrastructures in biomedicine: What services for users of the year 2000? »

Organised by the Italian National Health Institute (Istituto Superiore di Sanità) in co-operation with the Italian Library Association (Associazione Italiana Biblioteche) - Istituto Superiore di Sanità - Rome, December 4-5, 1997

Objectives

The Meeting aims at:

- evaluating the quality and quantity of information services presently available in biomedicine;
- defining profiles of information users, producers and professionals;
- discussing managing issues and detecting possible models.

The Scientific Committee is already evaluating the papers to be included in the programme.

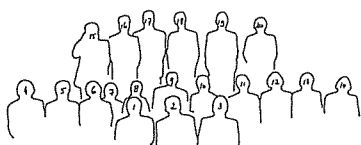
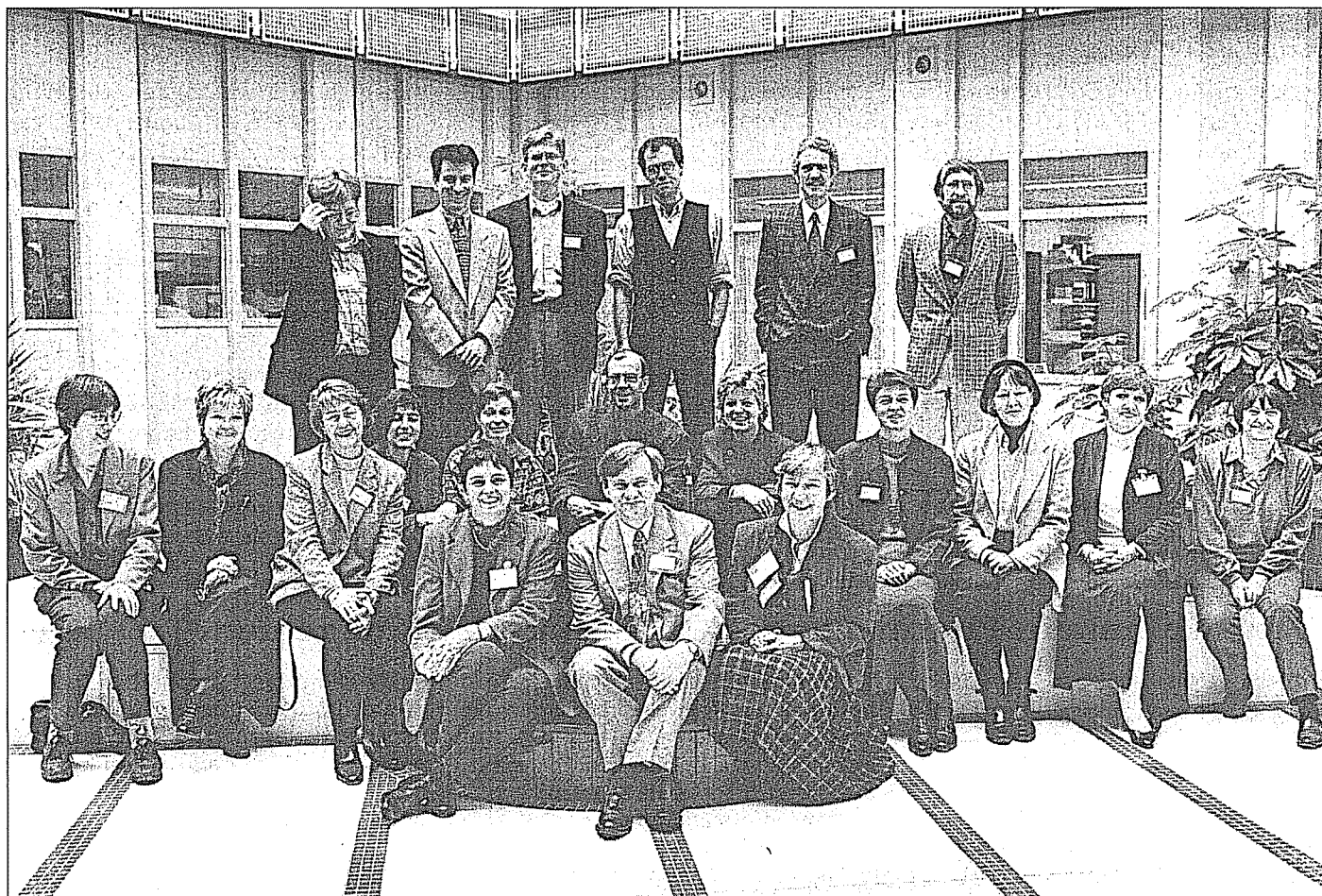
It is still possible to submit brief communications. Abstracts (no more than 500 words) should be sent to the Scientific Secretariat by the end of May, 1997. No registration fee is envisaged. Official languages of the meeting: Italian, English, French. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

For further information please contact: Scientific Secretariat of the Meeting, "Information Structures in Biomedicine", Servizio attività editoriali, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Viale Regina Elena, 299, 00161 ROME (Italy) - Tel. 39.6.49902945 ; 39.6.49902943 Fax 39.6.49902253 - E-mail: segr-sae@net.iss.it



The EAHIL 6th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries to be held in Utrecht in June 1998

The International Programme Committee has been established. Members of this committee are:



from left to right, first row:

1. Gertie Veldman, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, Medische Bibliotheek Utrecht, Utrecht
2. Friedhelm Rump, Bibliothek, Tierärztliche Hochschule Hannover, Hannover, Germany
3. Suzanne Bakker, Chair of the Programme Committee, Central Medical Library, University of Amsterdam

2nd row:

4. Gerdien de Jonge, Bibliotheek Fac. Diergeneeskunde, Utrecht
5. Livia Vasas, Central Library of the Semmelweis Medical, University, Budapest
6. Elisabeth Husem, EAHIL President, Faculty of Medicine Library, Dept of Psychiatry, Oslo
7. Rikie Deurenberg-Vos, Bibliotheek Medische Wetenschappen, KUN, Nijmegen
8. Miebete Wilhelm-de Gouw, Nederlands Kanker Instituut, Amsterdam

9. Arne Jakobsson, Swedish Institute for Health Services Development, Stockholm
10. Gemma Geertshuis, Medische Bibliotheek Utrecht
11. Patricia Flor, Telemark College, Biblioteket, Skien, Norway
12. Igegerd Rabow, Lund University Library, Lund, Sweden
13. Gaynor Davies, Institute of Cancer Research, London
14. Marta Jorda Olives, Agencia de Recerca i Docencia, Hospitals Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona

3rd row:

15. Vincent Maes, Pfizer, Bruxelles
16. Ian Snowley, Department of Health, London
17. Fons van den Eeckhout, Universiteitsbibliotheek, Maastricht
18. Joop Dijkman, Bibliotheek KNAW, Amsterdam
19. Jan Lisman, Walaeus Bibliotheek - Fac. Geneeskunde, Leiden
20. Ruediger Schneemann, Dokumentation Krankenhauswesen, Technische, Universitaet Berlin, Berlin

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- Daniel Baudin, Centre International de l'Enfance, Paris

- Manuela Prates Caetano, Faculdade de Ciencias Medicas - UNL, Biblioteca, Lisbon
- Vanna Pistotti, G.A. Pfeiffer Memorial Library, Istituto "Maria Negri", Milano
- Mrs. Lubomira Soltesova; University Library of P.J.Safarik University, Medical Library, Kosice, Slovak Republic

The first meeting of this committee took place in Utrecht on February 14-15, 1997. More news will be published in the following issues of the Newsletter about the forthcoming 6th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries to be held in Utrecht, 22-27 June, 1998.

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DES POLITIQUES DE GESTION DE L'INFORMATION DANS LES BIBLIOTHÈQUES MÉDICALES À L'ÈRE NOUVELLE DE L'ÉLECTRONIQUE

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, SEPTEMBER 23-25, 1997

CALL FOR PAPERS APPEL AUX COMMUNICATIONS



Dear Colleagues, Cher(e)s Collègues,

In the January newsletter we invited you to participate in the EAHIL Workshop in Budapest. We have already received a number of abstracts, which suggests that the scientific programme is of great interest to a lot of librarians.

Although the deadline for the submission of abstracts was February 28th and knowing that keeping deadlines is a difficult task, we still accept speakers until May 16. However please, don't forget the deadline for advanced payment of registration.

The conference will be held in the National Széchenyi Library situated in the Royal Palace on Castle Hill. From here, the spires of Parliament and the Chain Bridge can be seen awash in golden light every evening. Their reflection on the Danube, combined with the dotted lights of Pest, are simply awe-inspiring. So are the buildings of Castle Hill: the Neo-Gothic Matthias Church, surrounded by quaintly restored medieval homes on cobblestone streets; the imposing Royal Palace, which houses the National Gallery and its precious works of art; and the turreted Fisherman's Bastion that rounds it all off.

For more information about the Workshop: <http://www.clib.dote.hu/eahil.html>. It also includes the list of cheaper hotels. For participants from Eastern and Central European countries the participation fee is US\$100.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in beautiful Budapest.

Dans la Newsletter de janvier, nous vous avons invités à participer à l'Atelier de Travail organisé à Budapest. Nous avons déjà reçu un bon nombre de résumés ce qui indique que le programme scientifique intéresse beaucoup de bibliothécaires.

Etant donné cet intérêt, nous avons décidé de prolonger la date limite pour la soumission des communications au 16 MAI. Toutefois n'oubliez pas la date limite des paiements pour l'inscription.

Cette Conférence se tiendra à la Bibliothèque Nationale Széchenyi située dans le Palais Royal de la Colline du Château de Buda qui domine les flèches du Parlement et le Pont suspendu resplendissant dans les lumières dorées du crépuscule. Leur reflet sur le Danube et le scintillement des lumières de Pest sont d'une grande inspiration. La Colline du Château de Buda offre de merveilleux monuments: l'Eglise néo-gothique Matthias entourée de maisons médiévales dans les rues pavées de la vieille ville, l'imposant Palais Royal qui abrite la Galerie Nationale et ses précieuses oeuvres d'art, et le Bastion des pêcheurs aux sept tourelles qui surplombe la ville.

Si vous désirez plus d'information sur cette conférence, vous pouvez également les obtenir sur Internet: <http://www.clib.dote.hu/eahil.html>. Une liste d'hôtels offrant des prix modérés y est inclus.

Les participants en provenance de l'Europe Centrale et de l'Est peuvent bénéficier d'un prix d'inscription réduit s'élevant à 100 US\$.

Nous restons dans l'attente du plaisir de vous accueillir dans la belle ville de Budapest.

Marta Viragos

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*Instructions for papers:

If you intend to give a lecture, you are kindly requested to send your abstract related to the theme or sub-themes of the Workshop. The abstract should not exceed 200 words (if it is longer, please accept our shortening). Speakers will normally have 20 minutes for the presentation.

Please send your abstract together with your registration form and payment before May 31, 1997 to Marta Viragos.

**EAHIL '97. Workshop and Conference
Budapest, Hungary 23-25 September, 1997.**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM (I)

Please, return this form by *28th February, 1997* to:
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H-1094 Budapest, Angyal u. 31.
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Phone: (+36-1) 218-6558, (+36-1) 218-6559
 If sent by fax, please send an original copy by post.

Please note, that the registration form is only for 1 person. (If more persons intend to participate, please, make a copy.) Please, use block capitals.

Mr Mrs Ms Family name

First name(s):

Company/Institution:

Mailing address:

Phone:(country code)(area code)

Fax:

E-mail address:.....

Invoicing address (if it is different from the mailing address)

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Country with postal code:

Name(s) of accompanying person(s):.....

(They will have the possibility to attend the optional programs, the sight-seeing tour and the reception as well.)

1. Registration fee

	EAHIL Members	Non Members
Before 30th April 1997	US\$ 180	US\$210
After 30th April 1997	US\$ 200	US\$240
Accompanying person	US\$ 60	
Participants : East & Cent. Europe	US\$ 100	

2. Accommodation *(Please, mark with a circle the required category, and choose the type of the room)*

Category	Single room with bath/shower	Double room with bath/shower
"A" (5*)	DEM 430-450	DEM 540-570
"B" (4*)	DEM 200-300	DEM 220-340
"C" (3*)	DEM 130-180	DEM 140-220

The prices are per room per night incl. breakfast.

If you need other kind of accommodation, please, make your note here.....

I wish to have accommodation according to the marked category:

from (date of arrival)

until(date of departure)

for altogether nights.

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SUB-THEMES:

- Human Communication through Electronics
L'aspect humain en électronique
- Serving the New Information Needs of Users
Répondre aux nouveaux besoins en information des usagers
- Partnership Management in Library Services
Politique de gestion de l'information en bibliothèque

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME:

22ND SEPTEMBER		Welcome party (optional)
23RD SEPTEMBER	10:00-17:00	Registration EAHIL Executive Board and Council Meetings
	10:00-17:00	Special Group Meetings
	17:30	Opening Ceremony
	19:00	Reception
24TH SEPTEMBER	9:00-11:30	Plenary Session
	11:00-13:00	Lunch
	13:00-15:00	Workshops
	16:00	Guided tour of Budapest
25TH SEPTEMBER	9:00-10:00	Workshops
	10:00-11:00	Coffee break
	11:30-12:30	Plenary Session
Afternoon		Cultural programmes (library visits, museums, thermal baths, etc.)
Evening		Boat trip on the Danube with dinner (optional)
26TH SEPTEMBER		optional - whole day post conference tours to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Danube Bend (Esztergom-Visegrád- Szentendre)• the North-East of Hungary (Eger - Hollókő)• the North-West of Hungary (Pannonhalma- Győr)

REGISTRATION FEES:

EAHIL MEMBERS	US\$180	(BEFORE APRIL 30, 1997)
	US\$200	(AFTER APRIL 30, 1997)
NON MEMBERS	US\$210	(BEFORE APRIL 30, 1997)
	US\$240	(AFTER APRIL 30, 1997)
ACCOMPANING PERSON	US\$60	

THE FEE INCLUDES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• participation in the workshops• reception on 23rd September, 1997• Coffee between the workshops• Conference material• sightseeing tour by bus on 24th September 1997
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IMPORTANT DATES:

MAY 16, 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for submission of abstracts• Deadline for Registration and hotel reservation (see enclosed form)
MAY 16, 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for advanced payment of registration fee and a deposit for accommodation
15TH JULY, 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for payment of the accommodation• Deadline for payment of optional programmes, if you wish to pay by bank transfer

5. Excursions

Please mark the ones you or your accompanying person(s) intend to participate in and state the number of persons.

Possibilities	Price per person (paid in advance)	Price per person (paid on site)	No. of persons
Excursions			
Party on the Boat (a boat-trip on the Danube with dinner) 25th September, evening	DEM 50,-	DEM 55,-	
Esztergom-Visegrád-Szentendre by bus (one day) 26th September	DEM 95,-	DEM 105,-	
Hollókő-Eger-Szilvásvár by bus (one day) 26th September	DEM 95,-	DEM 105,-	
Győr-Pannonhalma by bus (one day) 26th September	DEM 95,-	DEM 105,-	
Sight-seeing tour (optional for accompanying persons) 24th September	DEM 25,-	DEM 30,-	
Reception (optional for accompanying persons) 23rd September	DEM 40,-	DEM 45,-	

I will pay the excursions in advance by bank transfer on site

At the end of March 1997 you will be sent an invoice, together with the confirmation of your registration and hotel reservation (name and address of the hotel). You will have to pay the registration fee and a deposit for the accommodation until 30th April, 1997. We will send you the final program at the end of June. At the same time, you will receive a second invoice, and you will have to pay the total amount of the accommodation. If you choose to pay the excursions in advance by bank transfer, they will also be charged here. The total of this invoice will have to be paid by 15th July, 1997.

For cancellations of accommodation received within

30 days prior to arrival	100%	of the deposit
15 days prior to arrival	40%	of the total amount
5 days prior to arrival	60%	of the total amount
1 day prior to arrival	80%	of the total amount

when no cancellation is received, 100% of the total amount will be charged.

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Address: 1821 Budapest V., Szent István tér 11. Hungary

Account No. 10300002-20338967-00003285, for the favour of Kult-Turist Ltd./EAHIL

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Date:

Signature:

*Please, make a copy of the registration form before sending it back to the
Conference Travel Agency KULT-TURIST.*



About job exchanges in the United States

I am the Chairperson of the Medical Library Association's Job Exchange Committee.

In this role, I do all I can to promote international job exchanges. Some action I have taken to promote job exchanges are:

- In the January 1996 issue of the EAHIL Newsletter, I published an article on international job exchanges. The article included a listing of individual medical librarians seeking a medical librarian in another country with whom to exchange jobs.
- the Medical Library Association Web Page includes a link to its International Cooperation Section. The International Cooperation Section's web page includes this database of librarians trying to arrange a job exchange (you can link to it through EAHIL's home page). The exact address is :
<http://ahsc.arizona.edu/lei/mla.jobs.htm>

• At the September 1996 EAHIL Conference in Coimbra, I presented a paper on international job exchanges. At this time, I also provided copies of the listing of librarians seeking medical librarians in other countries with which to exchange jobs.

On a regular basis, I receive email messages, letters, and telephone calls from medical librarians who want to arrange a job exchange, or just work in a medical library in another country.

I always answer those inquiries, and offer to put the inquirer into the job exchange database. I ask medical librarians seeking a job exchange to contact potential exchange partners rather than me. I serve as a link to help medical librarians get stated with the process.

Because of this, I do not always hear if the person was able to arrange a job exchange, or how the job exchange

worked out. Therefore, if anyone is currently arranging a job exchange or has recently participated in a job exchange, could you please notify me.

Using the International Cooperation Section's Job Exchange Database, a job exchange has been arranged between June Rider-Jones from Perth Royal Hospital in Perth, Australia and Kris Benishek from Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, USA.

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The International Society for Technology Assessment in Health Care (ISTAHC)

ISTAHC recently approved the establishment of a special purpose interest group on "Information Resources".

Participation in this group is open to any ISTAHC member. ISTAHC membership costs \$95.00(US) per year, and includes a subscription to the International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care and the ISTAHC newsletter. ISTAHC's address is 380 St. Antoine St. West, Ste 3200, Montreal, QC H2Y 3X7 Canada, phone: (514) 844-3033, fax: (514) 987-1567, email: istahc@ulix.net

The first meeting of the group will be held at the ISTAHC annual conference, in Barcelona, on Sunday, May 25, 1997 from 1:00-2:00pm.

The aims of the group are:

1. To promote better communication between information specialists involved in health technology assessment (HTA) around the world. To encourage the sharing of knowledge of information sources and literature search methods; to inform fellow members of training materials, new publications, meetings, etc.
2. To advise the Board and Staff of ISTAHC regarding the development and maintenance of the ISTAHC WebSite. To contribute bibliographies and registries of contacts, suggest links to other HTA sites, list new publications and create a moderated IR listserve.
3. To inform ISTAHC members of new HTA information resources, and to provide this information to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and other relevant national and international organizations for collection development and inclusion in databases. To provide suggestions to the NLM regarding changes and new additions needed to enhance the MeSH vocabulary and the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) metathesaurus.
4. To encourage the use of standard bibliographic formats, and the use and development of standards for HTA literature search methodologies.

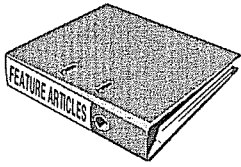
For more information on this group, or the first meeting, please contact either Leigh-Ann Topfer (leight@ccohta.ca) or Annie Hall (annieh@ccohta.ca) at the Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment.

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FEATURE

ARTICLES

Electronic Publishing: who loses, who gains, who pays?

Les publications électroniques : qui perd, qui gagne, qui paie ?

Avec l'accélération des progrès scientifiques, les publications électroniques pourraient à la longue remplacer les versions imprimées, non sans générer perplexité et scepticisme. Les scientifiques ont à s'interroger sur certains problèmes très importants tels que le contrôle de la qualité, la propriété intellectuelle ainsi que le contrôle de la diffusion électronique d'un article. L'accès à ce type d'information entraîne des frais très élevés qui ne peuvent être supportés par toutes les communautés académiques et en particulier celles du Tiers-Monde. Il est vrai, qu'avec l'utilisation des liens hypertextes et de l'hypermédia, le nouveau format offre une réelle valeur ajoutée. Des journaux de premier plan ont mis sur le réseau, gratuitement pour l'instant, une version électronique du texte entier de certains de leurs articles. Mais, curieusement, ils ont en même temps changé le format de leur version imprimée en essayant de la rendre plus attrayante. Le budget des bibliothèques va-t-il devoir être doublé, se pose également le problème de l'archivage des publications électroniques, des pré-imprimés, des projets d'articles. L'accès sur le réseau à des publications multidisciplinaires pose aussi le problème d'une éventuelle mauvaise interprétation des résultats des découvertes scientifiques, même par les journalistes, spécialement en médecine, dans le domaine des nouvelles thérapies et générer ainsi de faux espoirs. Jusqu'à présent, les bibliothèques payaient les abonnements de périodiques, mais leur budget est constamment rétréci d'année en année, et si l'abonnement à la version papier devait être doublé pour l'accès à la version électronique, peu d'entre elles pourraient en faire l'effort financier. Se pose aussi la question du classement de ce nouveau matériel, de sa valeur légale, alors que de nombreux auteurs publient pour obtenir un soutien financier voire même une promotion. Comment réagiront les scientifiques lorsque les éditeurs arrêteront de donner gratuitement l'accès à l'information électronique, et nous savons que cela arrivera, qui paiera alors et quel sera le devenir de l'édition électronique. De toute façon, le coût de l'information est moins important que la liberté de l'information.

It is not my intention to bore you with a list of titles or Internet addresses, or to go into all the pros and cons of electronic publishing, or to pontificate on what should or should not be done. I shall simply try and put into words the feelings spreading in the scientific community that has been accustomed for years to getting its information in the same traditional way and now, particularly in the last year or so, has been expected to accept enthusiastically the new medium called "electronic publishing".

In time, electronic journals may well replace the printed versions, with the promise of accelerating scientific progress and making available results at one's fingertips, but scientists need to ask some very hard questions. Certain issues will have a heavy adverse progress in science if not solved satisfactory, like quality control, intellectual property or the control of the distribution of an electronic article that can be downloaded as well as altered so quickly.

The printed page has had over 500 years to mature, whereas electronic publishing is truly in its infancy. It would be wrong, however, to believe that the idea of a new way of dissemination of information is a fruit of recent years, with the advent of the Internet. In a paper published in Science in 1967 entitled "the future of scientific journals", Brown, Pierce and Traub wrote "we propose a change in the form of journal distribution, made possible by the advent of large high-speed computers. We believe that this change

would offer immediate benefits to readers, authors, and publishers, that will be adopted by most leading journals during the next few decades". This proposal dates back 30 years!

Now we have more than large high-speed computers, we have superhighways, we have all the right technology, but we have other problems. Computer literacy is not widespread, even in the United States; on-line running costs are often high, sometimes too high; not all the academic community has easy access to networks, particularly in the Third World.

If we try to take in the whole picture we see different facets to the problem, even within the same scientific community. The use of a medium which may be a daily tool for part of the community, like physics, is not so easily accepted by others belonging to different disciplines, like medicine. But it is in this discipline that we have the largest numbers of journal titles and it is here that publishers are most involved.

This is why it is so very important that the people around the same table represent all the categories involved: authors and readers are obviously involved, but librarians and information professionals must also be represented because they are the ones asked to find information, even in this era of end-users, publishers and distributors of electronic databases must be present because the future of their existence is in the hands of the other groups.

It is not easy to give a clear definition of electronic publishing. Everything that

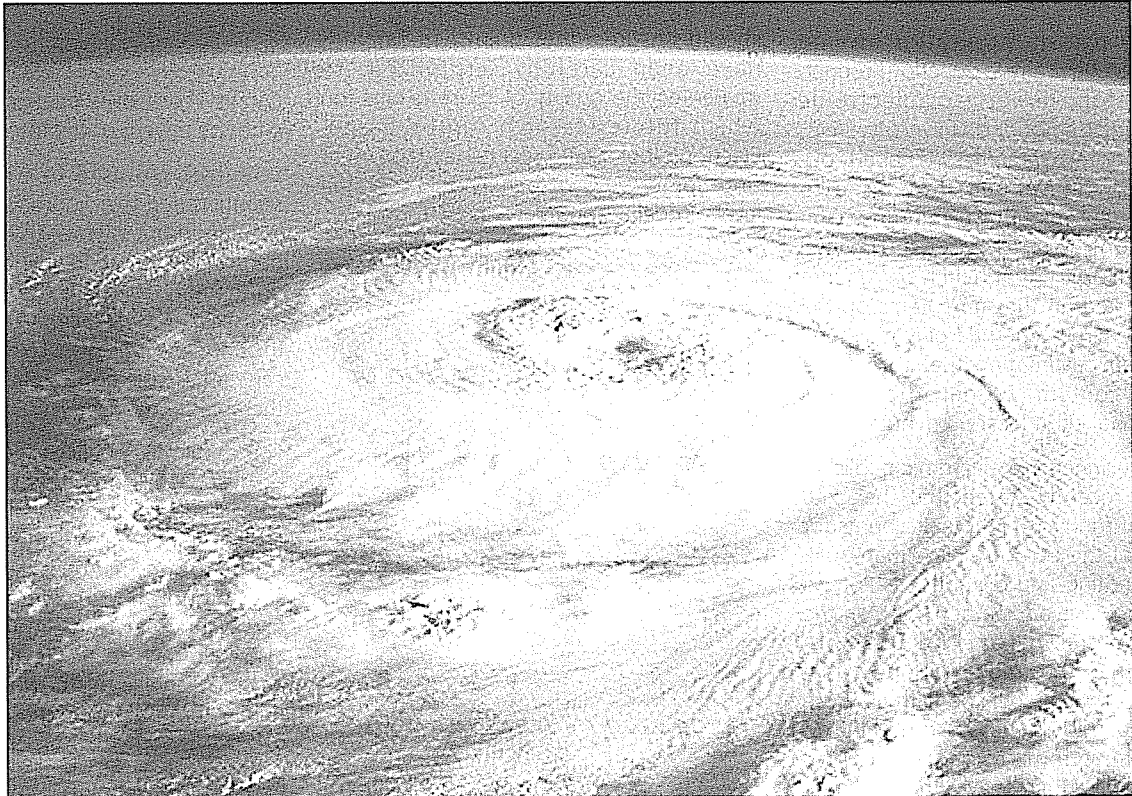
comes onto our screen through a network can be called electronic publishing. The Netscape market offers lots of goodies for the scientific client: from electronic versions of paper journals to information assembled, written, and distributed purely for the computer; tables of contents that hide abstracts, full articles or simple lists of titles, you never know until you connect; an agency like Reuters which gives a very good service, collecting the most attractive information published in strictly scientific journals and packaging it in a more comprehensive and surely appealing format. Definitely electronic publishing is starting to conquer, though not without generating perplexities and scepticism.

The new format is the real added value. In the beginning electronic journals made no headway as they tried to take the print format and make it electronic, rather than creating a much more powerful and attractive new one. Now with the use of hypertext and hypermedia some journals provide immediate access to a greater range of information such as animated illustrations, references cited in an article and linked to other relevant articles or to databases where users can read the abstract, letters and comments that become, immediately after their acceptance, part of the article. Thus it would seem that the terms "article", "paper" and "publication" are virtually obsolete, but no new word has been invented yet!

Redesigning a journal is not an easy decision. That could be one reason why leading publications like Science, Nature,

Question :

What Affects the Barotropic Stability of a Hurricane's Vortex?



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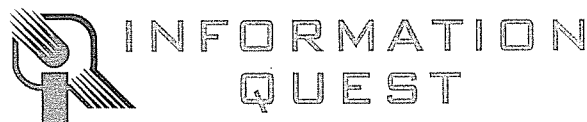
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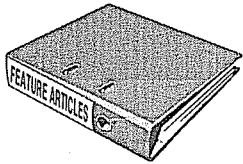
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BMJ, NEJM have come onto the net in electronic format only in the last months, with only part of the issue as full articles, at the moment free of charge. Some of these journals, curiously, have changed the format of their printed version at the same time, trying to make it more appealing.

If the end user is to pay for on-line delivery, then he wants a superior product. Simon Mitton, director of electronic publishing at Cambridge University Press, conducted an experiment to compare on-line delivery and paper. He is used to scouring *The Times* in 10 minutes. One day he read it as usual, making a mental note of each article that held his attention. Next he looked up the same items on the Web. In 10 minutes he had only managed four of them, estimating that to get the same text content during office hours would have taken at least 90 minutes.

Dr. David Pullinger, the electronic publisher of *Nature*, recently stated that the fixed overhead of running a journal accounts for over 80% of the cost, with less than 20% going to printing and distribution. Putting papers into SGML adds a new cost, so the electronic version can end up more expensive than the traditional one. More expensive for the reader too with all those pictures and colours that have nothing to do with the scientific content of the journal. It is like the heavy, glossy paper of some printed editions.

May be then, all journals will have to become available electronically sooner or later but some will continue to function best in their present form on paper, to be read on planes or trains or sitting in the garden. Will this double our budget? I hope not. I am convinced that even "necessities" are not always indispensable.

An example of cost-cutting might be the Los Alamos pre-print archives. This is an electronic preprint archive created for physicists and offered free of charge. However, behind this project is a substantial grant from the US National Science Foundation. This money will cover the maintenance of the archives and the development of new software.

Again in Physics, the Institute of Physics, that now has 31 journals on-line, has decided that any member of any institution that subscribes to the paper version can access the electronic version at no extra charge.

The policies of medical or science publishers seem to be taking a different route. The American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, to

whom we should give credit for the best electronic version of a paper journal, the JBC, has decided, after a one year trial free of charge, to offer institutions the e-journal together with the paper copy, at almost double the basic price.

Currently peer-reviewed journals ensure, or should ensure, that published findings have been carefully scrutinized, to guarantee the quality of those results, on which future research can be based. Electronic publishing will certainly have to find some ways of achieving the same level of quality control.

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For years scientists have used the distribution of preprints as a primary means of communication. No wonder, therefore, that the same people were the first to organise electronic preprint clubs which are not refereed and are faster, often months ahead of any publication.

In the Los Alamos experience a system of open peer commentary between users on the preprint available on the archive was invented, but it turned out to be "a fiasco" as declared by some physicists. Meeting of specialists led to a proposal to publish a free, fully refereed, complete electronic journal, covering two well established fields of the archive, theoretical high-energy physics and phenomenology. The archive and the journal will remain distinct, with the archives serving only as the point of transmission to the journal. This could be a flexible compromise between quality control and speed of dissemination. Recently the British Medical Journal has opened a discussion on its Web titled "Why we should allow authors to post preprints on the Internet". I will quote two sentences "several scientific journals have come down firmly against

authors putting drafts of their papers on the Internet before publication. At the British Medical Journal we're not so sure" and "Lastly, if we adopt electronic peer review, authors will be struck by the inconsistency of our desire to post their unpublished papers on the net when we have been conducting a campaign against their doing the same".

Quality control is even more important with the advent of the Internet.

Scientists are used to writing for other scientists and their journals are available in special libraries. Now that their journals, particularly multidisciplinary journals, are on the net, everybody can read them: the specialist and the lay man. Findings can be misunderstood, even by journalists. This can create false hopes, particularly for new therapies in medicine.

Some scientists believe everything should be free. Until now their libraries paid journal subscriptions. But libraries' budgets are constantly being shrunk, year by year. If the policy is to ask for a double subscription, electronic and paper, very few will bother to make the effort. They also will have to tackle the question of how to "shelf" this new material. People publish not only to exchange information, but to obtain grant support, or even promotion. How will they trace their articles? Will the electronic copy have a legal value? The new research communication system must be able to deal with these needs at a reasonable price.

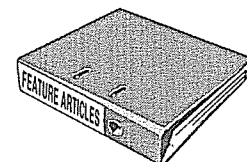
Publishers must be careful when offering information free of charge. They know, like we know, that, at a certain point, they have to cough up. How will the scientific community react? Will they pay? And if not, what future is there for electronic publishing?

To go back to my title I would conclude that, looking at the scenario today, authors, readers, information scientists and publishers can all somehow lose and somehow gain. I am sure that the question "who pays?" will tip the scales.

Anyway the question of information "free of charge" is less important than "freedom of information".

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L'évaluation de la production scientifique de la sous-section Informatique, Statistiques et Biomathématiques de la discipline Santé Publique à l'aide des bases de données bibliographiques

Analyzing Scientific Publications on Data Processing, Statistics and Biomathematics in Public Health in PASCAL and MEDLINE data bases: A Comparative Study.

ABSTRACT :

The scientific publications of 6 medical researchers in the field of Public Health have been analyzed using the PASCAL and the MEDLINE data bases. A comparative study of these data bases shows that a greater number of these researchers' publications has been indexed in PASCAL (72 bibliographic records found in PASCAL for these authors against 40 records in MEDLINE). This difference is due to a more comprehensive coverage of affiliations, and French-language periodicals in PASCAL. This last point is very important, as Public Health specialists tend to publish mainly in their own country. PASCAL contains fewer biomedical records than MEDLINE (4 million, against 7 million in MEDLINE), but 50 % of the journals it covers are published in Western Europe. Therefore, the literature covered by the PASCAL database lends itself more easily to the evaluation of researchers of European origin.

La production scientifique de 6 médecins appartenant à la discipline Santé Publique est évaluée en utilisant les bases de données bibliographiques MEDLINE et PASCAL. L'étude comparative de ces deux bases met en évidence une meilleure performance de la base PASCAL: 72 références obtenues globalement pour les 6 chercheurs dans la base PASCAL, contre 40 références dans la base MEDLINE. Ce résultat est dû d'une part à un traitement plus complet des affiliations, et d'autre part à une meilleure couverture en périodiques de langue française.

QUESTIONS	NOMBRE DE REPONSES	
	MEDLINE	PASCAL
1=VENOT A+/AU ET PARIS/AF ET /DP>1989	8	10
2=DEGOULET P+/AU ET PARIS/AF ET /DP>1989	10	13
3=BEUSCART R+/AU ET LILLE/AF ET /DP>1989	12	24
4=FIESCHI M+/AU ET MARSEILLE/AF ET /DP>1989	7	7
5=KOHLER F+/AU ET (VANDOEUVRE OU NANCY)/AF ET /DP>1989	1	16
6=CHAUDET H+/AU ET MARSEILLE/AF ET /DP>1989	2	3
7=1 OU 2 OU 3 OU 4 OU 5 OU 6 OU 7	40	72

Tableau 1 : Evaluation des membres du CIMES chez MEDLINE et PASCAL

Actuellement, les bases de données bibliographiques constituent des outils que les médecins peuvent utiliser pour évaluer leurs confrères. Ces initiatives peuvent avoir des motifs divers : simple curiosité concernant la production scientifique d'un confrère, ou désir d'avoir une idée de la valeur d'un médecin à travers sa production scientifique dans un but d'intégration professionnelle dans son équipe ; dans ce dernier cas, la fiabilité des outils utilisés prend toute son importance puisqu'elle peut influencer sur l'avenir professionnel des médecins évalués. Ces outils permettent également de mettre en évidence des thèmes de recherche au sein des équipes de recherche et de faire des comparaisons entre diverses équipes; on peut imaginer que ces études puissent conditionner l'obtention d'aides budgétaires; dans ce cas également, la fiabilité des bases de données interrogées est importante à connaître.

Cette étude porte sur l'évaluation de médecins de la discipline 46-04 (Informatique, Statistiques et Biomathématiques), sous-section de la discipline Santé Publique. Nous aborderons

également l'évaluation de la recherche en cardiologie médicale et chirurgicale, afin de juger de la similitude des résultats obtenus dans une discipline essentiellement clinique. Ces évaluations ont été faites par l'interrogation des bases de données bibliographiques MEDLINE et PASCAL.

La base MEDLINE est spécialisée dans le domaine biomédical et comporte 7153458 de références¹. La base PASCAL est multidisciplinaire et concerne entre autres le domaine biomédical; elle renferme 10838077 de références¹ dont environ 40% pour le domaine biomédical.

Ces bases sont chargées chez divers serveurs dont BRS, DATASTAR, DIALOG, DIMDI, QUESTEL et STN International pour MEDLINE, et DIALOG, DATASTAR, ESA-IRS et QUESTEL pour PASCAL. Le but de ce travail est de comparer les bases de données MEDLINE et PASCAL face au problème de l'évaluation de la recherche médicale dans la discipline 46-04; nous rappellerons d'autre part les précautions à prendre dans l'élaboration des équations de recherche.

RESULTATS

Nous avons interrogé les bases MEDLINE et PASCAL auprès du serveur QUESTEL, à la date du 1/3/95.

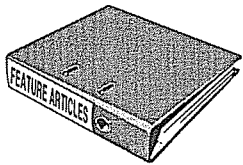
Une équation de recherche rigoureusement identique a été élaborée pour les deux bases, permettant ainsi une étude comparative. Notre équation avait pour but d'évaluer 6 chercheurs membres du CIMES2 sur la période 1990-1995.

Pour chaque chercheur, nous avons croisé son nom de famille et le nom de la ville contenue dans l'adresse professionnelle qui nous a été communiquée. résultats sont détaillés dans le tableau 1 (ci-dessus).

DISCUSSION

Les deux écueils à éviter, ou du moins à minimiser au maximum, lors d'une recherche bibliographique, sont le bruit et le silence.

Le bruit est facile à quantifier puisqu'il suffit d'analyser les références obtenues et de repérer ainsi les références non pertinentes.



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Le silence est beaucoup difficile à quantifier : pour ce faire, il faudrait connaître le résultat réel de la recherche et le comparer à celui qu'on obtient par l'interrogation de la base de données ; le silence serait alors constitué par les références manquantes lors de l'interrogation.

A Analyse du bruit

Le bruit a trois origines possibles

- les homonymies,
- les normes utilisées pour décrire les affiliations,
- les publications faites par le bon auteur mais ne concernant pas la discipline 46-04.

A.1 Les homonymies

Les normes de catalogage concernant les auteurs sont les mêmes dans les deux bases : le nom d'auteur est enregistré accompagné des initiales du prénom. Si le prénom d'un auteur n'est pas connu, on est obligé d'interroger sur le nom de famille uniquement, et l'on prend le risque d'obtenir des homonymies, notamment lorsque la ville d'affiliation est Paris, où les laboratoires de recherche de quelque domaine que ce soit sont nombreux. Ce risque est majoré si la base interrogée est de caractère multidisciplinaire, comme c'est le cas pour la base PASCAL.

Pour limiter le risque d'homonymies, il y a donc intérêt à connaître les initiales du prénom, des éléments de l'affiliation et si possible le domaine scientifique du chercheur.

A.2 - Les affiliations

Les normes de catalogage concernant les affiliations sont complexes, variables d'une base à l'autre, et évoluent également dans le temps pour une même base.

- *le nom du pays d'affiliation :*
Dans l'étude faite, on constate que dans MEDLINE, le nom du pays est absent dans 11 cas sur 40 ; il ne s'agit donc pas d'une information fiable sur laquelle on pourrait s'appuyer pour bâtir une équation de recherche.
Par contre, dans PASCAL, le nom du pays est présent dans les 72 réponses obtenues. Ceci nous autorise éventuellement à utiliser ce critère dans une interrogation de la base PASCAL.
- *le nombre d'affiliations :*
Dans MEDLINE, seule l'affiliation du 1er auteur est enregistrée (du moins en ce qui concerne les auteurs français), entraînant un silence à l'interrogation si

l'auteur que l'on désire évaluer se trouve en nième position et ne possède pas la même affiliation que le premier auteur. Dans PASCAL, dans le cas d'auteurs français, les affiliations sont enregistrées jusqu'à concurrence de trois.

d'introduire dans l'équation de recherche un concept de domaine car ces chercheurs peuvent publier autant dans un domaine relevant à priori de la santé publique, de l'informatique (médicale ou non), que de la clinique.

LANGUE	RÉFÉRENCES SPÉCIFIQUES A PASCAL	RÉFÉRENCES COMMUNES A PASCAL ET MEDLINE	RÉFÉRENCES SPÉCIFIQUES A MEDLINE	TOTAL
Français	29	9	0	38
Anglais	15	19	12	46
Français & Anglais	44	28	12	84

Tableau 2 : Langue de publication en fonction de la base

Cette règle est en fait appliquée depuis 1992 seulement. Elle diminue le risque de silence, mais peut majorer le risque de bruit : en effet, une affiliation n'est pas spécifiquement liée à un auteur mais fait partie du champ global affiliation; en conséquence, l'équation (DUPONT A+/AU et PARIS/AF)recupérera la publication faite par les co-auteurs DURAND A. affilié à PARIS et DUPONT A. affilié à NANCY. Il n'est pas possible d'éviter ce type de bruit, à moins d'intégrer dans l'équation de recherche un critère de domaine scientifique. Cependant, il est moins gênant de générer du bruit que du silence.

- *le type d'affiliations :*
MEDLINE possède un seul champ affiliation, nommé AF. PASCAL possède deux champs affiliations : le champ AF et le champ CS (Corporate Source) qui contient les données du champ AF ainsi que les adresses professionnelles d'auteurs collectifs (lors de thèses, rapports ministériels, monographies) et de déposants de brevets. L'interrogation du champ CS au lieu du champ AF dans notre équation de recherche permet d'obtenir 77 références au lieu des 72 trouvées.
- Les publications hors discipline 46-04 :
Les chercheurs de cette discipline peuvent avoir dans leurs antécédents un passé de clinicien qui expliquent que certaines publications semblent ne pas appartenir à la discipline 46-04. Il convient donc de s'assurer auprès des chercheurs de la date à partir de laquelle ils ont intégré cette spécialité, et d'en tenir compte dans l'équation de recherche. Il n'y a pas d'autres solutions pour minimiser ce type de bruit. En particulier, il n'est pas possible

B Analyse du silence

Le silence aura 5 causes possibles:

- le fait qu'une seule affiliation soit prise en compte. (Cet élément a été analysé dans le paragraphe précédent).
- le changement d'adresse,
- l'existence de deux adresses professionnelles pour un même auteur,
- le matériel utilisé,
- la couverture en périodiques.

B.1 - Le changement d'adresse

L'adresse du laboratoire ou de l'hôpital où exerce le chercheur à évaluer n'est peut-être pas celle que le chercheur a eue durant les 5 dernières années. Pour minimiser le silence généré par ce problème, il est donc nécessaire de connaître le parcours professionnel du chercheur durant la période prise en compte dans l'équation de recherche.

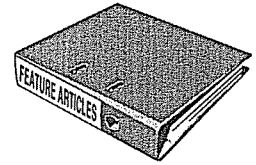
B.2 Le nombre d'adresses professionnelles :

Les chercheurs hospitalo-universitaires ont souvent deux adresses professionnelles : celle du laboratoire de la faculté et celle de l'hôpital ; selon le contenu de la publication et l'équipe avec laquelle ils ont travaillé, ils donneront l'une ou l'autre de leurs adresses professionnelles. Il convient donc de connaître les différentes adresses simultanées des chercheurs, et d'en tenir compte dans l'équation.

B.3 - Le matériel utilisé :

L'utilisation du CD-ROM peut générer du silence car les références obtenues dans le millésime d'un CD-ROM ne correspondent pas exactement aux références chargées la même année sur le serveur.

En effet, un CD-ROM contient une partie des références d'articles publiés à la fin de l'année précédente et ne contient pas les



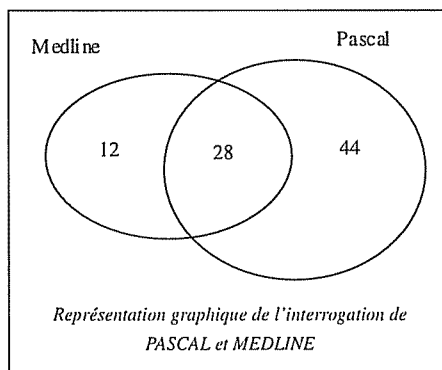
références des articles publiés en novembre et décembre de la même année. D'autre part, pour les actes de congrès, l'intervalle entre la date du congrès et sa publication est souvent de plusieurs mois.

Les bases MEDLINE et PASCAL étant mises à jour chaque semaine auprès du serveur QUESTEL, il est donc préférable d'interroger en ligne que sur CD-ROM.

B.4 - La couverture en périodiques :

Le domaine concerné par cette recherche se situe à la frontière entre les sciences de l'information, l'informatique, et les sciences médicales. A priori, on aurait pu penser que la meilleure performance de la base PASCAL (72 références contre 40 références dans MEDLINE) était due à son caractère multidisciplinaire, certaines publications ayant pu être publiées dans des revues fondamentalement informatiques. Or, l'analyse de chaque référence obtenue dans PASCAL montre que les revues correspondantes appartiennent toutes au domaine biomédical, qu'il s'agisse de revues de type "International Journal of Biomedical Computing", de revues orientées vers la Santé Publique telles que "Gestions Hospitalières", ou de revues plus ciblées dans le domaine clinique. En fait, la couverture en périodiques diffère d'une base à l'autre essentiellement par la langue.

La base MEDLINE analyse en très forte majorité des périodiques en langue anglaise, et est plus exhaustive que PASCAL par rapport à ce critère. Dans la base PASCAL, environ 11% des références sont en langue française. Pour les 86% de références en langue anglaise, il faut préciser qu'elles proviennent certes des USA, mais aussi de pays européens qui publient traditionnellement dans cette langue.



La comparaison des deux listings obtenus par interrogation des deux bases permet d'obtenir le schéma ci-dessus

La mise en commun des deux interrogations permet d'obtenir 84

SPECIALISTES EN CARDIOLOGIE MÉDICALE ET CHIRURGICALE	NOMBRE DE REPONSES	
	MEDLINE	PASCAL
CABROL C	64	61
GROSGOGEAT Y	50	80
VILLEMOT J	30	39
ALLIOT A OU AF	0	11
TOTAL	142	189

Tableau 3 : Evaluation des membres du CIMES chez MEDLINE et PASCAL

références. Si l'on suppose que ce chiffre représente l'exhaustivité, on peut estimer que la base MEDLINE nous donne 48% d'exhaustivité alors que la base PASCAL nous en offre 86%. Ces pourcentages sont expliqués essentiellement par la couverture en périodique : la plupart des revues françaises analysées dans PASCAL sont absentes dans MEDLINE. C'est le cas par exemple pour Gestions Hospitalières (voir tableau 2 page précédente).

Une analyse de la langue des articles obtenus par chaque base (voir tableau 2 page précédente) montre que

- MEDLINE apporte :
24% des références en français,
67% des références en anglais,
- PASCAL apporte
100% des références en français,
74% des références en anglais.

Ces pourcentages - qui sont en faveur de la base PASCAL, qu'il s'agisse de repérer des publications anglaises ou françaises - sont à priori en contradiction avec le nombre d'articles biomédicaux analysés dans les bases (supérieur à 7 millions pour MEDLINE, et environ 4 millions pour PASCAL). En fait, la base MEDLINE privilégie les périodiques d'origine nord-américaine, alors que 50% des publications de la base PASCAL proviennent de l'Europe de l'Ouest, France comprise; les périodiques à renommée internationale se retrouvant globalement dans les deux bases.

De plus, ces résultats sont sans doute accentués par la spécificité du domaine étudié. D'une part, la base PASCAL a intégré, courant 1994, la BDSP (Banque de Données en Santé Publique) avec son antériorité. D'autre part, le secteur de la Santé Publique étant plus spécifiquement lié à chaque pays, à ses institutions, à son contexte historique et culturel, les sujets qui y sont abordés concernent sans doute plus particulièrement les confrères de même nationalité, et incitent peut-être les

chercheurs de ce domaine à publier plus volontiers dans leur propre pays.

On peut ainsi se demander si les résultats seraient du même ordre en considérant un domaine essentiellement clinique. Pour ce faire, nous avons choisi 4 spécialistes dans le domaine de la cardiologie médicale et chirurgicale : les Docteurs Cabrol, Grosogeat, Villemot et Alliot, et effectué le même type de recherche conjointe dans les deux bases (recherches faites le 3/3/95). Les résultats de ces interrogations (voir tableau 3) montrent également, dans le cas de cliniciens, une meilleure performance de la base PASCAL, mais de manière plus atténuée, avec une exception pour le Professeur Cabrol pour lequel le résultat de la recherche est plus performant dans MEDLINE (64/61); ceci étant sans doute lié à sa renommée internationale.

En conclusion, il apparaît nettement que la base PASCAL est plus performante que la base MEDLINE pour effectuer des études de type infométrique dans le domaine de la Santé Publique. En ce qui concerne le domaine clinique, il serait intéressant de confirmer, par des recherches plus approfondies, l'intérêt qu'il y aurait à utiliser également cette base dans un cadre d'évaluation des chercheurs.



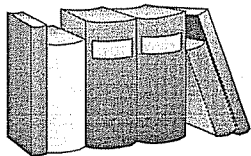
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PUBLICATIONS AND NEW PRODUCTS



As we all know times are changing affecting our services and the materials that we are using in the transfer and provision of information. Books and journals that we were attracted by when choosing our profession in the library world are being challenged by electronic formats allowing for a different kind of information transfer. The most recent issue of Health Libraries Review 13(3), 1996 is devoted to medical book publishing providing us with a stimulating topic. While the first part is honouring a scholar and bookseller who may not be as widely known on the Continent as in the UK various articles discuss the output of medical books from the publishers' point of view.

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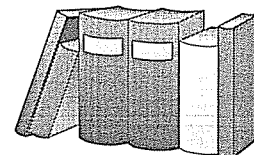
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NEW PRODUCTS AND PRODUCT REVIEWS

Stephen E. Arnold is the author of **Publishing on the Internet: a new medium for a new millenium** (by *Infonortics Ltd.* ISBN 1-873699-28-x, £95./\$150) A guide for the would-be electronic publisher through the concepts, technology, opportunities and pitfalls of the new Internet medium.

Rupert Lee is the author of **Medicine and biology: a guide to searching in published sources**, a contribution to the How to Find Information series of the British Library. 1996, 20p. ISBN 0-7123-0837-7. Designed for students, researchers, journalists and medical practioners looking for information in the life sciences. Includes reference sources, printed, online and CD-ROM resources and the Internet. explaining their relative merits.

Haworth Press is also publishing a new journal by its imprint Pharmaceutical Products Press called **Journal of Neutraceuticals, Functional & Medical Foods: product development, commercialization & policy issues.** ISSN 1089-4179 (\$28.80 per vol.)

There is a new edition of **BIOSIS Serial Sources** on Compact Disc providing complete serial and publisher information for 6'000 active titles as well as 12'400 archival titles from the Biological Abstracts and BioBusiness databases. Contact *BIOSIS Subscription Fulfillment* at ++1-215-587-4847 or via the Internet *info@mail.biosis.org*.

ADBS a annoncé que son **Web site** (<http://www.adbs.fr>) est complètement remis a neuf. La nouvelle maquette, réalisé par Jouve-SI a été inauguré au mois de fevrier 1997 avec un grand nombre d'enrichissements.

A descriptor list is available for **EventLine, a database of international meetings including conferences, medical congresses, tradeshows, workshops and cultural events** which can be accessed on DataStar (EVNT) and Dialog (file 165). Contact *Karen van 't Padje, PO Box 521, 1000 AM Amsterdam, FAX: +31-20-515 9452.*

Business Information in the Intranet Age published in December 1996 (L 195.00) is a report profiling some of the current services which can be delivered on an Intranet. It discusses the basic principles of information and knowledge

management and the issues involved when business information is delivered to the desktop. For information contact *Martin White TFPL Ltd. 17-18 Britton Street, London EC1M 5NQ, UK. FAX: +44-171-251 8318 or martin.white@tfpl.com*

STN International will add **EPPATFULL** to its collection of databases. European patents online in full text will contain all patent documents published by the European Patent Office (EPO) since January 1996. The file includes unexamined patent applications and examined granted patents. Updated weekly.

There is a new **Web-based service** launched by **STN International**. STN Easy provides anyone with an interest in science and technology user friendly access to a selection of databases that will rapidly grow. Existing customers have immediate access whereas new customers have to establish an account. In Europe contact <http://stneasy.cas.org>.

Six months after introducing the first version **EBSCO** released an **upgraded EBSCONET Online Subscription Service** offering bibliographic and ordering information for nearly 1000 online serials on the Web and 3'700 serials available electronically on magnetic tape, diskette, e-mail, fax and CD-ROM. Searching is possible with words and phrases in full text, and Boolean operators for title words, proximity searching and others. There is also access to the EBSCO Missing Copy Bank from which one can order free replacement issues when found in the inventory.

Le Journal du SIDA a publié un **numéro spécial** sur la XI conférence de Vancouver (no 89/90 septembre, octobre 1996). Contact: *Arcat/sida 13, boulevard de Rochechouart, 75009 Paris.*

Vytautas Narvilas is the editor in chief of the new journal **Theory and Practice in Medicine** published in Lithuanian with English summaries. It covers the new test and treatment methods, drugs and equipment applicable in divers fields of medicine. Subscription is \$ 25.00 for 1997. To place a subscription contact: *Theory and Practice in Medicine, Traku st. 15-4, 2600 Vilnius, Lithuania. FAX: 370-2-709127.*

FEDESA, the Fédération Européenne de la Santé Animale/European Federation of Animal Health represents the animal health industry in Europe. Its members are national associations and companies active in research, development, manufacture and marketing of veterinary medicines. Among other things it tries to inform the public on all aspects of animal health products, food quality and the food chain. For this purpose it publishes a series of dossiers. The most recent one is devoted to **Companion Animals Today: the Role of the Animal Health Industry.** There are other

publications, most of them free of charge aimed at informing veterinarians, the veterinary sciences specialists and libraries. For more information contact: *Christine Devaux, Information Officer, FEDESA, Rue Defacqz, 1/Bte 8, 1000 Bussels. FAX: +32-2-537 00 49.*

ExtraMED is now available as online file 467 on Dialog providing access to the much neglected literature of developing countries. It is of particular value in medicine with its coverage of diseases which are not encountered any longer in remote areas only due to increased travel. Other topics of importance include traditional medicine, tropical biodiversity and AIDS.

DAWSON EUROPE launch fast track acquisitions service : FASTRACQ supplies customers with fully serviced, shelf ready books, complete with a Marc record for loading on the library catalogue, at the time of delivery. New books can be unpacked and immediately shelved. *Dawson Europe Ltd, Book Division, Crane close Denington Rd, Wellingborough Northants, NN8 2QG ENGLAND. Fax : 01933 225993*

EUROPE

Council of Europe/Conseil de l'Europe. Directorate of Legal Affairs. Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with Regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine. Strassbourg, November 1996. 16p. (Doc. No: DIR/JUR (96) 14).

Who's Who in the UK Information World 1997 (6th ed) and **Who's Who** in the European Information World (3rd ed) were published in December 1996. There are L92.00 and L135.00. Contact: *Kim Jacks, TFPL Ltd, 17-18 Britton Street, London EC1M 5NQ, UK. FAX: +44-171-2518318.*

The European Public Affairs Directory 1997 has several new features: EU information available on the Internet, list of EU acronyms and abbreviations, codes of conduct regulating the profession, document delivery agents, gateway agents and CD-ROM distributors. *From Image Diffusion, bP3, 1040 Etterbeek 2, Belgium. FAX: +32-2-673 18 71.*

Children, medicines, and culture edited by P.J. Bush, D.J. Trakas, E.J. Sanz, R. Wirsing, T. Vaskilampi and A. Prout. (1996) 420 pp. ISBN 0-7890-0210-8. \$19.95 soft. Individual country reports and cross-national comparisons on how children are socialized into medicine use. Denmark, England, Finland, Greece, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, the former Yugoslavia and the USA are covered.

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Preliminary programme

- 09.30-10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.00-10.15 Welcome and Happy 10 year anniversary of EAHIL
Elisabeth Husem, President of EAHIL
Monique C. Cleland, Former President of EAHIL and Secretary of the IFLA Section of Biological and Medical Science Libraries.
- 10.15-12.30 Papers and discussion:
Chairperson: **Alice Norhede**, The Danish Pharmaceutical Library
Derek Law, King's College, London: « New Directions in Networking »
Remco van de Merwe, Ovid Technologies Amsterdam:
« Sharing Medical Information: Combining Local and Remote Resources »
Irene Wormell, The Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen :
« Telematics - Psycho-social Problems and Professional Competence »
Jean-Philippe Accart, President of the above IFLA section. Centre d'Information et de Documentation, ANACT, Lyon : « Networks and New Ways of Working: Human Aspects »
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch, sponsored by Ovid Technologies
- 13.30-15.00 Presentations of new products from Sponsors :
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- 15.00-15.15 Coffee Break
- 15.15-16.30 Workshops based on the issues of the morning session, chaired by:
Derek Law, UK
Remco van de Merwe, Ovid technologies, The Netherlands
Irene Wormell, Denmark
Jean-Philippe Accart, France
- 16-30-17.30 Short reports and final discussion

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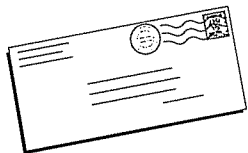
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LETTER

FROM THE EDITOR

The instructions to authors appearing in the last issue have a reference to the Vancouver style :

In 1978 editors from some major biomedical journals published in English met in Vancouver and decided to uniform technical requirements for manuscripts to be submitted to their journals, including styles used for bibliographic references. References have been developed by the National Library of Medicine (Ann Colaiani is a member of the group).

The Vancouver group evolved in the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors and the requirements set

have been widely accepted by both authors and editors.

In 1993 over 400 journals had stated that they will consider manuscripts that conform to the Vancouver style, but in fact their number is even greater.

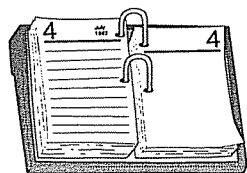
The requirements are a set of rules to Authors on how to prepare manuscripts, not to editors on publication style, even if many journals have adopted them in this way. Authors adopting them will improve the quality of manuscripts, lower rejection rate and revision time, make friends with editors and medical writers.

Nevertheless Authors are expected to follow the instructions, if any, given by individual journals and manuscripts may still be altered to conform with details of their publication style.

The European address for inquiries and comments about these requirements is the Editor, British Medical Journal, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR. BMJ published the present and fourth edition of the Vancouver style in the first issue of 1997, page 1 to 10.



Luisa Vercellesi
Editor



FORTHCOMING

EVENTS

May 23-28, 1997 - Seattle, USA

Medical Library Association - 1997 Annual Meeting - The Preliminary program is available at :

<http://www.kumc.edu/MLA/preprog.html>

June 29-July 2, 1997 - Edinburgh, Scotland

International conference : Occupational Health for Health Care Workers. Contact : Conference Bureau, 17 Hillpark Terraces, Edinburgh, Scotland - EH4 7SX -

Tel & Fax : 44-131-312.8435

August 31-September 5, 1997 Copenhagen, Denmark

63rd IFLA Council and General Conference. " Libraries and information for Human Development " Contact: IFLA, P.O.B. 95312, NL-2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands. Fax: 31 70 383 4827 - Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries: Theme " Improving Access to Electronic and Medical Information ".

September 4 - EAHIL Workshop .

For further information: see in this issue: contact: Jean-Philippe Accart, ANACT, 41 quai Fulchiron, 69002 Lyon, France, Fax: 33 4 7837 9690 - email: anact-69@imaginet.fr

September 17-19, 1997 - Nancy, France

Communication Scientifique et Technique dans les Sciences de la Vie - Scientific Communication in Life Sciences, International symposium. Information: Prof. G. Faure, Laboratoire d'Immunologie, Fac. Médecine, BP 184, F-54500 Vandoeuvre, France, Fax: 33 383 446022 - email: faure@grip.u-nancy.fr

September 23-25, 1997 - Budapest, Hungary

EAHIL Workshop in Budapest "Information Management Policies in Medical Libraries in the New Electronic Age", Budapest, Hungary. Contact person: Dr Márta Virágos, Director of the Central Library, Medical University, Debrecen 4012, Nagyerdei ket. 98, Hungary - Tel/fax: 36 52 413 847 - email: Marta@lib.dote.hu

October 2-3, 1997 - Odense, Denmark

AGORA IV - Health Systems for the future in Europe. Contact : HOPE, Kapucijnenvoer 35, B-3000 Leuven - Fax : 32-16-33.69.06 E-mail : hope@geo2.poptel.org.uk

October, 6-8, 1997 - Mainz, Germany

Annual Meeting of the German Association for Medical Libraries. Contact: Dr Volker Johst, President, AGMB, Zentralbibliothek des Universitätsklinikums Charité, Schumannstr. 20/21, D-10117

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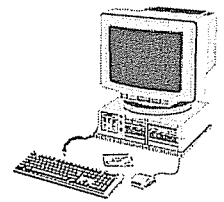
III Conference Spanish Serials Group. The Spanish 7th Conference of Information and Documentation in Health Science. Themes: -The role of Health Science Librarian in the twenty-first century. Evidence based decision making in medicine.-The Spanish medical library system. Contact person: Maria Francisca Ribes Cot - Tlf. 42-202539, Fax: 42-202655 - E-mail. hosp001@sarenet.es. Information : CER - Secretaria Hortaleza, 75, 280004, Madrid

June 22-27, 1998 - Utrecht, The Netherlands

EAHIL Sixth European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries "The digital Library in Biomedicine". Information: EAHIL'98, P.O./Box 80125, NL-3508 TC Utrecht, Netherlands, fax: 31 20 253 3667, email: l.donkers@fbu.ruu.nl

August 16-21, 1998 - Amsterdam, The Netherlands

64th IFLA General Conference - General Information: Amsterdam '98, Congrex Holland bv, P.O.Box 302, NL-1000 AH Amsterdam, Fax: 31 20 625 9574 email: ifla@congrex.nl



GOPHER

What is it ?

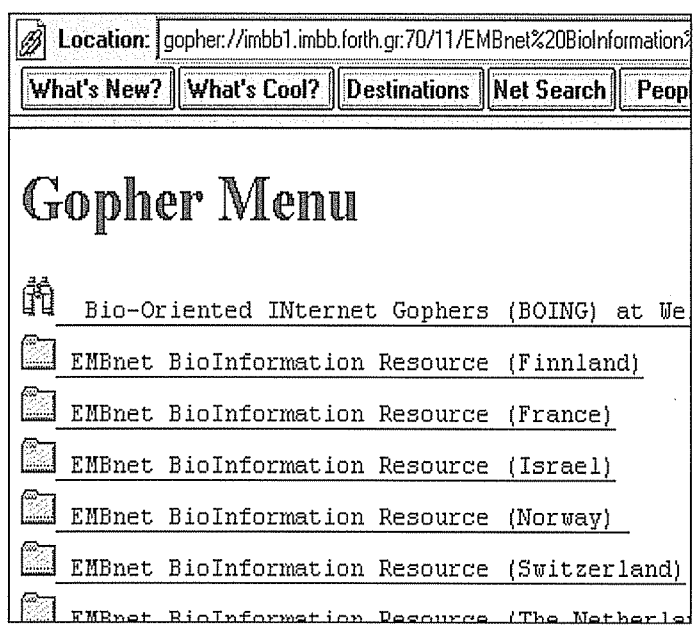
Gopher is a hierarchical menu structure organisation of information. It is the first tool that permitted organisation of information on the Internet.

Each gopher host has a "root" menu, or main menu, that provides links to submenus, documents, search tools, and other types of connections. The content of the items in the root menu is determined by the gopher's administrator.

When you select an item from the root menu, you are then connected to that document or submenu -- which may be located on the same gopher, or thousands of miles away!

As you select from one menu after another, you may not even realize how far you've travelled in order to retrieve a single piece of information! That's the beauty of gopher -- it allows you "transparent" access to information residing at thousands of different locations.

Sample : The gopher of the Special Libraries Association :
gopher://gopher.sla.org/



This is a gopher viewed with Netscape. Like other Internet applications, you can use your Web browser (begin the address with gopher://), or a specifically designed Gopher client software.

The icon gives information of the type of data the line refers to :

- The "Text" icon indicates you will access text-like information. It's thus the end of an hierarchy.
- The "Folder" icon refers to a sub-directory. If you select this item, you will access another gopher menu, which is hierarchically below the previous one.

You can also have other types of information, such as a "binoculars" icon : you can then have access to search facilities.

E.g. : Indiana List of Bio-Gophers :
gopher://ftp.bio.indiana.edu:70/11/Other-Bio-Gophers

Usually you will find some of these menus :

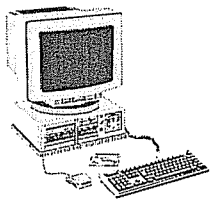
- "About this gopher" : supplies facts about the host server and provides answers to frequently asked questions about the gopher software.
- "Frequently Asked Questions" : contains a collection of answers to frequently asked questions about all aspects of the Internet which have been gathered from a variety of sources around the Net.
- "Other gopher and information servers" : points to your escape route out into gopherspace; access to submenus, of gopher servers running on hundreds of other sites worldwide.
- "Search for items on this gopher" : allows searches against the titles of all documents stored on the host server. This type of search tool is called Jughead.

Jughead (acronym for "Jonzy's Universal Gopher Hierarchy Excavation and Display") is a kind of local Veronica (see below). It's set up by the gopher administrator to allow searches of local materials.

OK, but why "Gopher" ?

According to Webster's dictionary, the gopher is a burrowing rodent, about the size of a squirrel. The gopher is also the mascot of the University of Minnesota, home of the "golden gophers." Not surprisingly, when a team of programmers from the University of Minnesota in 1991 designed a browser with the capacity to borrow around the Net and "go fer" information, they named it "gopher."

In March 1995, there were more than 5,000 gophers. Recently, however, gopher has been superseded by highly sophisticated World Wide Web browsers. More and more people prefer the flexibility and the interface of the Web, but it has still to be reckoned with on the Net.



INTERNET

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A good example is the WHO.

You can have access to information through gopher :

gopher://gopher.who.ch or through the WWW :
<http://www.who.ch>

You can directly understand why WWW has replaced gopher...

Not all information is already available on the WWW server, so sometimes, you will have a link to the gopher server, which was launched first.

Like with the WWW, you can easily get lost in gopherspace. Moreover, the length of the gopher site address (sometimes very long !) and the fact that it is hardly understandable can make it very difficult to find again some interesting information.

How to find information ?

Although some Web search clients also retrieve the information stored in gophers, Veronica is the best designed to find information in Gopherspace. It can retrieve words of the titles of gophers.

To search contents of Gophers, and other databases available in Gopherspace, you can use WAIS.

VERONICA

Veronica stands for "Very Easy Rodent-Oriented Net-wide Index to Computerized Archives".

Veronica, a little bit like Archie, regularly combs gopherspace, maintaining an index of all the titles of all the documents on most gopher servers -- currently 6,000+. It searches only the *titles*, not the full text of documents accessible to gopher. When requested, it returns a temporary menu of titles containing the keywords asked.

Two main possibilities :

- "Find ONLY DIRECTORIES ...". It will accept keywords to search only titles of directories in gopherspace. It will ignore all other gopher items. This option has the advantage of providing you with a collection of more relevant information in a more organized format.
- "Search GopherSpace ..." or "Find ALL TITLES...". It will accept keywords to search all the Gopher item titles that Veronica knows about (including any directory, file, search tool, sound file, or telnet session.)

WAIS

For "Wide-Area Information Server".

WAIS allows you to search many varied types of documents/databases accessible on the Net, and you don't need to know where they really reside, or what their hostnames, or pathnames, are.

Unlike Veronica, which searches only the titles of files, WAIS searches the contents of database files. Anything can become a database -- listserv archives, electronic books, USEnet group archives, academic document collections, etc. Both powerful and flexible, WAIS can be used to create indexes of any collection of materials available on the Net.

There are over 500 WAIS indexes currently maintained on the Net.

A WAIS client can be used but, both gopher and telnet provide you with an interface to WAIS indexes.

RESOURCES

The World of Gopher

<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/projects/ieis/manual/manual/gopher.html>

All the Gopher Servers in the World

gopher to gopher.tc.umn.edu/ (with a WWW browser, type : [gopher://gopher.tc.umn.edu/](http://gopher.tc.umn.edu/))

Following the path : "Other Gopher and Information Servers"

Let's Go Gopherin : free online course with 25 archived lessons
gopher://cwis.usc.edu

Following the path :

- Other Gophers and Information Resources
- How to use Gopher (free course)

Gower-Jewels : more than 2000 resources hierarchically organized (but not evaluated), with search capabilities
gopher://cwis.usc.edu

Following the path : Gopher-Jewels

Another Way to Cruise the Internet By Eriq Oliver Neale. "Web versus Gopher"

http://www.unt.edu/UNT/departments/CC/Benchmarks/benchmarks_html/julaug94/www.htm

Search engines that indexes Gophers :

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

Open Text : <http://index.opentext.net/>

WebCrawler : <http://www.webcrawler.com/>

Excite : <http://www.excite.com>

InfoSeek : <http://guide.infoseek.com>

Health and medicine related gophers with descriptions

<http://debra.dgbt.doc.ca/~mike/healthnet/lhlist/gophp2.html>

Disability-related resources

gopher://hawking.u.washington.edu/

Follow the path : Disability-Related Resources

Veronica

<http://www.cs.unh.edu:70/1/links/veronica>

Frequently Asked Questions about Veronica

gopher://veronica.scs.unr.edu/00/veronica/veronica-faq

or : <http://www.arn.net/faq/verafaq2.html>

Index of Veronica Servers

<http://www2.ebtech.net/~mckeage/Veronica.html>

Index to WAIS databases

http://www.ub2.lu.se/auto_new/UDC.html

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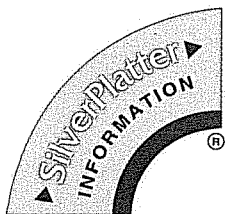
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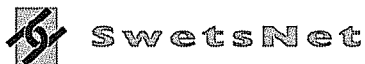
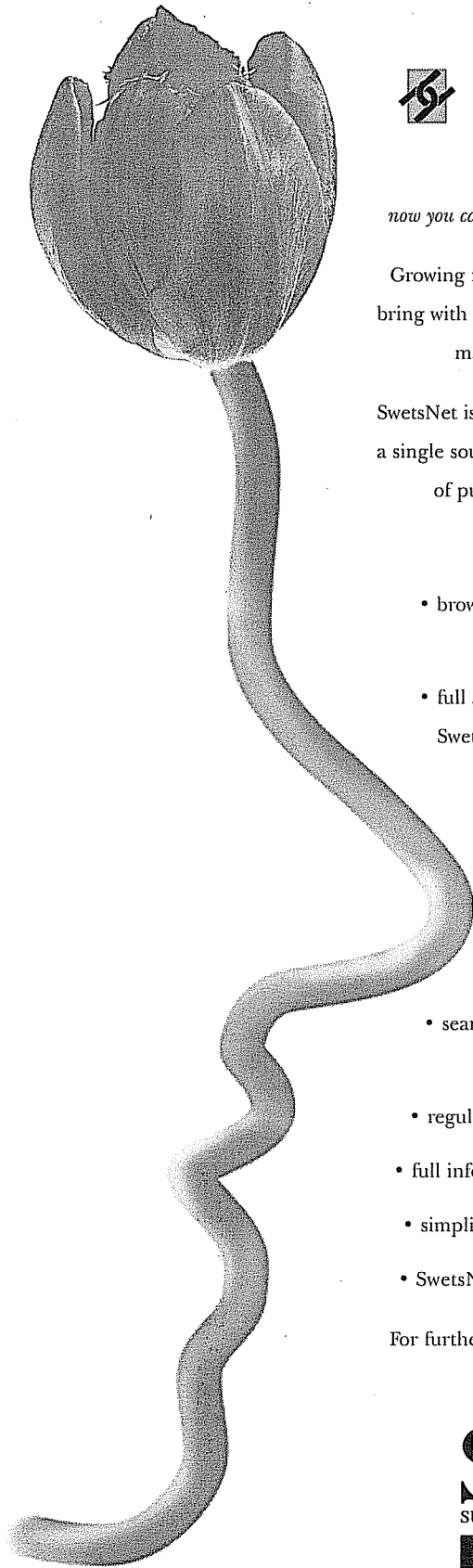
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