



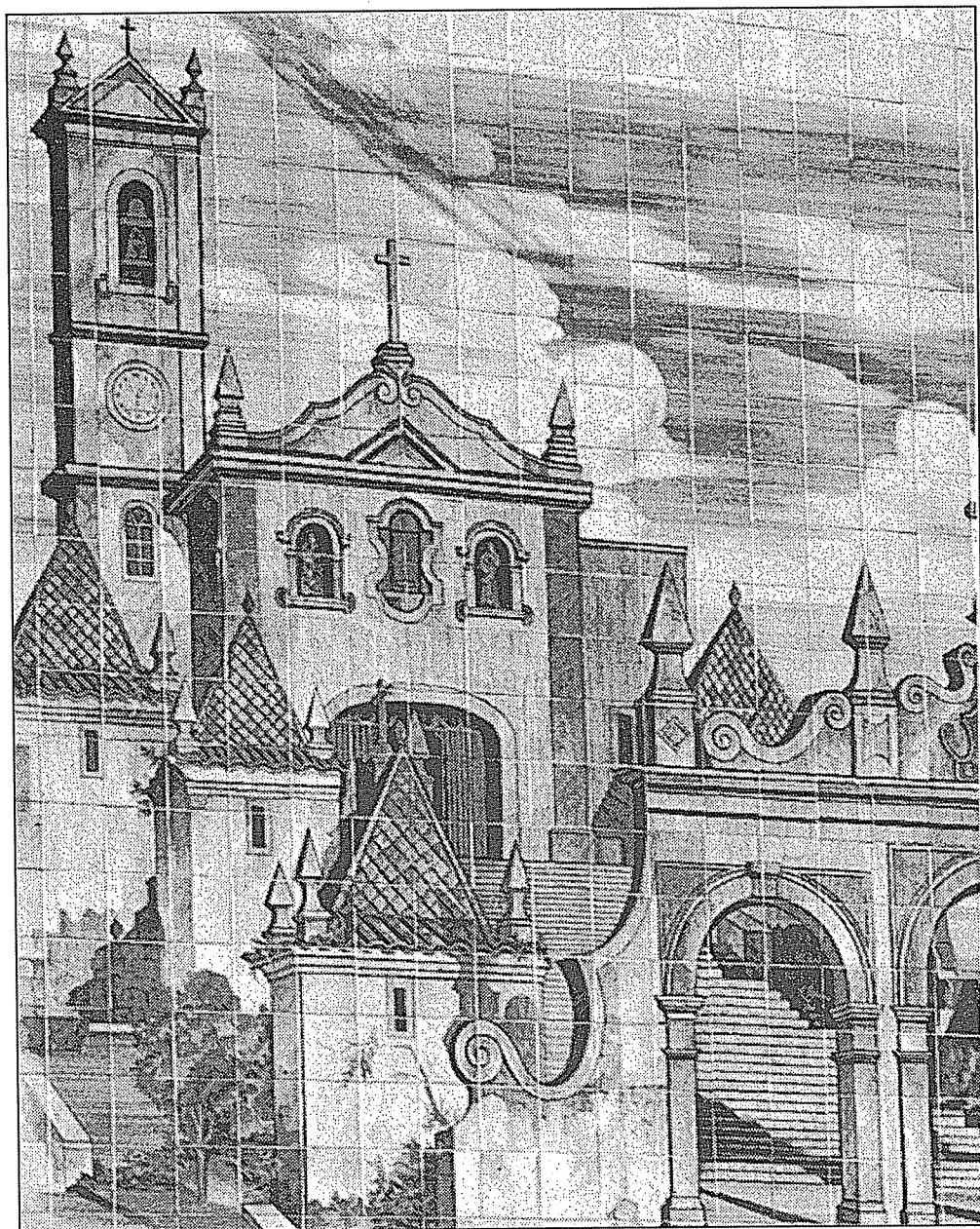
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EDITORIAL

What will the role of medical libraries be in 2005?

Will we still exist in the year 2005? And if we do, what will be like? Will any of our present clients use us any more and if they do, for what purposes and in what ways? There is an abundance of articles describing the future research and professional libraries in the library and information science literature. Externally, the greatest change seems to be that the library is a big room with micro-computers, mostly for the students. Doctors and nurses do not need library space any more, because they all have work stations of their own in their offices. There is no more need for bookshelves or stores, everything is electronic. Telecommunication networks are so sophisticated that the health care personnel can carry out all their activities by just sitting at their PCs: listening to a

patient is already possible by a video screen on the wall and operations are performed using a remote control device. Telemedicine has created completely new ways of treating diseases. The students do not necessarily need their teachers or us, because all learning material is electronic and interactive.

Do we librarians play a role here? I think we do, but we have to change. The world is rapidly changing around us, and if we do not change, somebody else will be doing our work for future health care professionals. What is then "our work"? Libraries have great potential as leaders of this change in the information world. We all have education that gives us abilities in dealing with the subject matter of the change: we know how to organise information, we are experts in subject analysis, classification and indexing, we know how to distribute information in a custom-tailored way and we know how to make non-users visit libraries, in order to acquire more knowledge to give the patients better care.

But are we too modest? Do our organisations know what we can do? Do our clients treat us as "girls" and "boys" in the library, nice to have at hand when secretarial help is needed or a photocopy is ordered? If they do, it is our own fault. It is true that not too many of us have been trained in executive management or marketing. It is also true that many of us are in the field because we never wanted to be

"hard" executive managers or do marketing.

Our clients do not usually know what is included in our education or the activities of a library of an information centre in their organisation include. This is the last minute to tell them that. The change in the information world is rapid, and we have to hurry to market ourselves. In many cases we librarians have a much wider and more extensive knowledge of health care information than representatives of a narrow speciality in medicine or nursing. It is our duty to use all our capability for our organisation, and it is not forbidden to be ambitious in one's own field.

What I am suggesting is that, more than ever before, we should rethink our position in our organisation and show and let others know what we can do. A completely new way of cooperating with other fields, e.g. computer professionals, is needed and a new generation of networking, both technologically and intellectually, should be implemented. We already have examples of librarians as the directors of information management as a whole in organisations, and it is in that direction we should be going with our thorough education and all the knowledge we have on information world.

Liisa Salmi
Editor

Quel sera le rôle des bibliothèques médicales en 2005?

Existerons-nous encore en 2005? Et si c'est le cas, à quoi ressemblerons-nous? Certains de nos clients actuels nous utiliseront-ils encore, et s'ils le feront, dans quel but et de quelle manière?

Il existe une abondance d'articles dans la littérature traitant des sciences de l'information, décrivant les futures bibliothèques professionnelles et de recherche.

De l'extérieur, le plus grand changement semble être qu'une bibliothèque ne sera plus qu'une grande salle avec des micro-ordinateurs, le plus souvent pour des étudiants. Médecins et infirmières n'ont plus besoin de bibliothèques en tant qu'espace, leur propre poste de travail étant leur bureau. Il n'y a plus de rayons de livres ou de réserves, tout étant en mode électronique. Les réseaux de télécommunication sont si sophistiqués que le

personnel de santé peut exercer toutes ses activités en étant assis devant son PC; écouter un patient est désormais possible par l'intermédiaire d'un écran vidéo, et exécuter une opération se fait par un dispositif de contrôle. La télé-médecine a créé de tous nouveaux moyens de traitement des maladies. Les étudiants n'ont pas nécessairement besoin de leurs professeurs ou de nous, car tout le matériel d'enseignement est électronique et interactif.

Nous, bibliothécaires, quel rôle jouons-nous ici? Je pense que oui, mais nous devons changer. Le monde change rapidement autour de nous, et si nous n'évoluons pas nous-mêmes, d'autres feront notre travail pour les futurs professionnels de la santé.

Qu'entend-on par "notre travail" ? Les bibliothécaires ont un gros potentiel pour être leader de ce changement dans le monde de l'information. Nous avons tous reçu un enseignement qui nous rend capable de traiter la manière du changement : nous savons organiser l'information, nous sommes des experts en analyse, classification et indexation, nous savons comment distribuer l'information à la manière du tailleur à façon, et nous savons comment faire pour que nos bibliothèques soient mieux utilisées, que les connaissances soient mieux acquises afin de donner aux patients de meilleurs soins. Mais sommes-nous trop modestes ? Nos institutions savent-elles de quoi nous sommes capables ? Nos clients

nous traitent-ils comme "mademoiselle" ou "garçon" dans la bibliothèque, contents de nous avoir sous la main lorsqu'ils ont besoin de l'aide d'une secrétaire ou qu'une photocopie est demandée. Si c'est le cas, c'est de notre propre faute.

Il est vrai que trop peu d'entre nous ont été formés en gestion ou en commercialisation. Nos clients ne savent généralement pas sur quoi reposent notre enseignement de base, l'activité d'une bibliothèque ou un centre d'information dans une institution.

Alors voici ce qu'il nous faut entendre: le changement dans le monde de l'information est rapide et nous devons nous dépêcher pour nous lancer sur le marché.

Dans nombre de cas, nous autres bibliothécaires, avons une connaissance plus large et plus étendue de l'information sur la santé que les représentants d'une étroite spécialité en médecine

ou en profession infirmière. C'est notre devoir d'utiliser toutes nos capacités et il n'est pas interdit d'être ambitieux dans son propre domaine. Je suggère que plus que jamais auparavant, nous repensions notre position dans nos organisations, ainsi que montrer et faire savoir de quoi nous sommes capables.

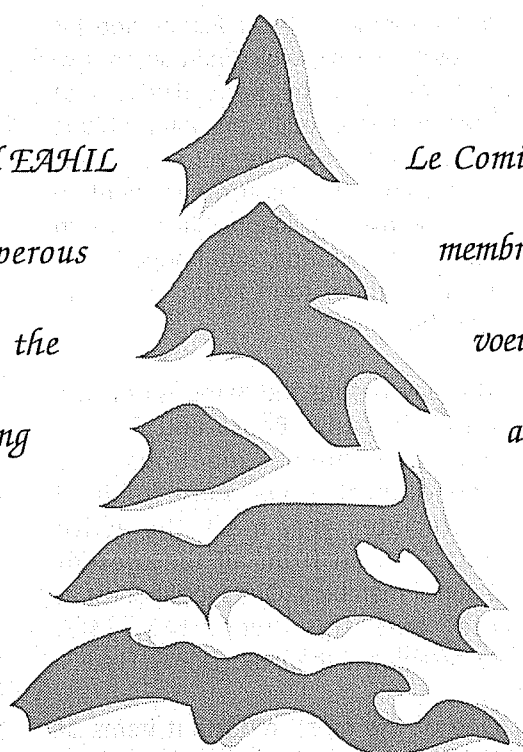
Voici une toute nouvelle façon de coopérer avec d'autres domaines : par exemple, on a besoin de professionnels en informatique et une nouvelle génération de réseaux, technologiques et intellectuels, devrait être mise en oeuvre. Nous avons déjà des exemples avec des bibliothécaires en tant que responsables de l'information dans son ensemble au sein d'une organisation.

Allons dans cette direction forts de la connaissance que nous avons du monde de l'information!

Liisa Salmi

Rédactrice en Chef

The Editorial Board wishes all EAHIL members a happy and prosperous New Year and thanks for the active participation in making the Newsletter.



Le Comité de Rédaction présente aux membres de l'Association ses meilleurs voeux pour une heureuse et fructueuse année 1996 et remercie tous ceux qui ont bien voulu apporter leur contribution à la Newsletter.

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATION



Letter from the President

One year ago, Liisa Salmi asked me, in an interview in this same Newsletter, if I thought health librarians could make the world better. I answered "we could contribute". EAHIL wants to be instrumental in contributing, making a better and closer European "health-library-family".

There is today a beginning of peace in former Yugoslavia, even if it seems rather fragile for the moment. In these countries, they will now start rebuilding and restoring, and among other things also their health system and libraries. They will certainly need all the assistance and encouragement they can get. So let us be ready to assist and help our colleagues whenever they ask for it.

1995 has been a challenging year for me, and I think also for EAHIL, with many exciting events.

In Coimbra, Antonia Pereira da Silva and her Local Organizing Committee have been working hard in preparing the 5th EAHIL Conference of Medical and Health Libraries, which will take place on September 18-21, 1996. The charm and the beauty of Coimbra is overwhelming and the preparations and the projects for the Conference are very promising. So, prepare yourself for an outstanding event in September, which you cannot afford to miss.

In Washington in May, at the MLA/7ICML, many of us met with American librarians, and with librarians from all over the world. In spite of all

the possibilities for communication on Internet, we need to be in contact with our colleagues, to see them "live", to discuss with them and to be updated on what is going on in other places in the world. Then back home in our libraries, the contacts on Internet will seem "human" and interesting.

In Copenhagen, the Nordic and Baltic librarians met for the 4th Nordic Conference of medical Libraries in August. Nordic cooperation is very important for us, but we never forget that we are a part of Europe, and EAHIL is always present, in one way or another.

Many EAHIL members were present at the IFLA meeting in Istanbul in August, and we are proud to say that a few of them during the past years have been elected for important functions within IFLA. EAHIL is thankful for all the efforts made by its members in order to promote EAHIL wherever they gather.

In September, Otakar Pinkas and his "crew" warmly welcomed some 150 delegates in the beautiful city of Prague, and gave us an unforgettable week and a very successful symposium. It was a great event to meet so many colleagues from Eastern and Central Europe, and I hope to see many of them soon again, maybe in Coimbra.

The day before the Symposium, the EAHIL Executive Board and Council held their annual meetings. The Council meeting was most fruitful. I appreciated very much the active participation from all the present Council members. Our special guest at the meetings was the MLA representative to EAHIL, Donna Flake.

One of the most important items of the meetings was the EAHIL programme of work, entitled "EAHIL - Aims towards year 2000".

The programme consolidates some of the aims that EAHIL wants to achieve within five years, and makes suggestions about how to reach them. After some useful discussions, the Council approved the Programme as a working document. You will find the highlights hereafter.

The economic situation of EAHIL is at present healthy, which allows us to take the first steps towards fulfilling one of the aims in our Programme of Work:

Cooperative agreements between European libraries;

- *establishing agreements for cooperation with medical and health science libraries, in Eastern and Central Europe in particular;*
- *developing and strengthening cooperation through intensified contact, workshops*
- *minor financial incentives (education grants, travel grants, etc.).*

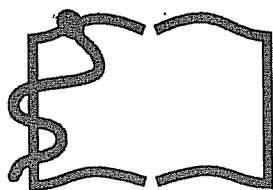
At the Prague Symposium, a special offer of a 25% reduction in the 1996 membership fee was granted to our colleagues from Eastern and Central Europe who are not yet members of EAHIL. This offer is still available for new members from these countries until April 30, the deadline for the fee payment.

1996 will be a year of elections for EAHIL. As in the past, EAHIL members will be asked to participate actively in electing or re-electing the President and 3 new members on the Board. We'll need the participation of all of you.

As a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all, on behalf of the EAHIL Board, a happy and peaceful New Year!

Elisabeth Husem
EAHIL President

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"Health Information Management: What Strategies" *La gestion de l'information de santé: Quelles stratégies?*

Dear Colleagues,



The Local Organizing Committee and the Scientific Programme Committee of the EAHIL 5th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries would like to extend a warm invitation to all of you to attend this EAHIL European Conference to be held in Coimbra, Portugal, from 18-21 September 1996.

Full details about the registration and hotel reservations will be available by late February/early March. You will personally receive the registration and hotel forms. We'll remain at your disposal to answer any questions you might have.

We are convinced that you will thoroughly enjoy the beautiful and cultural city of Coimbra and are working hard to make the Conference and your stay as attractive and interesting as you expect it.

We'll be very happy to welcome you in Portugal.

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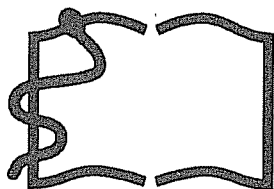
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Themes and Subthemes

Networking and cooperation

- National and European initiatives
- Internet access, resources and use
- Interlibrary loan and document delivery services

Health services and user needs

- Evidence-based health care
- Information skills in the curriculum
- Information support for decision making

Information professional issues

- Filtering scientific information
- Ethical issues in health information
- Training and professional development

Managing health information services

- Total quality management applications
- Collection evaluation and acquisitions management
- Cost-benefit analysis, charging and marketing

New trends in health information management

- Development of value-added information products
- Public and private information market synergy
- Multimedia and the virtual environment

Special interest group sessions

- Information in the pharmaceutical industry
- History of medicine
- Hospital libraries
- Nursing libraries
- Veterinary libraries
- Psychiatry libraries
- Oncology libraries
- Academic and research libraries

Thèmes et Thèmes parallèles

Travail en réseau et coopération

- Initiatives nationales et européennes
- Accès, ressources et usages de l'Internet
- Prêt inter-bibliothèques et fourniture de documents

Services de santé et besoins de l'utilisateur

- "Evidence-based health care": soins de santé centrés sur l'évidence
- Information de santé et parcours professionnel de l'utilisateur
- Apport de l'information dans la prise de décision

L'information professionnelle et ses débouchés

- Contrôle de l'information scientifique
- Ethique et information de santé
- Formation professionnelle et développement personnel

Gestion de l'information de santé

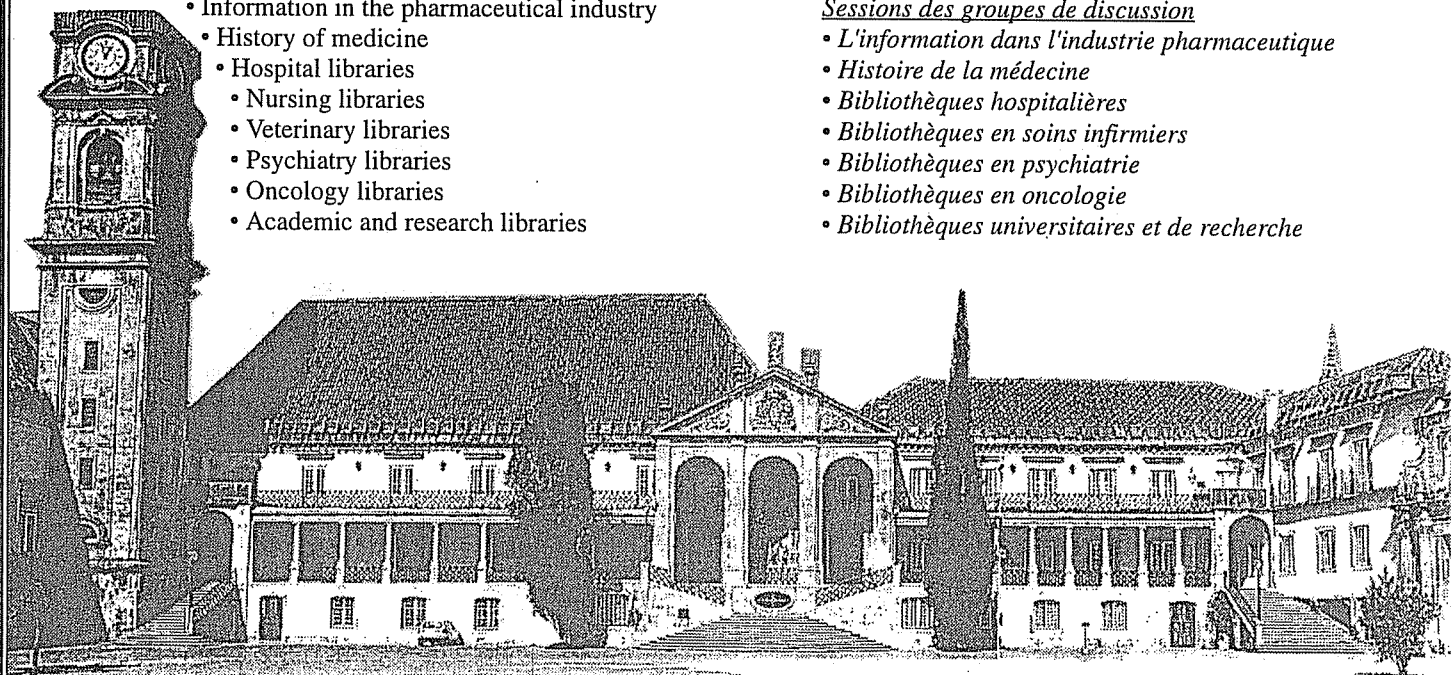
- Le concept de qualité totale et ses applications
- Evaluation des collections et gestion des acquisitions
- Analyse coût-bénéfice et étude de marché

Nouvelles tendances de l'information de santé

- Développement des produits à valeur ajoutée
- Synergie des marchés publics et privés d'information
- Multimédia et environnement virtuel

Sessions des groupes de discussion

- L'information dans l'industrie pharmaceutique
- Histoire de la médecine
- Bibliothèques hospitalières
- Bibliothèques en soins infirmiers
- Bibliothèques en psychiatrie
- Bibliothèques en oncologie
- Bibliothèques universitaires et de recherche



News from the EAHIL Executive Board and Council Meetings in Prague, on September 19, 1995

The half year report of the President was presented by Elisabeth Husem. She emphasized the importance of arranging EAHIL gatherings for members and potential members in connection with other meetings and conferences.

She mentioned some examples: one arranged in connection with MLA95/7ICML and one during the 4th Nordic Conference for Medical Libraries. She also mentioned those meetings where EAHIL had been represented through its Executive Board members.

She announced future EAHIL conferences and workshops. The 5th Conference of Medical and Health Libraries will be held in Coimbra, 18-21 September 1996, the 6th EAHIL Conference in Utrecht in 1998 and the 7th in London in the year 2000 jointly with the 8ICML.

Workshops have traditionally been arranged every second year between conferences. She emphasized that in the near future these workshops should preferably be arranged in Central or Eastern Europe, a suggestion that was supported by the Council.

Programme of work 1995-2000

The President had prepared a strategy document "EAHIL-aims towards year 2000" as the basis for a discussion in the Executive Board as well as in the Council. The document dwelt on six main topics:

- 1 Conferences and workshops
- 2 an efficient electronic network
- 3 continuing education
- 4 cooperative agreements or twinning between libraries
- 5 cooperation between EAHIL and other European organisations and
- 6 rising EAHIL membership.

1 It was agreed that the most important activities of EAHIL are the conferences every second year, the continuing education courses and the workshops. They fulfil the main

goals of EAHIL by giving the members the possibility of professional improvement and by strengthening the exchange of experiences and cooperation between them.

2 Another emerging and effective way to stimulate the communication between members is to create an efficient electronic network, which enables personal contacts, the establishment of discussion groups and distribution of current information. The Council strongly recommended that EAHIL takes advantage of new information technology. A decision was taken to begin the planning of discussion groups and a WWW-home page for information about EAHIL. It was agreed that the EAHIL Newsletter will continue to appear in a paper version. However, a selection of news of more immediate interest appearing in the Newsletter could be published as an electronic version as well.

3 Continuing education of library staff is of vital interest to all libraries. The idea of sharing information about people who are prepared to teach courses on request outside their own organisations was considered very good. It was decided that EAHIL should start the work on a list of such persons (librarians/information specialists) with information about their courses. To start with, the list should contain members of EAHIL. An extension to non members will be discussed later.

4 EAHIL wants to emphasize the strengthening of bonds or twinning between libraries in different European regions. For the coming five year period, EAHIL particularly suggests that libraries from the other regions find partners from Eastern or Central Europe. Cooperation between these libraries can take many forms in different European regions and join other national and medical health organisations. The role of EAHIL would be to create a common frame of reference for this type of cooperation.

5 The type of cooperation between EAHIL and other related to European organisations will be discussed further.

6 An aim of EAHIL is also to raise the body of membership to 1000 before the year 2000. A number of methods to reach this goal were envisaged. Recruitment campaigns were mentioned as well as more information in connection with other meetings.

Other matters

The treasurer Pascale Delausnay presented her financial report. The present position shows a positive balance. The formation of subgroups has resulted in a rise of EAHIL membership. The proceedings from the Oslo conference has not sold as well as expected. Yet there is a possibility of selling more copies. However, the Oslo conference was financially well organized so that the revenue in addition to covering the expenses of that conference left some money for the workshop arranged in Prague and for the conference in Coimbra.

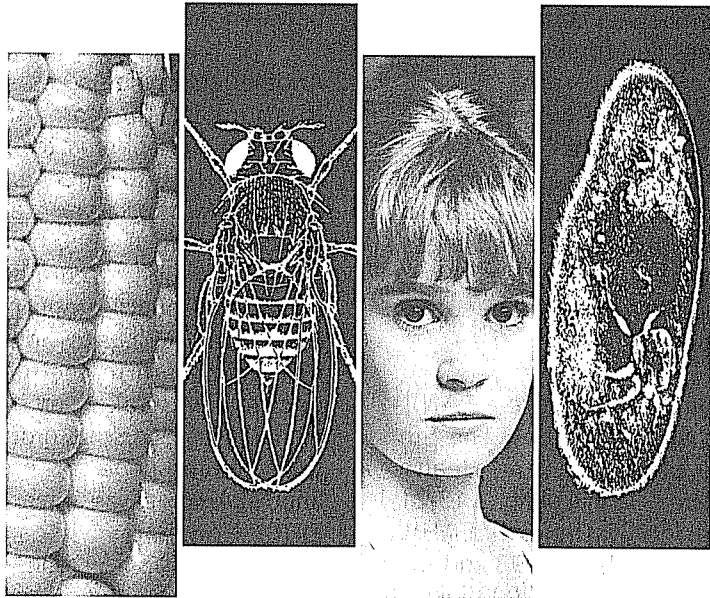
It was considered very important to reach non members in announcing the Coimbra conference. Council members were urged to announce the conference in their local newsletters and at local meetings.

Two replacements of members of the Council were reported: Anna Schlosser, Switzerland, has replaced of Gina Reymond and Marie-Danielle Meunier, France, has replaced of Pierre-Marie Belbenoit-Avich.

The Association had the pleasure of welcoming Donna Flake, MLA representative to EAHIL. Present and future cooperation between the two organisations was discussed. Donna Flake promised to contribute to the EAHIL Newsletter with MLA News.

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Lettre de la Présidente de l'AEIBS

Il y a un an, Liisa Salmi me demandait, lors d'un interview publié dans la Newsletter, si je pensais que les bibliothécaires pouvaient rendre un monde meilleur ? J'ai répondu qu'ils pouvaient y contribuer. L'AEIBS désire jouer un rôle dans le rapprochement d'une Europe axée sur l'information de la santé et la famille. Aujourd'hui la paix reste fragile dans l'ex-Yougoslavie qui doit se reconstruire et restaurer, parmi d'autres, leur système de santé et de l'information de santé. Ils auront certainement besoin d'encouragements, n'hésitons pas à aider nos collègues s'ils en manifestent le besoin.

1995 a été une année fructueuse et prometteuse d'évènements pour notre Association.

A Coimbra, Antonia Pereira da Silva et son Comité Local d'Organisation s'est attelée à la tâche de la préparation de la 5ème Conférence Européenne des Bibliothèques Médicales et de Santé qui se tiendra les 18-21 septembre prochains. Les premières informations et l'appel aux communications ont été publiées dans notre Newsletter d'octobre et promettent des sessions des plus intéressantes dans la très belle ville de Coimbra.

A Washington DC, en mai dernier, à la Conférence de la MLA/7ICML, beaucoup d'entre nous ont pu rencontrer des collègues américains et en provenance du monde entier. Avec les possibilités de communication offertes par l'Internet, nous pourrions échanger nos

idées et expériences et être mis au courant de ce qui se passe ailleurs dans le monde.

A Copenhague, les bibliothécaires nordiques et des pays Baltes se sont rencontrés lors de la 4ème Conférence Nordique en août dernier.

De nombreux membres de l'AEIBS étaient présents à la Conférence d'IFLA à Istanbul en août dernier. Nous sommes fiers de constater qu'au cours des dernières années, plusieurs d'entre nous ont été élus pour jouer un rôle important au sein de l'IFLA.

En septembre 1995, Otakar Pinkas et son équipe ont accueilli près de 150 délégués au Symposium sur la coopération organisé dans la ville attrayante de Prague. Ce fut un grand moment qui permit une rencontre chaleureuse et enrichissante entre bibliothécaires de toute l'Europe, de l'Ouest, de l'Est et Centrale.

Les réunions du Bureau Exécutif et du Conseil ont eu lieu avant le Symposium et furent actives et fructueuses. Donna Flake, représentante de la Medical Library Association (MLA) auprès de l'AEIBS, était notre invitée. Un des points importants de ces réunions fut le programme de travail intitulé "EAHIL - Objectifs pour l'an 2000". Ce programme concrétise les projets que l'AEIBS souhaite réaliser au cours des 5 prochaines années. Vous trouverez les principaux points ci-après. Les discussions furent animées et le Conseil a approuvé le programme.

La situation financière de l'AEIBS est saine ce qui nous permet d'entreprendre les premières actions du programme, à savoir:

- Accords de coopération entre bibliothèques européennes;
- Etablir des accords de coopération entre bibliothèques médicales et de santé en Europe, principalement en Europe de l'Est et Centrale;
- Développer et renforcer la coopération par des contacts intensifiés, des ateliers de travail et une aide financière mineure (dons pour la formation continue, etc.)

Lors du Symposium de Prague, une offre spéciale de 25% de réduction sur la cotisation 1996 a été accordée aux nouveaux membres de l'Europe de l'Est et Centrale comme encouragement et coopération. Cette offre reste valable pour les nouveaux membres de ces pays jusqu'au 30 avril, date limite des paiements des cotisations.

L'année 1996 sera une année d'élections pour l'AEIBS. La participation de tous les membres sera demandée pour élire ou ré-élire le(a) président(e) et 3 nouveaux membres du Bureau Exécutif. Nous comptons déjà sur votre participation active et vos votes.

Enfin, je profite de cette occasion, ainsi que le Bureau Exécutif, pour souhaiter à tous les membres de l'AEIBS une très bonne et fructueuse année 1996.

Elisabeth Husem
Présidente de l'AEIBS

A NEW EAHIL COUNCIL MEMBER - UN NOUVEAU MEMBRE AU SEIN DU CONSEIL DE L'AEIBS

Pierre-Marie Belbenoit-Avich, French Council Member, had to withdraw from the Council for professional reasons. Pierre-Marie has been for many years a very active member both in the EAHIL activities and in the Newsletter. We thank him for his valuable and fruitful cooperation. **Marie-Danielle Meunier** from Pfizer will replace Pierre-Marie Belbenoit-Avich for a four year term starting on January 1st on the EAHIL Council. We warmly welcome her and look forward to a fruitful cooperation with her.

Pierre-Marie Belbenoit-Avich, représentant français au sein du Conseil, a démissionné de sa fonction de membre du Conseil de l'AEIBS pour des raisons professionnelles. Depuis de nombreuses années, Pierre-Marie a apporté une contribution importante tant aux activités de l'Association qu'à la Newsletter. Nous le remercions vivement pour le travail accompli et lui souhaitons plein succès dans sa nouvelle fonction. Marie-Danielle Meunier des Laboratoires Pfizer lui succèdera comme déléguée nationale et prendra ses fonctions dès le 1er janvier 1996. Nous lui souhaitons la bienvenue au sein du Conseil.

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Rapport des réunions du Bureau Exécutif et du Conseil de l'AEIBS tenues à Prague, le 19 septembre 1995

La Présidente, Elisabeth Husem, a présenté son rapport d'activité portant sur la moitié de l'année 1995. Elle a insisté sur l'importance d'organiser les réunions de l'Association, regroupant les membres et les non membres jumelées à d'autres réunions et conférences. A ce sujet, la Présidente a mentionné quelques exemples de réunions: l'une organisée en connexion avec la MLA et l'autre organisée durant la 4ème Conférence Nordique des Bibliothèques Médicales. Elle a aussi mentionné les réunions auxquelles l'AEIBS avait été représentée par les membres de son Bureau Exécutif. La Présidente a également annoncé les futurs séminaires et conférences de l'Association. Ainsi la 5ème Conférence Européenne des Bibliothèques Médicales et de Santé se tiendra à Coimbra, du 18 au 21 septembre 1996, la 6ème Conférence aura lieu à Utrecht en 1998 et la 7ème se tiendra conjointement au 8ICML à Londres en l'an 2000.

Traditionnellement les séminaires sont organisés tous les deux ans entre les conférences. Elisabeth Husem a suggéré que dans un futur proche ces séminaires soient organisés de préférence en Europe Centrale ou en Europe de l'Est. Cette proposition a recueilli l'approbation du Conseil.

Programme de travail 1995-2000

La Présidente a préparé un document stratégique intitulé "AEIBS -Les objectifs pour l'an 2000" qui sera utilisé comme base de discussion, aussi bien au sein du Bureau Exécutif que du Conseil de l'Association. Ce document repose sur les 6 thèmes principaux suivants: 1) les conférences et séminaires; 2) un réseau électronique efficace; 3) la formation permanente; 4) les accords de coopération et de jumelage entre bibliothèques; 5) la coopération entre l'AEIBS et les autres organisations européennes; 6) l'augmentation du nombre des adhésions à l'AEIBS.

1. Tout le monde a été d'accord pour convenir que les activités les plus importantes de l'AEIBS sont les conférences organisées tous les deux ans, les cours de formation continue et les séminaires. Ces activités répondent aux buts principaux de l'AEIBS en donnant à ses membres la possibilité

de s'améliorer sur le plan professionnel et de renforcer les échanges d'expériences et de coopération entre eux.

2. Un autre moyen efficace mis en exergue pour stimuler la coopération entre les membres serait de créer un réseau électronique efficace, qui permettrait les contacts personnels, l'établissement de groupes de discussion et la distribution de l'information actualisée. Le Conseil a fermement recommandé que l'AEIBS tire avantage des nouvelles technologies de l'information. Décision a déjà été prise de commencer à planifier des groupes de discussion et une WWW.vitrine technologique (home page) donnant toutes les informations sur l'AEIBS. Tous ont convenu que la Newsletter de l'AEIBS continuera d'apparaître sous une version papier. Cependant, une sélection des nouvelles d'intérêt plus immédiat apparaissant dans la Newsletter pourrait également être publiée sous une version électronique.

3. Les cours de formation continue destinés aux personnels des bibliothèques sont d'un intérêt vital pour toutes les bibliothèques. L'idée de mettre en commun l'information concernant les personnes qui seraient susceptibles de donner des cours à la demande, également à l'extérieur de leur propre organisation, a été jugée excellente. Décision a été prise de commencer à travailler pour établir une liste de ces personnes (bibliothécaires, spécialistes de l'information) reprenant toutes les informations ayant trait à leurs cours. Dans un premier temps, cette liste se limiterait aux membres de l'AEIBS. Une extension aux non membres sera discutée plus tard.

4. L'AEIBS souhaite mettre l'accent sur le renforcement des liens et jumelages entre bibliothèques des différentes régions d'Europe. Et particulièrement pour les cinq années à venir, l'AEIBS suggère aux bibliothèques européennes de se trouver des partenaires en Europe Centrale et en Europe de l'Est. Cette collaboration entre bibliothèques pourrait prendre plusieurs formes dans différentes régions d'Europe et s'associer à d'autres organisations médicales et de santé na-

tionales. Le rôle de l'AEIBS devrait être de créer un schéma commun de référence pour ce type de collaboration.

5. Le type de collaboration entre l'AEIBS et d'autres organisations européennes parallèles sera discuté plus tard.

6. Un des buts de l'AEIBS serait aussi d'augmenter le nombre d'adhésions jusqu'à atteindre 1000 membres avant l'an 2000. Un certain nombre de méthodes ont été mentionnées ainsi que la nécessité de donner plus d'informations concernant les autres réunions.

Autres points

Le rapport financier de la trésorière, Pascale Delausnay, a été présenté. Celui-ci présente un solde positif. La formation de sous-groupes a apporté de nouvelles adhésions. Les Proceedings de la Conférence d'Oslo n'ont pas été vendus comme espéré. Il reste toutefois la possibilité d'en vendre plus de copies. Toutefois, l'excellente gestion financière de la Conférence d'Oslo a permis de dégager des fonds éventuels pour le Symposium de Prague et la future Conférence de Coimbra.

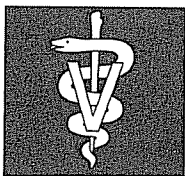
Il est d'une importance capitale d'atteindre les non membres pour leur annoncer la tenue de la Conférence de Coimbra, aussi les membres du Conseil sont instamment priés d'annoncer cette conférence dans leurs Newsletters et réunions locales.

Suite à des démissions, le remplacement de deux membres du Conseil a été rapporté: Anna Schlosser, Suisse, remplace Gina Reymond et Marie-Danielle Meunier, France, remplace Pierre-Marie Belbenoit-Avich.

L'AEIBS a eu le plaisir d'accueillir Donna Flake, Représentante de la Medical Library Association (MLA) auprès de l'AEIBS, lors de la réunion du Conseil. La coopération présente et future entre les deux organisations a été à l'ordre du jour et Donna Flake a promis de contribuer à la Newsletter de l'AEIBS par l'apport de nouvelles de la MLA News.

EAHIL SUB-GROUPS

EAHIL European Veterinary Libraries Group EAHIL (EVLG)



A small group of members of the European Veterinary Libraries Group met at the EAHIL Symposium

on Cooperation of Medical Libraries held last September in Prague. A lively discussion among these members (and the one non-member) on the future of EVLG and of topics to work on ensued. Earlier this year a similar discussion among the members in the Nordic countries was held in Copenhagen.

A future strategy of EVLG will be to form committees on topics to be worked out. The actual work should be done in committees. In Prague some people volunteered for "jobs", but of course other colleagues are always welcome to join in.

Some points of action for the European Veterinary Libraries Group could be:

E-mail discussion list

The VETLIB-list run by the Americans has now some 200 participants. We did not think it necessary to start a separate European list. Everyone who wants to can be put on the American list. Actually a lot of European, African and Australian veterinary librarians are already connected and participating in it. **Contact E-mail: vetlib-l@vtm1.cc.vt.edu** and you can expect a daily mailing of interesting (and sometimes less interesting) topics for veterinary librarians. It also gives you the opportunity to ask questions of colleagues worldwide, for instance on difficulties in obtaining items.

Union list of serials

The setting up of a European union list of serials. We ask colleagues who are interested to join in and/or comment on the practical sides of the creation of such a list. Some questions came up:

- should we copy the American list and enlarge it with entries that are unique for the European holdings;
- some European holdings (Lissabon, Luik/Liege, Oslo) are already included in the American list, should we try to make a world list;

- which format should be used;
- are only current subscriptions to be included or should the total holding be considered;
- is every participant free to apply his/her own interlibrary loan policies;
- should conference and proceedings literature be included;
- to what extent should the language question be engaged?

So far the committee consists of the following participants: Paul van Olm, Lelystad, The Netherlands, Friedhelm Rump, Hannover, Germany and Holger Kulemeyer, Berlin, Germany.

Own newsletter

Apart from the messages and the space available in the quarterly EAHIL Newsletter there is the need for our own Newsletter where special topics of interest to the veterinary and animal health information field can be presented. If you want to participate please contact Linda Warden at the Royal Veterinary College London or Rosemary Warner at University College Dublin.

Workshop

Marta Prosbova offered the opportunity of organizing a workshop on "informatics" at the University of Veterinary Medicine at Kosice, Slovak Republic in the future. She'll work it out. Maybe funding can be found through a European Union project.

Conference Coimbra 1996

The EAHIL conference next year in Coimbra: the 5th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries will facilitate ample space for special interest groups. Two sessions of at least half a day each are planned for the Veterinary subgroup. The closing date for presenting papers was November 30, 1995. In January the final programme will be drawn up: if you want to present a paper/poster or if you have suggestions for topics to organize a workshop/discussion group session on in the veterinary library field, please let me know. I'm on the scientific programme committee of the

conference and we will try to arrange a meeting of maximum interest to all of us.

2nd International Conference Copenhagen 1997

The main topics of this conference will be: international cooperation, management and marketing, user education, veterinary specialities.

In a next EAHIL-newsletter we'll give some more details.

At Copenhagen the following colleagues were present:

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Please react and become hooked on the VETLIB discussion list or become hooked on the EVLG!!

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- Veterinary specialities: Patents, Biotechnology, Pharmacology, Alternative medicine, Animal health promotion (for the benefit of man), Zoonoses, Food/Feed science & technology, Food hygiene, Laboratory animal science

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Pharmaceutical Information Group Groupe Pharmaceutique d'Information

First, I want to thank all those who have sent me an email, in order to update our address-book. It isn't too late for the others.

New pharmaceutical information discussion list

A new discussion list, intended for pharmaceutical information, has been set up by Derwent. To subscribe, send a message with "subscribe pharma-YourFirstName YourLastName" in the body to listproc@derwent.co.uk. Many thanks to Ms Susan Vaillant for this information.

An interesting conference announcement :

"Reduce Costs and Shorten the Time to Market by Developing and Implementing Management Information Systems in the Pharmaceutical Industry" on 31st January & 1st February 1996, London, plus one day post conference workshop : *"A practical step by step guide to successful outsourcing of IT projects in the pharmaceutical industry"*, on 2nd February 1996. Check the Web page at :

<http://www.iir.co.uk/conference/pharm/> for more information, including a full conference timetable. To get a copy of the conference brochure and booking form call Louise O'Connor on phone number : +44 (0)171 915 5069 or send a fax with details of your address on +44 (0)171 915 5001.

Position paper from the CEFIC on electronic publishing.

Perhaps some of you received also a very interesting position paper from the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) on the theme *"Electronic publishing : meeting the needs of the chemical industry"*.

"The chemical industry believes that there are great opportunities in the area of electronic publishing. The rapid development for electronic publishing gives the great opportunity to reap great benefits but also threatens to destabilize the relationships between

publishers, libraries, universities and industry. In this paper, the chemical industry sets out its needs from the publisher of scientific information by electronic means. It focuses on the range of information required, the ways in which this should be delivered i.e. in the form of a seamless virtual library and raises the issues of copyright protection and the necessary economic basis for whatever system is created"

If you haven't received that paper, please feel free to ask for a copy to me or directly to : Mr M. Blotwijk, CEFIC, Av. E. Van Nieuwenhuysse, 4 Bte 1, B-1160 Brussels (Belgium). Tel. +32 2 676.72.11 - Fax : +32 2 676.73.00.

PILS Meeting in London

Ms Linda Lisgarten, from The School of Pharmacy of the University of London sent us this brief report of the Third Meeting of the Pharmacy Information Librarians she hosted on the 6th Dec. Nine people attended, including Alice Norhede from the Danish Pharmaceutical Library, who gave an interesting talk about the Nordic system of education and training for pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists.

"There was a very useful exchange of ideas session on the teaching of electronic searching skills and the use of the internet for query solving. Mr Roddy Morrison, the new Librarian of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of G.B. outlined some of the changes taking place to their information services and the new facilities available. There was also a useful discussion on the design of library premises to meet the new information needs of users - study bays with IT facilities and easy access to all forms of electronic communication are required. The Library of the School of Pharmacy, Univ. of London is being extended to increase its size by 25% and totally reorganised, the plans were shown to delegates and they viewed the site. We continued our wide-ranging discussions over lunch! The next meeting will be held at the Royal

Society (RPSGB) in May/June, hosted by Mr Roddy Morrison."

Pharmaceutical programme at Coimbra

About the next Conference in Coimbra, things are going well. A lot of very interesting abstracts for papers and posters were received for the Pharmaceutical Programme. And two courses are also of direct interest to pharmaceutical information, one on pharmaceutical information on the Internet and another on information sources in health economics. Numerous other papers presented to the Programme Committee are also of interest to us. Final selection will be made by the Decision Committee and the Programme Committee in January. Of course, we will keep you informed.

When visiting the International Online Meeting in London, 5-8 Dec., several specific pharmaceutical information producers have expressed great interest in the Coimbra Conference and our special interest programme. Further contacts will be made in order to discuss their possible support to our program.

Pharmaceutical Forum delayed!

Due to organisational problems, I have to regretfully announce that the Pharmaceutical Forum has to be delayed until May. I apologize to those who have expressed their interest in this project and thank all people who have given their help and support. Full details about the new dates and the programme will appear in the April issue of the Newsletter.

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NEWS FROM EUROPE

Libraries of the Future : the 61th Annual IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) General Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, August 1995

La Conférence annuelle de l'IFLA (Fédération Internationale des Associations de Bibliothécaires et des Bibliothèques) se tient tous les ans à la fin du mois d'août, avec toujours beaucoup de succès. En août dernier, elle a eu lieu à Istanbul et a permis à quelque 2000 bibliothécaires du monde entier (dont 600 collègues turcs) de se réunir autour du thème générique "Les bibliothèques du futur". La Section des Sciences Biologiques et Médicales avait organisé un programme conjoint avec la Section des Sciences Technologiques intitulé "L'archivage des journaux électroniques" : plusieurs points de vue ont pu être donnés avec le producteur et le fournisseur de l'information, l'éditeur de journaux électroniques et le bibliothécaire. La problématique essentielle provient du fait que les documents numérisés font appel à des outils de recherche variés, à des formes d'archivage très différentes (que ce soit de l'information en texte intégral, sous forme de banque de données ou accessible grâce à l'hypertexte); le support papier est loin d'offrir une telle variété, et c'est un des arguments actuels en faveur de l'archivage des journaux électroniques.

The theme of the Conference was "Libraries of the Future". It reflected the challenges of our time and we all kept in mind that, as IFLA President Wedgeworth remarked, "we generate excitement about new programmes, new technologies and fresh ideas, let us not forget the millions of people around the world trapped into a world of ignorance due to illiteracy and poverty".

The participation and enthusiasm from our Turkish colleagues became obvious: 625 were present among 2390 total participants and all seemed to appreciate that an IFLA Conference took place in their city. One very nice thing we observed in Istanbul was to see Turkish people dancing and singing altogether, particularly during the social events!

The site chosen for the Conference was of high standard, in the Swiss-hotel, near the Bosphorus, and young librarians (from Turkish library schools) were always very helpful if you lost your way.

A year of elections

This year was a year of elections: new officers for The Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries Section had to be elected. To assure democratic elections, Section members were invited by mail, prior to the Istanbul meeting, to nominate officers. Answers unanimously confirmed the reelection of Frances Groen as Chair and Monique Cleland as Secretary/Treasurer. However, Jean-Philippe Accart (hospital librarian in Argenteuil, France) confirmed his willingness to accept the Chair, when the present Chair was unable to accept a renomination. Monique Cleland will serve a second term as Secretary/Treasurer for 1995/1997. Christine Deschamps (University of Paris, France),

active member of the section, has been elected to the Executive Board of IFLA and all members wished to Christine a successful time.

A joint Programme on "Archiving electronic journals"

Frances Groen, as Chair of the Committee for the Istanbul Conference, was responsible for the professional programme. During the previous conference in Havana, Cuba in 1994, a Joint Open Session with the section of Science and Technology Libraries had been decided under the main theme "Archiving Electronic Journals". This session took place on Wednesday 23th August and was very well attended (about 120 participants). Under the Chair of Patricia Yocum (University of Michigan), four speakers expressed different points of view from the perspectives of the editor, the vendor, the provider and the librarian. Two reactors (Yasar Tonta from the University of Ankara and Jean-Philippe Accart, France) were asked to give their comments. Here are the most relevant papers:

Wim Luijendijk, Vice-President of EBSCO-Europe, gave the first paper from the serial information providers perspective, considering that products and services provided by all will have to change, but missions will stay the same. Although traditionally handled by librarians, archiving electronic journals could be handled by publishers, libraries, serial information vendors or even back issue dealers. Document delivery providers will be involved in the archiving of articles in anticipation of customer requests. Christian Lupovici, Production Director at CNRS-INIST in France, spoke about the impact of electronic publishing on the information system. Things are

changing a lot with digitized information: authors are now able to publish and to distribute their own production; libraries and document delivery centres have to change the way they work, particularly with informatics and telecommunications tools. The INIST, both database producer with PASCAL and document delivery centre, could be the link between these two activities in collaboration with every partner.

Chris Kluiters, from Elsevier Publishing, gave us a paper that deal with the first commercial pilot project in Europe, on the electronic availability of some 120 journals published by Elsevier Science in the fields of Economics, Computer Sciences and Applied Mathematics, at the Campus network of Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Most of his discussion was on the most important topics in the licence such as: authorised user community; authorised usage; user feedback and commercial terms and conditions.

Of course, many questions were raised by the two reactors and from the audience such as: could we consider electronic publishing as a linear extension of print? Does the kind of communication permitted by electronic publishing have anything to do with print? Some other points emerged: the electronic providers are generally able to provide only the last few years. Moreover, all the new providers cover different years and this is troublesome for librarians because they have to check each source. One major obstacle is that all these new providers have their own list of journals and documents.

In conclusion, the archival value is significant: digitized documents lend themselves to retrieval tools as well as

to various, simultaneous forms of storage (plain text, database form, hypertext). Curiously, the virtual nature of the electronic text potentially provides a much more efficient tool to archive knowledge than print with all its apparent solidity. But for users, two things are really the most important: access to the information and the accuracy of information.

The Biomed Section work

The two Standing Committee meetings of the Section were full of matters for discussion:

- The first one is a special concern expressed in regard to the diminishing number of section Standing Committee members. Special efforts will be made during the next two years to recruit new officers. Some parts of the world have no representatives (from China, Japan, Australia or New Zealand). But the Section has already accepted corresponding members.
- The Section will work too on distributing the Newsletter in electronic format by January 1996, the IFLA server, IFLANET. The brochure of the Section (in English, Spanish and French languages) will be available too on IFLANET.
- The Standing Committee adopted a new goal regarding the development of new leadership in medical librarianship. This goal is directed towards the younger or more junior medical librarians in the country in which the IFLA meeting is held.
- And, last but not least, the Section has to prepare a programme for the next IFLA Conference 1996 in Beijing. The theme of the Conference will be: The Challenge of Change : Libraries and Economic Development. The Section programme will probably consist of papers contributed by authors from the People's Republic of China and from the United States and Canada under the theme: East meets West in Medical Librarianship. Then, a one day tour on traditional Chinese Medicine, including a visit to a hospital or pharmacy, is planned.

Each delegate who participates in the IFLA meeting carries away unique memories of the Conference, and that was really true in Istanbul this year. Exchanges and talks were quite intense during the week: definitely, IFLA prepares libraries for the future.

Jean-Philippe Accart

*Chair of the IFLA Section of Biological and medical Sciences Libraries
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Bibliothecarii Medicinae Fenniae, Finland

Bibliothecarii Medicinae Fenniae, the Finnish Medical Librarians Association, held its autumn meeting in the oldest city of Finland, Turku, in November.

Of the 100 members one tenth were gathered to elect two new board members and some new officials. The membership fee for 1996 was set to FIN 100.- (US\$ 25,-). The plan of action and budget for 1996 were also approved.

The main goals of the association in 1996 are:

- a revised edition of the Guide for Finnish Medical Librarians;
- active participation in the development of a Finnish medical thesaurus,

on the basis of MeSH and the Finnish General Thesaurus;

- a workshop on subject analysis, with the main emphasis on the 5th edition of the NLM Classification;
- a survey of the position of hospital librarians in Finland in a difficult nationwide financial situation;
- active participation in international organisations within EAHIL, IFLA and the Nordic Association for Medical and Health Libraries;
- a joint tour for the members to the 5th EAHIL Conference in Coimbra.

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NEWS FROM OUTSIDE EUROPE

The Medical Library Association (MLA), USA

The Medical Library Association, founded in 1898, is a professional organisation of 5,000 individuals and institutions in the health sciences information field. The majority of members are from the United States; however, 250 of MLA members are from countries outside the US.

MLA holds its meeting in May or June each year. The meeting is held in a different city each year. The 1995 meeting was held in Washington, DC along with the Seventh International Congress of Medical Librarianship.

The 1996 meeting will be held in Kansas City, and the 1997 meeting in Seattle, Washington. Meetings typically last 4 days with continuing education courses held before and after the meeting itself.

MLA's monthly newsletter is *MLA News*, and MLA's quarterly journal is *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*. The MLA's Directory of Members is published annually. Each of these publications are included in the membership dues; however, non-members may also purchase these publications. MLA also publishes books, standards, and DocKits.

MLA members can also participate in a certification and recertification programme which is the Academy of Health Information Professionals. MLA acts as an advocate for medical librarians by providing public testimony on critical legislation, representing medical librarians and their institutions with accrediting agencies, developing standards for medical libraries, and promoting salary standards and economic interests of medical librarians.

MLA also has 14 regional or geographical chapters. Most of these chapters are comprised of 4 to 6 states. MLA chapters encourage medical librarians to organize and

meet with colleagues in fairly close geographical proximity. Also, MLA offers other services such as a job placement service and a journal exchange among member libraries. MLA administers the Listserv MEDLIB-L. Also the MLANET World Wide Web Home Page displays general information about MLA, and its URL is : "<http://www.kumc.edu/MLA/>".

In addition to joining MLA, librarians can also join a special section of MLA. There are a total of 24 specialized interest sections, a few of which are:

- 1 The International Cooperation Section,
- 2 The Pharmacy and Drug Information Section, and
- 3 The Hospital Libraries Section.

All the sections have their own newsletters, officers, committees and meeting times at the annual meeting of MLA.

Of particular interest to EAHIL members is the International Cooperation Section, one of the younger and more dynamic sections of MLA. It was organized in 1990.

The purpose of the section is to "provide opportunities for participation in international cooperation projects; to provide a mechanism to address and respond to the needs of international members, and to foster communication among librarians internationally."

The section actively encourages membership and currently has 180 members. Members are involved in a number of ongoing projects and activities. The section offers an attractive, information packed quarterly newsletter, and sponsors a listserv.

Additionally, the International Cooperation Section sponsors a Job Exchange which tries to match a librarian from abroad who request a

temporary position with a suitable library or librarian in the United States for a job swap. Another activity is the Sister Library program.

The program matches a library from abroad with a compatible library in the United States. Perhaps the most well-known programme with which the International Cooperation Section is involved is MLA's Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship.

This fellowship was highlighted in the last issue of the EAHIL Newsletter. International visitors and International Cooperation Section members are invited to an official welcome reception of the International Cooperation Section at MLA at MLA's annual meeting.

This reception demonstrates enthusiastic support for members from abroad (1).

MLA is a dynamic and active organisation dedicated to supporting medical librarians, and to leading medical librarians into the 21st century.

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Are you interested in : International Job Exchanges? International Visits to Libraries? Hosting International Librarians?

Here are the names and addresses of some medical librarians who are interested in international job exchanges, international visits to libraries, and hosting international librarians. This list is the result of a session on job exchanges at the Seventh International Congress on Medical Librarianship in Washington, DC in May, 1995. The database includes: 1) Medical librarians interested in traveling to another country to do a job exchange; 2) Medical librarians who are interested in working in another country temporarily (either with or without pay); 3) Medical librarians who are willing to have medical librarians from other countries come and work in their libraries (either with or without pay).

If you are interested in contacting individuals on the list, please do so directly. If you are interested in adding your name to the database, please contact me. I also chair the Job Exchange Committee of the International Cooperation Section of MLA. I am seeking a few additional committee members.

Thank you.

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Available instruments for a Drug Information Centre* Instruments disponibles au service d'un centre d'information pour le médicament (CIM)

Un centre d'information pour le médicament doit avoir, à sa disposition, des informations précises et à jour. Seront ici passées en revue les sources primaires (ouvrages, traités, abrégés, périodiques) et les sources secondaires (bases et banques de données, publications électroniques, etc.).

Les sources primaires sont les livres - à ne pas délaissier, malgré les avancées de l'informatique - : dernière édition du Martindale, l'Extra-Pharmacopoeia, British National Formulary, Vidal, Rote Liste, Physician's desk Reference, etc...

Pour éviter les intoxications, il faut penser au Meyler's Side Effects of Drugs : les périodiques médicaux généraux doivent se trouver à proximité (BMJ, p. ex.).

Les sources secondaires incluent l'Index Medicus, Medline (3700 journaux répertoriés) en ligne et sur CD-ROM; également les Current Contents (6500 journaux), EMBASE et TOXLINE. Sur CD-ROM, il existe aussi les banques de données MICROMEDEX (américaine) et Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. Par ailleurs, PDQ (Physician's Data Query) est accessible en ligne et sur Internet.

Concernant l'Amérique Latine, il existe BIREME sur CD-ROM incluant la base de données LILACS, etc. ExtraMed contient textes et images de 200 périodiques de santé non couverts par les bases de données occidentales, c'est un CD-ROM rendant un service identique à ADONIS (en full-text) et préparé par l'OMS.

On peut se constituer un fichier "maison" en déchargeant sur son PC des références de grandes bases de données ou en emmagasinant l'ensemble des questions posées au CIM.

For an adequate and professional service people working in a Drug Information Centre (DIC) must be aware of all the information available and how and where to find it, since they have to provide medical doctors or lay people with precise, up-to-date, concise and reliable answers to their queries. Mentioned below are some resources that should be part of any DIC. This will not be an exhaustive review, but an update on the handy instruments available in developed countries.

Information resources can be divided into primary sources (books, textbooks, manuals, compendia, journals) and secondary sources (databases, data-banks, fulltext, electronic publishing).

Primary sources

With the advent of the electronic age, people seem to have forgotten how easy and quick it is to find information in a book. Books are there, on a shelf, easy to handle, with concise information, and hopefully well indexed. It is true, they become old very quickly, but not so quickly as to be wholly replaced by computerized information.

The latest edition of *Martindale, the Extra Pharmacopoeia*, should always be present. This book provides practising pharmacists and physicians with concise, unbiased information on the substances used in medicine and pharmacy. There are 5132 paragraphs describing individual compounds or groups of related compounds, grouped into 69 chapters that set out each compound's clinical or pharmaceutical use. Formula, synonyms, adverse effects and treatment, precautions, absorption and fate, use and administration, antimicrobial action and resistance, together with proprietary names and selected references are essential parts of the information given.

International drug formularies, like the *British National Formulary, Dictionnaire Vidal, Rote Liste, Physician's Desk Reference* should also be bought together with the one produced in the country where the DIC is located.

Despite all that has been done in the last four decades to promote drug safety, the absolute number of supposed drug injuries recorded annually has gone on growing. There

has been a great deal of misinformation, confusion and distortion. In this situation, *Meyler's Side Effects of Drugs* and its complementary volumes "Annuals" have taken on the role of arbiter and assessor.

The first aim of the editors and authors of this important compendium is to identify and quantify genuine clinical risks and to alert health professionals. An index of drugs and another one of side effects complete the book in which substances are grouped under pharmacological families or under the main field of application.

Books on general medicine or pharmacology and on medical specialities (paediatrics, oncology, gynaecology, etc.) should be available for quick verification.

Journals should be considered as primary sources too, even though they cannot always be consulted for an immediate answer. Since it is impossible to collect all the important journals in medicine in one DIC, some of them should be in the neighbourhood, better if in a library. A personal subscription to

some of them is highly recommended, more for professional updating than real consultation. *Lancet*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, and *British Medical Journal* are recommended, plus at least one published in the DIC's own country. Unlisted Drugs, which gives information on new drugs or drugs under development, could be a useful complementary source to consult.

Many of those books come in an electronic format today, like *Side Effects of Drugs* and *Martindale*, which are online on some host computer services, and CD-ROM versions of some of the drug formularies mentioned are also available.

Bibliographic databases

The most famous and widely used is *Medline*, the biomedical database produced by the US National Library of Medicine. It permits literature searches on clinical medicine and pre-clinical science printed in more than 3,700 journals published in 70 countries back to 1966. More than 7,000,000 records, 70% with the author's abstract, are indexed using a unique dictionary (MeSH). *Medline* is the result of the combination of printed bibliographic tools like *Index Medicus*, *Index to Dental Literature*, *International Nursing Index* and some minor ones.

The database is updated weekly and the articles published in major journals - those considered high priority journals - are entered within one month from the issue date. For the others the updating takes between two and six months. This means that *Medline* is not appropriate for finding the very latest information.

The only database that is updated in real time considering journals' dates of publication is *Current Contents*. Available in its seven editions, it indexes the articles of more than 6,500 journals with the author's abstract included. The search is done mainly using free text terms taken from the

titles. A keywords index is included but all synonyms must be carefully considered.

Not given the full consideration it merits, *Embase*, the Excerpta Medical database, is one of the world's largest indexes specialized in the pharmacological effects of drugs and chemicals. Produced by a European company, Elsevier, it gives great importance to journals published on this continent. Starting from 1974, *Embase* is updated weekly.

The average throughput time for records is less than 15 days from receipt of the journal (5 days in *Embase Alert*) through data processing and indexing. Articles are taken from 4,500 journals, 65% of them with abstracts.

Another database, that is more likely to be used as a complementary source, is *Toxline*, the US National Library of Medicine's collection of online bibliographic information covering the toxicological effects of drugs, pesticides and other chemicals.

Toxline is composed of subfiles originating from different secondary sources like the Epidemiology Information System file of the Food and Drug Administration and a selection of references on toxicity from *Medline*.

All the databases mentioned are available online through host computer services and on CD-ROM, while *Current Contents* also has a version on diskette for either DOS or Macintosh systems.

Databanks

Since 1974 *Micromedex* (Computerized Information Systems for Medicine and Industry) has been publishing comprehensive computerized information on poisons, drugs, and emergency and occupational medicine. Produced on CD-ROM with simple menu-driven and on-screen instructions the information is reviewed by an

editorial board of more than 350 experts from 20 countries and updated every 90 days. *Micromedex* is made up of several files:

Drugdex offers drug information in comprehensive monographs, including major references and clinical evaluations of the world's pharmaceutical and medical literature; *Martindale*, *The Extra Pharmacopoeia*; *Drug-Reax* provides drug-drug, drug-food, drug-disease, and drug-laboratory assay interactions, along with previous allergic reactions; *Kinetidex* helps to improve patient care by optimizing drug therapy and providing drug utilisation evaluations interactively; *Inpharma and Reactions* for drug development, clinical use and adverse drug experiences; *Poisindex* gives treatment protocols and ingredient information on more than 750,000 commercial, biological, and pharmaceutical substances; *Tomes* which presents fully-evaluated monographs, and medical toxicology and hazards management for use in the event of industrial chemical exposures; *Reprorisk* for reproductive risks. *Micromedex* is produced in the United States but sold all over the world.

The Cochrane Collaboration has now set up the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. The principle that led to the idea of establishing these collaborative centres was the suggestion that, because resources would always be limited, they should be used to provide equitably those forms of health care that properly designed evaluations have shown to be effective.

Contributors in many countries and specialties are preparing and maintaining systematic reviews on Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) and reviews of other evidence when appropriate. This international endeavour aims to ensure that, in due course, all areas of health care which have been evaluated using RCTs will be covered.

The reviews are disseminated using electronic media through the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. The complete database is being distributed on diskette and on CD-ROM. Smaller specialized databases derived from the main database are being compiled and published on floppy disk.

Thus, the *Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Database* contains about 600 systematic reviews. Every review contains the principal reviewer's name, the editorial group name, the Cochrane database details such items as the date when the data was entered on the database, and the most recent amendment, the aim of the review, the criteria for considering trials for the overview, the bibliographic citations of trials, either included or excluded, a comment on methodological quality, the results of the studies; the consistency of results across trials, the implications for practice and the conclusions. Tables and figures complete the review; The databanks are distributed from BMJ Publishing Group.

The US National Cancer Institute has a new information associates programme which provides one-stop, easy access to all of NCI scientific information resources, including online access to the *Physician's Data Query (PDQ)* database via the Internet or by dialing tool-free to NCI using just a modem and personal computer.

The *PDQ* has three sections: Peer-reviewed Information Statements where it is possible to obtain state-of-the-art summaries on treatment (physician's and patient's versions), supportive care, screening, prevention, and investigational drugs, protocols with over 1,500 active and 7,000 closed US and international clinical trials. Selection can be done by diagnosis, study phase, therapeutic agent or treatment method, age of patient, and location of participating physicians; Directories with a list of over 21,000 physicians and over 7,000 hospitals and clinics involved in cancer care around the world.

The Latin American literature is present in *BIREME/CD-ROM*. *BIREME* is the acronym for Biblioteca Regional de Medicina, now known as Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Information Center, an international centre whose primary purpose is to promote and strengthen health care information in Latin America.

The CD-ROM includes the following databases : *LILACS* which covers health-related literature produced by Latin American authors printed in the countries of the Region since 1982; *SECS* whose main purpose is to gather serial holdings of the libraries of the Latin American and Caribbean Health Information Network; *LEYES* for health legislation; *WHOLIS* which is a bibliographic database of WHO headquarters and Regional Office publications, periodical articles, technical and policy documents; *PAHO* with the Pan American Health Organisation Headquarters Library's holdings; *REPIDSCA* covering sanitary engineering and environmental science information and *CCREPI* covering the holdings of the Repidisca Network Centers; *ADOLEC* for references on adolescence; *ADSAUDE* a database on health service administration; *BBO* for dentistry literature; *DESAST* produced by the Disaster Documentation Center and *ECO* for environmental epidemiology and toxicology and occupational health.

Electronic Publishing

Computers have become indispensable for managing the rapid growth of medical information. Databases, online reference sources, and electronic bulletins are scattered among thousands of computers located on thousands of networks. Electronic journals are now a reality. *Nature*, *Science*, *British Medical Journals*, *Lancet* and many others are now present also with an electronic format either through the Internet, host computers or CD-ROM.

ExtraMED is an important new product aimed at placing the full image (text and illustrations) of all the principal, more than 200, health journals that are not contained in the Western databases on a monthly CD-ROM disc.

Subscriptions are sold at a flat rate with no further royalty charges for printing out as much material as is desired for personal use. It is thus a genuine periodicals library-on-a-disc, similar to *ADONIS* (more than 400 full text journals), albeit for completely different journals, but with important differences in pricing and royalty fees. *ExtraMed* is a project for the World Health Organisation to enable health journals in developing countries to enter the international world of knowledge by virtue of their inclusion on CD-ROM. *ExtraMed* should be of interest to physicians in both developed and developing countries.

In-House databases

All the questions collected in a DIC should, once evaluated, be stored in a computer, e.g. *Drugline*, the database produced by the Swedish Drug Information Centre. *Reference Manager* or *Pro-Cite* are good products to use for the management of citations downloaded from databases. More sophisticated tools but excellent products are *Inmagic* and *Headfast*.

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Is citation analysis really a good enough method for assessment of document use and the value of documents?

L'analyse des références est-elle une méthode suffisante pour l'utilisation et l'évaluation des documents?

Résumé:

Deux approches d'évaluation pour l'utilisation de documents scientifiques sont comparées: d'une part, l'analyse des références et, d'autre part, ce que pensent les lecteurs se référant à ces documents, ceci afin de déterminer les traits spécifiques d'une analyse de références comme méthode d'évaluation de l'utilisation de ces documents ainsi que comme méthode d'évaluation de leur contenu.

Summary:

Two approaches to the assessment of the use of scientific documents viz. citation analysis and an examination of readers handling of documents are compared to outline the specific features of citation analysis as a method for the evaluation of document use and value.

One might agree that value is reflected through the mediation of use, but there are librarians who believe that citedness levels are not a proper indicator of document use at all. Indeed, there is another approach to the study of document use, viz., the examination of readers handling of documents (that is actual reading, searching on a shelf, readers' requests, borrowing, requesting photocopies etc.), and what we really need to discover is the proper role for citation analysis in the methodological arsenal of document use studies, and to compare the essences of the two approaches. The trouble is that the widely-spread illusion that some method may serve as a "standard" has led some authors to think that examining the readers handling of documents is the "standard" method for document use evaluation e.g. [1]

When I discussed the "actual use" in a previous article [2], I meant such things as comparison, discussion (including disproving) etc. in a concrete creative work by the user. So I meant "use" in the context of the particular and very important needs and aims of the researcher. Such a "use", in philosophy, is the most obvious means of comprehending its value. From this standpoint reading just "to know about something", which is not followed by the involvement of the materials read in a creative work (followed by citation) is not an actual use, it is only a

prerequisite for it. So we may say that the level of a readers handling documents, with its unknown and unconfirmed motivation, is just an indicator of potential use, which might be used correspondingly for assessing the potential value of the documents handled. Of course, some of the materials read are actually used later on, but examining the readers handling of the literature does not forecast if a document will be used, nor, as in many cases, if it will really be read at all.

Some authors still search scrupulously for those exceptional cases when citation analysis does not reflect the actual use, or when articles, which are actually used, are not cited since they believe that the examination of readers handling of the documents is helpful in such cases. This misunderstanding might be caused by the existence of the library term "use of library stock", the latter being evaluated by the level of document "output" from the library. But, first, the meaning of this term includes all possible aims of document reading (such as the satisfaction of curiosity, compiling bibliographic descriptions by librarians etc.) [3, p.59], and secondly there are numerous studies of the "use of documents" based on other indicators of readers handling of the literature - of a similar nature, but not "covered" by the definition of the term "use of library stock".

The basic differences and boundaries in the possible applications of document handling and citation analysis in the assessment of usage are summarized in Table 1., which includes the main conclusions of my Russian language paper [4]. This table gives a final answer to questions concerning the validity of the citation approach for determining the use of documents and leads to the following conclusion. Since citation analysis reflects "only" the actual use of the documents and, in general, reflects the use more precisely, the application of this method enables a much better indirect assessment of the value of scientific documents than the examination of readers handling of the literature, though the latter might be - in some cases - a better method for library stock management and development.

Scales (1) discovered a lack of correlation between readers requests and citation figures. Despite her own interpretation, her results just illustrate the differences in what is quantitatively assessed by the two methods. Thus a document to be potentially used might be requested once but could then be cited or used as many times and in as many papers as are being created i.e. once, a few times, many times, or never.

Table 1. Basic differences in the use of data on readers handling of documents and citation frequency data for the assessment of document use.

**TABLE 1. BASIC DIFFERENCES IN THE USE OF DATA
ON READERS HANDLING OF DOCUMENTS AND CITATIONS FREQUENCY DATA FOR
THE ASSESSMENT OF DOCUMENTS USE.**

Basic differences in ...	Data on document handling	Citation frequency data
(1) the scope of reflection of use	(1) might show that the documents were actually used in a particular work, or were read without any specific influence on it, or just supposed to be read etc...	(1) are supposed to reflect the real use of the documents in a particular work by their part in the creation of a citing paper
(2) the precision of the assessment of use	(2.1) confirm a hypothetical use; the actual use is not confirmed, so the precision is not sufficiently accurate (2.2) may reflect a momentary action followed by repeated, single or zero actual use, which is not reflected by these data, again precision is poor	(2.1) enable more precise evaluation since they reflect the real use that has already taken place (2.2) reflect repeated use confirmed by repeated citations, enabling more precise assessment
(3) the rapidness of the assessment of use	(3) reflect use very rapidly since the readers activity coincides in time with the potential use and precedes the actual use (if any)	(3) follow the actual use, reflecting it, therefore, much less rapidly
(4) the possible application in library stock development strategy	(4.1) reflect all kinds of document use, which are sufficient data for this purpose (4.2) allow the study of use of the documents that are physically available	(4.1) reflect only the actual use of documents in work which may be the most important, but not totally complete data for this purpose (4.2) reflect the use of the documents irrespective of their physical availability.
(5) the possible applicability in the evaluation of scientific research	(5) in reflecting all kinds of documents usage without specifying those used for the creation of new documents, these data are good for the assessment of the "information environment", but not the scientific research itself	(5) in reflecting the actual use in a particular work, these data may be used directly for the evaluation of scientific research in terms of "information consumption", "information links" or "cognitive basis".

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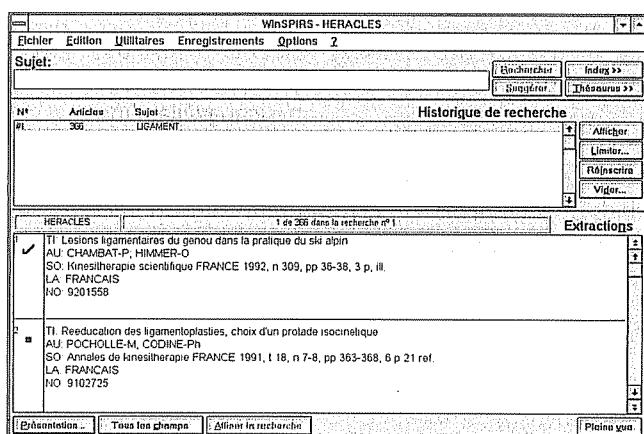
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**From: HEALTH LIBRARIES REVIEW
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Current Ethical and Legal Issues in
Health Care Librarianship.

**Morgan P., Editorial: ethical and
legal issues - dilemmas and duties.**
p.71-77.

**McSean T. & Tsafir J., A code of
ethics for European health
librarians: the point of departure.**
An external code of ethical conduct is
one of the classical measures of
professionalism. The authors (chair and
secretary of the EAHIL working group)
outline the background for the
eventual EAHIL ethics code and review
existing codes of ethical practice in the
fields of medicine and library and
information work. p.79-82.

**Gann R., The therapeutic
partnership: legal and ethical
aspects of consumer health
information.** The author discusses the
legal basis of patients' rights to
information in the UK (Patients
Charter) and emphasizes that
information and its availability play the
most important role for it to work.
Negligent information-giving can
expose medical practitioners and
health authorities as well as health
information services (CHI) to damages.
Although the likelihood of a CHI
service being sued is remote, good
practices and insurance are recom-
mended. p.83-90.

**Muir A. & Oppenheim C., The legal
responsibilities of the health-care**

librarian. "In this article, we review
some of the issues involved in the use
of medical information by librarians
and information scientists, as well as
some of the other liability issues that
arise during their day-to-day work. In
particular, this article will discuss the
legal responsibilities that information
intermediaries in general, and health
care librarians in particular, have
towards the users of their services."
p.91-99.

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Delivery Service. Charges for an article
of 11 to 19 pages amount to \$15.
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**Epstein B.A. , American psychiatric
electronic library: an initial
evaluation.** This article describes the
American Psychiatric Electronic Library,
a full-text database on CD-ROM
consisting of 11 psychiatric journals,
five textbooks, practice guidelines, and
the 4th edition of the Diagnostic and
Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
(DSM-IV). There is information about
contents, hardware requirements,
searching capabilities, user support
and cost. p.1-8.

**Coggan J.M. & Crandall L.A.,
Expanding rural primary care training
by employing information techn-
ologies: the need for participation by
medical reference librarians.** p.9-16.

**Duggar D.C. et al., Promoting an
awareness of retractions: the
Louisiana State University Medical**

The literature these days is dominated by the Internet and its impact on traditional aspects and recent developments in the domain of library services, provision and quality of information and - most important - the librarian's future in a changing environment. All the same, many recommendations for this Section arrive via snail mail, not e-mail, and the majority of items to be included refer to paper products.

Thanks to the free copies of the Medical Reference Services Quarterly (Haworth Press, Inc., 10 Alice Street, Binghamton NY 13904-7581 USA), a journal not widely available, this Section will regularly cover this periodical. By request, this Section will also selectively list new products on the Internet.

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Center in Shreveport experience.
Retractions are aimed at preventing the
perpetuation of erroneous scientific
data which impede the research
process or cause clinical complications.
This paper emphasises the importance
of retractions and the role librarians
have in the removal of erroneous
medical information. The possibilities of
MEDLINE as means of tracing retracted
articles are discussed in detail. p. 17-31.

**Spang L., Reconciling rising serials
costs, the serials budget, and
reference needs in a medical library
serials retrenchment program:
a methodology.** This library's plan
consists of an ongoing serials-use
study, a set cancellation criteria policy,
a cooperative decision-making meth-
od, and a refined interlibrary loan and
document delivery service. p.33-44.

**Online updates: A column for search
analysts:**

**R.J Bronson, The basics of searching
NLM's AIDS databases: part two.**
(Part one appeared in MRSQ, Fall 1994,
p. 57-66, and covered the AIDSLINE
database.) This article covers AIDS-
TRIALS, AIDSDRUGS, and DIRLINE. p. 45-61.

Navigate the net:

**J.F. Brown, Mosaic: hypermedia
internet browsing tool.** This column
describes the features of MOSAIC and
provides a few WWW sites for health
science related information. p. 65-72.

**G.G. Hannigan, Medical informatics:
a selected list of resources.** p. 73-77.

The Book Review Section (edited by
J.M. Coggan) contains the following
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Care Givers, Loved Ones, and People with AIDS, by Judith Greif and Beth Ann Golden.

The Encyclopedia of Obesity and Eating Disorders, by Dana K. Cassell with Felix E.F. Larocca. Encyclopedia of Psychology, 2nd ed., 4 vols., edited by Raymond J. Corsini.

Introduction to Reference sources in the Health Sciences, 3rd. ed., by Fred. W. Roper and Jo Anne Boorkman.

Reference and Information Services in Health Sciences Libraries (Vol. 1. Current Practice in Health Sciences Librarianship), edited by M. Sandra Wood.

Following is a list of articles that have appeared as the **ABC of Medical Computing** series in the **British Medical Journal** since July 1995. The editors of the series are Nicholas Lee (consultant ophthalmologist, Western Eye and Hillingdon Hospitals) and Andrew Millman (occupational physician, Gloucestershire Royal Hospital). They are assisted by various authors.

- *Linking your computer to the outside world* (5 August, p. 381-384)
- *The Internet* (12 August, p. 440-443)
- *Online searching* (19 August, p. 500-504)
- *Manipulating and analysing data* (2 September, p. 614-617)
- *CD ROMs, multimedia, and optical storage systems* (9 September, p. 675-678)
- *Computers in general practice - I* (23 September, p. 800-802)
- *Computers in general practice - II* (30 September, p. 864-867)
- *Computers in general practice - III* (7 October, p. 938-941)
- *Adaptive computer technology* (28 October, p 1149-1151)
- *Keeping your computer healthy and legal* (11 November, p 1289-1293)

The ABC of Medical Computing is also available on the Internet (home page <http://www.cityscape.co.uk/users/d18/abcmc.htm>).

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BLAST, and the Entrez system, which is the link to the literature. BLAST and Entrez are available free on the World Wide Web (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). *New England Journal of Medicine* 333(10):645-647.

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NEW PRODUCTS

Shannon R. Turlington Walking the World Wide Web. Your personal guide to the best of the Web. 1995. ISBN 1-566040208-9. Available from MC Graw Hill Book Company Europe, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 2QL. Tel: ++44-1628-23432, FAX: ++44-1628-770224. Contact: Anna Smith, Product Manager. Includes a CD-ROM.

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EUSIDIC/EUROLUG released the 1995 Document Delivery Report. 5525 document orders from 164 ordering organisations in Europe, predominantly from the science and technology field, were analyzed. The essential details are: 6.6 plus/minus 3.7 days average delay for reception of documents ordered, one in five orders cannot be filled at all, on-line ordering is popular whereas the means of delivery is mainly "traditional", i.e. by postal service. *Orders for the report to EUSIDIC, PO Box 1416, L-1014 Luxembourg. Fax: +352-50-750 222. Cost 100 ECU for members of EUSIDIC, 150 ECU for others.*

The 1995/1996 Directory of the Medical Library Association (MLA), a listing of expert librarians in the areas of public health and administration, hospitals, cancer research, medical informatics and more, and MLA's individual, institutional, and corporate members. In addition, there is the association's programs, regional chapters and special-interest sections, and the buyer's guide to products and services. *Available to non members for \$150.00. Fax: 312-419-8950.*

Charles Oppenheim (1995) The Legal and Regulatory Environment for Electronic Information. 2nd ed. published by Infonortics Ltd. 140p. ISBN 1-873699-23-9, L95.00, \$150.00. This edition contains 75% more text than the first and is extensively dealing with the Internet environment (copyright, libel and slander, pornography). Also, there is a complete update on all EC Directives, a discussion on academic-publishing by commercial publishers, on the future

of copyright, liability for information provision and quality of databases.

There is a free advance table of contents service for the journal **Human Molecular Genetics** 3 weeks before publication for those that are joining the HMG internet mailing list. Send e-mail to LISTSERV@NIC.SURFNET.NL with the following message: subscribe HUM--MOLGEN<first_name last_name>(EAHIL). (Example: subscribe HUM—MOLGEN Bea Wilhelm (EAHIL))

M. Sandra Woods (ed) 1995) User Education in Health Sciences Libraries. A reader. ISBN 1-56024-964. \$39.95 (hard), \$14.95 (soft). 298p. From Haworth Press, . The emphasis is on electronic resources. 5 sections cover program planning and implementation, teaching end-user searching, research in user education, information management education and computer literacy programs, computer assisted instruction and audiovisual aids.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February 14, June 12, October 16, 1996, London, UK

Sources of Health Care Information training course, organised by the British Library. This course is designed to introduce researchers and information workers to a wide range of UK national medical sources, including printed materials, CD-ROMs, online and Internet resources. Further information: Dave DuBuisson, The British Library, Science Reference and Information Service, 125 Southampton Buildings, London WC2A 1AW - Tel: 44 171 4127470 - Fax: 44 171 4127947

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HC96 - Healthcare Computing 1996 - Conference and Exhibition, Harrogate, England. Europe's largest healthcare Information Management Conference. Contact: HC96 Conference, Secretariat, P.O.Box 208, Worcester WR3 8YZ, UK - Fax: 44 1905 617539

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April 15-16, 1996 - Bath, UK

Infonortics - International meeting on text search software. Information: Harry Collier, Infonortics Ltd. 9a High Street, Calne, Wilts. SN11 0BS, UK, tel. 44 1249 814 584 fax: 44 1249 813 656

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Second festival international du film médical de Liège (FIFIMEL) - 2nd international festival of medical and health films Liège. Information : Yolande Piette, Communication, 160 Avenue de l'Observatoire B-4000 Liège Tél.: 32 41 54 12 25 / Fax : 32 41 54 12 90

August 25-31, 1996 - Beijing, China

62nd IFLA Council and General Conference. "The Challenge of Change: Libraries and Economic Development". Contact: Mr Qiu Dongjiang, Beijing International Convention Center, 8 Beichendong Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100101, P.R. China - Fax: 0086 10 4910257

September 18-21, 1996 - Coimbra, Portugal

EAHIL Fifth European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries. "Health Information Management: What Strategies?". Contact: Antonia Pereira da Silva, Hospitais da Universidade de Coimbra, Apt. 9023, 3049 Coimbra, Portugal, Fax: 351 39 23907

Internet Page

INFORMATION

We will, this time, continue to review electronic mail and discussion lists.

But first of all, following Ms Pizzi's suggestion on this issue, I would like to associate members with this page, and to encourage sharing of experience. Therefore, I ask you to send short reports describing in more details the sources they use most.

This time, you will find a description of CancerNet by Ms Bianciardi and of MEDIBIB-L, a German discussion list, by Mr Oliver Obst.

We will review the major distribution software used to manage the lists, and their features, based on James Milles "Discussion lists: mail server commands, Version 1.26, July 1, 1995"

"An e-mail discussion list typically has two addresses associated with it: (1) a "listname address," the address to which you send any messages that you intend to be read by the list subscribers; and (2) an "administrative address," the address to which you send any commands or requests that affect your subscription to the list.

With most discussion lists, the "administrative address" is a computer program that allows the subscriber to subscribe and unsubscribe automatically, without external intervention. There are at least five popular mail server programs used to manage Internet discussion lists: REVISED Listserv (also called BITNET Listserv), Unix ListProcessor (or Listproc), Mailbase, Mailserv, and Majordomo

Remember to send all commands to the "administrative address"—[mailserver]@[host]—not to the "listname address". [Mailserver] is the program that maintains the list (either listproc, Listserv, mailbase, mailserv, or majordomo); [host] is the address of

the host computer (for example, ucdavis.edu or cleo.murdoch.edu.au).

Be sure to leave the Subject: line blank, and to delete any signature file if your mailer allows you to do so.

Subscribe to a list:

Listproc, Listserv:
SUBSCRIBE [listname] Firstname Lastname
Mailbase:

JOIN [listname] Firstname Lastname
Mailserv:
SUBSCRIBE [listname] Firstname Lastname [ad.]
Optionally, include the e-mail address at which you wish to receive list mail

Majordomo:
SUBSCRIBE [listname] [address]
Optionally, include the e-mail address at which you wish to receive list mail

Leave a list:

Listproc: UNSUBSCRIBE [listname]
Listserv: SIGNOFF [listname] or UNSUBSCRIBE [listname]
Mailbase: LEAVE [listname]
Mailserv, Majordomo: UNSUBSCRIBE [listname] [address]
include [address] you subscribed under a different e-mail address.

Digest format

The digest format is a format which compile several messages into one mail. With those programs that support the digest option, whether or not to offer the digest format is within the discretion of the listowner; consequently not all lists offer digests.

Listproc: SET [listname] MAIL DIGEST
Listserv: SET [listname] DIGEST
Mailbase, Mailserv: Not supported.
Majordomo:
SUBSCRIBE [listname] DIGEST
UNSUBSCRIBE [listname]
(in the same message, you unsubscribe from the undigested version)

Cancel digest format

Receive the list as separate mailings:
Listproc: SET [listname] MAIL ACK
Listserv: SET [listname] MAIL
Mailbase, Mailserv: Not supported.
Majordomo:
UNSUBSCRIBE [listname] DIGEST

SUBSCRIBE [listname]
(in the same message, subscribe to the undigested version:)

Suspend mail temporarily (without unsubscribing):

Listproc: SET [listname] MAIL POSTPONE
Listserv: SET [listname] NOMAIL
Mailbase: SUSPEND MAIL [listname]
Mailserv, Majordomo: Not supported.

Resume receipt of messages:

Listproc: SET [listname] MAIL ACK or SET [listname]MAIL NOACK or SET [listname] MAIL DIGEST
(depending of the status wanted)
Listserv: SET [listname] MAIL or SET [listname] DIGEST
Mailbase: RESUME MAIL [listname]
Mailserv, Majordomo: Not supported.

Receive copies of your own messages:

Listproc: SET [listname] MAIL ACK
Listserv: SET [listname] REPRO
to simply receive an automatic acknowledgement that your message has been sent to the list, use:
SET [listname] ACK
Mailbase, Mailserv, Majordomo:
Standard feature; you always receive your own messages.

Do not receive copies of your own messages:

Listproc: SET [listname] MAIL NOACK
Listserv: SET [listname] NOREPRO
Mailbase, Mailserv, Majordomo:
Not supported.

Obtain a list of subscribers:

Listproc: RECIPIENTS [listname]
Listserv: REVIEW [listname] F=MAIL
it can also be sorted by name or by country:
REVIEW [listname] BY NAME F=MAIL or REVIEW [listname] BY COUNTRY F=MAIL
Mailbase: REVIEW [listname]
Mailserv: SEND/LIST [listname]
Majordomo: WHO [listname]

Hide your address

It does not appear on the list of subscribers:

Listproc: SET [listname] CONCEAL YES
to reverse this command, use:
SET [listname] CONCEAL NO
Listserv : SET [listname] CONCEAL
to reverse this command, use:
SET [listname] NOCONCEAL
Mailbase, Mailserv, Majordomo:
Not supported.

Obtain a list of lists maintained by this mail server:

Listproc, Mailbase, Majordomo: LISTS
Listserv: LISTS
to obtain a list of all known Listserv lists,
send the command LISTS GLOBAL;
to search for Listserv lists with a given
keyword or character string in the
description, send the command: LISTS
GLOBAL / [keyword]
Mailserv: DIRECTORY/LIST

Obtain a listing of archive files for a particular list:

Some lists do not maintain archives
INDEX [listname]

Retrieve an archive file:

Listproc, Majordomo:
GET [listname] [filename]
Mailbase, Mailserv:
SEND [listname] [filename]
Listserv:
GET [filename] [filetype] [listname] F=MAIL

Search the archives for keywords:

Listproc: SEARCH [listname] "[keywords]"
Boolean searches are possible using
the symbols "&" (and), "I" (or), and
"~" (not). e.g. to search for "mead" or
"mdc" in law-lib, SEARCH LAW-LIB
"mead I mdc"

Listserv : Listserv uses a sophisticated
and powerful search engine. Boolean
combinations and other features are
supported. For a full description of
Listserv search functions, send the
command :

```
GET LISTDB MEMO F=MAIL to  
Listserv@UMINN1.BITNET.  
Better is to keep a "template" file, and  
then edit the file as appropriate :  
// JOB Echo=No  
Database Search DD=Rules  
//Rules DD *  
Search nafta in int-law since 93/6/1  
Index /*
```

Mailbase: Achives of Mailbase lists are
searchable through the Mailbase

Gopher (gopher mailbase.ac.uk).
Mailbase does not support batch
searching by e-mail request.
Mailserv, Majordomo: Not supported.

This document does not describe all
the features supported by any of these
programs, only those most commonly
used. For more information on any of
these programs, send a message
containing only the word "help" to the
appropriate mail server. Additional
programs and commands will be
added in future revisions of this
document.

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"GET MAILSER CMD NETTRAIN F=MAIL"
to Listserv@UBVM.cc.buffalo.edu.
ftp to:
ubvm.cc.buffalo.edu, cd /nettrain/maiser.cmd
ftp to:
sluaxa.slu.edu, cd /pub/millesjg/maiser.cmd
www: <http://lawlib.slu.edu/home.htm>

RESOURCES

The "**LISTWebber**" give the oppor-
tunity to search archives of numerous
lists : www gopher:
[//www.lib.ncsu.edu:80/hGET%20staff/
morgan/listwebber.html](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu:80/hGET%20staff/morgan/listwebber.html)

To find relevant discussion lists, here
are some tools :

Listserv list

Keywords search possible
www http:
[//www.tile.net/tile/listserv/index.html](http://www.tile.net/tile/listserv/index.html)

Directory of Scholarly Electronic Conferences, Diane K. Kovacs and The Directory Team

File containing descriptions of
electronic conferences.
www gopher:
[//gopher.usask.ca:70/11/Computing/
Internet%20Information](http://gopher.usask.ca:70/11/Computing/Internet%20Information)

Directory of elect. journals and newsletters
It structures information as follow :
ISSN #: (if any)
Description:
To Subscribe : (via Bitnet and Internet)
Submissions: (whom to sent sub-
missions to and in what form)

Related List: (how to subscribe to a
related list, if any)

Periodicity:

Back Issues: (how to access them)

Contact : (for more information)
www ftp:
[//ftp.cni.org/pub/net-guides/strangelove/](http://ftp.cni.org/pub/net-guides/strangelove/)

Library-Oriented Lists and Electronic Serials, compiled by Steve Bonario and Ann Thornton

File containing short descriptions of
lists with an information focus.
www gopher :
[//info.lib.uh.edu:70/00/tools/netinfo/library](http://info.lib.uh.edu:70/00/tools/netinfo/library)
Email to : Listserv@UHUPVM1.UH.EDU:
TITLE: body: GET LIBRARY LISTS F=MAIL.

Publicly accessible mailing lists, Peter et Stephanie Da Silva

Classified by name or by subject
[http://www.NeoSoft.com/internet/paml/
ftp wuarchive.wustl.edu
cd/doc/mailling-lists/list-of-lists/ part01-](http://www.NeoSoft.com/internet/paml/ftp/wuarchive.wustl.edu/cd/doc/mailling-lists/list-of-lists/part01-)

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(login: bubl)
* gopher: bubl.bath.ac.uk (138.38.32.45)
Port 7070
* gopher: gopher.nlc-bnc.ca
* www:
<http://www.bubl.bath.ac.uk/BUBL/home.html>

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Cancernet : an electronic instrument for getting cancer information from the National Cancer Institute with the greatest ease

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Moreover, we can find further information from PDQ as the design of protocols whose completed schedules are in PDQ. Bulletins and full-text publications are available as well as news about National Cancer Institute.

Cancernet gives also information about the National Cancer Institute research funding, programmes and information services. The same information available online can be obtained easily and quickly via electronic mail: entering the word "help" in the body of the message to the address Cancernet@icicb.nci.nih.gov, an updated contents list and the instructions for receiving all the files from Cancernet can be received in about ten minutes.

For further information, you can send a message to Cheryl@icicc.nci.nih.gov on the Internet or call (301)496 7600.

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medibib-l-request@uni-muenster.de

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Oliver Obst

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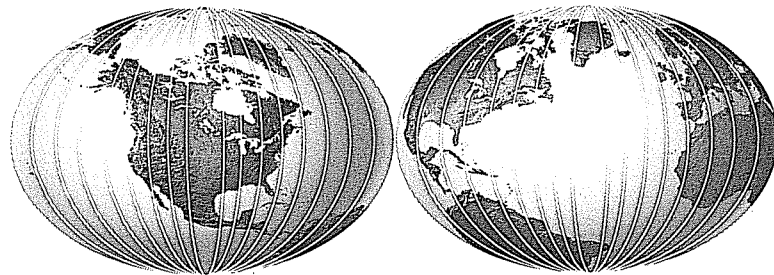
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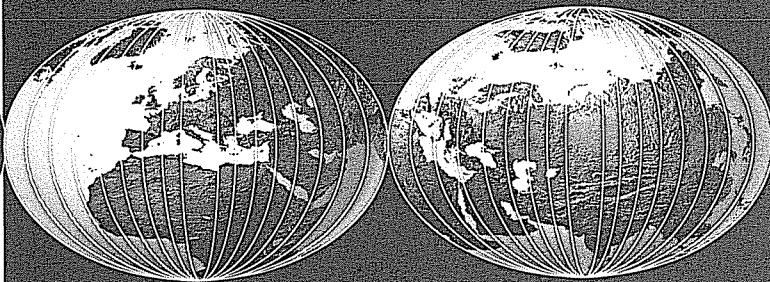
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