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Ohio Health Sciences Library Association

The Unified Voice of Ohio Health Information Providers

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Letter from the President:

In today's roller coaster health care environment and unstable economics, buzz words like patient focused care, downsizing, restructuring, super highways, knowledge-based information, and excellence have become realities. These challenges, coupled with rapidly changing technology and check agency mandates, are redefining the roles of both the health information provider-specialist-librarians and library services.

A portion of our new role in this environment is to serve as change agents through the delivery of knowledge-based information. Already JCAHO has mandated that hospital librarians become part of their institution's process in the total management of information. In all areas of health sciences, information we locate can assist providers in the improvement of quality care. We can also provide administration and management with information and tools to help make better and more informed decisions. Whether our role is in health care academia or a health care clinical setting, networking is a key in effectively assisting the improvement of quality, cost effectiveness of health care and professional excellence.

As a state-wide organization, OHSLA can provide a broad base for networking, the sharing of skills, talents and resources as well as collaborative efforts. Networking between OHSLA members can strengthen communications across the state as members discuss common ideas, exchange approaches and solutions and share information and expertise. As a group, members can examine common problems, collectively influence health care issues, increase the visibility of available information and resources, promote educational opportunities and professional development.

During our first organization meeting in March, more than forty individuals became charter members. The members represent both large and small hospitals, colleges, university libraries and all geographical areas of the state. Across this new organization, members have a variety of different skills, talents, experiences, and a vast amount of knowledge.

The spirit of working together can be seen in the rapid development of this organization through the participation of charter members. Those who accepted initial leadership roles are enthusiastic and have given their time and talents for the organization. They have created a strategic plan, developed a 15-month working calendar, established priorities, put plans into action, and are creating an agenda for educational opportunities.

Together, we can achieve much! With the input and assistance of members, OHSLA can truly become the "Unified Voice of Ohio Health Information Providers."

Marsha Tomlin

OHSLA Fall Meeting

Mark your calendar and send in the registration form attached to this newsletter for the OHSLA fall meeting, October 28, 1994.

Mail in the registration form included with this newsletter today!

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Personals

Carrie Lepow, former Health Sciences librarian at OSU, is the new Library Supervisor at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Mary Ann Hoffman, co-chair of Collection and Network Information Services and Head of Special Collections at Fordham Health Sciences library at Wright State University, officially retired August 31, 1994.

Stacy Burreight, a recent graduate (MLIS) of Louisiana State university, is the new part-time reference librarian at Wright State University. Her husband Scott is the Network Information Resourca Dunbar Library at Wright State.

Elizabeth Robinson, Good Samaritan Hospital & Health Center, Dayton, Ohio, retired July, 1994.

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Calendar of Events

October 9-12, 1994

MC/MLA & MSLI Joint Meeting "In the Nick of Time" Rockford, IL. Contact: Phyllis Nathan, 815-961-6287.

October 28, 1994

Ohio Health Sciences Library Association "JCAHO and Integrated Health Information" in Columbus, OH. Contact: Mary Sprague, 614-292-4863.

May 7-10, 1995

MLA Annual Meeting "Health Information for the Global Village" in Washington, D.C. Contact: MLA Office

MC/MLA in Columbus in 1996!

MC/MLA will be held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1996. The Steering Committee has been meeting monthly under the direction of co-chairs Pam Elwell (Mount Carmel Medical Center, 614-225-6415) and Susan Kroll (The Ohio State University Health Sciences Library, 614-292-4851). If you would be willing to serve on a committee or help as a volunteer, please contact Pam or Susan TODAY!

Downloaded from the Internet

[This column is intended to highlight various listserv information coming from the Internet. We hope to interest and inform those who have not yet tapped into this unbelievable resource.]

Re: *Federal Register* (health care resource):

From MEDLIB: . . . A CD-ROM product from IHS (303-267-1478) called "Food and Drug Library" has the full-text health related portions of the Federal Register. There is also a dial-up service that allows you to download items the day after publication - quicker than the print version. The subscription price is \$1995.

Re: Patient Info Pamphlets

From MEDLIB: Keep "authorized" pamphlets in the hospital "stores" and have departments and offices order direct from stores along with their office supplies.

Resources for You

Clinical Oncology

The new 1992-94 edition of *Clinical Oncology: A Selected List of New Books* has just been published. All reviews were written by medical librarians with expertise in clinical oncology. This is a useful selection tool for librarians in a small to medium medical library, with a limited oncology collection.

Full citations, price, journal review locations, and Brandon/Hill list information are given for each title. The publication costs \$10. To order, send a check payable to **MLA-Cancer Section** to:

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Texas Medical Association Library
401 West 15th Street
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Managing Preservation: A Guidebook

Coming Soon! The Ohio Preservation Council will publish *Managing Preservation: A Guidebook* later this year. Libraries of all types and sizes will benefit from this ready reference source for answering fundamental questions pertaining to preservation. Watch for more information!

HSTAT

A free, electronic service that provides access to the full-text of clinical practice guidelines and other documents useful in health care decision making is now available from the National Library of Medicine. The service is called HSTAT (Health Services/Technology Assessment Text).

Clinical practice guidelines are recommendations designed to help practitioners and consumers make decision about appropriate care. Among other information in HSTAT is the full text of the more than 90 Consensus Development Statements issued by the NIH.

Users of the National Library of Medicine MEDLARS system may dial in to HSTAT; access is also available to Internet users via Gopher, File

Transfer Protocol (ftp), and Mosaic.

Further information about the contents of HSTAT and how it may be accessed is available from the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894. Phone: 301/496-0176.

OHSLA's First Fall Business Meeting

OHSLA will conduct its first Fall business meeting on October 28, 1994, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The business meeting will include committee reports; executive committee meeting reports; a regional report from Barbarie Hill; presentation of the budget, and vision and mission statements; discussion of dues; and reports from Barbara VanBrimmer (Ohio Preservation Council) and Tom Sink (OCLIS/OHSLA relations).

Come prepared with lots of ideas and suggestions for future programs and events.

To add additional topics to the agenda or for more information, contact Marsha Tomlin at 513/382-9298.

Are you an OHSLA member yet?

If the label on your newsletter does NOT have "1994" after your name, you're not an official OHSLA member and will not be able to vote in the Fall election. To join, simply fill out the attached membership form and send it in.

The best news? **NO DUES IN 1994!**

A Letter from the Executive Board

Dear Colleague:

Welcome from the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association!

It is with pleasure that we offer the timely educational program *JCAHO and Integrated Health Information: Update... What You Need to Know*. This special half-day program is being presented on Friday, October 28th, at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Today, it is essential that both hospital administration and librarians understand the implications of the new JCAHO standards for the overall management of health information and the management of knowledge-based information, resources, and systems. Also involved in JCAHO's new agenda for information management are the administration of both hospital Information Systems and Medical Records departments. In the interest of education and quality care, we suggest you copy this flyer and distribute it to appropriate persons in your institution.

Since the new JCAHO information environment will affect the policies, procedures and functioning of hospital libraries, it is also important that health sciences academia be familiar with the new requirements for their colleagues. Resource libraries can both support hospitals in this new agenda and may need to modify current procedures and interactions with hospital libraries. We encourage all health science librarians to participate in this seminar.

The presenter, Christiane Jones, has a vast amount of knowledge to share on the new agenda. She served on the JCAHO Information Management Task Force and is on the Board of Directors of the Medical Library Association. Ms. Jones both teaches and speaks nationally on JCAHO and the new integrated health information environment. With more than 20 years experience as a hospital librarian, her program is sure to have new information for everyone.

Don't miss this excellent speaker and timely presentation. Hope to see you at the program.

Sincerely,

OHSLA Executive Board

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TODAY!**