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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all members.

I have just been looking over Ruth Lawrence's President's report for 1990, and am reminded that there were grave difficulties in maintaining membership of our Committee in the early months of the year, although in spite of this, the Group went on to a very successful and productive year. We owe it to ourselves, and to those who laboured hard in the early days to establish the Section as a vital and respected arm of the then Library Association of Australia, to ensure that such a crisis does not occur again. Happily, our Committee this year contains some new faces, and you will probably be looking to some of these people to fill more senior roles on the Committee in future years. But let us resolve that every year we shall have identified some potential Committee members who are prepared to give that most valuable of commodities, time, to serve their colleagues, support their profession, and enrich themselves through new professional insights and experiences.

The year has started well for us with our excellent attendance at DA Books on 22nd January, where splendid nourishment, both intellectual and corporeal, was provided by our hosts in a most convivial atmosphere.

Your Committee (listed on page 3) met on 12 February and, amongst other things, set about planning your programme for the rest of the year. We have tried to provide something of interest to everyone, with activities ranging from the social to the frankly educational. And with regard to the latter, don't forget that if your employer's annual payroll is over \$200,000, a set financial commitment (this year, 1% of payroll) must be made to eligible staff training activities under the **Training Guarantee** legislation enacted in 1990.

Time is moving quickly towards the 9th Biennial Health Librarians' Conference to be held jointly with the Special Libraries Section and the Law Librarians' Group in Canberra on 1-5 September. Two days will be given over to Health Libraries topics, on the general theme of "Achieving Excellence", and our National **Newsletter** reports that an excellent programme is planned. To maintain your enthusiasm, Anne McLean (VAUH) has lovely posters (free) and Enid Meldrum (VAH) has a range of Conference merchandise for sale (see item elsewhere in this **Newsletter**).

Joan Martin  
President, 1991.

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Any items of interest for the next **Newsletter** should be with the editor by Wednesday, 1st May, 1991.

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### Oxford Textbook of Public Health

2nd edition

Editors:

Walter W. Holland, St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London.

Roger Detels, School of Public Health, Los Angeles.

George Knox, University of Birmingham Medical School, Birmingham.

The first edition of the *Oxford Textbook of Public Health* (1985), provided a sense of the history and philosophy of the subject, the underlying forces that condition it, and the basic methodologies used and how they are applied to specific problems or care groups. From this basis the second edition has been revised in a number of ways, clarifying relationships between philosophy and application, the effects of the emergence of AIDs, a wider and more balanced view of world public health and the inclusion of concluding chapters for major sections.

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#### Volume 2

Contents: A. Information systems and sources of intelligence; B. Epidemiological approaches; C. Social science approaches; D. Field investigations of physical, biological and chemical hazards. 416pp

#### Volume 3

Contents: A. Applications and interventions; B. Health Services planning and evaluation; C. Major public health problems; D. Needs of special clients groups; E. The performance of public health function. 576pp

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GREAT START FOR 1991

The first meeting of the Victorian Group was held on 22 January and was hosted by DA Books at their spacious new premises in Mitcham.

The turn-out was astounding with over thirty people in attendance. President, Joan Martin welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Tim Burke and Richard Siegersma for DA introduced the speakers and the proceedings for the evening. Barbara Rogoski, the European representative for Compact Cambridge, was in Australia for the Online and On Disc 91 Conference. Barbara demonstrated MEDLINE on CD-ROM and to those of us who had not used it before it seemed very "user friendly". Caroline Beatty, Product Manager of C.D. Rom & Associates, demonstrated other data bases available from Compact Cambridge including Compact AIDS, the Oxford Textbook of Medicine, the Talking Dictionary of Medical Terminology and Scientific American Medicine.

A splendid supper was provided and the DA Staff gave informal tours of the premises and information about ordering periodicals and books.

The evening closed with a presentation of fine wine to the lucky winner of the draw, Jane Edwards, Librarian RDNS.

The Group would like to thank DA for hosting the occasion.

Vanessa Craven,  
Librarian, Western Hospital.

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Veronica Delafosse, sometime Newsletter Editor and President of our group, has contributed the following. Thanks Veronica for entering into the spirit of co-operation and sharing your labours with your colleagues. Ed.

DAILY/WEEKLY STATISTICS TALLY SHEET

This is the form I designed in order to collate my library's statistics in a way that is complementary to the annual survey form for our Section (Newsletter no. 31, August 1990).

In the Inter-library Loans Table I have put the Alfred Hospital Health Sciences Library (VAH) first because our Hospitals are amalgamated, then the GRATISNET sources in order of use. This breakdown helps me to collect the GRATISNET statistics. As I use the CMLO PALS Scheme I have included space for it too. I count the loans I have to include vouchers for in the "Other" boxes.

If this form can help you simplify your data collection please ask me for a clean copy (528-6433 x6832). Obviously you will need to white-out and rewrite some of the headings to suit you, but you can at least spare yourself the task of ruling all those lines.

Good luck and best wishes, Veronica Delafosse, Health Sciences Library, Caulfield General Medical Centre, 260-294 Kooyong Road, Caulfield, 3162.

DAY	LOANS			REFERENCE		ON-LINE SEARCHES	PHOTOCOPIES		ORIENTATION		OTHER NOTES
	DATE	BOOKS	JOURNALS	A/V	DIRECT		EXT	ARTICLES	C/PAGES	TOURS	
M 7	15	16						1	1	10	
T 8	10	21	1				1	1			
W 9	2	10				1	1		11	15	
T 10	8	9	1								
F 11	6	3									
WEEKLY TOTAL	41	59	2		51	14	7	6	2	3	25

TOTAL IN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	I.L.L.	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	TOTAL OUT	
1		1				VAH		1			1	6	
13					1	V			1			4	
1						A			1	1		2	
1						Q		1			1	2	
1						S			1	1		2	
1						G			1			3	
						CMLO	1	1				2	
						OTHER				1		1	
18	WEEKLY TOTAL											WEEKLY TOTAL	22

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ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

The organisers of our September Conference have produced a range of merchandise to promote the Conference. The posters are available free of charge from Anne McLean (VAUH) and the following items are available from Enid Meldrum (VAH). You may contact Enid or Anne by telephone, or you might like to wait and see for yourself at the next meeting when the items will be on display.

T-Shirts (printed with the conference motif)  
Colours : Pink, White, Black, Olive green  
Cost : \$15.00

Tea-towels (printed with the conference motif)  
Two designs  
Cost : \$7.50

Badges (with conference motif)  
Cost : \$3.50

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ABOUT PEOPLE ...

Renee Anderson has left the Transport Accident Commission Rehabilitation Centre. Gayle Edwards has taken up the reins. Welcome back Gayle.

Mary McGill (VRMH) is still coming down to earth after her overseas holiday, and Helen Cotsell (VRWH) is regaining her land legs after her cruise.

Fay Baker, Biomedical Librarian, Monash University has recently retired from that position. Fay has been a long-time contributor to our group, and we wish her great happiness in her retirement.

Marlene Nash (VMMH) reports that the Mercy Maternity Hospital has recently changed its name to the Mercy Hospital for Women.

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MAC'S MEDICUS

Have you ever been asked for an index which covers the sort of freely-available medical publications that land on the desk of GPs? When asked this question recently I was stumped but then happened to come across a paper by W.E Lang which was presented at the New Zealand conference, "A medical journal database for general practice".

This index is presented on a floppy disc, for use on IBM or IEM compatible computers and is updated quarterly. The database provides references from only six medical journals : Australian family physician, Current therapeutics, Medical journal of Australia, Patient management and Update. The compiler of the index can be contacted at : Continuing Medical Education Centre, Rockhampton Base Hospital, Rockhampton, Qld. 4700.

Out of the blue the other day, another such index crossed my desk, this time in print format. The editor is Dr. John Mackellar, so he calls his index "**Mac's Medicus**"! The first edition indexed clinical material in : Australian family physician, Current therapeutics, Modern medicine, Patient management and Update between 1987 and June 1990. It was published in July 1990, and sold for \$20.00. The next edition will have nearly 1000 extra entries (to the end of 1990) and will be available at the end of February, 1991 (\$30.00). Address for contact : C/- Mooroopna Medical Centre, 87 McLennan Street, Mooroopna 3629.

Enid Meldrum  
Librarian, Alfred Hospital

The National Library of Australia and the Department of Community Services and Health are currently investigating options for the future provision of the MEDLINE service to Australian users. A number of possibilities for the processing of data include an Australian service bureau and a direct link to the National Library of Medicine. Service options including an Australian health and medical CD-ROM product and improvements to Grateful Med are also under review.

As part of this review, Sandra Henderson and Warwick Cathro from the National Library are visiting Melbourne to talk to MEDLINE users on **Wednesday, 20 March**. A venue has been arranged at the Fairfield Hospital, Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MANY MEDLINE USERS AS POSSIBLE ARE AT THIS MEETING** to input our ideas and concerns. The meeting will begin at 9.30 a.m. Carparking is in plentiful supply.

Please let Jenni Rusciano know if you will be attending (Phone 03 280 2436). If you have any queries about the meeting or the review, you should ring Joan Martin (Phone : 03 380 5978).

If you are aware of any other MEDLINE users who may not receive this **Newsletter** then please pass on this information.

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MEDLINE COURSES

You may have heard the A. & J.G. Martin (by way of Joan Martin) is now providing the MEDLINE training for Victoria. This includes the 4-day basic courses, NETSDI training and, later this year (National Library staff are to do one more Victorian course), the refresher courses. Those interested in discussing training no longer need ring the National Library, but should ring Joan direct on 03 380 5978.

Further to this, Joan would be pleased to purchase superseded 1990 MeSH tools for use in MEDLINE training (Annotated Alphabetic MeSH, MeSH Tree Structures and Permuted MeSH). She would be pleased to make an offer for sets in reasonably good condition. If you can help, please ring Joan on 03 380 5978.

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MEDLINE AND THE TRAINING GUARANTEE (ADMINISTRATION) ACT

There have been a number of enquiries about whether MEDLINE courses are eligible training programs under the Training Guarantee (Administration) Act.

MEDLINE courses meet the requirements of the Act, which states that to be eligible programs must be:

- . structured
- . primarily designed to develop, improve or maintain employment related skills
- . identify the skills, means of imparting them and expected outcomes
- . be designed by persons with a working knowledge of the subject area, who have 3 or more years experience in the design and/or conduct of training programs

As trainers, we cannot guarantee eligibility under the Act. It is up to the employer of the trainee to establish eligibility. We understand this to mean that whil a MEDLINE course is an eligible course for a librarian, it could not be regarded as an eligible course for a person employed as a gardener!

Sandra Henderson  
Principal Librarian, Online Information Networks  
National Library of Australia

In a rather hectic brain-stomping, the Executive Committee has produced lots of ideas for 1991. Our Professional Development Officer, Jenni Rusciano, now has the task of putting all (well some of them!) into action.

21st March MULTI-MEDIA CD-ROM PRODUCTS

A meeting not to be missed, especially if you didn't make the ONLINE AND ON DISC 91 CONFERENCE.

The meeting is to be held in the new Footscray Institute Library. Full details (with directions) are included on the flyer sent with this **Newsletter**.

16th July Meeting to be held at Blood Bank Library, South Melbourne.

Details will be given in May **Newsletter**, but make sure the date is in your diary now!

15th October Venue not yet decided, but the topic will be AUSTRALIS.

28th November AGM and Christmas Party.

In addition to the above ordinary meetings, and of course the September Conference, the Committee is planning a Quality Assurance Workshop. All of us are being asked to produce formalised quality assurance programs for our libraries, so this might be just the helping hand you've been seeking. A number of options are being followed for this Workshop, but it is likely that it will be held in May at a City location. Times are likely to be 4.00 - 9.00 p.m. (with a light meal included). Should suit the country folk, and the one-person libraries. We will hopefully have definite details to pass on at the Footscray meeting.

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AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

As reported in a previous **Newsletter**, the HLS Victorian Group provides the representative for this Melbourne-based Council. Enid Meldrum attends these monthly meetings on our behalf.

The Council recently produced its goals and objectives for 1991. These are reproduced below:

- \* To continue to develop the profile of the A.C.A.H.P. at the A.C.H.S.
- \* To maintain strong representation to the A.C.H.S. at Board level and on sub-committees as appropriate.
- \* To respond on behalf of the Member Bodies to all A.C.H.S. Field Reviews of the A.C.H.S. Accreditation Guide.
- \* To nominate members of the Allied Health Professions to the A.C.H.S. for consideration for selection as Accreditation Surveyors, and to lobby for such selection.
- \* To continue production and development of three issues of the A.C.A.H.P. Newsletter per year, so raising the profile of the Member Bodies, circulating general news of the A.C.H.S. and other items of interest.
- \* To develop an information leaflet on the A.C.A.H.P.
- \* To respond to Government papers and the media on issues relevant to the Allied Health Professions as a combined voice of the Member Bodies.
- \* To continue to act as an information exchange between the Member Bodies.

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DA, Mitcham have generously agreed to support the Group in 1991 by providing the packing and postage for our **Newsletter**. Thanks again DA!