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Editorial

Welcome to Judy Palmer, who begins her role as Editor of *Health Libraries Review* with the March 1999 issue! I look forward to working with Judy in her new role and wish her many happy years of editing. Through this *Newsletter* readers will continue to receive information about the *Review* by Penny Bonnett. However, if you don't already do so, perhaps now is the time to consider taking out a personal subscription to *Health Libraries Review* and using it as an opportunity to improve your CPD.

Newly qualified librarians are most in need of guidance in CDP or Continuing Professional Development and it really is the responsibility of experienced and chartered librarians to encourage this development. See page 14 in this issue of the *Newsletter* to find out more from the Library Association about how you can assist new librarians to develop their professional skills.

The Internet is a constantly expanding source of information where it is often difficult to keep track of useful sites as they develop. From the June issue of this *Newsletter*, Peter Craddock and Suzy Paisley will be helping to keep us up to

date with useful sites in the fields of community care, disability and health care. Further details to follow.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Health Promotion Library of the Health Education Board for Scotland has won a Charter Mark, the Government's award for an excellent public service. Although the process of applying for this award was hard work, it was well worth it. If you work for a public funded organization, consider applying. It is free of charge and all applicants receive an assessor's visit and a detailed feedback report. If you would like to find out more, visit the Web site of Service First: <http://www.servicefirst.gov.uk> or call 0171 270 6343.

Margaret E S Forrest
Editor

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Group News

Health Libraries Review

In the Editorial to her first issue as editor of HLR, Judy Palmer discusses the important place that HLR must play in our profession, when the world of information is in a state of change and turbulence. Also with the March issue we will be sending out a readership survey, which we hope will be completed and returned by members so that we can shape our plans for the future of the journal, taking into account your views and wishes. Further copies of the survey can be obtained from Sharon Kershaw at Blackwell Science (Tel: 01865 206084; Email: sharon.kershaw@blacksci.co.uk).

The March issue covers a variety of topics. Evidence based health care again features, with one article looking at the needs of clinicians working within the field and a brief communication outlining the setting up of a Clinical Effectiveness Research Centre within one health authority. A full and comprehensive overview of genetic information resources provides useful sources of information for all of us. We are also very pleased to have a refreshing article on the role of reading therapy for children.

Those wishing to obtain papers from the HLG Annual Conference held in Lancaster last September, *First aid on the front-line: information for primary care*, will be pleased to know that the June issue will be devoted to this topic and will contain a selection of papers presented at the Conference.

Penny Bonnett

First Cochrane/Health Libraries Group Prize

As announced in a "stop press" of the December issue of this *Newsletter*, the winners of the First Cochrane/Health Libraries Group Prize are Stephanie Meakin, Practice Development Midwife in Portsmouth NHS Trust and the Staff Library of St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Ms Meakin based her entry on two reviews published by the Cochrane Pregnancy and Childbirth Collaborative Review Group. She described how a change in clinical practice dramatically reduced pain and discomfort for mothers who required stitching of a perineal wound after childbirth. Despite a strong field, the judges were unanimous that her report best illustrated how research-based practice can really improve patient care.

Stephanie Meakin and the Staff Library share the joint prize of £750 which was presented to them at a ceremony at the King's Fund, London, the same venue where the Cochrane/Health Libraries Group Prize Competition was launched by Baroness Julia Cumberledge on November 5th 1997.

Mike Roddham

Continuing Professional Development

The new committee will be organising study days on a variety of topics but two events from 1998 which proved popular will be repeated. HLG will be continuing links with BMIS by jointly organising another study day on Knowledge

Management and will also be rerunning the research study day. Final details will be available soon but please see the diary entries for dates and contact details. Looking further ahead there will be another joint event with the Royal Society of Medicine in 2000.

Gillian Edwards

Sub-Group News

IFM Health Care

There have been some recent changes to the IFM Committee. Both Julie Glanville and Carol Lefebvre have stood down from their respective positions of Chair and Secretary, although Julie is at present still on the committee as Acting Secretary. The current Acting Chair is Steve Rose, who was previously Publicity Coordinator. At the time of writing the committee is planning to formally elect a Chair and secretary and recruit an additional member to take on publicity coordination.

IFM at Umbrella

Here is an advance notice of an IFM Healthcare session at Umbrella: Session 5: Saturday, 3rd July 9.30 - 10.45am. The speaker is Valerie Ferguson, Postgraduate Medical and NHS Libraries Adviser, North West Region. The session will look at HSG(97)47 and 'Information for Health' (HSC 1998/168) and the implications for health management information /libraries. It is intended that the session will be run as a debate, either between two library/information professionals or between an information professional and someone from within the NHS management field - to discuss problems

and solutions. We also hope to include a regional round-up on progress so far.

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Libraries for Nursing

Because of unavoidable delays (including a fire!), the LfN Annual General Meeting 1998 is to be held on Thursday 18th February 1999 at Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London. The guest speaker will be Paula Procter of the Computers in Teaching Initiative at the Centre for Nursing & Midwifery, University of Sheffield.

The day will begin at 11.00 am with presentations on communication and IT in nursing and nurse education and the Computers in Teaching Initiative, HEFCE review and C&IT in Healthcare. Lunch at 12.45 will be followed by the Libraries for Nursing AGM at 1.30. The day is free to members of LfN (1998 or 1999) - including lunch - and £10 to non-members - lunch included

Further details and a registration form can be obtained from Pam Duncan, Library, Anglia Polytechnic University, Rivermead Campus, Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SQ. E-mail: P.H.Duncan@anglia.ac.uk

Libraries for Nursing are pleased to announce that they have chosen a successful applicant for their £500

research grant. Karen Blackhall, who works in St George's Hospital Medical School Library, Tooting, London has proposed a project on "The role of the Health Library in research-based nursing practice". Karen will complete the project by the end of September 1999, and full details will then be available in the *Libraries for Nursing Bulletin*. We are pleased to be able to support such a timely and interesting research project.

LfN members and others may be interested to know about a new list that has been started on Mailbase. lis-Nursing has been established by *Libraries for Nursing* to provide a forum to facilitate discussion by library and information professionals who are involved in nursing and midwifery. To join lis-nursing send the following command, (typing your own personal names instead of firstname(s) and lastname): join lis-nursing firstname(s) lastname as the only text in the body of an email addressed to: mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk

If you are interested in finding out more about Libraries for Nursing, contact the membership secretary, Donald Mackay, HEBS, The Priory, Canaan Lane Edinburgh, EH10 4ER. Tel 0131 536 5578, email: donald.mackay@hebs.scot.nhs.uk

Donald Mackay

People

Vikki Entwistle has recently joined the staff of the Health Services Research Unit in Aberdeen, in a post partly funded by a Leverhulme Trust Special Research Fellowship. In her new role, Vikki will be focusing on evaluating ways of

involving patients in decisions about their care. In her previous post at the NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination in York, Vikki helped to develop and evaluate research-based consumer health information materials.

Congratulations to **Sue David**, of St George's Hospital Library, London, on the birth of her son, James!

Alun Williams has received the Dr E C Benn Award for 1998, in recognition of his outstanding work in the library and hospital service in Gwynedd over many years.

Pek Lan Bower has been appointed as the Head of Library & Information Services at the Department of Health with effect from 16 September. She replaces **Ian Snowley** who was Head of DHLIS for 4 years, and who has temporarily moved out of 'mainstream' information management into an IT programme management role as part of a small team implementing the latest version of the Department's Office Information System (OIS III).

Health Information and Community Care News and Notes

Cochrane Library Update

Ruth Frankish keeps us up to date with the latest developments in the Cochrane Library...

I would like to pass on thanks on behalf of Gord Gubitz, Paul Henderson and myself to those of you who filled in and returned the questionnaires recently

circulated to all libraries listed in the LA "Directory of Medical and Health Care Libraries in the UK ..." about your experiences with the Cochrane Library and National Research Register. We have found some very interesting results which show that usage of the Cochrane Library has increased greatly since 1996 when the last survey was carried out. Dr. Gubitza hopes to write up the results in the near future to disseminate the findings more widely.

One of the findings of the survey was that only 42% of libraries reported having a manual for the Cochrane Library. There are guides freely available to download from the CRD web site at www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd. These include a self-teaching guide, a short A4 guide, teaching materials and a guide for the web version, which may be of particular use to those of you in the South West region who have access to the Cochrane Library via the Web. If you have time, please fill in the form on the site to give us more information as to how these materials are being used. If you don't have access to the web, please get in touch.

There are no real changes to report on the Cochrane Library this issue (99:1), except for a continued rise in the number of references; the number of systematic reviews in CDSR now totals over 1000, over half of which are completed reviews. The changes to DARE that have been mentioned to those of you who have been trained recently, have not occurred with this issue, but should hopefully appear with Issue 2. This column will give more detail about these in the near future once they are finally decided upon.

Anyone who would be interested to arrange local training sessions for groups of librarians can still get in touch. Some sessions in York have been arranged for the following dates:-

March 30th, April 8th and 13th.

Please get in touch if you would like to book a place on any of these. They are offered free of charge; we just request a £10 returnable deposit (cheques made payable to 'The University of York') to secure your booking. This would be especially useful to those of you who are new to medical/health librarianship and would value some training on this increasingly important resource.

Ruth Frankish

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**Peripatetic Library Service
Project**

Peripatetic library service project: assessing the value of a peripatetic library service for primary care in the Highlands: final report by Liz Downing, Rebecca Higgins, Tony Smith. This is a report of a six month pilot project, set up in 1998. It involved a librarian working with staff at nine selected GP practices in the Highlands. The service included the provision of advice and practical assistance for practice libraries, and basic training to use CD-ROMs and the Internet. The Project was funded by Highland Health Board.

Copies of the report will cost approx. £5.00 and can be ordered by writing to the Peripatetic Library Service Project,

c/o Kinmylies Medical Practice, Assynt Road, Inverness IV3 6PB.

MedHunt

A New version of Health on the Net's (HON) MedHunt is up and running at: <http://www.hon.ch/MedHunt> MedHunt is a dedicated multilingual medical search engine with an index of thousands of medical/health web sites. It offers a spell checker, a list of medical/health topics for a given query, the MeSH terminology, and a display of the results by geographical, domain name, and ranking preferences.

New PsycINFO Search Guide

PsycINFO has published a new search guide for PsycINFO, PsycLIT and ClinPSYC on all SilverPlatter platforms. Print your copy from the pdf (Adobe Acrobat) document at the PsycINFO web site <http://www.apa.org/psycinfo/spguide4.pdf> or request a print copy from PsycINFO User Services. E-mail: psycinfo@apa.org

Medical Deals for OCLC.

The British Medical Journal will soon be available through the OCLC First Search Electronic Collections Online service at: <http://www.oclc.org>

The Web of Science Citation Databases

Produced by the Institute for Scientific Information, The Web of Science provides enhanced web access to the ISI citation databases. Using standard and unique search options, you can navigate the Science Citation Index Expanded,

the Social Sciences Citation Index and the Arts and Humanities Citation Index. Searches can be complemented with customised alerting services, ordering of full text electronically or links to the full text. For more information and to request a free trial contact : ISI Europe, Brunel Science Park, Uxbridge UB8 3PQ. Tel: 01895 270016; Fax: 01895 256710; E-mail: uksales@isinet.com; Web site: <http://www.isinet.com>

Biotech Database Added to DIMDI.

An English-language database focussing on biotechnology has been added to the German medical host, DIMDI. The abstract part of the database provides bibliographic details of 168,000 documents published since 1981 with over 350,000 references. The profile part of the file offers information on 2700 companies and institutes, including contact details, number of employees, turnover and names of executives. Web site: <http://www.dimdi.de>

CINHAL Added to HealthGate

The CINAHL database has been added to HealthGate's web site to provide users with 250,000 references to journal articles, abstracts and dissertations in nursing and allied health sciences. Web site: <http://www.healthgate.com>

Journals@OVID

Journals@OVID is a new, aggregated online database of all (300 planned by the end of 1998) OVID's full text journals, with each available by individual subscription. The database combines all the capabilities of OVID's

Full Text Collections with several important new features. It includes:

- Graphics.
- Customised full text limits.
- Seamless linking between full text journals and bibliographic databases.
- Easy browsing.
- Comprehensive coverage eg classified advertisements and announcements.
- Additional limits eg to articles with graphics.
- Enhanced searching (100% SGML).

Web site: <http://www.ovid.com>

SilverPlatter forms a new Health and Safety Publishing Group

SilverPlatter has formed a new Health and Safety Publishing Group. The group's portfolio comprises 14 database products, including a high proportion of full-text legislation and guidance titles and chemical databanks as well as some bibliographic research information. A separate SilverPlatter Health and Safety web site was launched last year at: <http://www.silverplatter.com/oshinfo.htm> This offers features such as the latest health and safety news from around the world and full details of SilverPlatter's relevant databases. A complete diary of events is accessible, together with archives of searchable editorial features and focus articles since 1996. There is also a fully searchable index of other health and safety web sites.

Official statistics available via the web

At the end of 1998 The Office for National Statistics launched *StatBase*, available via the WWW, at : <http://www.statistics.gov.uk> The database has two linked components, "StatSearch" which provides detailed information about official statistics and "StatStore" which holds the statistics themselves. A simple keyword search is employed and data can be viewed within a web browser or downloaded to your local machine. Access to more extensive data will be chargeable. For a free copy of the StatBase information pack, please fax your details to 01633 812762

The Investigational Drugs Database (IDdb)

This database provides information and analysis on drug data, conference data, references and abstracts, business data, news and patent alerts. For more information contact: Current Drugs Ltd, Middlesex House, 34-42 Cleveland Street, London, W1P 6LB. Tel: 0171 580 8393 Fax: 0171 580 5646 Web site: <http://www.current-drugs.com/iddb.htm>

Derwent Discovery

Is a web based product aimed at the Pharmaceutical sector. It contains Derwent World Drugs Alert and Derwent Drug File databases, which include information taken from patents, scientific journals and conferences. For further details of prices and the product contact : Jenny Bush Derwent Information, 14 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DF. E-mail: eurinfo@derwent.co.uk

New Products from Prous Science

Prous Science have recently launched five new products:

MFline (Experimental Pharmacology Database) - Contains more than 60,000 records from 2,500 references summarising in vitro and in vivo animal studies that delineate the chemical interactions between drugs and receptors, enzymes and target cells. These characterize drug actions and help to rationalize drug design.

Synthline (Drug Synthesis Database) - More than 1,000 schemes of synthesis of drugs currently marketed or in clinical trials with structure-searchable access to more than 12,000 chemical intermediates.

CTline (Clinical Trials Database) - A source of information on the objectives, design, population, interventions, withdrawals, adverse events, results and conclusions of well-designed and well-executed clinical trials published in peer-reviewed journals.

PKline (Pharmacokinetics database) - Summarises the parameters and results of well-designed and well-executed animal and human studies published in leading peer-reviewed biomedical journals.

Timely Topics in Medicine - A major new educational initiative using online information and debate on relevant and timely topics. Includes original articles, clinical cases and self assessment tools by leading experts, multilingual and country-specific content, telesymposia with expert guest facility and live, online conferences direct from international congress sites. Web site:

<http://www.prous.com>

Health and Safety Executive - New CD ROMs

The HSE have produced some new CR ROMS. Titles include: List of current health and safety legislation; Electronic RIDDOR (Reporting of Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations) form; Hearing protection. Further details on these and more from : HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 6FS. Tel: 01787 881165; Fax: 01787 313995; Web site:

<http://www.open.gov.uk/hse/>

Web site: <http://www.hsebooks.co.uk>

Encyclopedia of Neuroscience

Encyclopedia of Neuroscience on CD-ROM, from Elsevier Science, is a multimedia reference work on the neurosciences. It includes colour illustrations and other graphics, animations, video sequences, sound clips, links to web sites and EMBASE abstracts. The CD operates under Windows 95 and on Macintosh. Cost is \$169.95. E-mail: usinfo-f@elsevier.com
Web Site:

<http://www.elsevier.nl/locate/encneu>

Harrison's Medical Encyclopaedia.

Harrison's encyclopaedia of medicine is available on the Internet. The site offers full search capabilities of the fourteenth edition of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, with enhanced content that includes updated therapies and new drugs and overviews of clinical trials. The site can be found at: <http://www.harrisonsonline.com>

The Interactive Healthcare Directory

Is available on CD-ROM and contains approximately 2000 health related multimedia titles for education and reference. The Directory can be searched via either a quick or full method and results narrowed down further. For example, by limiting to products that only run on a particular operating system. For further details contact Microinfo,

E-mail: ops@microinfo.co.uk

Web site: <http://www.microinfo.co.uk>

The Health CD

The health CD, updated quarterly, provides access to 3,600 documents relating to medicine and health and environmental issues. ISBN 0115265066 Price : £795. For further information contact: The Stationary Office, 51 Nine Elms Lane, London, SW8 5DR. Tel: 0171 8738442; Fax: 0171 8738723; Web Site:

<http://www.national-publishing.co.uk>

New Publications from the RCN Library

Two new publications are now available from the Royal College of Nursing Library.

1. Steinberg Collection of Nursing Research 1997 edition. PhD's and Masters' theses held in the RCN Library. Price £16.00
2. RCN Library Thesaurus of Nursing Terms 3rd ed. 1998. Price £25.00

For further information please contact: Cindy Edwards, Library Office, Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1M 0AB. Tel: 0171

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647 3612; Fax: 0171 647 3420; E-mail: cindy-edwards@rcn.org.uk

Video Conferencing at the RSM

A new video conferencing facility is now in use at the Royal Society of Medicine. The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) has installed a Sony Tricom video conferencing facility, to cater for a growing demand within the health profession for easily accessible video conferencing. Anyone wishing to book the facility can do so by contacting The RSM Events Department on Tel: 0171 290 2952. For more information from Sony on video conferencing contact : Sony Broadcast & Professional UK. Kerri Bowles Tel : 01932 816269 Email : kerri.bowles@sonybpe.com Natalie Minter Tel : 01932 816275 Email : natalie.minter@sonybpe.com Fax : 01932 817013

Videos for Patients - Special offer!

Videos for Patients Ltd are currently offering 20 titles from the "What You Really Need To Know About" series at cost price. Videos for Patients Ltd produce 45 patient information films on a variety of illnesses, with the aim to improve communication between patients and doctors. Cost price is £7.50 plus VAT per video (normal price £17.50). Contact: Videos for Patients Ltd, 18 Denbigh Close, London, W11 2QH. Tel: 0171 262852; Fax: 0171 2661206

Access-Ability: a high priority for Perth and Kinross Council

Perth and Kinross Council has recently launched a new guide for people with a

disability. The publication, entitled *Access-Ability* has been produced by the Council's Leisure and Cultural Services and includes details on all public leisure facilities in Perth and Kinross which are accessible in varying degrees to people with a disability.

The guide has been produced in several formats, principally in an A5 sized wallet containing loose-leaf sheets in large bold print and a freepost feedback card. Each sheet includes a brief description of each facility and reference in symbols to its accessibility. The sheets allow people with a disability to assess in advance which facilities are suited to their own particular needs. The guide will also be available in A4 large print and cassette for those with more profound sight difficulties, and a limited number of Braille copies are also being produced. Copies of the guide are available from Leisure and Cultural Services, 3/5 High Street, Perth PH1 5JS, or by telephoning (01738) 475211 or 01738 475212. Those enquiring will be offered the opportunity of being included on a mailing list for future updates.

Disability, Pregnancy and Parenthood

Disability, Pregnancy & Parenthood international (DPP) has recently launched its new information service for parents and professionals. DPP is interested to receive and provide information on all aspects of preconception, pregnancy, birth and parenting from the perspective of parents with disabilities and the professionals who work with them, including useful organisations, equipment and models of good practice. Initial funding for this

project is from the National Lottery Charities Board.

For details about the service and information about our quarterly journal, please contact: DPPi, 5th floor, 45 Beech Street, London EC2P 2LX. Tel: 0171 628 2811; Fax: 0171 628 2833; Text: 0171 256 8899 E-mail:

dppi@eotw.co.uk

Website:

freespace.virgin.net/disabled.parents

Signposts Guide

Published by the National Information Forum, the guide has been designed to provide a simple reference for people who are not information specialists but are in regular contact with disabled people and their families and can point them in the direction of the help they need. There are 17 subject headings for key sources of specialist services for disabled people.

Price £16.50 from: BT Burne House, PP10/10, Bell Street, London NW1 5BZ. Tel: 0171 402 6681. Fax: 0171 402 1259

Towards Better Access: a guide to the development of effective Access Action Plans

Intended for those who are commissioning or undertaking Access Audits. Available priced £12 from: Publications Section, ACE, 12 City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 8AF

Tel: 0171 250 0008

Easy-to-Read materials

IFLA has produced *Guidelines for easy-to-read materials* for publishers and organisations with reading disabled

clients. Contents include: client groups, organisations working in the field, design and marketing of materials.

Available from: IFLA Headquarters, The Hague, Netherlands, 2509 CH. Tel & Fax: +31 70 38 34 827 . E-mail: ifla.hqfla.org

New Charter

A new charter has been produced by the Royal College of Physicians *Disabled People using hospitals: a charter and guidelines*. Covers the importance of good communication and of relevant and accessible information as well as considering physical access and the need for disability awareness.

From: Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London WW1 4LE. Tel: 0171 935 1174. Fax: 0171 487 5218.

Visit The Fiction Cafe!

The National Library for the Blind has created a wonderful new interactive website for visually impaired teenagers to choose a good read.

- tasters, tips, reviews and much more (including the chance to write your own)
- order books online
- large print format and compatible with braille and speech output systems

For more information, contact Simon Jennings on 0161 355 2093.

Visit the website at

<http://www.nlbuk.org/fiction-cafe/>

New RNIB Handbooks Provide Gateway to Resources

Two vital resources for organisations and people who need to know about

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<http://www.la-hq.org.uk/hlg>

serious sight problems have recently been launched by the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB), the UK's leading authority on visual impairment.

The Large Print Handbook is a directory of publishers of large print materials. The Handbook lists the major suppliers of large print materials and also contains information about specific items, such as large print cookery books, dictionaries and items in foreign languages.

Videos and Films on Blindness is a directory of audio-visual materials on the subject of sight loss. The directory lists videos, films, slides and other training materials. Specific subject areas include eye conditions, the education of blind and partially sighted people, living with a serious sight problem, mobility issues and services available.

"These publications are designed for anyone with an interest in sight loss but will be especially useful to information providers", says Bernard Fleming, Manager of RNIB's Library and Public Information Service. "At £4 for *The Large Print Handbook* and £5 for *Videos and Films on Blindness* we anticipate considerable interest".

For further information, please contact Phil Jenkins or Joe Korner in the RNIB Press Office on 0171 391 2223 or Mobile: 0402 648267 (ref -pj).

Library Association and Mentoring

The Library Association Professional Qualifications Department writes to encourage chartered librarians to take a more active role in encouraging the

professional development of newly qualified professionals...

Try mentoring: candidates on Route B to Associateship need your support

Working for your professional qualification can be a lonely and demanding process. This is particularly true for the new solo library and information worker. Candidates who follow Route A have regular access to a supervisor who provides support and advice during the Associateship process. Route B candidates may have informal access to advice from a variety of sources. However, there are no official arrangements for providing them with support and advice during the registration process. The Personnel Training and Education Group of the Library Association (PTEG) and the Professional Qualifications Department are concerned about this situation and wish to establish a formal support network for Route B candidates.

The benefits of such a network to both candidates and mentors are obvious. Candidates will benefit from access to experienced chartered librarians who can offer encouragement and understanding. Volunteers will learn from the partnerships, for example about new techniques and technologies, and are likely to develop their listening and other skills, and enhance their career opportunities. If you are thinking about Fellowship, it can provide evidence of your contribution to the wider profession.

What is the difference between Volunteers and Supervisors?

All Route A candidates have access to a supervisor. Supervisors draw up training programmes and will work with candidates throughout the training period. They can advise or instruct candidates and have a duty to ensure that, as far as possible, candidates complete their training.

Volunteers will encourage the candidate to reflect on the experiences they have gained. They will be able to help candidates relate their learning to their workplace experiences, often by sharing relevant experiences from their own careers. They can offer encouragement and support, even when working at a distance from the candidate.

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers to help Route B candidates should have ideally chartered through the registration process themselves (following Route B would be a bonus) and should preferably have supervised a candidate. Anyone who is interested in helping will be welcome. They must be familiar with the criteria for assessment and the Regulations governing the registration process. Above all their support and enthusiasm for developing professional commitment is essential. Whatever sector you work in, whatever your professional interests, there is likely to be a potential candidate who would welcome the opportunity to have your support and advice during their registration period.

Becoming a volunteer is challenging and rewarding; by giving candidates support and encouragement, helping them to

persevere with their Associateship training, you will be helping them to become confident and competent information professionals. It means committing time to meetings and having to accept occasional lack of progress or failure. You are likely to enhance your own reputation amongst your peers and with senior colleagues.

Role of the PTEG Supervisor Liaison Officers

The Supervisor Liaison Officers will put candidates in touch with volunteers with similar backgrounds. Candidates will be sent two or three names from the list where possible. The candidate and the volunteer(s) will discuss the support needed and assess their potential working relationship. There will need to be a degree of flexibility in all the relationships. However, guidelines will be available for both parties, indicating what may, and what may not, be expected. The Professional Qualifications Department will also keep a record of arrangements made between candidates and volunteers.

Future Developments

PTEG hope that this support network will be able to develop into a full mentoring role. This will require quality standards to be set and maintained for all volunteers recruited to the network. However, the first step is to get the support for Route B candidates up and running. Together, the Professional Qualifications Department will monitor the use and the effectiveness of the scheme through feedback from both candidates and volunteers.

Want to know more?

If you are a Chartered Librarian and want to find out more please contact either Sheron Burton or Marion Huckle, Network Liaison Officer, Professional Qualifications Dept, LAHQ. Tel: 0171 636 7543; Fax: 0171 323 6675.

Distance learning - a creditable approach to CPD.

Changes in the distance learning programmes MSc (Econ) Health Information Management and MSc (Econ) Management of Library and Information Services offered by the Department of Information and Library Studies, University of Wales Aberystwyth mean that it will be possible to study modules independently, for transferable credits. Previously the courses required a minimum of two years commitment to a Diploma with the Masters programme taking three years, but modularisation changes now allow for more flexibility - more pick 'n mix than a preset menu of CPD. New modules onstream this year include 'Exploiting Research Information' - which is concerned with critical appraisal, and supporting evidence based practice. The new Programme Director for the Health Information Management programme is Christine Urquhart and Hugh Preston is the new Programme Director for the Management of Library and Information Services programme. For general details of these and the other distance learning programmes please contact the Open Learning Unit, DILS, University of Wales Aberystwyth, Llanbadarn

Campus, Aberystwyth, SY23 3AS
Email: olu@aber.ac.uk
For specific information about the flexible options please contact: Christine Urquhart, DILS, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, SY23 3AS. Tel: 01970-622162; Fax: 01970-622190; E-mail: cju@aber.ac.uk

**European Awareness Seminar:
Copyright, Data Protection, Internet
Access**

IGLA, in association with the Legal and Policy Research Group at the Department of Information and Library Studies, Loughborough University write about a future seminar which will be of interest to many readers...

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**Windy City of Chicago to Host
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The Medical Library Association (MLA) will wrap up its year-long Centennial Celebration next year at its ninety-ninth meeting and exhibit in Chicago, IL. The meeting will take place May 15 - 19, 1999 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, close to the MLA headquarters office.

The '99 National Program Committee (NPC) has created a stimulating and unique program that will include well-known speakers such as noted librarian/futurist, Clifford Lynch, Ph.D. and bioethics expert, Dr. Daniel Callahan. Continuing education opportunities, poster sessions, and the Hall of Exhibits are also among the many events scheduled for the meeting. During the meeting, MLA '99 meeting attendees will also be invited to a reception celebrating MLA's new headquarters office.

"The meeting's theme, *Present Tense - Future Perfect?*, embodies the focus of the meeting - the future of the health sciences librarianship profession," states

MLA President Jacqueline Donaldson Doyle. "The conference will provide health sciences information professionals from all over the world with a forum to discuss and envision what must be done to create secure and challenging professions in the new century".

The *MLA '99 Preliminary Program* will be mailed to all MLA members in January 1999. Non-members can request a copy by calling 312/419-9094x21. For more information about MLA '00, visit our Web site at www.mlanet.org.

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The aim of this column is to cover the recent printed literature in medical, health and welfare librarianship and information science. Material of general interest such as computing, multimedia and library planning is not usually covered unless there is a specific MHW library/information aspect: such material can be traced in general current awareness bulletins or current awareness columns in specialist journals. Material from electronic sources such as Internet or NHSnet is not covered in any detail, though printed material on electronic sources may be included.

Headings used in the column are:

Computer technology, library automation; viewdata and teletext; word-processing

AUTOMATION

BIBLIOGRAPHIC TOOLS AND PROCESSES

Abstracting and indexing; cataloguing and classification; not retrieval	INFORMATION SYSTEMS: CD-ROM AND DISKETTE
COMMUNICATIONS	INFORMATION SYSTEMS: INTERNET AND NHSNET
Networking; document delivery; telecommunications; language, translation.	Articles on technical aspects and uses of the Internet and NHSnet are listed here; articles which primarily give lists of Internet addresses and links are listed under HEALTH SCIENCES DOCUMENTATION
COMMUNITY CARE DOCUMENTATION	INFORMATION SYSTEMS: ON-LINE SERVICES
Health promotion; non-library services.	includes Electronic journals
COMMUNITY CARE LIBRARIES AND SERVICES	INFORMATION SYSTEMS: TERTIARY SERVICES
Services to patients (including bibliotherapy); to housebound, elderly, unemployed or imprisoned people; to people with disabilities such as blindness, deafness or learning disabilities.	Critical appraisal; meta-analysis, systematic reviews;
CONSUMER HEALTH AND PATIENT INFORMATION	LIBRARIANSHIP
CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION	And information science; associations; employment, staffing; research; ethics.
EDUCATION, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING
HEALTH SCIENCES DOCUMENTATION	Management, operations and services; building, equipment, materials.
<i>in general-to-special order</i>	LIBRARY STOCK
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIANSHIP	Collection management; books, special formats e.g.large print; reference materials; periodicals; audio-visuals.
HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION	PUBLISHING AND PRINTING
NHS information, management information.	Physical processes; copyright; PLR.
INFORMATION POLICIES	USERS
Privacy, freedom of information, data protection.	Needs; education.
INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES	
Storage, retrieval, dissemination; systems management; personal reference management. Tertiary services are now listed under INFORMATION SYSTEMS: TERTIARY SERVICES	

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LibTech at the London International Bookfair. Olympia, London. Details: Caroline Milner, Rubicon Communications Ltd. Oxford Centre for Innovation, Mill Street, Oxford, OX2 0JX. Tel: 01865 204947. Fax: 01865 204950. E-mail: caroline.milner@cityshow.co.uk

7-9 APRIL

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United Kingdom Serials Group Annual Conference. University of Manchester. £265 + VAT. Enquiries: URL: www.uksg.org. Contact: Jill Tolson, UK Serials Group Business Manager, 114 Woodstock Road, Witney, OX8 6DY, UK. Tel: 01993 703466. Fax: 01993 778879. E-mail: uksg@dial.pipex.com

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Health Information Specialists (UK & Ireland). Conference at the Novartis Foundation, Portland Place, London, W1. Speakers include Ray Lester (Natural History Museum), Phil Bradley (Consultant), Graham Cornish (British Library), Chris Armstrong, (Centre for Information Quality Management), and Martin Alder (Editor, Veterinary Record). Cost: £60 members, £70 non-members. Bookings: contact Nigel Robinson, AHIS (UK & Ireland) Hon. Secretary, e-mail: nrobinson@york.biosis.org. Tel: 01904 642816.

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Advances in Clinical Knowledge Management 2 HLG CPD joint study day with British Medical Informatics Society. Council Room, Knowledge Management Centre, School of Public Policy, University College, 29/30 Tavistock Square, London. HLG/BMIS members £45.00 includes VAT, non-members £60.00 includes VAT. Contact: Andrea Lane, BMA Library, Tavistock Square, London, WC1E 9JP. Tel: 0171-383 6639. E-mail: alane@bma.org.uk

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A Bridge to the new Millennium: 23rd Annual Conference of the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA). Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Contact: URL: <http://www.library.dal.ca/chla99/>

8-10 JUNE

Library & Information Show. NEC Birmingham

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Research for the Uninitiated HLG CPD study day, London. Contact: Gillian Edwards, Library & Information Service, Greenwich District Hospital, Vanbrugh Hill, SE10 9HE. E-mail: gillynip@arcadia.idiscover.co.uk

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27-31 AUGUST

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