

MEDICAL LIBRARIAN'S GROUP

(VICTORIAN BRANCH)

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1977

Minutes of the meeting held at Commonwealth Serum Laboratories on 8th August, 1977

Apologies were received from Judith Quilter, Bruce Davidson, Lorraine Bell, Lucille Mitchell, Berla Mansourian, Ann McGalliard

Visitors and new members were welcomed - Margerita Neal (Vic. Med Postgrad Found) Elizabeth Griffith (H.C.C.), Bernadette Selleck (Assoc. Blind).

1. Regional Medical Librarian's Workshop: A workshop was organized by Pat Nakouz in conjunction with Anne McLean, Anne Harrison, Amy Bush and Enid Meldrum, to introduce medical secretaries and other paramedical staff who may be responsible for small library collections, to basic library routines. The three day workshop was held at the Mayfield Centre and participants went to co-operating libraries to see various systems at work. The organizers compiled a manual of practice which could be used as a base for future courses.
2. Journal list: It had been hoped that the new journal list would be ready for distribution but Ann McGalliard's illness had prevented the completion of final details.
3. A meeting of the state representatives forming the National group of medical libraries would be held at Hobart Conference in August. Topics for discussion would include membership subscriptions and the finalising of a national constitution for the Group.
4. Notices of general interest:
 - i) The Committee for Australia-China relations invited members to a lecture on 'Health care in China today' at Melbourne State College on 26th August.
 - ii) Pat Nakouz announced that the Hospitals and Charities Commission Library would subscribe to the new journal 'Hospital Libraries'.
 - iii) Applications were invited for the Eileen R. Cunningham International Fellowship Grant 1978/79, for the study of an aspect of medical library practice in the U.S.A.

Suggestions for future meetings: A discussion was held on topics for future meetings. These ranged from 1. widespread support for education in how to conduct meetings (Margaret Kerr); 2. question time on library problems and having 'resource' people present who could help solve these problems (Penny Cole) 3. centralized cataloguing (Anne Harrison) 4. AUSINET (Fay Bates) 5. Visit from the N.S.W. Regional Librarian (Pat Nakouz) 6. Information on nursing literature and resource material (Esther Martin) 7. Drug information (Sandra Russell) 8. Medical education (Anne Harrison).

Nominations for the Executive were received and members were elected as follows:

Chairman: Elizabeth Osborn
Vice-Chairman:
(Treasurer) Anne McLean
Secretary: Margaret Kerr

The retiring Chairman (Esther Martin) thanked Anne McLean and Jean Foreman for their help and support throughout the year.

The Treasurer, Anne McLean, reported on the financial status of the Group. She recommended, and it was decided that the books should be audited every twelve months.

There are currently 48 financial members. There is a credit balance of \$348.42.

There was some discussion as to whether the membership subscription should be decreased. A decision was held over until after the meeting of the national representatives to see whether the Group should continue to make a levy on subscriptions towards a national executive.

Medical Librarian's Group Directory: Heather McDonald tendered her resignation as Directory co-ordinator Ann McGalliard has agreed to take over these duties.

At the conclusion of the meeting Margaret Kerr spoke about the new Burnet Library of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, and members inspected the building and various items of equipment.

A note on the Conference!

On Sunday 28th August, members of the MLG attending the LAA biennial conference in Hobart gathered at the home of Mrs. Jacqueline Baillie. Mrs. Baillie, formerly Biomedical Librarian at Monash University made everyone very welcome with a superb lunch in her comfortable new home overlooking the Derwent River. It was a very sociable gathering, it was interesting to meet new people in the same field from interstate and to renew old friendships. All those who participated enjoyed it very much, and our thanks go to Jac and Bill Baillie for their friendly and generous hospitality.

MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EILEEN R. CUNNINGHAM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP GRANT 1978-1979

The Medical Library Association will administer a six month and/or one year fellowship for medical librarians from countries outside of the United States or Canada, during the period September 1978 to August 1979. The six month program for observation and supervised work in one or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada, a limited amount of travel, and possible enrolment in a course in medical librarianship. Recipients of the one year fellowship attend an approved graduate library school in the United States or Canada and have an opportunity to earn a master's degree in library science. A limited amount of travel is included.

The fellowship provides a stipend for living and tuition expenses while in the United States or Canada, and approved travel expenses within these two countries. Travel arrangements to and from the United States or Canada must be paid by the fellow.

The candidate for the six month program must have an undergraduate degree and a library degree (the latter requirement may be waived). Final awarding of the one year fellowship depends upon the candidate's acceptance to an accredited library school in the United States or Canada. All candidates must be working in a medical library or preparing to work in one in their country. They must agree, when accepting the fellowship, to return to their country and work in a medical library for a period of two years. Those applicants whose native language is not English must present evidence that they have passed the TOEFL examination with a score of 600 or above.

Details and application forms may be obtained from: Medical Library Association 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, U.S.A. Completed applications and all supporting credentials must be received by 1 March 1978.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the last for the year.

DATE: Tuesday 15th November, 1977.

PLACE: Hospitals and Charities Commission, 555 Collins Street, Melbourne.
On the corner of King Street. Library is on the 15th floor.

TIME: 6 - 7p.m. food, tea, coffee, wine, followed by meeting at about 7pm
It will be an informal and social meeting. Sandra Russell will give a short talk on the meeting of the National Medical Librarian's Group, in Hobart and be followed by a guest from the Toastmistresses organization.

If you can RSVP it will help us to organize the catering:

Anne McLean,
C/- Medical Library,
Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital,
172 Lonsdale Street,
MELBOURNE, 3000

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Full membership \$5.00
(Applies to persons in employment (including part-time employment) and able to participate in the Groups activities)

Corresponding membership \$2.50
(Applies to persons not participating in the Group's activities, (e.g. Interstate members); persons presently unemployed; and other interested persons).

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