

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP

(VICTORIAN BRANCH)

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Minutes of the Medical Librarians' Group Meeting held at Graduate House during the recent seminar on resource sharing in medical libraries, which was presented by Mr. Colin Freeman, Principal Librarian, Life Sciences, National Library.

1. Apologies: Carole Hall, Libby White, Mrs. Drury, B.J. Kirk, Judith Quilter.
2. Personal items: Appreciation was expressed for Mrs. Drury's services upon her retirement as voluntary librarian at Ballarat hospital. Also, members were informed that Miss Elizabeth Ross has been appointed as librarian at the School of Nursing, Prince Henry's Hospital.
3. Dr. Pauline Vaillancourt, a lecturer in Library Sciences at New York University, has visited Melbourne and other states, surveying the library field on a personal basis. Dr. Vaillancourt has requested that a copy of our Newsletter be forwarded to Miss Joan Campbell, International editor for the National Library of Australia News, at the University of Illinois.
4. Those members who are not financial were reminded again that their 1976-77 subscriptions are due.
5. Correspondence:
 - (a) A circular was distributed by the Hospitals and Charities Commission, to notify medical administrators of all hospitals about the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Nakouz as Hospitals and Charities regional librarian.
 - (b) Expenses: A meeting was held by the Consultative Committee to Regional Medical Librarian, at the Hospitals and Charities Commission building, 20th October, 1976. At this meeting it was suggested those who attended should have their travelling costs reimbursed. However, a letter from the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Race, was presented on the day of the M.L.G. meeting which suggested that librarians' services should be honorary.

The Chairman suggested that the M.L.G. Committee send a letter of protest at this suggestion.
 - (c) Professor Andrews, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Monash University, has requested that copies of the "Suggested" Basic Book List, be sent regularly to the Accreditation of Hospitals and Charities, and the Melbourne Medical Postgraduate Committee.
6. M.L.G. activities for 1977. The Chairman asked for suggestions for a week-end conference in 1977, which would not interfere with the Library Association's Conference, to be held in Tasmania, and which

is to consist of a series of mini-conferences. However, after some discussion, members were asked to consider a topic and make suggestions at a later date.

There was also some discussion regarding further introduction for librarians to Medline Terminals at both Monash and Melbourne Universities, at sessions of one or more days during 1977.

The date of the next M.L.G. meeting was set for Wednesday, 9th February, 1977, at 6.30 p.m., at Monash University Biomedical Library. The topic being a "Demonstration on the Medline Terminal".

7. Seminar: The seminar on Resource Sharing in Medical Libraries commenced with registration at 2.00 p.m. It was grouped into three sessions, with a break during the evening, when dinner was served, and there was time to relax and chat. During the seminar Mr. Freeman discussed many aspects of the United States and Australian library systems, and brought those of us who were not up-to-date with current trends, into the picture.

Biomedical communications, resource improvement grants, data banks and Medlars services in the United States of America and Australia were discussed. Mr. Freeman projected information on facilities, staffing and administration costs in the United States biomedical libraries.

The seminar was tape-recorded and these tapes are available for loan.

We wish to thank Mrs. Thora Gray and the staff of the Lincoln Institute for making available taping and projecting equipment.

Mr. Freeman was thanked for his stimulating seminar. He was presented with a small gift as a token of gratitude.

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Probably, most members will have heard by now of the recent sudden and tragic death of Mrs. Thora Gray, Librarian of the Lincoln Institute. Thora was accidentally killed during her return trip from Queensland, where she had been holidaying. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family, her library staff, and the Lincoln Institute, who have all lost a capable and sympathetic member.