



1st Anniversary of Electronic Only Issue – And Introducing Color!

Message From the Chair:

David Duggar

The Winter 2003 issue represents our one year anniversary with *Biofeedback* as an electronic only newsletter. This is another historical milestone in one of the largest Divisions of SLA. Yes, at the SLA Winter Meeting I learned that we are a large Division and our membership has been on the rise over the past decade with over 700 members during much of that time. We may reach 800 members within the next five years.

The SLA Winter Meeting in New Orleans was unexpectedly cold (20s and 30s) but ‘warm’ for all of our guests from the ‘north’, who were looking at temperatures ranging from 4 degrees to -20. Our Division was well represented. Nancy Stimson, Lorri Zipperer, and I attended the Leadership Summit programs. Peggy Jones and I attended the last 2003 New York planner meeting prior to the conference, while Janet Weiss and Nancy attended their first 2004 Nashville planner meeting. Lorri Zipperer presented information on the SLA Endowment Grant during the Leadership Summit, Board of Directors, and Cabinet meetings. Janet, who has volunteered to Chair our Division’s 2004 Nashville Program Committee, and Nancy have a lot of ideas about next year’s conference. A quick tidbit: everything will be at the Opryland Hotel (exhibits, meetings, meal functions, hotel rooms).

The new bylaws for SLA were ratified by the SLA Board in October and implemented on November 1st. Based on these bylaws, mail ballots for changes to the SLA bylaws are no longer used. All changes to the SLA bylaws must be submitted to the membership thirty days prior to discussion and vote, which occurs at the SLA Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday of the annual conference. As a member of SLA, you do not have to register to attend the conference to attend the annual business meeting and vote: you can attend the Association’s annual business meeting and vote on anything requiring a vote, without registering. The Association staff will be working with the Association’s Tellers and Bylaws Committee members to work out procedures for non-conference attendees or those who are one-day attendees for days other than Wednesday to attend the business meeting and vote.

At this time the “big” thing that the membership will be voting on, is the name of the Association. Please look to the April issue of *Information Outlook* as well as the SLA web site for information and electronic discussion opportunities to explain, clarify, and communicate the three years of work that has brought us two names to consider. In June the Association’s members will vote to change our name of Special Libraries Association to either SLA or Information Professionals International, or to reject both and continue to be known as Special Libraries Association.

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Chair's Message continued...

After this decision regarding our name is made, the Association will look at taglines and a logo. Taglines will vary based on audience: librarians, vendors, government officials, etc. There will be one logo for the Association. The purple 'ball' may or may not disappear. However, every annual conference will continue have its own logo based on the location of the conference.

There is also a new office building for the Association. Lynn Smith, the Acting Executive Director has until April 11th to present to the Board office space that is compatible with technology, has parking, a safe working environment, and enough space for the equipment and employees. The current office is on the historical register and cannot be made technology-compatible without major destruction to the building, something being on a historical register prohibits, nor does it have adequate parking or a safe environment surrounding it.

Brainstorming was begun at the Winter Meeting on possible changes to the mission statement and vision statement for the Association to make both more relevant to the issues of

the new millennium and, in the case of the vision statement, shorter so that you could explain what the Association is to someone with only the time it takes to travel up or down in an elevator.

The SLA Bylaws also did away with the requirement that Divisions and Chapters have their own bylaws. Instead the Association is drafting a set of model guidelines and policies which these units will use and/or modify to fit their needs. The Chapter and Division officers evaluated both of these and the Association officers will continue to work on these based on the input given. Until these guidelines and policies are approved by the Association and implemented (which will be in stages over several years), Chapters and Divisions will continue to use the bylaws and procedures manuals they already have. As such, it is still necessary for our Division to vote to make changes to our Bylaws regarding the election slate and nominating committee. Look for these proposed bylaws changes to come out in the spring and be voted on at our Division's annual business meeting Tuesday morning of the conference.

Membership recruitment and retention were discussed at the Winter Meeting. Did you know that you do not have to be a full-time student to apply for an SLA Scholarship? Did you know that if you are returning to library school (for advanced certification or Ph.D. or ...) after having been employed as a professional librarian, you can qualify for the Student Membership Rate? As of 2003 the Association has 10,338 Full members (formerly called associate or active members), 1156 Student members, 430 Retired, 68 45-Years Retired, 50 Life, 100 Organizational, 15 Honorary, and 2 Virtual members. Out of 12,161 members of SLA, almost 800 are members of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.

The Association is beginning to investigate the ramifications of changing the Association and the Fiscal Year to match. At this time the Association year is July to June. The Fiscal year is January to December. Changing either will change how the Association operates at all levels. It will take a lot of study and input before any decision is made. Please be aware of this and give your input when asked.

The Board of Directors held their second meeting Saturday. They had a closed meeting to discuss the SLA Award nominations and the status of the Executive Director Search. While these were closed to the membership present, we were strongly encouraged to submit nominations for SLA awards and to continue to send in interview questions for the Search Committee to consider. President Fisher reported that he has received several excellent questions and hopes for more from the membership. Our Division is one of the few whose Award Committee also has the task of sending in nominations for the SLA Awards. Our Award Committee is a great model to others in this.

Finally, the Winter Meeting introduced the candidates for SLA office to the current Chapter and Division officers. All of them are worthy and I encourage you to read their biographical information and to look at the SLA web site, which will contain the speeches they made to us during the Meeting. The ballots for SLA officer elections were mailed out on January 27th. The deadline for return of these is March 7th. Make your vote count. Return your ballot! Vote early!

Speaking of our Division, our committees have been very busy. The Public Relations Committee will be looking at using the same or a similar ad for the Division that appeared in the program booklet of the second South Atlantic Regional Conference, in the program booklet of the fifth Great Lakes Regional Conference. We should receive advertising rates for this conference within the next few months. We hope this will encourage attendees from that multi-state region to consider joining or rejoining our Division. And, if you are interesting in

presenting a program at the GLRC V, contact Leslie Burke, conference chair, or see their web site, <http://www.sla.org/conf/grtlks/index.html>, for further information.

The Association offers Divisions and Chapters the ability to request the e-mail addresses only of their Division/Chapter members to quickly send out important information in a mass mailing. Since not all members subscribe to our Division's discussion list, we now have a way to try to reach all members with e-mail when needed. So BIOAnnounce, as an infrequent critical notice sending, is moving forward. I want to thank those members who are using BSDNet, our Division's discussion list, to send out duplicate journal requests, job notices, reference and management questions, and new book information. Traffic on it is still light, so if you have not considered using the Division's discussion list for notices or information, please do so.

Our Division's Award Committee is seeking nominations for our Division awards. Please contact Nancy Curtis if you have questions about them.

The Fund Development Committee has done a wonderful job at obtaining sponsors for the Division programs in New York in June. The Program, Professional Development, Contributed Papers, Vendor Relations committees and Medical Section have all worked hard on 22 activities, twenty of which we will be the lead Division. The February issue of *Information Outlook* should include the preliminary program for conference. Please note that this year, if you pre-register, your badge and tickets will be mailed to you. All you will need to pick up at registration is your final program book and complimentary conference bag. If you leave your badge and tickets at home, you will have to wait in line for these to be reprinted. Lines are expected to be long since it is New York and a lot of people will be one-day registrants. So, remember to bring everything with you to conference. Don't leave your badge and tickets at home.

Also be looking in your mailbox for the Division's election ballot. We will be electing a new Chair-elect, Secretary, and Director. Remember, every vote counts, so return your ballots.

If you have not yet gotten involved with the Division, do not despair! Bruce Smith needs members for the Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee and Peggy Jones needs moderators for several of the programs. Nancy Stimson will also be looking for members to fill committee vacancies next year. Jonathan and Carolyn are ending their two-year term as Editors of Biofeedback. If interested in being the next editor(s), contact Jonathan and Carolyn to learn how the electronic-only issues are put together and then tell Nancy you want to serve!

Students, as has become a tradition of the Division, we will be giving out a limited number of tickets to our Division meal programs (Academic Breakfast Sunday and Business Meeting Breakfast Tuesday). Our Student Relations/Career Guidance Committee (another reason we need committee members) coordinates these! Students have also been moderators for our Continuing Education courses on Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in being a moderator for one of our CE courses, contact Barbara Hedges. If you are interested in being a moderator for any of our other Division programs, contact Peggy Jones. If you are planning to attend the SLA conference in New York City and would like a ticket to our Academic and/or Business Meeting Breakfast programs, and/or would like to serve on this committee, contact Bruce Smith. It's fun, easy, and adds to your resume!

International Special Librarians Day will be April 10th. The theme this year is "Orchestrating A World of Information." See the SLA web site for materials and ideas for publicizing yourselves and your library.

And finally, the annual report for the Division is due May 1st. If you are a committee chair, liaisons, or officer, please send your annual report to me by April 15th.



AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

The Division Awards Committee invites nominations for the **Distinguished Member Award**. This award affords us an opportunity to recognize a member for his/her hard work and dedication. Please take a few minutes to read the selection criteria and then nominate one of your fellow Division members for this award. Applications, using the Division nomination form, will be accepted until March 1, 2003. The Award consists of an engraved bowl and a check in the amount of \$250.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

1998 Lucy M. Rowland
1999 Eleanor A. MacLean
2000 Renee B. Bush
2001 Anna Therese McGowan
2002 Jo Anne Boorkman

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The award honors a member who has been active in the Division for at least the past four (4) years.
2. Particular attention will be given to contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division.
3. The following broad criteria will govern the selection process. Nominees must excel in one or more areas:
 - Outstanding leadership in the Division, at meetings, and/or in committee work
 - Special and notable service to the Division, such as participation in special projects
 - Participation in workshops, seminars, teaching courses, public speaking activities, fund raising
 - Publications and editorial contributions to *Biofeedback* and/or other professional literature
 - Innovations in the work place
 - Mentoring activities, which result in publicity and acclaim for the profession and/or the Division
 - Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of special librarianship/information science.
4. The Contributions made by the candidate shall have been made over an extended period of time and shall be deemed to have had an enduring effect on the Division and/or the profession.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the Nomination Form (below). Attach documentation describing the nominee's outstanding professional achievements or contributions to the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA and to special librarianship/information sciences. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and documentation, in confidence, with your name, phone number, and e-mail address to the chair of the Division Awards Committee, by March 1, 2003.

**WINFRED SEWELL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGIES IN BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES
LIBRARIANSHIP**

The Division Awards Committee invites nominations for the **WINFRED SEWELL PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**. This award is granted by the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association to a member who has shown leadership and innovation in the development and/or use of advanced technologies in the organization or dissemination of biomedical and life sciences information. Please take a few minutes to read the selection criteria and then nominate one of your fellow Division members for this award. Applications, using the Division nomination form, will be accepted until March 1, 2003. The Prize consists of an engraved plaque and a check in the amount of \$250.

The Prize is named in honor of Winifred Sewell, a member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division from 1946 until 2002. Miss Sewell was Senior Librarian at Squibb Institute of Medical Research from 1946 until 1961. She was instrumental in the development of *MEDLARS* as Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) Specialist and later served as Deputy Chair of the Biological Services Division and Head of the Drug Literature Program at the National Library of Medicine. Miss Sewell served as President of the Special Libraries Association from 1960-1961, was President of the Drug Information Association from 1970-1971, and served as Honorary President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in its 100th anniversary year in 1999-2000. She was the first woman and first librarian to be so honored. In addition, Miss Sewell was a Fellow of the Medical Library Association and recipient of MLA's Eliot Prize for her book *Guide to Drug Information* (1977). In 1998 she was inducted into the SLA Hall of Fame at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:

1999 Naomi G. Broering
2000 Joanne G. Marshall
2001 Eugene Garfield

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Division's Awards Committee shall select the conferee, based on the following criteria:

1. Innovation in developing and applying new technologies
2. Commitment to educating others about new technologies
3. Ongoing and sustained interest in fostering, creation or adaptation of emerging technologies to improve access to information in biomedical and life sciences.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Complete the Nomination Form (see below). Attach documentation describing the nominee's achievements in information technologies and biomedical and life sciences librarianship. Include pertinent biographical data for the nominee. Forward the nomination form and documentation, in confidence, with your name, phone number, and e-mail address to the chair of the Division's Awards Committee, by March 1, 2003.

**SLA BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION
AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

Distinguished Member Award

Winifred Sewell Prize

Date:

Nominee:

Position:

Address:

Nominated by:

Signature:

Nominator's Phone:

E-mail address:

Describe the reasons you are nominating this person for this award/prize. Include and attach information about this individual, addressing the criteria for the award/prize as announced in the call for nominations. Attach an additional sheet and/or documentation should you desire to provide supplementary support for the nomination.

Send nominations by March 1 to the 2002/2003 chair of the DBIO Awards Committee:

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1-207-581-1679

Fax: 1- 207-581-1653 [send to "ATTENTION: Nancy Curtis"]

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1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

___ I have served on a BIO Division Committee with the past five years

___ I have served as a BIO Division Committee Chair within the past five years

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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In the Matter of RoweCom vs. Your Library...

MLA-FOCUS of 1/14/2003, the MLA communication service listed several ways you can keep current on the situation of RoweCom, Inc, also known as divine Library Services, divine Information Services, and Faxon.

- MLA has set up a special site at <http://www.mlanet.org/resources/faxroweupdates.html>
Please email Carla Funk at: mailto:funk@mlahq.org?subject=Fax_Rowe if you are affected by this situation.
- Subscribers and publishers have founded a new discussion list. You may subscribe at: rowecomcreditors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

- An ad hoc creditors committee of five publishers and five librarians has been formed. MLA member Suzanne Grefsheim from the NIH is on this committee. Comments and questions to the group can be send at: adhoccommittee@nyc.rr.com
- Sign up to the discussion list on licensing issues at: liblicense-1@lists.yale.edu

Reported by Claudia Lascar, Liaison to MLA

BIO MEMBERS PUBLICATIONS LIST

October 2002 - December 2002

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Garfield E. 2002. "Bioinformatics". Presentation at ASIST 2002: Information, Connections and Community, 65th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). Session on "Bioinformatics in Information Science Education" Philadelphia, PA. November 18-21, 2002. Unpublished. <http://garfield.library.upenn.edu/papers/bio/bioinformatics112002.html>

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Please send citations for materials published this quarter (January-March 2003) to **Annie Malley** at amalley@calacademy.org for inclusion in the next issue of *Biofeedback*. Thanks to **Claudia Lascar** for maintaining the cumulative BIO Members' Publication List.

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Book Review Section

Douglas M Surgenor

Edwin J. Cohn and the Development of Protein Chemistry with a Detailed Account of His Work on the Fractionation of Blood During and After World War II

The Center for Book Research and Harvard Medical School

Distributed by the Harvard University Press

Publication Date: September 30, 2002

Pages: 434; Price \$34.95

ISBN: 0-674-00962-2

Reviewed by Claudia Lascar

This book effectively depicts the research activities and accomplishments of the eminent Harvard scientist and humanitarian. Cohn conducted research for over 30 years on the relationship between the structure of proteins and their function. His greatest contribution to science and to the world has been the fractionation of human blood plasma and the utilization of its biological components to treat diseases, such as gamma globulin for passive immunization against epidemic disease. During World War II, bovine and human albumin, prepared in Cohn's laboratory, were used to treat American soldiers who had developed battlefield shock, caused by acute hemorrhage from wound trauma.

Surgenor is uniquely qualified to speak and interpret the events depicted in this work. Surgenor, a remarkable protein chemist in his own right, initially worked in Cohn's laboratory as a graduate student and then as an investigator. Although this collaboration ended suddenly, in 1953, due to Cohn's untimely death at the age of 61, they shared many life experiences. Both achieved the status of world-class scientists and were intensely interested in the study of proteins. Surgenor, like Cohn, studied chemistry but never medicine. Surgenor was appointed the President of the Center for Blood Research, in 1972, which had been founded by Cohn, in 1952. Surgenor's book captures the development of protein chemistry from the beginning to the middle of the twentieth century, while skillfully intertwining Cohn's research accomplishments. The book is chronologically structured into nineteen chapters, each with a specific theme or focus on a central accomplishment. The events in Cohn's life are analyzed and interpreted to render them meaningful to the reader. For example, Surgenor commended Harvard Medical School for establishing Cohn's Physical Chemistry Laboratory, in 1920, and for supporting his research activities without interference. Surgenor portrays with great intensity and clarity the events leading to the discovery of the fractionation system. He was able to convey insight into the complexly creative and

strenuous process of discovery and preparation of the biological blood components, their evaluation in clinical trials and, finally, the transfer of the entire technology to the pharmaceutical industry for mass production.

One aspect of Cohn's life that is lacking in Surgenor's book is the personal life of his subject. There are very few remarks concerning Cohn's marriage and his relationship with his two sons. Although we are told that Cohn's wife committed suicide, we do not know why. We do not know, as well, what personal sacrifices and failures resulted from Cohn's intense and prolific career. The reader is left with an incomplete and somewhat ambivalent image of Cohn.

Surgenor writes to a broad audience, and, in so doing applies a popular style of writing. He uses many different sources in gathering his materials, including: direct quotes; personal interviews; Cohn's own files from the Archives of the Center for Blood Research; and minutes, reports, and memorandums from various organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Research Council, as well as material from journal articles, books, and other public documents.

In conclusion, I would recommend this book for purchase by the academic and medical libraries, as it covers a very important aspect of the history of science and medicine, is well documented through outside sources, and is exceptionally readable. The book successfully conveys the powerful impact that research can have on society, and the author writes inspiringly of the investigator, who contributed to the future of science and medicine.

M. Sandra Wood, MLS, MBA, ed.; Janet M. Coggan, Med, MSLS, ed.

Men's Health on the Internet

117 pgs., \$19.95 (Softcover)

New York: Haworth Information Press, c2002

ISBN: 0-7890-1925-6

Reviewed by Hilary Leon

This short volume, also published as an issue of the journal *Health Care on the Internet*, is an excellent introduction to its title subject. Each chapter focuses on a particular area of men's health: hair loss, infertility, exercise, heart disease, cancer, etc. An extended opening chapter points out selected starting points for men searching for health information online. These recommended sites are of extremely high quality and usability, and each URL is accompanied by a lengthy annotation to assist the reader in navigating and using the site optimally. Since the book contains chapters by several different authors, annotations vary widely in length and content. However, most authors do provide a reasonable amount of information on each site, as well as the criteria used in the selection process. In addition, the selections themselves seem uniformly excellent. Currency, as with any book of recommended web sites, is an issue. However, because so many of the recommended resources are provided by non-profits, associations, government agencies, or educational institutions, the majority still appear to be readily available. Based on spot-checking of URLs, the biggest problem seems to be the tendency of large web sites to revise their site structure. It was not generally difficult to navigate from an out-of-date page to the desired section of the redesigned site.

The book is written in such a way as to be readily accessible to the layperson as well as to information specialists, and as a result this will be a valuable addition to many public library and consumer health collections.

Susan Detwiler, ed.

Detwiler's Directory of Health and Medical Resources 2002-2003

9th edition

Medford, NJ.: Information Today, 2002

ISBN. 1-57387-155-9

Reviewed by Lorri Zipperer

Susan M. Detwiler has, with the publishing of Detwiler's Directory of Health and Medical Resources 2002-2003, continued to provide a useful tool for medical librarians and others who need quick hard copy access to information on medical associations and organizations. The 9th edition is a traditional directory of the sort that librarians have come to rely on to provide ready reference and referral services, despite the availability of similar information on the web. The volume provides basic contact, descriptor and expertise information on over 2000 medical organizations. The primary organizational device of the directory is the alphabet. Value added tools provided by the editor include a subject breakdown, services listing, and acronym index; all of which help to batch the listings in various ways for ease of access.

A definition of the scope of inclusion may be of use to the reader. For example, I would wonder why there isn't a category oriented to patient safety or the reduction of medical error. This has been a strategic, operational and research focus of health care since the IOM's 1999 report *To Err is Human* came out, yet even the "top of mind" organizations that exist to help medicine deal with this issue are - for the most part - not included here¹. Granted, any directory cannot be complete, yet articulating the selection process for the reader would help them understand the limitations of the tool.

1. National Patient Safety Foundation. "Patient Safety Resources." Available at: <http://www.npsf.org/html/resources.html>. Accessed 1/30/03.

Product Review

from the Vendor Relations Committee

Cybertools for Libraries Online Catalog

<http://www.cybertoolsforlibraries.com>

ASP Lease Option

Reviewed by Bebbie Rhodes, Vendor Relations Committee

Introduction

Small libraries are always looking for affordable, functional integrated library systems. Too often, we are faced with systems that are costly, hard to maintain and do not meet the needs of libraries with smaller, specialized collections. Purchasing core OPACS and adding on modules for such necessary functions as circulation, serials and cataloging get cumbersome and expensive. Compounding that is the restriction in staff. Many smaller libraries have smaller staffs, often one person and even part-time one-person libraries. Finding something that can meet the needs of these smaller libraries can be daunting. Cybertools has provided libraries with a viable option to the OPAC morass. At The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) we chose the ASP lease option. Below are some considerations we had in our choice. You will find more documentation at the Cybertools website.

Product description

Cybertools for Libraries (<http://www.cybertoolsforlibraries.com/>) provides an open source product that integrates library functions seamlessly. It is MARC 21 and Z39.50 compliant. Libraries can choose to have Cybertools licensed on their own server or use a Web Application Service Provider (ASP) lease option. Specific requirements for in house servers will depend on the number of librarians, concurrent users and size of your collections. Requirements for staff and end user workstations are similar whether running Cybertools on your own servers or opting for the ASP lease version. Specific information is available at <http://www.cybertoolsforlibraries.com/technology.html#licenseanchor>. Cybertools basic system includes the OPAC, cataloging and authority, circulation, serials and reporting modules. The

system is scalable for smaller libraries with few records and users to larger libraries with millions of records and thousands of users.

This past year Cybertools introduced an Acquisitions Module to the system and plans for 2003 include a Reserve Module and electronic claims reporting functionality.

Compatibility

I cannot emphasize this point enough. It is essential to have an open and extensive dialog with your IT person, or department, about the environment and support that they can provide when selecting an OPAC for your library. At TIGR we use UNIX for most of our network. The IT department was very comfortable with the ASP Lease option since it removed a lot of support and maintenance on their part. We were up and running in just a few days and did not have to purchase any additional hardware or software to implement the system.

Reliability

Cybertools protects your records with five layers of security and does three separate backups of your records at separate locations each day. You can also get a download of your records for your own piece of mind. Currently those records are ftped to you as you request them. Future enhancements include the ability for you to download your own records from their server.

Cost

Cost is based on the number of back office users, i.e. librarians and staff that will use Cybertools in an administrative role. The basic system includes the OPAC, cataloging and authority, circulation, serials and reporting modules and starts at \$150 per month.

Functionality

Cybertools allows you to import MARC records for cataloging without an additional MARC converter. Importing records into the catalog from the Library of Congress or the National Library of Medicine is a simple operation. Modifications to these records are also easily done, such as removing local holdings fields, adding online links, etc. In the ASP version everything is done in real time. There is no uploading of files or re-indexing before the information is available to the patron.

Serials management and circulation functions are integrated seamlessly into the catalog. Links to online journals can be incorporated into the records. Claims management is part of the Cybertools functionality. However, direct claims for serials with our serials vendor is not currently integrated into Cybertools, but reports are generated that help initiate the process. Reports, notices of recalls, and overdues are also basic OPAC functions and incorporated into the Cybertools system. In addition, the flexibility to handle different materials and formats was important in our decision. We have video and photograph collections that we plan to add to the catalog. Perhaps the most important consideration for our small library was access by our users. We needed an OPAC that was available over the Internet. Our users can access our catalog anywhere in the world using standard browsers. The staff can also access the back office functions from home. Cybertools does provide the option to password protect access to the OPAC from outside users if this is a concern, especially for proprietary information.

Service

I needed a company that was truly interested in the smaller library. Cybertools is marketing to hospital and special libraries. I asked for references and checked each one. Most of my questions to Cybertools are handled by email. However, when I have needed immediate help I have received it in a timely and very professional manner. Cybertools has also initiated a number of redundant backups to ensure that the system remains up and running smoothly.

Ease of use

I needed the system to be logical for my use and little or no learning curve for my library assistant and the users at my institution. I am not a cataloger by specialty. Nor am I intimately familiar with OPACs. I needed something that I could implement without a lot of training and little page turning with a manual. Most of the documentation for using Cybertools is online. They do offer periodic training sessions, which are quite helpful.

Conclusion

Each library has its own set of requirements and criteria for selecting an integrated library system. The only way to confidently select the one that is right for you is to try it out. With Cybertools you can demo the product online at their website and request a trial of the product for your own testing.

DBIO YEAR-END FINANCIAL

1/1/02 Through 12/31/02

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>1/1/02-12/31/02</u>
INCOME	
Bulletin Adv I	960.00
Contributions	3,825.00
Dues Allotment	7,250.00
Interest Income	451.57
Meeting Income	716.09
Sponsorships	<u>18,150.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	31,352.66
EXPENSES	
Bank Charges	14.50
Bulletin-Non-Ad	272.45
Meeting Exp:	
Annual Conference	6,992.68
Winter Meeting	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL Meeting Exp	7,992.68
Miscellaneous E:	
Committees	802.56
Voided Checks	0.00
Miscellaneous E-Other	<u>25.01</u>
TOTAL Miscellaneous E	827.57
Postages & Supply	<u>14.39</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>9,121.59</u>
TOTAL INCOME-EXPENSES	<u>22,231.07</u>



Biomedical & Life Sciences Division Balance Sheet

As of 12/31/02

Acct	12/31/01 Balance	12/31/02 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Operating	16,508.46	35,287.97
SLA Pooled Fund	<u>11,109.47</u>	<u>14,561.03</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>27,617.93</u>	<u>49,849.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>27,617.93</u>	<u>49,849.00</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
EQUITY	<u>27,617.93</u>	<u>49,849.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>27,617.93</u>	<u>49,849.00</u>

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Contributed Papers Committee has a 4 yr cycle. (1st yr, 2nd yr, jr, sr)

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<p>February 26, 2003 Speaker: John Deveney Topic: "Crisis Communication"</p> <p>April 23, 2003 Speaker: Randy Englund Topic: "Organic Approach to Project Management"</p> <p>September 24, 2003 Speaker: Chris Olson Topic: "Library Branding"</p>	<p>October 29, 2003 Speaker: Michael Kull Topic: "Knowledge Management"</p> <p>November 19, 2003 Speaker: Judy Seiss Topic: "The Invisible Librarian"</p> <p>December 3, 2003 Speakers: Jane Dysart & Rebecca Jones Topic: "Business Planning"</p>
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