

Medical Libraries Section  
Victorian Group

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\*\*\*\*\* BOOKLIST LAUNCH, FOLLOWED BY DRUG INFORMATION TALK \*\*\*\*\*

ACTION *	6.00pm	BOOKLIST LAUNCH	VENUE *	Lincoln Institute of Health
ACTION *	6.30pm	Talk by Mr Alan Saunders***	VENUE *	Sciences Library
ACTION *		on the work of the Victorian	VENUE *	1st Floor
ACTION *		Drug Information Centre	VENUE *	625 Swanston Street
			VENUE *	CARLTON
DATE *		Thursday 19 March 1987	RSVP *	Veronica Delafosse
TIME *		5.30pm for 6.00pm	RSVP *	528-6433 x 832
			RSVP *	by Friday 13 March 1987
				(Please ring from 7.30am-10.00am)

The Victorian Drug Information Centre is part of the National Drug Information Service and is based at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The VDIC provides information on the therapeutic use of drugs, in response to the needs of patients. Requests for information are received from the medical, nursing and pharmaceutical professions and from other professionals involved with drug therapy. Alan will outline the work of the VDIC in relation to medical libraries.

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AGM AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION REPORT

On Friday 12 December, over 30 members and friends took part in the final function for 1986 at the Heather Room, Menzies at Rialto. Drinks accompanied by hot and cold canapes were served throughout the evening. The Rialto was an excellent venue providing a festive atmosphere. Thanks are to be extended to the organising committee for a most enjoyable evening.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting have been circulated to all members. Contact addresses and telephone numbers of Committee members for 1987 are as follows:

President: Veronica Delafosse  
Library, Royal Southern Memorial Hospital  
260 Kooyong Road  
CAULFIELD 3162  
528-6433 x 832

Secretary: Enid Meldrum  
Medical Library, Alfred Hospital  
Commercial Road  
PRAHRAN 3181  
520-3003

Treasurer: Andrew Rooke  
Library, Prince Henry's Hospital  
St Kilda Road  
MELBOURNE 3004  
62-0621 x 2351

Past President Sandra Russell  
Branch Council Library, St Vincent's Hospital  
Representative: Victoria Parade  
FITZROY 3065  
418-2201

Committee members: Jean Leith  
School of Nursing Library  
Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences  
St Helliers Street  
ABBOTSFORD 3067  
418-6858

Susan McNair  
Burnet Library  
Commonwealth Serum Laboratories  
45 Poplar Road  
PARKVILLE 3052  
389-1233

Shirley White, Queen Victoria Medical Centre, was also elected as a Committee member. Unfortunately, Shirley will be moving to Canberra soon. We wish her well and hope to see her in Melbourne again.

**25** The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday ~~18~~ March at the Alfred Hospital Library. Observers are most welcome. Please let Enid Meldrum know if you would like to come.

#### UNION NEWS

##### Extending Union coverage:

1987 is expected to bring a widening of the Hospital Medical Ancillary Services Award to include music therapists, psychotherapists, psychologists, and allied health professionals working in private practice.

##### HEF (Hospital Employees Federation):

In order to become a federally registered union, the Executive of VAHPA (Victorian Allied Health Professionals Association) is supporting the establishment of an HEF No. 3 Branch. It is hoped that VAHPA office bearers will also be HEF No. 3 Branch office bearers, however other groups have expressed interest in having their candidates elected. VAHPA members may be asked to join HEF No. 3 Branch, at no additional cost, to try to ensure VAHPA candidates are elected.

##### Salaries:

Hospital librarians and VAHPA union officials have indicated that they believe it is time salary scales were reviewed. Several groups e.g. podiatrists and medical photographers, with science degree training, are working towards gaining 'science rates'. 'Science rates' will become the yardstick for salary scales for allied health professionals, and librarians are consequently faced with a relative decline in salaries when compared with other professional groups. Before initiating a salary review and asking VAHPA to commit its resources to such a project, our current membership of 24 must increase.

##### Fees:

Union dues for 1987 are \$169.00 per annum or \$3.25 per week for full-time employees, \$104.00 and \$2.00 respectively for part-time employees. Members can also pay on a quarterly basis, or have dues deducted from salary payments.

Your VAHPA representatives, Elisabeth Giddy (RWH : 344-2398) and Kathy Hutton (RCH : 345-5107) will be happy to assist hospital librarians with any union queries. If you are concerned about your salary and are prepared to help your VAHPA representatives with the work involved in a salary review, please contact Elisabeth or Kathy.

**Library Technicians:**

Library technicians working in Victorian hospitals do not have union representation, and are employed under various awards and classifications. At a recent meeting of library technicians, it was recommended that technicians: join the HEF No. 1 Branch: investigate relevant awards; and publicise their common concerns. Please contact Jennifer McGurgan (QVH : 665-5228) for further Information.

DUPLICATES LIST SERVICE

The National Library of Australia has stopped distributing duplicates lists on behalf of co-operating libraries. If the service was important for your library and you think the service should be continued, please ring or write to the National Library or an MLS VIC Committee member and express your concern. If the service was to be reinstated, it would need to run on a cost recovery basis. Ideas for improving the cost effectiveness of the service would be welcome.

HOSPITAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

An encouraging reminder to hospital librarians to keep recording statistics on the forms distributed last year. If you have any comments on the forms or have encountered problems completing them, please contact Kathy Hutton (RCH : 345-5107). Kathy looks forward to receiving completed forms in July.

ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FAX FACILITIES

Using electronic mail and facsimile machines for transmitting urgent inter-library loan requests and documents can result in speedy service when time is at a premium. In the next newsletter, a list will be included of local hospital and medical libraries with access to an electronic mail network and/or a FAX machine. If your library has access to either of these facilities please complete the details below and send a copy to Susan McNair, Newsletter Editor, Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Library, 45 Poplar Road, PARKVILLE 3052 or 'phone on 389-1233.

Please ensure details are received by Monday 30 March 1987.

NAME OF LIBRARY:

NUCOM SYMBOL:

FACSIMILE NUMBER:

FACSIMILE GROUP NUMBER:

FAX machine is located in the Library: YES / NO (Please circle)

ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM:

ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS:

LIBRARY CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

As a matter of interest, the 7th edition of the Guide to the National Union Catalogue of Australia will include FAX and electronic mail addresses. The list to appear in the next newsletter will provide some contacts while we await the 7th edition of the Guide...

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Recommended list of books, journals and reference material for small health science libraries.

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See order form enclosed with this issue for details.

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MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP JOURNAL HOLDINGS

Locations for one further title, not included in the last newsletter, are:

Bibliotheca medica Canadiana 1979-

VLIN 7-

Also, please note the correct title for the last journal listed in the previous newsletter is Medical reference services quarterly.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Kathy Hutton has been appointed Librarian at the Royal Children's Hospital. Kathy will take up her new position early in February.

Mrs Catherine Gatt has recently joined the Regional Medical Library Service, Department of Health, Victoria. Catherine will be assisting Pat Nakouz.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP NETSDI OUTPUT

A NETSDI profile on medical librarianship is regularly run against MEDLINE. Listed below are a selection of titles received from a recent search. If you would like copies of the abstracts to these articles, please contact Susan McNair on 389-1233.

Perry CA. Online information retrieval in pharmacy and related fields. Am J Hosp Pharm 1986;43:1509-24.

Ruff B. National policies for health library networks. Md Med J 1986;35:212-8

Sutton LS, Wolfgram PA. Using the OCLC union listing component for a statewide health sciences union list of serials. Bull Med Libr Assoc 1986;74:104-9

Arenson RL. Teaching with computers. Radiol Clin North Am 1986;24:97-103.

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