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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Presented to the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 25 August 1993, Broadbeach, Queensland

This year has been a difficult and frustrating one, which has to a large extent to do with the fact that the conference was organised by the Queensland branch. Let me say at the start that I do not wish to criticise Queensland HLS. I am certain that they have tried very hard to put our wishes across - but met with the proverbial 'brick wall'.

I found it very hard to accept that all our requests were met with stoical refusal. The conference organiser was unwilling to accommodate any wishes or suggestions we made. Therefore, we had to do our own thing and hold a post-conference seminar or continuation of our AGM on Friday at a cost of \$230 for the venue. When I tried to book the room direct from Hotel Conrad I was told that the conference organisers had booked every venue until Saturday. We had to book through the conference organisers. This practically means that ALIA is charging one of their own sections for the venue.

As you most probably have realised already, our numbers are dwindling. By the end of June 1993, the Health Libraries Section had 409 financial members and 138 unfinancial members. In order to find out why colleagues are dropping out of their professional association, I sent a short questionnaire out to 110 unfinancial members. I did not bother to send a questionnaire to the 28 unfinancial institutional or overseas members.

In the questionnaire I asked for reasons why HLS membership had not been renewed. The questionnaire was sent out on 23 July 1993 and I had asked for return as soon as possible. By 19 August 1993, 33 questionnaires had been returned, of those 6 were returned to sender. In essence, 27 persons bothered to reply. Some replies contained more than one reason, which were as follows:

- 11 ticked 'lack of financial resources'
- 8 ticked 'no longer working in health libraries'
- 6 ticked 'no longer working'
- 8 ticked 'disenchanted with ALIA'
- 3 said that it was an oversight that they hadn't paid but that they had paid now
- 2 said that their library was a member and that they kept informed that way
- 1 said that ALIA should have a membership rate for unemployed
- 1 is currently working overseas.

In general I am very disappointed in the low response rate. It shows an apathy in our profession which I find frightening and very unprofessional.

At this point in time I have to remind you that it is illegal to hold an official position when you are an unfinancial member. From 1994 onwards ALIA head office will actually check your financial status before printing "Vital Link". May I also remind you that institutional members have no voting rights, they can only be observers.

National sections did not receive any funding in 1993 as ALIA was short of money and it was felt that the sections had money stashed away due to the last successful conference. This certainly was true as you will see from the Treasurer's report. The funding situation will be reviewed at General Council Meeting in December.

I wish to thank the committee members, Anne Batt, Cheryl Hamill, Elizabeth Hides and Sue Lutley for their hard work and support - and I wish to thank you for coming here today and I hope many or all of you continue this session on Friday.

Brigitte Glockner
National President
HLS Section

CASEMIX

The Section was ably represented by Lindsay Harris (Secretary, ACT HLS Group), at a meeting on casemix organised by the Allied Health Professionals Association on 17 August 1993. At that meeting, a National Allied Health Casemix Committee (NAHCC) was formed and is to be financially supported by a \$10,000 grant from the Casemix Branch. Any longer term financial needs will be addressed by the Committee in consultation with the management Committees of member organisations. To quote from Lindsay's letter to the National President, "...it is clear that casemix will not have a direct bearing upon hospital libraries in the immediate future. A great deal of work remains to be done in refining DRGs before the Commonwealth is able to pass onto the educational component of DRGs. The first priority of the Allied Health Professionals Association is to accommodate the clinical interest of their members in the classifications for DRGs. It will be quite some while until education and DRGs are examined. I recommended to the Conference [the Asian Pacific Specials Health & Law Librarians Conference] that the Section be contacted for its views once the educational DRGs are under consideration, if and when this does happen. In the interim I suggest that the Section does not participate in this matter and devotes our limited energies elsewhere."

Information coming from the National Allied Health Casemix Committee will be distributed via members of the Executive that has been formed. Each has agreed to communicate with different interested bodies and associations. A list of executive members follows with the networks they will keep informed. (Only the networks that are likely to be of relevance to health librarians have been listed.) Those interested in following the development of casemix and its likely impact on health librarians are recommended to keep in touch via one of the networks listed.

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The National Allied Health Casemix Committee has identified its terms of reference and these are as follows.

1. To provide a forum for the national offices of the various allied health professional groups to meet regarding casemix and interface with the Commonwealth Casemix Branch.
2. To provide representation for Allied Health on the Australian Casemix Clinical Committee.
3. To function as a resource/liaison group for the Commonwealth Casemix Branch regarding casemix issues as they affect allied health.
4. To facilitate education and training of allied health professionals on casemix matters.
5. To disseminate casemix material and information to the various professional bodies/members for comment and discussion.
6. To assist the Commonwealth Casemix Branch in setting priorities with respect to expression of interest, tenders, funding applications, research submission papers, QA etc.
7. To ensure allied health has equal and uniform representation on all the various State Casemix Clinical Committees.
8. To support and encourage the establishment of Allied Health Casemix working parties in each state.

The National Executive will maintain a watching brief on behalf of members.

ANNE HARRISON AWARD 1993

The 1993 winner of the Anne Harrison Award was announced at the Asian Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference on Wednesday 25th August 1993. The Award was won by Veronica Delafosse from Victoria and she has contributed the following outline of her proposal and excerpts from her acceptance speech.

Resources for Health Sciences Libraries: an Australian List

My main aim is to cite resources for the major relevant health sciences subjects. The List will be restricted to print media, arranged by subject, and include bibliographic details and prices. Similar core lists exist in the USA, and more recently in the UK. This one aims to supplement these by emphasising worthwhile Australian publications.

I was very pleased to be able to accept the Award in person and publicly thank the Anne Harrison Award Committee, especially Susan Lutley, the Secretary, and Brigitte Glockner, Chair, for having confidence in me and my project and therefor encouraging me by conferring the Award.

Here are some excerpts from my Award acceptance speech...

"I first heard of Anne in 1983 when the Victorian Section held a function for her retirement. However, it wasn't until I started my present position in 1984 that I became very aware and grateful for Anne's pioneering feat and wisdom in establishing the Central Medical Library Organization.

I finally met Anne in 1989 when she received an ALIA Fellowship. In my position as Past-President, I organised a dinner to mark the occasion and was able to speak to her and many of her colleagues there. Little did I know then that four years later I would be applying for this Award - yet alone receiving it.

Being a Victorian I am particularly pleased to accept this Award, which honours Anne's major contribution there, and perpetuates her memory.

Thank you."

Veronica Delafosse.



HEALTH LIBRARIES SECTION

ANNE HARRISON AWARD

The award was established in 1986 to provide financial assistance for selected research projects, courses of study, publication or other continuing education activity that would enhance the skills of Australian health librarians, or increase the understanding and development of Australian health librarianship.

The Fund supporting the Award is a perpetual tribute to Anne Harrison whose foresight, skill and courage helped found health librarianship in Australia.

This letter is to certify that

Veronica Delafosse

was the successful applicant for the fourth award made under the scheme, on the 25th day of August 1993

Brigitte Glockner
President
National Executive
Health Libraries Section
Chair
Anne Harrison Fund

Susan Lutley
Secretary
Anne Harrison Fund

3 Recipients of the
Anne Harrison Award
Linda Mulheron
Anne Batt
Veronica Delafosse



JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE: AUSTRALIA

In a time of declining library budgets with many libraries facing journal cancellations it may seem inappropriate to launch a new journal. However the University of South Australia School of Occupational Therapy has responded to the need for an international journal in the emerging discipline of occupational science.

Occupational Science is the study of humans as occupational beings. It covers:

- the human need to be occupied
- the purpose of occupation in survival and health
- the effects of occupation or occupation deprivation
- why humans strive for occupational competence and mastery
- understanding what prevents or enhances occupational performance
- how social, cultural and political structures affect occupation
- how occupation provides for biological and sociocultural needs, how occupation is necessary in the development of human capacities.

The peer-reviewed *Journal of Occupational Science: Australia* has an international Editorial Board but the work of putting together each issue falls on the Editorial Team which is based in south Australia and includes a librarian.

Subscription costs are \$50 for 4 issues. The first issue featured an article by Dr Elizabeth Yerxa, founder of the University of Southern California's doctoral

program in Occupational Science and the person mainly responsible for naming and framing the term occupational science.

Other contributors included: a politician, Barry Jones, with an article entitled 'Sleepers, Wake! Ten Years On'; a psychologist, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, from the University of Chicago; Jiri Zuzanek and Roger Mannell, Canadian researchers exploring daily and leisure activities; and Ann Wilcock, from South Australia, who is currently researching the relationships between occupational health, occupational therapy and health promotion. The contributors reflect the multidisciplinary nature of the field.

Thus the journal should be of interest to people who work in political, social and health related fields, and to disciplines such as anthropology, ethology, psychology, human geography, sociology, occupational therapy and social biology.

If you would like further information or require instructions for contributions contact:

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AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

*Report for ALIA HLS AGM
Broadbeach Qld August 1993*

ACAHP was formed in 1977 to enable various professional organisations involved in providing health care throughout Australia to have an effective and influential line of communication to the Australian Council on Hospital Standards. In more recent times, the role has been expanded to that of being the peak body in allied health in Australia, with increased liaison between ACAHP and the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services and other government bodies and committees. Further development of this input is predicted for 1993.

During the last twelve months, ACAHP has been principally concerned with matters relating to allied health professionals in rural areas, and with the implementation of casemix funding for public hospitals, operative in Victoria from July this year.

As the HLS representative on ACAHP, I find myself in some dilemma as to whether we belong with this group or not. It is undoubtedly of value if most

libraries are part of an allied health division within their hospital organisational structure. If, however, with the introduction of casemix funding which is based on patients treated, organisational structures change to reflect the division between those allied health professions which treat patients as distinct from those who support the treatment, it may no longer be appropriate for us to be part of ACAHP.

Perhaps we should consider a national survey of all HLS members to ascertain the departmental organisational structure of those working in hospitals? If the majority are grouped within an allied health division, we should retain our membership. If, however, there is a move away from this structure, we should reassess our membership. I shall leave it to the National Executive to consider.

Enid Meldrum
ALIA HLS representative on ACAHP.
13 July 1993

**MATTERS OF STYLE
VANCOUVER STYLE THAT IS**

Deirdre Ward, Librarian for the Australasian Medical Publishing Company Limited reports that they receive frequent requests for information on the required style of presentation of journal articles. She has offered the helpful assistance that follows.

"The following information may be of interest to all who have been asked to aid the budding medical author. The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (Vancouver Group) have now released their guidelines in a new booklet.

Uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals and supplemental statements from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors 1993.

Single copies are available *free* from:

Dr Kathleen Case URM Secretariat American College of Physicians,
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MLA SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Health sciences librarians from outside the United States and Canada who seek to broaden their professional experience and skills while visiting either of these countries should apply for the Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship, sponsored by the Medical Library Association (MLA). Cunningham Fellows work in US or Canadian libraries for four months, receiving a stipend of \$3,000 for living expenses (\$750 / month) and \$1,000 for approved travel within the United States and Canada. Besides the obvious personal enrichment a Fellowship offers to participants, Fellows bring back valuable new perspectives and expertise to their institutions.

Applicants must have a master's degree of its equivalent, be working in a medical library in their country of origin, have citizenship or permanent resident status in a country other than the United States or Canada, and not be former Cunningham Fellows.

The following required application materials must reach the NLA Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship Jury chair by February 1, 1994.

- completed MLA Cunningham Fellowship application form
- three letters of reference in English
- transcripts of academic records in English
- certificate of health in English
- brief essay in English describing applicant's proposed observation or training program & goals
- evidence of having taken the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), verification of spoken and written English ability; and
- statement indicating that applicant will be employed in a medical library upon return to his or her native country.

The chosen recipient will be notified in April following the deadline; the Fellow should arrive in the United States or Canada the following January and stay until May. The Fellow is responsible for all travel expenses to and from the United States or Canada and is strongly advised to have personal funds to supplement the \$3,000 stipend.

Further information and copies of the application form are available from:

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The deadline for contributions to the December 1993 HLS National Newsletter is 3rd December. Contributions to Cheryl Hamill, Fremantle Hospital Library, PO Box 480, FREMANTLE WA 6160 ph 09 431 2780 fax 09 431 2522

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