

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' GROUP

(VICTORIAN BRANCH)

NEWSLETTER, MAY 1977

Minutes of the meeting held at C.S.I.R.O. Central Library, 5th May, 1977, at 6.30 p.m.

There were two guest speakers - Ann McGalliard of the Family Medicine Programme, and Leigh Oldmeadow, Librarian of the Nicholas Research Institute.

APOLOGIES were received from: G.Edwards, J.Marshall, J.Quilter, P.Webster, J.Martin, V.Strantzen, B.McNeice, L.White, W.McMillan, K.Roberts, M.Pinder, C.Soafkin, D.Zvaigne and Mr. Baldassa.

NEW MEMBERS Two prospective new members were welcomed - Lyn Sands and Cathy Lynch, from Frankston Community Hospital and Brownless Library.

BUSINESS FROM LAST MEETING.

i) Status of the M.L.G. within the L.A.A.. The new executive of the Special Libraries Section of the L.A.A. has pointed out the necessity of having our situation clarified within the L.A.A. and has written to the Acting Executive Director, Miss Thurles Thomas to this effect. To date, no reply has been received.

ii) Victorian Branch Council has notified the M.L.G. that they are prepared to underwrite any special projects we may undertake, to the extent of \$150.

HEALTH AND MANPOWER SUBMISSION. The subcommittee under the convenor Pat Nakouz met several times and prepared a submission to the Victorian Government's Committee of Inquiry into Hospital and Health Services Manpower.

WORKSHOP for untrained library clerical personnel working in small hospital libraries has been promoted by Pat Nakouz. A small working group has been set up to help Pat - consisting of Anne Harrison, Esther Martin, Anne McLean. (E.M. later withdrew and Enid Meldrum was co-opted to help).

JOURNAL LIST. Ann McGalliard, Anne McLean, and Esther Martin are working on the list and will present it at the next meeting. As some journals may be unknown to members there will be a display of new titles at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE COPYRIGHT LAW COMMITTEE ON REPROGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION (Franki Report) The M.L.G.'s support for the recommendations of the Franki Report has been acknowledged by the Attorney-General's Department.

L.A.A. CONFERENCE IN HOBART. Mrs Jacqueline Baillie, former Biomedical Librarian at Monash University and now living in Hobart, has invited members to a barbecue on Sunday August 28th, that is, the Sunday between the mini-conferences and the main conference. Anyone wishing to attend - please notify Jean Foreman or Esther
*****Martin immediately.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF MEDICAL LIBRARIES. As a result of the visit by Dr. Pauline Vaillancourt to Australia last year Mr. George Franki has appointed himself co-ordinator of entries to a forthcoming new edition of a directory of medical libraries outside Australia. The M.L.G. has asked for clarification of the situation both from Mr. Franki and the Medical Library Association, and pending an answer is uncommitted in its attitude to contributing entries.

NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL LIBRARIANS have sent a copy of their newsletter and asking for copies - or permission to photocopy - M.L.G. publications.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS GROUP DIRECTORY - Heather McDonald has prepared and distributed the new amendment sheets to the Directory. There are now forty contributing libraries. Supply of binders for the Directory has proved uneconomic for the Group to provide and each individual library will have to supply its own

A general discussion on INTER-LIBRARY LOANS followed. Copies of the AACOBS Inter-Library Loan Code of August 1976 were circulated. It was pointed out that members are responsible for the collection of loans they request and also for the return of items they have used. Miss Harrison emphasized the need for full bibliographical citation to be cited on loan requests, and stated that C.M.L.O. will give information on any item in the C.M.L.O. Union Catalogue. C.M.L.O.'s phone nos. are 341 5720 and 341 5718. C.S.I.R.O. will provide locations for journals as a result of telephone enquiries but cannot reply immediately - new SSAL entries are searched twice daily.

Members' attention was brought to a new journal titled HOSPITAL LIBRARIES. Is anyone subscribing?

FOLLOWING the business of the meeting two members spoke on subject fields with which they are concerned. Ann McGalliard spoke on recent developments in the pharmaceutical information field, especially as it is developing in Australia. Leigh Oldmeadow has been involved with the Derwent patents data base, and described his intensive training session in England which has been followed by using a terminal in Melbourne to gain access to the Derwent bank. He explained the need for this information at Nicholas Research Institute and the subject fields in which the Institute is interested.

NEXT MEETING: PLACE - The new BURNET LIBRARY, at the the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, Poplar Road, Parkville.
 DIRECTIONS: enter at the main gate and ask the guard for directions.
 DATE: Monday, 8th August, 1977.
 TIME: 6 p.m. Refreshments, for meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Margaret Kerr will describe the library and its collection
 The new journal list will be presented.
 Election of new office bearers.

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NOMINATIONS are invited for the position of Chairman, Vice-Chairman (Treasurer), and Secretary.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN.....Nominated by.....
 (Signature)

SECRETARY.....Nominated by.....

Please send to the Secretary, Jean Foreman, by Wednesday, 3rd August, 1977.