



TOM FLEMMING COMMENTS ON MEDICAL INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE ON THE INTERNET

Tom Flemming, of McMaster University Health Sciences Library was recently interviewed on CBC radio regarding a story in The Globe and Mail on April 10, 1996. The story headlined the fears of some doctors that making medical information available on the Internet would permit patients to do themselves some damage. The following are excerpts of Tom's comments as they appeared on CanMedlib and a response from a Doctor. (Editor).

I was agreeing that having medical information freely accessible on the Internet could be dangerous if people considered it to be "advice" rather than what it is: "information". I said that you have to be critical, as a consumer, of any information you act upon and that people should always consult their health care practitioners before doing anything that could affect their health. But, it seems to me that the suggestion that the medical information on the Internet is dangerous or that people ought not to access health information themselves is misguided. Cars are dangerous, too; people in cars have accidents, but nobody campaigns against cars because some people have accidents. The benefits to the disabled who can't get to libraries, or to people who don't want others knowing about their medical problems (or their health concerns) in direct access to this information via the Internet are significant. The benefits to families who can access information about the likely course of a disease that is

afflicting another family member from free access to medical information on the Internet are enormous. Doctors don't take the time to educate, and often claim they aren't paid to do that sort of thing, so why shouldn't people avail themselves of the resources that abound suddenly? And when they asked me why was I building a web page for this purpose, I told 'em that throughout history, librarians have collected and organized resources so that the information contained therein would be accessible to people who need it, when they need it. So, what I am doing in building a web page called: "Health Care Information Resources" is only different in the sense that it promotes the virtual library, rather than the printed/paper one.

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From the President

I have noticed an increasing number of people from the general public coming to the Medical Library asking for health information. The reporting in the media of advances in medical research and cuts in health care funding have contributed to an elevating awareness of issues related to health and well being.

To address the growth in the demand of consumer health information, MHLA has sponsored several programs on this topic at the Manitoba Library Associations Joint Spring Conference. MHLA will be hosting Susan Murray, Senior Librarian, Consumer Health Service, Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library. Susan is the author of *Developing a Consumer Health Information Service: a Practical Guide*. She will be giving a presentation on the service she runs and also a workshop on collection development for consumer health information. A third program will be a panel discussion on providing consumer health information in Manitoba. I am very pleased that we are able to have Susan Murray participate in the conference and I am sure that our programs will have broad appeal in the library community.

Our annual general meeting will be held at the Spring Conference on May 10, 1996 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. You do not have to be registered for the conference to attend our meeting. Following the meeting, an associations dinner will be held.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all the members of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association who supported our programs and participated in our meetings. A special thanks to the members of the 1995/96 Executive: David, Edith and Mary-Lynne who provided the Executive with innovative thinking, dedication and support. Thanks also, to all who devoted their time to working on committees on behalf of MHLA.

Bill Poluha
President, MHLA

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Toot your own horn enough, and people will stay out of your way.

People

Doug Carlson has joined Manitoba Health Library Services as the Customer Services Technician. Doug will be working to establish a Journal Table of Contents Service, as well as increasing customer awareness about health resources on the Internet and World Wide Web. Doug previously worked in the Corporate Library at Manitoba Telephone System.

CISTI has announced that **Bev Brown**, Past President of MHLA, has won the competition of Electronic Products Coordinator - DOCLINE/ROMULUS/MEDLARS. Bev will coordinate the participation of Canadian libraries in DOCLINE, provide customer support for ROMULUS, and assist the MEDLARS Product Coordinator with customer support and training. Bev starts her new position on April 30. Bev and her husband, Denis, will be in Winnipeg the weekend of May 26-27.

Good news from **David Colborne**. He will not be moving to the Maritimes. Therefore, David will be serving as President of MHLA for the coming year.

Natalia Pohorecky, formerly with the Medical Library, has passed away. A private family service was held on March 29. Natalia is a former editor of the MHLA Newsletter. Donations in memory of Natalia may be forwarded to the Salvation Army, a food bank or charity of one's own choice.

CALENDAR

June 5-9 Halifax

CLA annual conference. For more info, contact Beverly Patacairk 613-232-9625, ext. 304; FAX 613-563-9865; E-Mail: ay961@freenet.carleton.ca

June 12-17 Toronto

CHLA/ABSC 20th anniversary conference. The theme is Creative Connections. For more info, contact E-Mail: chla96@ices.on.ca or the World Wide Web: <http://www.imr.on.ca/~contact/chla96.html>

June 25-30 Montreal

INET '96, the fifth annual conference of the Internet Society. Contact info not available.

June 3-4; Sept. 9-10; Nov. 25-26 Toronto

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety will hold a two-day course titled Health and Safety Training for Managers and Supervisors. For more info, contact 800-668-4284; FAX 905-572-2206; E-Mail: custserv@ccohs.ca

News from CISTI

FREE ACCESS TO CISTI'S ONLINE CATALOGUE

Access to the online catalogue of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) is now available free using the Internet. The catalogue is a listing of titles for all major publications (serials, books, conference proceedings, reports) in the fields of science, technology, engineering and medicine worldwide. It is updated every week. Those who do not use the Internet to access the online catalogue will pay a telecommunications charge.

CISTI's online catalogue can also be used to order copies of the full texts of these publications, but you must be registered with CISTI to place an order. Most orders are filled within 2-3 days, or there is a 4-hour urgent service available.

How to access the catalogue

Registered clients:

Telnet to:	info.cisti.nrc.ca
Login:	enter your CISTI account number (eg. L fgh####, L wk####, L dd####)
Password:	enter your password

Non-registered clients (guest access):

Telnet to:	cat.cisti.nrc.ca
Login:	cat
password:	press ENTER key

Both registered and non-registered clients can also access the catalogue on the World Wide Web at

www.cisti.nrc.ca/cisti/. To ensure a successful connection to the CISTI Online Catalogue, Web users must configure their Telnet software to work with their browser, (eg. Netscape, Mosaic, etc.)

For more information on access to the catalogue, registration, or costs for document ordering call CISTI at 1-800-668-1222.

⌘SNIPITS⌘ FROM: DOCLINE IN CANADA NEWSLETTER FROM CISTI

⌘ SERHOLD Update - The CISTI tape with updated holdings of 26 libraries was loaded into SERHOLD on February 13, 1996. Both NLM and CISTI regret that the update has been so delayed.

⌘ An updated list of participating Canadian DOCLINE libraries is available. To assist libraries using QuickDoc, SERHOLD codes have been included. To receive a FAX copy, please contact the DOCLINE coordinator by phone, e-mail, or FAX.

⌘ After nearly a month of closure due to a combination of US budget impasse and in climate weather, NLM is back to work. Processing of CISTI's SERHOLD tape, and Canadian DOCLINE applications were somewhat delayed, but every effort is being made to speed the work through. We thank NLM for their concern for the welfare of the Canadian DOCLINE user population.

⌘ DOCLINE users requesting help from the DOCLINE Coordinator will be pleased to learn of our 1-800 service. Please use 1-800-668-1222 to contact us. We hope this will be easier for users who previously had troubles calling us collect.

⌘ Please note that charges for document delivery from CISTI will change to \$8.00 and \$10.00 per 50 page article effective April 1, 1996. The lower rate applies to orders that are both submitted AND delivered electronically. DOCLINE and Loansome DOC orders are considered electronically submitted. Electronic delivery covers delivery by Ariel, FTP or FAX. Clients must ensure that their preferred delivery method is one of the above options to qualify for the lower rate. If you are unsure of your delivery method or wish to change it, please contact CISTI Client Registration at 1-800-668-1222.

ELECTRONIC ORDERING FROM TABLES OF CONTENTS

NRC Research Press now puts the tables-of-contents for each of its 14 scientific journals on its Web site as soon as a new issue is printed. The tables-of-contents are searchable by author name(s) and title of article. You can order articles electronically over the Web too. These are supplied directly by CISTI, either electronically, by overnight courier, or by fax.

Research Press posts summaries of its latest monographs, along with short biographies of authors and editors. More information is available at <http://cisti.nrc.ca/cisti/journals/rj/html>

UNION LIST OF SCIENTIFIC SERIALS IN CANADIAN LIBRARIES (ULSSCL)

Print and fiche publications of the Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries (ULSSCL) have been discontinued because of decreased demand for these formats and because the information is available from other, more up-to-date sources. Current information about the location of scientific serials will be available in electronic form only - through AMICUS, updated daily, or from the Romulus CD-ROM, updated annually.

In a further realignment designed to focus CISTI's Union List activities on scientific serials, the Union List will no longer process reports from non-scientific libraries. Since the union catalogues on AMICUS and Romulus are shared, non-scientific libraries concerned about the updating of their serials holdings may wish to contact Emilie Lowenberg, Head of the National Library Union Catalogue of Serials Division at (613) 996-7507.

RATE CHANGES

Effective January 1, 1996, royalty charges on TOXLIT, TOXLIT65, and CHEMLINE databases increased on search statements and Automatic SDI searches.

Effective April 1, 1996, disk accesses will be 7¢ per 100; character charges will be 10¢ per 1000 and telecommunications charges will be \$20.00 per connect hour. All figures quoted are in \$US.

BILLING CHANGES

Over the next few months, CISTI will be converting to a new billing system. This may result in delays in production of invoices. Details of billing changes will be communicated directly to all users in a separate letter.

If you feel there has been unauthorized use of your password, or if you have concerns about your bills, please be sure to call CISTI.

Users who bill to institutional purchase orders must notify CISTI in writing of PO number changes and non renewals. Please include the user's name and USERID on the purchase order. The MEDLARS USERID remains active and subject to charges, including the Annual Administration Fee, until CISTI receives a written cancellation notice.

SDILINE updates for 1996

SDILINE will be updated according to the following schedule for 1996. The entry month data corresponds to the month of printed Index Medicus. Automatic SDIs running on SDILINE will be processed by NLM on the following dates:

9601 - 11 December 1995
9602 - 30 December 1995
9603 - 27 January 1996
9604 - 24 February 1996
9605 - 30 March 1996
9606 - 27 April 1996
9607 - 25 May 1996
9608 - 29 June 1996
9609 - 29 July 1996
9610 - 31 August 1996
9611 - 28 September 1996
9612 - 26 October 1996

The updated schedule for other MEDLARS databases is printed in Appendix A, B, and C of the September/October issue of the NLM Technical Bulletin. To obtain a copy, please call EIS-MEDLARS are 1-800-668-1222.

If you don't want an emergency to develop, don't establish an emergency fund.

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Response from Dr. Stewart Cameron, Dalhousie University:

Dear Mr. Flemming,

I was recently sent a copy of your note to the Canadian Medical Libraries list on patient education materials posted to the WWW. You are to be congratulated for your efforts in this direction. Unfortunately, in your letter you made one statement that was an egregious error. You stated: Doctors don't take the time to educate, and often claim they aren't paid to do that sort of thing...

This gross generalization is blatantly wrong. Doctors educate all day long, whether you choose to recognize it or not. Firstly, good patient care demands it. The need for education of our patients is inherent in the very name "doctor". Secondly, it is the law! To properly give informed consent, our patients are educated about each condition that is diagnosed and each therapy that is proposed. They are told of possible side effects of therapy, and if they don't they are liable to action from the provincial colleges or the legal system.

Yes doctors are not paid for patient education specifically. You cannot conclude that therefore it is not done! This means they do it for free. Rather than perpetrating a chestnut like that "Doctors don't educate" why don't you look at some of the patient education activities doctors are involved in. From speaking at community gatherings, to production of customized handout material patient education from M.D.'s is extensive. There is an annual conference held each year in the U.S. on Patient education and half the participants are MD.'s.

In our residency program we teach our trainees the importance of patient education from the start. In fact, they are evaluated on it specifically. In our practice we have a huge collection of pamphlets,

books, videos and brochures for patient education, as well as an entire room just for that purpose. We have a plaque on our wall attesting to our education efforts; we were the first Canadian practice to be awarded the "Patient Care Award" for patient education by the American Academy of Family Physicians. All MD's here make use of our resources for education, and I know that non-academic, community doctors do as well.

You must surely be aware of the difficulties we face in giving patient education in our offices. We are frequently rushed, and handicapped by patients who want to squeeze the most out of their visit by presenting a long list of issues they want resolved in the appointment they book "to have their blood pressure checked". Moreover, we know that the office is not the best place to deliver education, because patients are not in the best frame of mind to receive and absorb the material. That is why we use takehome material like pamphlets, and why many doctors participate in interviews and write for the mass media. In my own case I have a regular television spot on health promotion that reaches 280,000 people each week. We also use the 'Net to get patient ed info, and if your site is worthy we'll add a link to it on our home page. The majority of doctors do take the time to educate. Your statement does a disservice to us, and denigrates your otherwise worthy efforts to disseminate patient education.

Tom's reply to Dr. Cameron:

Dear Dr. Cameron,
Thank you for your very interesting comments in response to my note to CANMEDLIB, the listserv discussion list for health care libraries and librarians in this country.

You are right, my comment that "Doctors don't take the time to educate" is egregiously incorrect. What I should, perhaps, have said is that MOST doctors don't take the time to educate their patients satisfactorily and are certainly not paid to

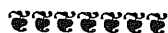
do so. I was writing in haste to a group of librarian colleagues who would understand the shortcuts involved in our listserv discussion and who would be familiar with what I was saying, so would not need the special qualifications and disclaimers we normally add to such statements when they are being broadcast outside the group. You are right, again, in saying that gross generalizations are blatantly wrong and I would not have made such a gross generalization had I any expectation that my statement was going to be forwarded or scrutinized outside the group which can be expected to know the sense in which it is meant.

As you point out in your note, the conditions under which most doctor-delivered patient education occurs -- during the office consultation -- are not optimal and possibly not at all conducive to appropriate behaviour change, even if the information is, indeed, retained and understood. Your description of the efforts of physicians in your practice -- both during office visits and in community service -- sounds to me exemplary and while I commend your efforts, I will also point out that such zeal is not commonly what patients remember and report from visits to physicians. Of course there are exceptions and I don't wish to deny that some doctors attempt to educate their patients to the best of their abilities and circumstances. From personal experience with physicians, from 21 years of dealing with patients in health sciences libraries, and from recent experience of serious family illness, I can tell you, however, that patients don't generally have a satisfactory learning experience during a visit to their doctor.

Please note that I am **not** saying that "doctors don't care" or that "doctors don't treat their patients satisfactorily", and I am **not** imputing slovenliness or indolence or any other pernicious behaviour, either to groups of physicians or to individuals. There is a large literature on patient education and on health promotion and some of it bears witness to the observations I am making in this note to you; if you need me to do so, I can supply you with a brief list of citations to the

concerns I work with. I stand by my belief that there is great need for direct access in the general population -- both well and ill -- to health care information.

Whether doctors are adequately supplying that need is hardly the question; doctors only see patients! Many people who are not ill have concerns about their health and about that of family members and would not be met with open arms should they try to book an appointment with their physician merely to obtain information. I hope that this sort of thing will change, either because more physician attitudes will change, or because it will be recognized that there are other places to get the necessary information, and other health care practitioners can, perhaps, share the burden of educating. In the meantime, more and more sources of patient/health education and information are being published and made accessible and it would be silly for us to argue over something that was not meant as a slighting remark in the first place, when it is clear that we both have the public's interests in better access to health care information at heart.



IS THIS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE??

A site identified on the Internet, called Healthgate, bills itself as a "Gateway to Medical Databases"

The \$14.95 US per month fee covers unlimited access to the following databases found in our Clinical and Medical Research Information section:

MEDLINE (including MeSH)
Health Planning and Administration
AIDSLINE
AIDSDRUGS
AIDSTRIALS
BIOETHICSLINE
MDX Health Digest
CANCERLIT

Searchers can either let our ReADER technology translate their natural language query into MeSH or use BRS commands to search these files. Either way of asking HealthGate a question produces the same results.

There is no catch. The pricing is \$14.95. This fee is for a single user -- librarian, clinician, or researcher -- and provides for unlimited access to these databases. Site license pricing is also available. Transaction based pricing of 25 cents per reference is available for those users not wishing to participate in the monthly unlimited plan.

Although we wish it were so, additional databases, such as CINAHL, EMBASE, and PsycINFO, are not included in the unlimited monthly plan, but are priced very competitively and will be released within the next few weeks.

Other information sources, such as the Well-Connected Consumer Health Reports and the seven reference books found in the MDX Personal Health Library, are part of our Patient Health and Medical Information section. These sources are available as part of a separate unlimited pricing plan or via transaction pricing.

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MEDLINE AVAILABLE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Infotrieve, a Los Angeles-based information company, has announced a new service offering World Wide Web access to MEDLINE, a database of medical literature. The Web interface offers simple natural language searches as well as more powerful searches using Boolean operators. The resulting list of bibliographic citations is ranked by relevancy to the search topic. Also included is a simple point-and-click ordering system for full-text article copies, providing a seamless interface for document delivery.

"The service will be a fraction of the price of MEDLINE on CD-ROM or traditional online services," said Infotrieve President Peter Derycz. "Right now we're offering a limited part of the database for free, with full access for a flat \$50 US monthly fee planned for early spring."

MEDLINE's database of published medical literature includes bibliographic citations back to 1966. Infotrieve's Web-based product is the first to combine this invaluable resource with a simple document-ordering interface. Documents are delivered to the user by mail, fax, or courier at a cost of \$7.50 per article plus copyright royalties.

For corporate or institutional users, MEDLINE on the Web can be integrated with library catalogs or other databases to provide a customized virtual library. "Using the World Wide Web, Infotrieve can pull together internal and external databases residing on otherwise incompatible platforms," said Derycz. Document delivery can also be integrated, with document orders compared against in-house library holdings of fulfilment.

Infotrieve was founded in 1987 by Derycz and his partner, Joseph Bashoura. The firm has provided document delivery services to corporate and institutional clients since its inception. This is Infotrieve's first venture into the electronic distribution of bibliographic databases.

"The advances in computing and the flexibility of the World Wide Web allow a small company like Infotrieve to bring an adaptation like this to the healthcare community at an extraordinarily low price," explained Derycz. Users with a Netscape Navigator can access the service at <http://www.infotrieve.com/>. During the free launch phase, which extends through March, users need only register with a name and address to be given a password.

For more information, contact Infotrieve at 1 (800) 422-4633.

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MHLA AND THE MANITOBA LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The emphasis is on Consumer Health Information

This year's Manitoba Library and Information Associations Annual Conference looks very promising. I have been impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm of the members of the conference committee and I am sure that this will translate into a

successful event. If you have not received a program, please phone or email me. The range of topics to be covered is truly staggering, not to mention the rich selection of internet labs and the many exhibitors. The site of the event is the Ramada Marlborough Hotel, 331 Smith Street.

Of special interest to MHLA members will be the MHLA-sponsored sessions on Consumer Health Information. Susan Murray, librarian at the Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) in Toronto, starts things off at 9:00 a.m. with a session entitled "Information and Informed Choice: Consumer Health Information Service". She will describe her experience in setting up and running the CHIS at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library.

At 10:45 there will be a panel discussion on "Perspectives on the Provision of Consumer Health Information in Manitoba". Participants include Winnipeg Free Press medical reporter Alexandra Paul, and nurse Barbara Featherstone, coordinator of the HealthLinks program at Misericordia Hospital. Bringing the library perspective to the table are Liz Price, coordinator of the Children's Hospital Family Libraries, Gaylene Pryhora, Supervisor of Reference Services at the Winnipeg Public Library, and Edith Konoplenko, Library Technician for the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities. They will discuss the challenges of providing health information directly to the consumer.

After lunch, Susan Murray will give a workshop on "Collection Development for Consumer Health Information and will address the question of "popular" versus "professional" sources. The workshop will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a half hour break. Participation in this workshop is limited to 40 participants.

Cost for the full day for MHLA members is \$55.00 (postmarked prior to April 15) or \$75.00 (for registration later than April 15).

Please note that the MHLA Annual General Meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10. The room for this meeting has not yet been assigned. Please check at the conference reception desk for room number.

If you have any questions about the conference, please

contact me by phone (984-6027) or by email (colborne@ibd.nrc.ca). For up-to-date information on the conference, check out the home page at: <http://www.mbnet.mb.ca/mla>

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NRC Information Centre Winnipeg

3M UNVEILS NEW SECURITY STRIP FOR CDS

New technology introduced by 3M now allows libraries to better protect CD-ROMs from loss. The 3M Tattle-Tape DCD-2 Security Overlay is the first security marker of its kind to specifically address CD-ROM technology, according to the company.

"CD-ROMs typically contain valuable reference information," said Don Leslie, industry marketing manager for 3M Library Systems. "In the past, it has been difficult to protect CD-ROMs because of the sensitive nature of their design, and libraries were made to swallow the cost of replacing lost CD-ROMs. Because of their value, both in terms of information and cost, it's important to ensure that these materials can be protected."

Because CD-ROMs spin up to two, four, six, or more times faster than audio CDS, one-strip security designs had the potentness to cause an imbalance, or "wobbling," which would lead to improper reading of the CD-ROM. The 3M Tattle-Tape DCD-2 security overlay consists of two security strips that are integrated into a clear film overlay. This design precision-balances placement of the security strips, preventing the potential for wobbling.

Part of 3M Materials Flow Management, the new security overlays work in conjunction with 3M Models 930 and 2004 Desensitizers, 764 and 951 Resensitizers, the 955 Bookcheck and 966 Incounter Bookcheck, 5210 SelfCheck System, and 995 Staff Workstation.

Contact 3M for more information

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Problems are only opportunities with thorns on them.

LIBRARY CLOSING

The Library at the Edmonton General Hospital (EGH) closed at the end of March. The collections and services of EGH which support the Northern Geriatrics Assessment Program (NARG) will be moving to Glenrose Hospital and be amalgamated with their present library. Both Susanna Gamble and Pheona Tran-Tang will also be moving.

Library support for the programs remaining at the Edmonton General Hospital including Long Term Care, Chronic and Obstructive Lung Disease Clinic, Renal Clinic and site redevelopment will be provided through the Caritas Libraries of the Grey Nuns Community Health Centre and the Misericordia Community Health Centre with a small satellite location at the EGH. For more information, contact Lea Starr, Librarian, Caritas Health Group, 1100 Youville Dr. W. Edmonton, AB T6L 5X8; lstarr@caritas.ab.ca or call 403-450-7251.

VIRTUAL CANADIAN UNION CATALOGUE

VCUC-L -- An electronic forum for discussion of the issues related to the implementation of the Virtual Canadian Union Catalogue.

The National Library of Canada has established an electronic discussion list to facilitate information exchange in connection with the implementation of the Virtual Canadian Union Catalogue (vCuc). This new listserv is an initiative of National and International Programs at NLC. List participants are encouraged to:

- discuss and respond to the issues raised at the first meeting on the implementation of the vCuc in October 1995
- discuss issues of concern to the Canadian library community regarding union catalogue access and development
- exchange information about the implementation of network access to catalogues and the use of Z39.50 client and server software
- pose questions to the group as a whole Documents relating to the vCuc project can be obtained from the NLC Web and Gopher servers:
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/resource/resha-e.htm>
gopher GOPHER.NLC-BNC.CA.

Feel free to post in English or in French.

This list is open to anyone interested in resource sharing in Canada and the evolution of union catalogues.

How to subscribe:

Send email message to
LISTSERV@INFOSERV.NLC-BNC.CA
with the following command in the body of the message:

SUBSCRIBE VCUC-L First name Last name

To post a message:

Send email message to all current subscribers of the list
send your email to:

VCUC-L@INFOSERV.NLC-BNC.CA

For further information please contact:

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BIOSIS PROVIDES FREE WEB ACCESS

BIOSIS is now providing researchers with Internet access to over 150 reviews of life science software programs. Written by specialists at BIOSIS, a leading abstracting and indexing service for the life sciences, these reviews are available at no charge on the BIOSIS Web site and provide valuable information on life science software used in teaching and research. Researchers can locate the reviews at <http://www.biosis.org>. ... The reviews are organized into the following groups on the BIOSIS Web site:

- Anatomy and physiology
- General medicine and miscellaneous
- Models and simulations
- Taxonomy and nomenclature
- Wildlife management

Each review includes the software title, author(s), address, publisher, publisher address, publication year,

product specifications, product description, and keywords.

For more information, contact BIOSIS, Philadelphia, PA, 800-523-4806; FAX: 215-587-2015; Email: info@mail.biosis.org.

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UMI TO OFFER MEDICAL DATABASE ON CD-ROM

UMI will enter the medical market in April with the introduction of a new, full-image and full-text CD-ROM database.

The CD-ROM database, with a working name of *ProQuest Medical Journal Ondisc*, is an electronic medical reference product based on the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE database. With *ProQuest Medical Journal Ondisc*, medical professionals will be able to use a single reference database to obtain timely, full-text articles and graphics (tables, charts, illustrations, and photographs) from 100 key medical publications worldwide. The database will give physicians, researchers, and librarians immediate access, at a single workstation, to article text as it appeared in the source publication.

ProQuest Medical Journals Ondisc will include full text and page images from prominent medical journals including *The Lancet*, *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, and *The British Medical Journal*. A subscription will include indexing from the entire MEDLINE database from 1992 forward with full-page images from 1994. Monthly updates will be provided as part of the annual subscription price. In addition, the database offers copyright clearance for all full-image articles.

ProQuest Medical Journals Ondisc will be released in conjunction with UMI's new ProQuest for Windows Searchware, which will utilize the National Library of Medicine's controlled vocabulary, Medical Subject Headings (MeSH).

.... For more information, visit UMI on the Internet at: <http://www.umi.com>.

From: Information Today. 1996 March

CANADIAN HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION CD SERIES EXPANDED

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has expanded its popular Canadian Health and Safety Legislation CD-ROM series by adding three new products that reflect the jurisdiction-specific needs of workplaces.

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For more information, contact CCOHS Customer Service at 800-668-4284; FAX: 905-572-2206; Email: custserv@ccohs.ca.

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NEW BOOKS

International/Overseas Employment Booklet. 2nd ed. Future Med Careers, Calgary.

- comprehensive booklet for all health care professionals with more than 40 pages and over 225 addresses covering more than 40 countries/areas. Includes: countries, recruiting companies, travel nursing, exploration, and service companies, etc. Send \$13.50 to: Future Med Careers, Suite 94, 305-4625 Varsity Drive NW, Calgary, AB, T3A 0Z9

Document Delivery Services: issues and answers, by Eleanor Mitchell and Sheila A. Walters. Medford, NJ: Information Today, 1995. ISBN 1-57387-003-x. \$45.00 US.

- a comprehensive look at the growing phenomenon of document delivery among library systems, covering all aspects of the topic from history and development up to current methods and future trends.

Available from: Information Today, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055-8750. FAX: 609-654-4309; Express order desk: 609-654-6266.

Infomedicine: a consumer's guide to the latest medical research by. By Fred Baldwin. Little, Brown, 1996. ISBN 0-316-07977-4; paper 0-316-07910-3.

- gives lay readers a strategy for information searches and many problem-solving specifics.

The Evolving Virtual Library: visions and case studies. Edited by Laverne M. Saunders. Medford, NJ: Information Today, 1996. ISBN 1-57387-007-2. \$39.50 US.

- this book addresses many of the practical issues involved in developing the virtual library. It provides background on the growth and development of electronic resources and also examines innovative pilot projects that are occurring in all different types of library environments.

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WANTED - NEW CO-EDITOR

A new co-editor of the MHLA News is required for the next issue. Pam Green is unable to continue, due to other commitments. Diana Pollock will continue as Co-Editor/Official Nagger!

MOVING DAY

Neil John Maclean
Health Sciences Library

The following will apply to the University of Manitoba Medical Library, the Neilson Dental Library and the Health Sciences Centre Library.

Document Delivery

No requests will be accepted from May 20 (Victoria Day weekend) until Monday, June 10

Reference Service

Normal reference service will be available up to and including May 24. From May 27-May 31, limited reference service will be available **ONLY** via FAX or phone.

Access to the Collection

There will be no public access to the collection during the move, from Monday 27 to Friday, May 31.

We hope to have all services fully available on Monday, June 10. We apologize for any convenience that this may cause you.

A visitor to New York City was taking a stroll in Central Park when a well-dressed man came up to him and asked for \$4.00 for a cup of coffee.

The visitor looked at him and said, "Nobody's gonna give you a that much for a cup of coffee. You'd be a lot better off asking for 50 cents."

"Look," said the well-dressed bum, "either give the \$4.00 or go away, but don't tell me how to run my business."

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Information Page	Includes a graphical travel map, geographical health recommendations, and disease outbreak listings	http://www.cdc.gov/travel.html
Doctor's Guide to Medical Conferences and Meetings		http://www.pslgroup.com/MEDCONF.HTM
Federal Drug Administration News (U.S.)	The latest information from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration	http://www.fda.gov/opacom/hpnews.html
MedWorld	From the Stanford Medical Student Survival Guide	http://www-med.Stanford.EDU:80/MedSchool/MedWorld/
Mental Health Net	Lists more than 3000 resources	http://www.cmhc.com/
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)	PAHO is the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (in English and Spanish)	http://www.paho.org/
RxList	A comprehensive drug name cross-index	http://www.rxlist.com/
The Body: A multimedia AIDS and HIV Information Resource		http://www.thebody.com
CliniWeb	Index to clinical information on the Web using MeSh vocabulary	http://www.ohsu.edu/clinweb/
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Network		http://q.continuum.net/~sidsnet
Belnet	Homepage for info on Belgium Universities and their libraries	http://www.belnet.be
CTDNews	Source for information on workplace repetitive motion and stress injuries and illnesses	http://ctdnews.com
Dentistry	New dentistry page in the Hardin Meta Directory	http://www.arcade.uiowa.edu/hardin-www/md.html
Women's Health Resource	Contains women's health resources intended to be useful to public health workers worldwide	http://www.pitt.edu/HOME/GHNet/GHWomen.html

NEW LISTSERVS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES		
NAME	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS TO SUBSCRIBE
DYSPHAGIA	listserv dealing with swallowing disorders	MAJORDOMO@CYBERPORT.COM
EAT-DIS	eating disorders discussion list	LISTSERV@SJUVM.STJOHNS.EDU
GRIEF-CHAT	discussion list for issues related to grief, bereavement, and death	MAJORDOMO@FETCON.IC.NET
H-INFOED	listserv for instructors in health sciences librarianship	LISTSERV@INDYCME.IUPUI.EDU
HEALTH-PRO	list dealing with use of practice guidelines for patient encounters	LISTSERV@NETCOM.COM
NETLIBS	librarians training in use of the Internet	MAILSERV@QUT.EDU.AU
NURSELRC	mailing list for nursing learning resource center faculty and staff	MAJORDOMO@DOUGLAS.PC.CA
PNATALRN	perinatal nursing discussion list	LISTSERV@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU