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HSOCLCUG MEETING October 26th-28th, 2001 New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group Meeting for 2001 will be held in conjunction with the Triple Chapter Meeting of MLA (which will be held October 24-28th, 2001) at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel. The three MLA chapters meeting are South Central (SCC), Midcontinental (MCMLA) and Southern (SC/MLA). The HSOCLCUG portion of the meeting will be held from Friday evening, Oct. 26th to Sunday, Oct. 28th (8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.). A HSOCLCUG welcome reception is planned for Friday evening. HSOCLCUG content of interest will be included in the Tri-Chapter Meeting agenda on Saturday, October 27th (a single day registration will be available). There is also a Tri-Chapter Banquet planned at Michaul's with great food and Cajun dancing on Saturday evening (a ticket is required for this event). A full day HSOCLCUG meeting with the OCLC and NLM updates is being planned for Sunday, Oct. 28th.

Schedule of activities

October 26th (Friday evening) HSOCLCUG social event (after 6:00 p.m.)

Jazz Dinner Cruise on the Steamboat Natchez (A ticket is required for this event, cost \$45.00) The steamboat Natchez docks at the Toulouse Street Stop of the RiverFront Streetcar right off Jackson Square, behind Jax Brewery. It is an easy walk (10 minutes) or streetcar ride from the conference hotel. Boarding will be from 6:00 to 6:45 with departure at 7:00 p.m. for a two-hour cruise. A New Orleans style buffet will be available in the Magnolia Suite (private room on the lower deck) and there is live jazz music provided on the upper level by the Dukes of Dixieland. Cash bars will be available. There is a lovely view of the Mississippi River from the deck of the boat. Take this opportunity to identify one another socially, have fun and afterward recognize colleagues with common interests during the Tri-Chapter Session on Saturday. There are no conflicts with planned Tri-Chapter events this evening. The social setting will be a New Orleans highlight. Be there!

October 27th (Saturday) Tri-Chapter meeting - (Available with a single day Tri-Chapter registration)

SOM has been published on the HSOCLCUG website in 2000 and 2001. This is a special printed version which includes the web version.

The Saturday Tri-Chapter meeting begins early with the traditional Majors Walk along with vendor demonstrations. Following the vendor demonstrations, the Exhibits will open for the day. Highlights of the programming include the NLM update presented by Betsy Humphreys, Associate Director for Library Operations and Assistant Director for Health Services Research Information of NLM. Betsy Humphreys presented the Janet Doe lecture at MLA in Orlando to a standing ovation! Carol Jenkins, MLA President, will present a MLA update. John M. Barry will speak on the flu epidemic of 1918 in the general session: "Influenza 1918: the first collision of epidemic disease and scientific medicine." John Barry is a historian of note and the author of the 1997 publication, *Rising Tide*, which chronicles the 1927 Mississippi flood. Of major interest to HSOCLCUG members will be the poster sessions. A number of our members will have poster presentations. The deadline has been extended to July 1st!

A fun and festive evening is being planned for the Tri-Chapter meeting attendees at Michaul's, a New Orleans live Cajun music restaurant. Learn the difference between Cajun and Zydeco music and sample the fabulous cuisine. A ticket is required for this event. Come two-step and "Laissez les bon temps roulez!"

A HSOCLCUG Executive Board meeting will be held by informal announcement, but everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. (Check the message board for the time and place)

October 28th (Sunday) -HSOCLCUG Meeting

The all day session or portions of this session are open to all Tri-Chapter registrants and HSOCLCUG attendees at a cost of \$35.00 for the day. HSOCLCUG is appreciative of the support of the MLA Chapters involved in this meeting for including our meeting content with the Tri-Chapter meeting this year.

The morning session of the full day meeting will begin with presentations from the representatives from NLM and OCLC. The presentations will be followed with discussion.

Alice Jacobs has graciously accepted the HSOCLCUG invitation to attend and provide an update of NLM's technical services activities. Alice will address issues of interest to us. Contact Judith Dzierba, the HSOCLCUG NLM Liaison, (E-mail: jdzierba@rushu.rushu.edu) with ideas for discussion. Judith will summarize our interests and concerns to aid Alice in preparing for the discussion.

Alane Wilson from the CORC project of OCLC will be attending the HSOCLCUG meeting as our guest. Alane is knowledgeable in the development of the new OCLC web based metadata desktop. Betsy Friesen, an experienced CORC user and pathfinder "expert" from the Health Sciences CORC Users Group, will facilitate the discussion on CORC. There are many OCLC issues to be discussed with the development of the extended WorldCat. Please send your specific issues and concerns to Mary Holt, HSOCLCUG President (E-mail: maryholt@tulane.edu). Mary will summarize our interests and provide the information to the OCLC representative.

The afternoon will offer two topical sessions. A panel discussion is planned that will discuss how to deal with electronic resources available from aggregators. Various solutions to the problem of managing information available through full-text database aggregators will be discussed. The panel will include representatives from vendors providing access to electronic resources in aggregation, an OCLC collection set representative, along with librarian presenters who have been attempting the description of these resources. Discussion will emphasize specific medical descriptive issues that involve medical subject headings and NLM classification and management solutions such as SFX and Open URL, CrossRef, and other technical solutions. Bruce Abbott will facilitate this panel discussion. Please contact Bruce with issues and concerns in this content area: (E-mail: babbot@lsuhsc.edu)

The second afternoon session will focus on technical and management changes faced by ILL departments. There will be an ILLiad demonstration of DOCLINE and EFTS features. A medical librarian who is using ILLiad will contribute to this discussion. Sue Dorsey will moderate. Please contact Sue with your issues and concerns and ideas: (E-mail: sdorsey@tulane.edu)

The HSOCLCUG Business Meeting will begin immediately after the afternoon session. We will vote on a new "Resolution" concerning medical subject headings that the group will send to OCLC!

For attendees staying the evening in New Orleans we will offer informal (small groups) sign up for dining and music in New Orleans. I hope we will surpass the attendance of past meetings! Ya'll come!

Official Proceedings of this meeting will be provided to HSOCLCUG members via the website, MEDCAT and *Start of Message*.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

The HSOCLCUG meeting will officially begin after 6:00 p.m. on Friday Oct. 26th and end Sunday Oct. 28th at 6:00 p.m. Make plans to stay to attend the entire HSOCLCUG meeting. You may wish to make room reservations immediately. October is a prime tourist time in New Orleans and there are also competing conventions in town. The room rates at the conference hotel are \$190 for the majority of the rooms and \$225 if you want a room in the Towers portion of the hotel. "TUM" is the Tri-Chapter meeting code the reservations clerk will need.

To make a reservation by phone at the New Orleans Riverside Hilton call 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667) for Hilton Reservations worldwide or (504) 584-3999 for the New Orleans Riverside Hilton direct. To make a reservation online, go to:

<http://www.neworleans.hilton.com> Select "MAKE A RESERVATION." Be sure to enter the group code "TUM."

MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration packets are scheduled to be sent out in July. I hope many of you are considering attending the full day HSOCLCUG meeting on Sunday, Oct. 28th. If you are not currently a member of HSOCLCUG, or one of the MLA chapters (MC, SC, SCC/MLA) please contact me if you wish to receive a registration packet. I will also be happy to answer any questions and would be happy to receive input on the program planning. Contact Mary Holt at maryholt@tulane.edu

The HSOCLCUG web site will be updated with meeting information as soon as it is available: <http://hsoclcug.org> Information on registration, hotel, restaurants, and tours can be found at <http://www.sccmla.org/mtg.html>

Posters/Contributed Papers requested for the Triple Chapter Meeting, MLA by Mary Holt

The submission deadline for poster abstracts and paper abstracts for the Triple Chapter (MC, SC, SCC/MLA) meeting has been extended to **July 15, 2001**. Alice Burnett, Poster Chair for the Triple Chapter meeting, extends a thank you to everyone who has already submitted an abstract. The submissions for posters has been good, but she would like to see many more submitted. Poster abstract submissions are acknowledged by a message of receipt. If you do not get this message after submitting an abstract, then for some reason, your message was not received and you should try again.

Here is your chance to represent HSOCLCUG, bring forth important discussion on technical issues and share solutions to problems. I hope many of you will consider contributing a poster.

Poster sessions will be held on Saturday morning, Oct. 27th, from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. The Saturday registration for the Triple Chapter meeting will include Exhibits and a MLA-NLM update. I hope that there will be a number of posters that deal with the many technical and processing issues that we currently face.

There will also be Contributed Paper Sessions on Friday afternoon, Oct. 26th for HSOCLCUG members who wish to register to attend the entire Tri-Chapter conference.

Sample topics:

- How have you handled the description of different types of electronic resources?
- How has a recent conversion impacted departmental procedures?
- Has your library used the CONSER single record approach for electronic serials, or are you cataloging electronic versions separately?
- How has the coding of the 006/007 impacted OPAC users in your local system?
- How have you resolved MeSH authority issues in your local system?
- Have you cataloged aggregator databases for your local catalog?
- Have you added ebooks to your catalog?
- What is the impact on ILL of the electronic resources in WorldCat?
- How have you been using the OCLC CatME product and/or CORC product?
- How are you planning for the impending change to the Web environment as outlined in OCLC document, "Extending the OCLC Cooperative" (September 18, 2000)?

Don't you all love all the supplemental electronic materials that are arriving with your book shipments! I know I am interested in how each of you have handled these issues.

Submit poster abstracts to:

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Introducing <http://hsoclcug.org>

Health Sciences OCLC Users Group has a new address:
<http://hsoclcug.org>

A new domain name makes finding HSOCLCUG on the internet easier!

There have been so many recent changes to the HSOCLCUG website, that it was necessary to change the server to make updating the information easier.

HSOCLCUG owes a great debt to Barbara Tysinger who got the HSOCLCUG website up and running in 1996. You will notice that the look and feel of Barbara's original work on the site remains. She did an excellent job in planning and designing our website and maintaining the information for five years!

Thanks to the advice of the OLAC webmaster, Sue Neumeister, HSOCLCUG was provided with the information to purchase a domain name. If we need to change the website location later, we just have to change the redirect. Plus the new domain name, hsoclcug.org, is much easier to remember. There are some drawbacks when you use the domain name, as the actual URL for the pages is not apparent.

The website is now available courtesy of the Rudolph Matas Medical Library of Tulane University Health Sciences Center. The following are links that will work to get you to the HSOCLCUG homepage and to MEDCAT.

Health Sciences OCLC Users Group:
<http://hsoclcug.org> or HSOCLCUG Homepage:
<http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/hsoclcug.html>
MEDCAT Homepage: <http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/medcat.html>

Purring about MEDCAT

by Judith Dzierba

MEDCAT list has been in operation now for a year and a half. Although it is sponsored by the Health Science OCLC Users Group and operated by its membership, anyone is welcome to subscribe. You need not be a member of HSOCLCUG (although we welcome you to join at <http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/membform.htm>), nor are you obliged to use OCLC products or services.

The electronic forum is open and not moderated. It is an easy way to exchange ideas related to medical cataloging. You can discuss bibliographic and authority control for medical and health science resources. You can ask your colleagues questions and opinions about standards, procedures and developments that affect technical services in health science libraries and information centers. You can post a job ad. You can announce

upcoming workshops, conferences, seminars, and other continuing education opportunities. You can even add some humor.

The number of subscribers (over 230) indicates a lot of listening – that's good! The number of posted messages over a year indicates little sharing – that could be better! To quote one member and a seasoned cataloger:

"We could use a 'little' more traffic and less timidity to answering questions online. Every question asked on MEDCAT has been of interest to me. I wish more responses had been posted."

Yes, it takes a lot of courage to present an idea in front of an audience of your peers. If you think about it, many of you already have done so in your professional studies and careers. Then, why are many subscribers so shy to use a forum where the audience is not evaluating your outcome? Wasn't there a time you wished you could invite a handful of medical catalogers into your office area to brainstorm or get a consensus? Why, then 'Reply' instead of 'Reply All'?

Don't have the time? If only one third of MEDCAT subscribers asked, shared, or fostered an idea daily, imagine how much time you might save in finding resolve to your department's issues, policies, or procedures. By the way, post if you must to your very favorite e-list, but think about cross posting to MEDCAT. Some things are universal!

Nominations sought for President-Elect and Recording Secretary

by Mary Holt, President

As the Nominating Committee does not have a Chair at this time, I am requesting that people interested in working formally as an elected officer of HSOCLCUG nominate themselves. In addition, if you have someone you think can represent our interests as health science users of OCLC services please send their names to:

Mary Holt at maryholt@tulane.edu

The President attends the OCLC Users Council meetings as an observer. This is an important part of the role for the President and it is a very interesting professional opportunity. This representation is vital at this juncture, as OCLC's membership is expanding globally and each and every OCLC service will be changing in the next two and a half years. This will be an exciting and very important time to attend and represent our group as OCLC embarks on the system development for what is being called "Extended WorldCat". Long time membership in HSOCLCUG is not required. You only need a desire to work and communicate with your colleagues in this ever changing electronic environment and to define the place and needs of the health sciences at the OCLC table. All nominees will be contacted prior to being placed on the mail ballot to members.

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HSOCLCUG Financial Report

Account Balances as of 06/07/2001

ASSETS

Bank and Cash Accounts	
Checking	\$605.09
Savings	\$5,378.55
Total Bank and Cash Accounts	
\$5,983.64	

TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,983.64
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President's Message

Mary Holt

This has been a very rewarding year for me working to represent HSOCLCUG. I had no idea what would follow when, at the Norman meeting, I simply mentioned that I could help make arrangements for the next HSOCLCUG meeting in New Orleans. I have been very fortunate that so many of you stepped forward to work on the issues of this group. As I look over my notes I am amazed as to what my original ideas were and what we actually accomplished. I would not have been able to or even attempted the organizational efforts of this year without the support and efforts of the many.

I especially wish to thank Dan Kniesner. Dan has spent many hours editing the proposal on MeSH in CORC and relaying the information by writing articles and papers. Dan has agreed to continue to chair the MeSH Committee which will continue to lobby to have medical subject headings included in OCLC products. Betsy Friesen and Joan Gregory have also been instrumental in the MeSH effort over the past year. The MeSH in CORC survey was part of the work of this committee and has helped bring the issue of MeSH authority files to the attention of many outside of our group. We are in the process of editing the final draft of a paper on the MeSH in CORC survey for publication in *OCLC Systems and Services*. Betsy and Joan have been involved in the CORC Users Group, as well as HSOCLCUG, and have been contributing to the discussion of the importance of other authority files in OCLC.

Many members at the Norman meeting, who committed to the revitalization of HSOCLCUG, have worked to make our vision a reality. Judith Dzierba has been an excellent liaison for our group with NLM. Judith provided the leadership we needed to move from the idea of a medical cataloging list that arose from discussion during the Norman, Oklahoma meeting in 1999 to the reality of MEDCAT. Judith deserves an award for the most thoughtprovoking questions on MEDCAT. Judith was aided by some of the Norman brainstormers in this effort: Joe Blackburn, Cindy Fedders, Mary Hawks. I very much feel that the MEDCAT experiment is a success! General information on MEDCAT is available:

<http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/medcat.html>

I owe great thanks to the long time members who continued in their roles with HSOCLCUG. Karleen Darr, is one such member, who, in spite of her changing role at her university, has remained as our Administrative Secretary. Her continued work in this position has been essential to the well being of our organization, as Karleen not only provides the technical support for MEDCAT, but also handles all of our business affairs. Karleen has agreed to continue in this position for the next year and I greatly appreciate her continued support.

I wish to thank all the members who have worked on behalf of the HSOCLCUG. I have often sent emails to request input and advice. Thanks to the Executive Board members: Cynthia

Fedders, Lynne Bowman, Mary Hawks, Sharon Bressert, Connie Machado, Carole Gall, Barbara Tysinger and Bruce Abbott. I also appreciate the information and advice of Janie Trumbull, who is not on the executive board due to her early retirement. (Janie, we all wish you the best and we will miss you at the New Orleans meeting!)

We still have work ahead. There are many NLM and OCLC issues that we need to discuss.

- We need to continue to brainstorm for resolutions to problems, and to lobby for the desired outcomes. The issues that affect all libraries are also important to this group and we need to work to align our ideas with those of other groups.

- We need to offer our insight and suggestions as OCLC is developing the changes proposed in "Extending the OCLC Cooperative". Look at: <http://www.oclc.org/strategy/>

- We need to provide the means for the discussion of issues in small groups and provide networking opportunities for issues such as SERHOLD and OCLC, OCLC record duplication, ILLiad incorporation into health sciences ILL departments, etc.

- We need to actively provide support and mentoring to new professionals and to provide support to experienced health science librarians in the changing electronic environment.

The Group also needs to further decide on meeting schedules and venues and the official role of electronic communication. Bruce Abbott will be working on necessary bylaws revisions. We will post the drafts for the suggested revisions to the website and to MEDCAT. The group will vote on the changes in accordance with the bylaws. Members interested in serving as officers need to step forward and be elected. I will serve a longer term as President, as I stepped directly to President, rather than President-Elect. I look forward to working with the person that will be President-Elect during this next year. I also hope to see a number of former members join and new members step up to work in this organization. I see the next year as a continuation of defining issues and making our interests known. We need to revitalize our membership. We also need to publicize our efforts and our existence to other professional organizations.

Meet the Boys on the Battlefield...the wild "HSOCLCUGers" gonna stomp some romp!

See you in New Orleans, Hey-Hey-Hey, Pocky-Way,

Mary

Lagniappe:

The above allusion is from the 1976 recording of "Meet the Boys on the Battlefield", The Meters, and their collaboration with The Wild Tchoupitoulas. HSOCLCUG is just about as difficult to decide on the pronunciation of as Tchoupitoulas. (Of course we all know the pronunciation of Tchoupitoulas in Nawlins! — Check out the recording.)

Resolution on MeSH in MARC (draft)

This draft is a revised resolution based upon the content of the 1995 resolution originally published: *Start of Message / Annual Proceedings* No. 75/76 (June-September 1995), p. 13. The draft also incorporates some concerns and language from an informal discussion of members attending the MLA meeting in Orlando, Florida (May 2001). HSOCLCUG shall discuss and amend as necessary. Membership will vote on the resolution at the October meeting in New Orleans. If approved by the membership this formal resolution will be sent to the OCLC Members Council (formerly OCLC Users Council).

Discussion of the draft is encouraged on HSOCLCUG's electronic list, MEDCAT, prior to the meeting. Revisions to this version will be posted to MEDCAT and mounted on the HSOCLCUG website.

RESOLUTION ON MEDICAL SUBJECT HEADINGS and OCLC SERVICES First Draft (June 6, 2001)

WHEREAS, member libraries rely on OCLC's WorldCat database and the OCLC services to libraries,

****WHEREAS**, OCLC is no longer using the annual MeSH MARC tape from the National Library of Medicine to correct existing MeSH headings in the WorldCat database, and

****WHEREAS**, an online medical and scientific authority file and authority services would enable member libraries to maintain more easily these corrected headings and would enhance the efficiency of member libraries performing subject authority work,

****WHEREAS**, the WorldCat database would be further enhanced if the medical headings were corrected, providing greater reliability of subject searches in the electronic environment, therefore, be it

****RESOLVED**, that the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group urges OCLC to investigate the best possible method for the loading of and the maintenance of medical subject headings, using NLM's annual MeSH tape or using the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS®), in the online authority file.

****We further seek** OCLC's incorporation of medical subject headings in the development of OCLC's new interface, and request that OCLC clearly and formally commit to the inclusion of medical subject heading authority in their strategic plan.

"Why participate in CORC now?"

by the CORC Users Group and Mary Holt

The CORC interface is the development of OCLC's new web based tool set that will be phased in as the Passport communication interface is phased out. **Now is the time to provide comments and constructive criticism to the system developers at OCLC. Now is the time OCLC will be actively listening to your comments.** Take advantage of this opportunity and take a stab at describing electronic information. It is not an easy task and many issues need to be addressed as OCLC moves to the development as defined in "Extending the OCLC Cooperative." I assure you that feedback on CORC has always been welcome and continues to be welcome. If it doesn't work, it is up to us to let OCLC know! Information on CORC is available: <http://www.oclc.org/corc>

We all will be facing workflow dilemmas and most likely administrative changes in how our departments are handling electronic information and how we use OCLC's future metadata desktop. Becoming familiar with the CORC interface (along with OCLC's CatME+ cataloging interface) may help in planning for the future. Remember that when you add electronic description to WorldCat your work is still available in the CORC database. The most important reason to work in CORC is the same as the reason we have always used to work in OCLC; it is to continue the cooperative model of cataloging.

CORC Users Group has a website <http://www.sil.si.edu/staff/CORC-User-Group/index.htm>. Did you know that the CORC Users Group was instrumental in having OCLC recommit to the support of the pathfinder tool set and that **charges are currently suspended for the pathfinder product codes!** ? Contact HSOCLCUG's own Betsy Friesen, who is responsible for the special interest sections in CORC UG. Last but not least, sign up for CORC-L and follow the discussion. (Betsy Friesen has recently been nominated to run for President-Elect of CORC Users Group - CORC-L subscribers are allowed to vote!) I hope you will get involved. HSOCLCUG has an obvious relationship to CORC Users Group, we need to build on the relationship and support the efforts of both groups.

There is an active group of health science librarians involved in CORC. There was a presentation of a paper concerning the CORC project at the MLA annual meeting. This paper was the outcome of the cooperative effort of Betsy Friesen, Joan Gregory and Mary Holt. This presentation is available in a CORC pathfinder. This pathfinder provides links to information on how each institution used the CORC project to provide access to electronic information. <http://purl.oclc.org/corc/system/Pathfinder/1848:xid=UMM>

HSOCLCUG also wishes to extend thanks to the Health Science CORC special interest group for the support they provided on the MeSH in CORC initiative! Everyone at the CORC UG meetings has heard of MeSH! Shall we ALL mesh!

MeSH in CORC Initiative is Delayed

by Dan Kniesner

HSOCLCUG's latest effort to persuade OCLC to load the MeSH authority records into CORC has recently been delayed because of strategic new OCLC decisions regarding the development of the Extended WorldCat.

OCLC has decided to move WorldCat and CORC and the authority files from their current OCLC-proprietary database management system to a commercially-available system, soon to be chosen. The migration will occur within the next 12 months and consequently will delay consideration of a MeSH load.

The Collections and Technical Services Interest Group of the OCLC Members Council continues to be interested in HSOCLCUG's "MeSH in CORC" proposal, but did not discuss it at the last meeting Feb. 11-13, 2001. The name OCLC Users Council was changed to OCLC Members Council at the February meeting.

Background information on HSOCLCUG's MeSH in CORC proposal to OCLC and results of the related January survey can be found on the HSOCLCUG website <http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/hsoclcug.html> or by contacting Mary Holt, President-Elect, at maryholt@tulane.edu.

Are You Adding Holdings to OCLC for Electronic Records? One Opinion!

By Dan Kniesner

—That is, if you have added your electronic holdings and created records in the first place!—It is my opinion that we need to tackle this issue as a group. I suspect that we are doing a great deal of local record editing and record creation without sharing our efforts! I have heard comments and I have seen documentation from libraries that say the library will not add holdings to the records of "remotely accessed" resources.

There are currently OCLC products that rely on the library holding information. Did you know that bibliographic updates for records for URL's that have been changed are available from OCLC? Look at:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/bibnote.htm>

[Excerpt from the BibNote: The OCLC Bibliographic Record Notification Service (BibNote) can now deliver OCLC-MARC records that have been upgraded with either new, changed, or deleted Electronic Location and Access fields (856 field)

according to your BibNote profile. While the entire contents of the 856 field will be delivered in the upgraded record, only changes to the \$u (URL) and the \$z (Public Note) will trigger delivery of an upgraded MARC record. A subscribing library must have its holdings attached to the master record to have an upgraded record delivered.]

It seems that this could be a very valuable service that OCLC will provide to its members. As the new OCLC system is developed there may be many additional relationships between our holdings and available services, other than the traditional use for interlibrary loan. This includes the real and likely need to be able to update the URL's in entire sets if the vendor server were to change or the ability for a user to limit to the local library when searching in FirstSearch or the CORC interface. Both of these services and features are available now from OCLC.

Is the reason that you do not set holdings due to the concern that the setting of holdings in these records will pose a daily problem with erroneous requests for the loan of materials that are not available for loan? There seems to be a need for educational support for Interlibrary Loan users in interpreting electronic records versus the print records, coupled with the need to make electronic format highly visible in the ILL module when electronic records are displayed. Perhaps the ways we have decided to describe and code these electronic resources are creating unexpected interpretation problems for public and interlibrary loan users.

I think we need to further educate ourselves on the impact of this "simple" issue. One response could be to ask that OCLC develop the possibility of having a holding choice that could be set to indicate electronic access for the title or a holding choice that would indicate the unavailability of loan. We have always had resources that were not loanable: rare materials, reference items, and heavily used resources for instance. There may be other solutions, but while this issue has been discussed at OCLC Users Council Meeting (February 2001), we need a solution sooner rather than later as many libraries are having to make decisions concerning the load of large groups of records immediately.

Your discussion of this topic on MEDCAT, MEDLIB-L and other related lists will be appreciated.

If you would like to Chair a task force on this issue for the next year or participate in the discussion, contact Mary Holt at maryholt@tulane.edu

A Challenge! — OCLC Collection Sets, Vendors and what YOU can do?

by Mary Holt

What problems have you had with the description of materials that have been made available electronically via vendors such as netLibrary, MD Consult, Stat!Ref, Ideal and Ebsco. I would like persons interested in the availability of OCLC collection sets for electronic publications from these aggregators to work together to define the descriptive information needed in the records. We need to collaborate with OCLC, the vendors and our colleagues to come up with a model that meets our needs.

Small group discussion via email is needed to define our needs and problems and to prepare for a discussion during the New Orleans meeting.

You are not alone in having problems handling electronic publications. Deb Silverman, of the University of Pittsburgh, has done some very innovative management of electronic resources using records directly from her ILS, <http://www.library.pitt.edu/resources/journals.html> I heard the problems again and again during the MLA Meeting in Orlando, but I didn't hear any cooperative solutions.

I would like to have a task force convene on these issues. I think the CORC pathfinders may provide useful tools to deal with aggregators. Are you interested in this project? If we choose a small aggregator such as MD Consult, which has both monograph and serial content, perhaps we can work on the solutions to the many questions posed by aggregated material, such as:

How do we create a good OCLC master record?

How can we avoid duplicate records for these resources?

Is there a way to use the NLM permanence ratings in the records? What essential information needs to be a record?

What local information should be included and where should it be located in the record?

How do we maintain accurate information as to the availability of the resource?

We are going to further this discussion at the New Orleans HSOCLCUG meeting. Contact me at MaryHolt@tulane.edu with your ideas.

OCLC-SERHOLD MARC Holdings Pilot Project to Begin

by Dan Kniesner

OCLC and NLM are planning to begin a small pilot project involving selected libraries in Region 6 (Pacific Northwest) and Region 3 (Greater Midwest) and perhaps other regions to test the electronic transfer of SERHOLD MARC holdings data into OCLC's union list system. HSOCLCUG supported this

OCLC/NLM initiative last October in a letter to the OCLC Users Council (see text at <http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/som/marc21support.html>).

NLM has selected libraries that have small enough holdings to be manageable in the pilot, have expressed an interest, and do not have more than one library sharing their three-letter WorldCat symbol, among other criteria. In OCLC's current stage of programming development, a branch medical library's holdings data from SERHOLD could overlay not only the medical library's data in OCLC but also the university library's holdings in OCLC for the same title.

Many but not all of NLM LocatorPlus records for serials in SERHOLD have OCLC numbers. For those records that do not, OCLC is working on an algorithm to look at NLM unique identifiers and other pieces of data to create a correct match of SERHOLD bibliographic information with OCLC bibliographic information. Then OCLC will be able to test programming that constructs, first, MARC21 holdings statements from SERHOLD holdings data, and then, OCLC local data record holdings to load into WorldCat. This is what the pilot project will test.

A project start date or duration has not been announced yet. For more information, contact Susan Barnes, Network Librarian, Resource Sharing, NN/LM PNR, at sjbarnes@u.washington.edu

Medical librarians in positions of influence at OCLC!

by Mary Holt

Did you know that there are medical librarians who are serving as delegates and/or alternates for OCLC Users Council? Ann Marie Clark represents the Pacific/WLN Region (2000-03). Ann Marie is the Director of the Arnold Digital Library & Internet Services of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Cindy Goldstein, Assistant Director of Tulane Medical Library has been elected recently as an alternate delegate from AMIGOS. Who are your regional representatives to OCLC? There is a directory of delegates to the OCLC Users Council available on the Users Council website at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/uc/> Minutes from meetings are also posted at this site.

HSOCLCUG needs to work this coming year to communicate our needs to the regional delegates that are attending Users Council. We also need to start a grass roots initiative for health sciences librarians to become involved at the OCLC regional network level. It would be great to have a few more health sciences librarians in positions of influence, not only for OCLC, but on the national organizations that determine standards for our profession. What are your thoughts on ways to begin to network? Contact me at MaryHolt@tulane.edu

OCLCILLiad
ILL management system software
by Susan Dorsey

The Tulane Medical Library has a new paper shredder. It is among the first 100 libraries ordering OCLC ILLiad and received the shredder as a sales promotion. OCLC ILLiad is described as a paperless solution for interlibrary loan. The library has not yet received the software, but was able to learn more about it at an OCLC ILLiad demonstration during the MLA meeting in Orlando in late May.

OCLC ILLiad promises to fulfill everything on its wish list. It interfaces with both OCLC and DOCLINE. All ILL records will be under one management system which is a dream come true for the interlibrary loan department. It will import requests that have been ordered through OVID. It will enable the use of EFTS as our billing method for DOCLINE, IFM for OCLC, and will print out bills for all other requests. It provides comprehensive statistical reports, including tracking and payment of copyright fees. OCLC ILLiad provides web-based, patron-initiated requesting and tracking. OCLC ILLiad will place Ariel requests on a server and notify the patron, via email, that the request is available. The product is highly customizable. It can be designed to look like a library's home page and allows an ILL department to set up OCLC ILLiad to meet specific needs.

The majority of the library's ILL traffic is through DOCLINE, and currently it uses QuickDOC For Windows as our interface. QD4WIN is a product that is still being developed to work with DOCLINE. The ILL department is facing more changes ahead as a result of trends such as Ariel, desktop delivery, and distance education students. OCLC ILLiad is a comprehensive product that has the potential to streamline and handle the changes that now must be addressed. Maybe the unimaginable will happen and the library will become paperless!

I will be happy to be a contact for OCLC ILLiad questions once we get it up and running. For more information, please take a look at the OCLC ILLiad web site. <http://www.illiad.oclc.org>

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**"...To maintain close contact with, and support
for, the Technical Services Section
of the Medical Library Association..."**
some thoughts
by Mary Holt

*from the Bylaws. Article II. Objectives, Section 5 - Available
via the internet: <http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/bylaws2000.html>*

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group is making initial plans to offer a single session where we may meet at the annual MLA meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas (May 17-23, 2002). MLA offers limited blocks of time for groups that wish to schedule informal meetings. These meetings may be listed in the Official Program. Non-MLA groups such as HSOCLCUG are charged the not-for-profit rate and the expense for our group is within our means. This arrangement would allow our group a chance to add to MLA programming content that is of interest to us and that may enhance the program of the MLA sections. There were around twenty HSOCLCUG members on the attendee list during the meeting in Orlando, we just need a space and time to get together. A number of us had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues and to socialize, but it would be advisable to have a scheduled time and place, rather than depending on chance meetings. The HSOCLCUG Bylaws include the objective of maintaining close contact and support for the Technical Services Section of the Medical Library Association.

HSOCLCUG members may wish to consider the advantages of membership in the MLA Technical Services Section. To find out more about TSS, visit the section's website at: <http://library.umsmed.edu/tss>. There is also an electronic publication, *Technical Trends*, at: <http://library.umsmed.edu/trends>. Dues for TSS are \$10.00 per year in addition to MLA membership.

**Future plans for HSOCLCUG meetings—
your ideas are needed**

The future plans for the annual HSOCLCUG meetings will be discussed during the HSOCLCUG meeting scheduled for New Orleans (October 2001). Our group may wish to investigate having informal get-togethers when other professional associations meet. There are a number of our members that attend ALA on a regular basis. OLAC may offer an opportunity, as well, to meet on some of the special issues. We may be a small group, but it is always a lively and interesting interchange when we get together. Please send your comments and ideas on future options for HSOCLCUG meeting to Mary Holt at maryholt@tulane.edu

Technical Services Section of MLA sponsored programs at annual MLA meeting

— a brief review

by Mary Holt

I have just returned from the MLA meeting in Orlando. There were a number of HSOCLCUG members attending and I was fortunate that I was able to run into a few of them at MLA events and during the Technical Services Section programming and meetings. A number of our members had poster sessions and I hope they will be sharing the content from MLA along with other HSOCLCUG members that will be attending the Tri-Chapter meeting in addition to the HSOCLCUG program in New Orleans!

Technical Services Section did a great job on the programming for the meeting. Topics of discussion included

- the impact of electronic purchasing on book purchasing,
- the ever changing content of aggregators (there will be further discussion at the HSOCLCUG New Orleans meeting),
- the varying methods of providing electronic description and access, and last but not least
- the single versus the multiple record question.

Paul DeAnna provided a demonstration of the beta version of the NLM Online Classification. Try it out and notify NLM if you have problems: <http://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/class/>. Margaret Byrnes provided an overview of the NLM preservation and microfilming program. Margaret also briefly discussed the NLM Working Group on Permanence of Electronic Information. There is a report available: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/reports/permanence.pdf>. A brief article is also available: <http://www.arl.org/news/212/nlm.html>

There was a great discussion during the Technical Services Section Hot Topics Roundtable led by Evelyn Bain of NLM. The question was asked concerning NLM's uncoupled subject headings - "Should medical libraries follow suit?" Are there any libraries using the records directly from NLM's LocatorPlus? There were many interesting comments. Perhaps HSOCLCUG could survey our members to determine if there is a strong wish to have the uncoupled headings as they appear in LocatorPlus distributed to OCLC and other utilities. What problems would be presented to the utilities, to local systems, to authority vendors? I suspect it is a different answer for different users, depending on local systems and the availability of authority services. What problems have the reconnected strings caused in your local system and/or local environment? Do you love reconnected headings or hate them? Have you made great authority efforts in the wake of the MeSH structure change? Have you noted specific problems in how subject strings have been reconnected? Your discussion of this topic on MEDCAT, AUTOCAT and other related lists will be appreciated. If you would like to Chair a task force on this issue for the next year or participate in the

forming of a small informal email discussion group, contact Mary Holt at maryholt@tulane.edu

One thing that struck me while attending these discussions is how we are all mulling over the same complex issues and there really are no easy answers. I hope HSOCLCUG can play a part in the discussion and don't feel shy! We are all seeking solutions, but I didn't hear anyone with the final answer to any question concerning electronic resources, although there are some really promising efforts and thoughtful consideration of the problems along with many suggestions. Most importantly we need to find ways to extend the cooperative model. Look for Technical Services Section to post the minutes of these very interesting discussions.

National Library of Medicine Classification, 5th edition, revised 1999, goes online in beta version (June 1, 2001)

by Diane Boehr

The National Library of Medicine is pleased to announce the online beta version of the *National Library of Medicine Classification*, 5th edition, revised 1999. Its URL is: <http://wwwcf.nlm.nih.gov/class>.

Web-based access to the *Classification* provides the user with greater maneuverability through the schedules and their index. The new searching tools enhance access to the *Classification* and present the data in new ways, relating concepts and class numbers to one another. Class numbers in the schedules are directly searchable. The schedules are browsable and references to class numbers are linked throughout the schedules. The index is also browsable and term/word searching retrieves all occurrences of a word or MeSH descriptor in the index. Links from MeSH descriptors in the index to the MeSH browser provide direct access to definitions and applications.

The Library expects to have an updated version of the *Classification* available sometime in 2002. The update will include appropriate additions and changes to MeSH through MeSH 2002, updated references to Library of Congress class numbers, and revisions to the schedules as appropriate. Future plans are to keep the *Classification* up-to-date on an annual basis following the MeSH pattern.

Since the online beta version of the *NLM Classification* is under development, NLM welcomes comments and suggestions. Please submit them through the NLM Customer Service e-mail: custserv@nlm.nih.gov.

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Record Duplication in WorldCat

*a response to Leopoldo Montoya's article published in
Technical Trends, Fall of 2000*

by Brenda Block, OCLC Quality Control Section

The problem of titles in WorldCat with both serial and monograph records

An article was published in v. 14, no. 2 (Fall 2000) of *Technical Trends*, a publication of the Technical Services Section of the Medical Library Association, regarding duplicate records in the OCLC WorldCat database. The author of the article reported 37 sets of records represented in the WorldCat database by both a serial record and a monograph record.

Of the 37 sets reported, I was able to merge 22 sets (60%) of records. Generally, it was either obvious duplicate records where a cataloger had inadvertently entered the information on the wrong format, or, in the case of a Library of Congress monograph, the record had been deleted in their system in favor of the serial record.

In some instances, someone may need to examine the first issue of an item to be able to determine whether the publication is meant to be finite in scope or intended to continue. Since OCLC is not a holding library, there were 15 cases (40%) cases where I couldn't tell which record was correct. Some titles were cataloged using different sets of cataloging rules and may have been correct at the time they were processed. I have forwarded these 15 cases to the Library of Congress to review and reconsider their decision on the cataloged item.

There were a few examples where a Library of Congress multi-part monograph record existed as well as a CONSER authenticated record. If LC decides to keep the publication cataloged as a monograph and the serial record remains authenticated, OCLC will keep both records. OCLC member libraries have the expectation that OCLC's WorldCat database will contain all Library of Congress cataloged monographs and since the CONSER database resides in WorldCat, OCLC is obligated to keep all CONSER authenticated serials.

Reporting duplicate serial records to OCLC

OCLC encourages libraries to report duplicate serial records. Full mode Cataloging users can use the Error command to send duplicate reports. Retrieve the bibliographic record that is a duplicate and type a free-text message with the OCLC control number of the other record(s) in field 952. Send the record to OCLC by either typing the command *err* at the Home position and press <F11> (Passport users) or selecting "report error" from Action menu (Arabic, CJK, and CatME for Windows users). CORC users can submit errors and duplicates using the forms under the Useful Links menu. Delete the 952 before taking final action (Produce, Update, Export, Transfer), or the field will appear on your tapes and archival records. Duplicates can also be reported via regular surface mail, e-mail, or the

web. Electronic forms are available from <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/docforms/frameset.htm>. Send the forms to: bibchange@oclc.org. Via the Web, you can find the forms at: <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/forms/bibdup.htm>.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any further questions. My email is: blockb@oclc.org
Date: Nov. 16, 2000

Message from the OCLC Users Council Meeting Feb. 11-13, 2001

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Date: March 2, 2001

From: Mary J. Holt, President

Summary report - OCLC Users Council meeting (Feb. 11-13, 2001)

I recently had the opportunity to attend the OCLC Users Council meeting (Feb. 11-13, 2001) as the HSOCLCUG representative. The HSOCLCUG proposal concerning the load of MeSH authority headings in the CORC database was not formally presented at the meeting, so there is still time for additional discussion and consideration of this proposal. HSOCLCUG has been able to provide documents concerning the proposal and the initial survey results have been distributed. Even though the HSOCLCUG Proposal was not addressed directly at the meeting, there was a suggestion to enhance the CORC database with metadata from other subject disciplines (such as MeSH) included in the final summation of possible metadata projects. The MeSH/CORC Committee will be in discussion with the leaders of the Collections and Technical Services Interest Group and OCLC prior to the next OCLC Members Council meeting (May 20th, 2001). I hope we will have an update prior to the MLA annual meeting in Orlando.

Another issue of prime importance to medical librarians is the OCLC/NLM Pilot Project. Cathy Kellum of OCLC made a presentation on this project to the Resource Sharing Interest Group. This pilot project will explore possible methods of loading SERHOLD data from the NLM database to OCLC. It is hoped that this project will be successful and that options for users of both OCLC ILL and the National Library of Medicine's DOCLINE services will be improved and enhanced. Additionally it is expected that success of this project will also improve the future possibility of updating holdings data via batch processing options for all OCLC union list participants. OCLC is expecting to work with NLM to solve some technical issues, and once these issues are resolved, there will be a test

load for one library and then for a small group of libraries.

The Collections and Technical Services Interest Group agenda for the February meeting did include other topics of interest. There was a joint meeting between Collections and Technical Services that discussed problems and possible solutions to holdings for electronic resources in WorldCat. Another topic discussed was the OCLC Collection Sets and OCLC's continuing negotiations with third party vendors. The major focus of the discussion for the Collections and Technical Services Interest Group, however, concerned metadata and future directions in cataloging. There were demonstrations of the Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) service. The integrated metadata system in development is based on the CORC service, and will be a web browser interface. There was discussion on the channels and methods for OCLC to inform users of the upcoming changes that will be occurring in OCLC cataloging and metadata services and standards as OCLC migrates to the "Extended WorldCat". This migration, which is to end with an integrated metadata creation and management desktop, is planned to occur over the next three years. The migration plan includes the development of an enhanced CatME product, as support for Passport is discontinued.

Other very important OCLC initiatives introduced involved archiving and included planning to provide a "Digital Vault" for safe storage of electronic information, along with services to help libraries digitize collections. There is also a perceived need to provide facilitation of grants and cooperative projects. 24/7 reference service was also discussed as part of the "Extending the Library Cooperative" along with much discussion of library portals. Traditional ILL services will be transforming to an integrated fulfillment service, which is now in the concept stage. Quality control of metadata was often mentioned as the size and content of the database expands and last but not least, the growth of OCLC into a global membership organization, with international partnerships is a present reality and OCLC is expected to continue to expand membership internationally.

You may wish to review the OCLC Global Strategy concerning the evolution of WorldCat from the bibliographic database and union catalog we know and love to the proposed globally networked information resource of all types and formats of information. <http://www.oclc.org/strategy>

OCLC Users Council Meeting Minutes will be posted. The agenda of the meeting is available: (February 2001: The Library as Portal Today) <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/uc/meet.htm>

There are also a number of the PowerPoint presentations available from the meeting: <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/uc/feb01/ppt/index.htm>

I really feel lucky to have had the opportunity to be part of the work of this group. This is definitely a challenging time for librarianship, really a time of monumental changes! I hope we

will be able to rise to the challenges before us. I believe the strength of our profession is in the cooperative nature of our endeavors for the good of our users. Please contact me if you have questions about the initiatives of the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group or if I need to clarify some of my statements in this message.

MeSH in CORC Survey

Summary of Report Results - Feb. 8, 2001

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An invitation to complete a survey on the National Library of Medicine's Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and OCLC's Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) was sent out in early January of 2001. Mary Holt (Tulane University's Rudolph Matas Medical Library), Betsy Friesen (Bio-Medical Library, University of Minnesota), Dan Kniesner (Oregon Health Sciences University Library) and Joan Gregory (Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah) were responsible for the development of the survey. The survey was mounted on the University of Utah's server as a web form created by Joan Gregory with the assistance of Sharon Dennis from Eccles Health Sciences Library who graciously provided the required cgi programming. The results were placed in a database which were imported into Excel for compiling and calculation.

The survey was posted to AUTOCAT, CORC-L, MEDCAT, MEDLIB-L and the OLAC list. The invitation to participate in the survey was posted on January 9th, 2001 and a reminder was posted on January 26th, 2001 just prior to the January 31st deadline. The subject line for the message was: MeSH in CORC: an invitation to complete a quick survey. The survey was brief, eight questions. Seven of the questions could be answered by selecting radial buttons for the desired response; however, there was an opportunity for individual comments on each question, plus open comments and concerns on the last question of the survey. Respondents were able to leave any question blank that they wished. The respondents were required to enter their email address, but email addresses were not correlated to the responses in any way.

The HSOCLCUG survey was available from January 6th through January 31st, 2001 at: <http://medstat.med.utah.edu/corc/meshcorcsurvey.html>

The text that was used as an introduction to the survey follows:

Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) / Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) Survey

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group (HSOCLCUG) has lobbied OCLC for some time to have the entire Medical

Subject Headings (MeSH) authority file loaded into the OCLC Cataloging System. New technologies in OCLC's Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) may offer the opportunity to have the MeSH file loaded in the CORC environment.

With that in mind, HSOCLCUG submitted a proposal to OCLC requesting that MeSH be loaded into the OCLC CORC database. The proposal will be on the agenda of the Collections and Technical Services Interest Group at the February 2001 OCLC Users Council meeting. Initial response has been positive. The discussion is now turning to details. The first detail is whether we want OCLC to load only the topical headings or to try to load everything, including publication types, topical subheadings, etc., which would delay implementation.

We'd like to get a sense of how librarians feel about OCLC loading MeSH into CORC. We are also interested in how all types of libraries are handling access and description of health science electronic resources. Discussion on the topic would be welcome on MEDCAT, CORC-L and other appropriate lists. In addition, a health sciences special interest group is being officially formed through the CORC Users Group.

The survey deadline is January 31, 2001. The results of the survey will be used to assist discussion of the proposal by the Collections and Technical Services Interest Group at February's OCLC Users Council meeting.

Reported Data, Tuesday, February 6, 2001

Total Respondents to the survey: 109

Breakdown by respondent's email domain:

Percent of respondents

- * ..EDU (73 of 109) 67.0%
- * ..ORG (10 of 109) 9.2%
- * ..COM (8 of 109) 7.3%
- * ..GOV (5 of 109) 4.6%
- * ..CA (3 of 109) 2.8%
- * ..NET (3 of 109) 2.8%
- * ..AU (2 of 109) 1.9%
- * ..US (2 of 109) 1.9%
- * ..MIL (2 of 109) 1.9%
- * ..ZA (1 of 109) 1.0%

1. Experience with OCLC Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) since July 2000.

- 49%—No use since July 2000 (53)
 - 27%—Searched, created, edited and/or exported less than 20 CORC since July 2000(29)
 - 25%—Searched, created, edited and/or exported more than 20 CORC since July 2000(27)
2. Would an initial load of only the MeSH topical headings

in the CORC database be of interest?

- 76.1% Yes (83)
- 11.0% No (12)
- 12.9% Unsure (14)

3. Would you prefer that OCLC wait until they are able to load the entire MeSH file, even if it means delaying implementation?

- 53.2 % No (58)
- 26.7 % Unsure (29)
- 20.2 % Yes (22)

4. Do you believe that availability of an online MeSH authority file via OCLC would help you in cataloging?

- 83.5% Yes (91)
- 9.2% Unsure (10)
- 6.4% No (7)
- ..9% Did not answer (1)

5. Please check authority features that most interest you. Percentage of Total respondents (109)

- 86.2% (94 of 109) — Search/browse for MeSH authorities
- 72.5% (73 of 109) — Export single MeSH authority records
- 64.2% (70 of 109) — Error detection
- 59.6% (65 of 109) — Automatic compliance with approved practices
- 55.0% (60 of 109) — Apply authority control to headings in CORC
- 54.1% (59 of 109) — Global maintenance of MeSH headings in CORC
- 44.0% (48 of 109) — Tag and export groups of MeSH authority records
- 41.2% (45 of 109) — Edit and export of MeSH authority records

6. Do you believe that availability of an online MeSH authority file via OCLC would help public services librarians or non-medical catalogers describe health information?

- 74.3% Yes (81)
- 19.2% Unsure (21)
- 6.4% No (7)

7. Please check the methods currently being used in your library to provide access to health science electronic resources (check all that apply):

Percentage of Total respondents (109)

- 74.3% — 81 of 109 — Web lists of resources maintained by the library
- 64.2% —70 of 109 — Cataloging of selected electronic

resources in library catalog using MeSH

58.7% — 64 of 109 — Linking to electronic resources maintained by groups outside of the library

43.1% — 47 of 109 — Building a local database of electronic resources

6.4% — 7 of 109 — Use of pathfinders in CORC

8. Other Comments and Concerns: Available in Microsoft Word document, in addition to the comments on questions 1-7, Also available in an electronic format via the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group Website:

<http://www.tulane.edu/~matas/HSOCLCUG/resultschart.html>

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Recap of Issues

2000-2001

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Date: January 30, 2001

From: Mary Holt, President

New Business

1. Proposal to the OCLC Users Council

The resolution for OCLC to mount MeSH MARC made at the 1995 HSOCLCUG was renewed by an official proposal from the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group to the OCLC Users

Council, October 9, 2000. The proposal requested that the MeSH authority file be loaded into the Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC). The MeSH MARC Committee Chair, Dan Kniesner and the CORC Liaison, Betsy Friesen worked along with Mary Holt, President, on the proposal. Joan Gregory joined the effort to further define the needs of librarians using MeSH in CORC. A survey was designed by the MeSH/CORC Working Group and mounted by Joan Gregory at the following website: <http://medstat.med.utah.edu/corc/meshcorcsurvey.html>

The Collections and Technical Services Interest Group agenda of February 2001 was to include an update on the progress on loading MeSH files into CORC. [Postponed] The Chairperson of Collections and Technical Services Interest Group is Kristin Senecal of Waidner - Spahr Library at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. Contact information for Users Council representatives are available at the Users Council website: <http://oclc.org/oclc/uc/frameset.htm>

Related to this effort, a special interest group within the CORC User Group has begun. Members of this group are working in conjunction with Health Sciences OCLC Users Group. An article by Kay Covert, "CORC Users Form Health Sciences Special Interest Group" gives an update on this related activity in the OCLC Newsletter (November/December 2000), p. 15. Available online: <http://www2.oclc.org/oclc/pdf/news248.pdf>

2. MARC21 Format for Holdings Data in OCLC

HSOCLCUG submitted an email letter to OCLC Users Council in support of an OCLC serial holdings proposal from Susan Barnes, SERHOLD coordinator and network librarian of the Pacific Northwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The proposal was favorably received and acted upon at the October 22nd-24th, 2000, Users Council meeting.

HSOCLCUG needs to continue to work to address the issues that impact medical libraries using both SERHOLD and OCLC Union Listing. A better understanding of the issues that the National Library of Medicine faces with their new ILS (Endeavor Voyager), and the current SERHOLD, is required. We need to explore how current SERHOLD data may affect the readiness for a cooperative project with OCLC using MARC21 for holdings format. The Group needs to consider providing additional educational information on the MARC21 format for holdings. HSOCLCUG will continue to work with Susan Barnes and other interested groups to encourage the cooperative effort.

Old Business

1. OCLC's Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) - Build locally, Share globally

HSOCLCUG will continue to encourage the cooperative description of health science electronic resources via, OCLC's Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) or OCLC's WorldCat. The books, tapes and other materials that health science librarians make available to our patrons using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and National Library of Medicine Classification are easy to find on our shelves because they are organized appropriately by subject matter, content and author according to the medical community standards. Using this same model, the HSOCLCUG is committed to continue to work with other librarians to identify appropriate electronic health science resources and to create a catalog of electronic resources that will make it easy to locate relevant medical and public health information on the internet.

2. OCLC continues to diversify its line of products and services. HSOCLCUG needs to improve efforts to educate its members on the issues and problems that may occur as we move to the use of new OCLC interfaces in the next three years. HSOCLCUG will continue to inform OCLC of medical OCLC users's unique needs along with the specific issues that impact all OCLC libraries.

3. The membership must be surveyed on the future of HSOCLCUG. This includes defining the relationship as an independent group or as a group with formal or informal relationships with other professional groups, such as the Medical Library Association (MLA). The bylaws should be amended as needed.

HSOCLCUG is not formally affiliated with the MLA.. However, the immediate past meeting and the next future meeting were planned in conjunction with the annual meetings of the regional chapters of MLA, and many (but not all) of HSOCLCUG members are also members of MLA. HSOCLCUG is particularly interested in reaching all those involved in the cataloging and classification of health science resources and all those trying to locate and utilize the literature of the health sciences in all formats. The Group has worked to form liaisons to professional associations that have interests similar to the members of this group. These associations include the Technical Services Section of MLA and appropriate interest sections of the American Library Association, and other professional groups such as OLAC (Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc) and the CORC Users Group. HSOCLCUG will continue to investigate the possible formal or informal relationship with MLA and/or the CORC Users Group. This effort is underway.

4. MEDCAT e-list, official HSOCLCUG website, *Start of Message* (SOM) and the official electronic communication of the group.)

HSOCLCUG will continue to work to define the official role of MEDCAT and the official HSOCLCUG website and the role of electronic educational resources to the group. An electronic version of SOM: Start of Message is needed. Work needs to continue to make all official announcements available to the

membership via the MEDCAT list and on the website. The bylaws need to be reviewed and amended as appropriate.

5. Bylaws revision

A revision and review of the Bylaws continue to be necessary to meet the needs of the current number of members and new communication technologies. The HSOCLCUG bylaws, as amended in May 1998 require an annual meeting which includes a business meeting, and other meetings as deemed necessary, to be held as arranged by the Executive Board. Notice of any meeting must be given at least one month in advance. The Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Bruce Abbott, will be preparing a draft of suggested bylaw changes. Discussion will be held via MEDCAT and revisions for review will be posted on the HSOCLCUG web site. The amendments will be voted upon at the next business meeting.

Elected Officers Section, Article IV.(p.2) requires revision. Elections are currently required for President, Vice President (President-Elect) and the Recording Secretary. There was no roster of candidates at the past meeting and currently all posts are held by the past officer or by a volunteer approved by the membership at the last meeting in Norman, Oklahoma.

Define the role of electronic list or other types of professional communication and the official communication of the group which has traditionally been an independent annual meeting. An alternate type of meeting such as a Round Table Luncheon or SIG of MLA may be considered as a way to handle executive board and business of the group on an annual basis. Another option would be to meet at MLA as an outside group by paying the required fee to MLA and having the meeting added to the Official Meeting Program. All options need to be discussed and any change in the current pattern must be approved by the membership at the next meeting.

Define the relationship to MLA and its chapters and the relationship to other professional associations. Set up liaisons with related professional associations and organizational bodies that are involved in creating library standards and post reports to the membership concerning issues of interest to the members.

Consider making the Bylaws less specific, since many of the requirements that were necessary when the membership was much larger are no longer needed. Contact other OCLC users groups that have less structured bylaws or none and make recommendations for the changes in the formal bylaws. A similar group that has maintained an active and productive mission is the Music OCLC Users Group (MOUG). The Theological OCLC Users Group meets informally at their national association meeting, and they have no bylaws or dues. The next HSOCLCUG business meeting should make a definitive decision on the future of the group.

6. Medical Subject Headings in MARC format (MeSH MARC)

The MeSH structure change and the 2001 MeSH, continues to be an issue of importance. The processing of MeSH authority in the OCLC Worldcat is important for the retrospective cataloging for libraries using MeSH subject headings. The group is committed to continue the work to make the MeSH MARC file available via OCLC's services and to work with OCLC to make the MeSH headings accurate and allow for authority outsourcing for MeSH via OCLC authority services.

7. Membership Revival

The Group needs to expand its membership base. The immediate issues at hand should help to revitalize interest in membership in the organization. We also need to work to expand the institutional memberships and encourage active participation of both the institutional representatives and individual members.

Proposal to OCLC Users Council Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and OCLC Services

*(Ed. note: Previously posted to the online version of SOM,
January 2001)*

Date: October 9, 2000

From: Health Sciences OCLC Users Group

Re: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and OCLC Services

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group (HSOCLCUG) would like to refresh its "Resolution on Loading MeSH into the OCLC Authority File". We are interested in working with OCLC to plan a load of the 2001 edition of MeSH. The Group would be very interested in attempting a MeSH load into the Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC). We would suggest that an initial load include only the MeSH records for topical headings and not the subheadings or qualifiers.

The CORC system offers unique authority features that have been, previously, unavailable to us. The availability of Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) in CORC is very exciting and we would like to have all these features offered for MeSH, as well. MeSH users would be benefited in the following ways:

1. Ability to import single MeSH authority records
2. Ability to use the CORC authority features, such as "Control All"
3. Global maintenance of MeSH headings in CORC

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group is also working to encourage medical librarians to offer their expertise in the selection and description of health science electronic resources, thus enriching the CORC database. Could you help us

to make our proposal for this project a reality on the OCLC agenda for implementation?

The original MeSH load resolution was passed at the 1995 HSOCLCUG annual meeting (see below). MeSH in OCLC cataloging and authority services continue to be an important issue for our Group.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal.

Sincerely,

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Update

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group (HSOCLCUG) has continued to lobby to have the entire Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) authority file loaded into the OCLC System. New technologies in OCLC's Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) have opened an possible opportunity to have the MeSH file loaded in the CORC environment. HSOCLCUG submitted the proposal above to OCLC Users Council which requests that MeSH be loaded into the CORC database. The new proposal is based upon a past official HSOCLCUG resolution (see 1995 resolution below) to OCLC Users Council. The MeSH/CORC proposal is on the agenda of the February 2001 meeting of the Collections and Technical Services Interest Group of OCLC User's Council. Contact the HSOCLCUG Executive Board members or discuss your issues and concerns via MEDCAT. You may also communicate your concerns or support of the proposal to Kris Senecal, (senecal@dickinson.edu), the Chair of the Collections and Technical Services Interest Group. A MeSH/CORC working group has been working on this issue and has created a survey and will be working toward gaining input on the needs and requirements for librarians using MeSH in CORC.

Please take a few minutes to review the proposal and respond to the survey:

Medical Subject Headings(MeSH) / Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (CORC) Survey: <http://medstat.med.utah.edu/corc/meshcorcsurvey.html>

RESOLUTION ON LOADING MeSH INTO THE OCLC AUTHORITY FILE

This is the text of the resolution originally published in Start of Message and Annual Proceedings No. 75/76 (June-September 1995), p. 13.

- * WHEREAS, member libraries rely on OCLC's Online Union Catalog and authority file for headings of all types, including subject headings, and
- * WHEREAS, OCLC is now using MeSH MARC tapes from the National Library of Medicine to correct existing MeSH headings in the Online Union Catalog, and
- * WHEREAS, an online MeSH authority file would enable member libraries to maintain more easily these corrected headings and would enhance the efficiency of member libraries performing subject authority work, therefore, be it
- * RESOLVED, that the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group urges OCLC to load and maintain the MeSH main and subdivision headings into the online authority file as soon as possible.

MARC21 Format for Holdings Data in OCLC

(Ed. note: Previously posted to the online version of SOM, January 2001)

Support for proposal(2000-09-28): "More Serial Holdings Data for WorldCat"

To: Resource Sharing Interest Group, OCLC Users Council
From: Health Sciences OCLC Users Group
Date: Oct. 19, 2000

Re: MARC21 Holdings format in WorldCat

The Health Sciences OCLC Users Group (HSOCLCUG) would like to submit this short letter of support for the Sept. 28, 2000 proposal submitted by Susan Barnes on development of MARC21 Holdings Format in WorldCat.

HSOCLCUG libraries must input journal holdings data into both NLM's SERHOLD system and OCLC's union listing system. The cost of maintaining both systems independently is becoming more difficult to bear. Meanwhile, NLM's SERHOLD has implemented the MARC21 Holdings Format for serial holdings data, and increasing numbers of HSOCLCUG libraries are also implementing the MARC Holdings Format in their local library systems.

We need to participate in NLM's DOCLINE system and OCLC's interlibrary loan system, both of which are high-use ILL systems.

We ask OCLC Users Council to consider the benefits to all of us of making OCLC union listing efforts more efficient by adopting MARC Holdings Format in order to accept input of serial holdings data in that format. We think it may be the most cost effective for OCLC to develop a single data interchange interface with NLM's SERHOLD system to load holdings changes that have been entered into SERHOLD.

Please add our letter of support to Susan Barnes' proposal and other documentation that may be reviewed at the Users Council meeting.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Update

The letter above was sent to OCLC's Resource Sharing Interest Group in support of a proposal, *More Serial Holdings Data for WorldCat*, from Susan J. Barnes, on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Resource Sharing Interest Group. A resolution supporting the idea of a standard holdings format (MARC21)

in WorldCat was approved by the Users Council during the October 2000 business meeting.

The approved RSIG resolution is available in electronic format: <http://oclc.org/oclc/uc/20001023/resolution.htm>
Minutes from the Users Council Resource Sharing Interest Group are available via the Users Council website: <http://oclc.org/oclc/uc/20001023/rsi.htm>

If you are interested in this issue you may contact:
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Health Sciences OCLC Users Group

Membership Form 2001/2002

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OCTOBER 28, 2001 (Sunday, 8am-6pm)

EXTENDING the COOPERATIVE New Technicalities in Technical Services!

Health Sciences OCLC Users Group

- Register (\$35.00) via the Tri-Chapter Meeting registration form. Open to all HSOCLCUG & Tri-Chapter attendees.

Morning 8:00-12:00 — Presentations from NLM and OCLC Representatives. Sharing and Discussion.

Alice Jacobs has graciously accepted the HSOCLCUG invitation to attend and provide an update of the technical service side of the National Library of Medicine. **Judith Dzierba** (Library of Rush University, Chicago, IL) will facilitate the discussion



Alane Wilson from the CORC project of OCLC will be attending the HSOCLCUG meeting as our guest. Alane will be joined by **Betsy Friesen**, (Bio-Medical Library, University of Minnesota) an experienced CORC user and pathfinder "expert", who will facilitate this discussion.

Afternoon session 1:30 - 3:00 pm —

Handling Electronic Resources Available from Aggregators.

Panel Discussion - Various solutions to the problem of managing information available through full-text database aggregators will be discussed. The panel will include representatives from vendors providing access to electronic resources in aggregation, an OCLC collection set representative, along with librarian presenters who have been attempting the description of these resources. The goal is that attendees come away with an understanding of the issues. Discussion will emphasize specific medical descriptive issues that involve medical subject headings and NLM classification along with management solutions such as SFX, Open URL, CrossRef, and other technical solutions.

Bruce Abbott (Ische Medical Library, Louisiana State University Medical Center) will facilitate this panel discussion.

Afternoon session - 3:30 pm — 5:00pm -

Technical and Management Changes in ILL.

There will be an **ILLiad** demonstration that will focus on the DOCLINE and EFTS features that are of extreme importance to medical libraries. **Susan Dorsey** (Rudolph Matas Medical Library, Tulane University Health Sciences Center) a new ILLiad user will moderate this session.

The HSOCLCUG Business Meeting - 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

Important business will be discussed including the "New Resolution" concerning medical subject headings and OCLC.

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Please register on the Tri-Chapter Registration (back of form) -- To obtain a registration packet or additional information on the HSOCLCUG cruise and seminar contact: Mary Holt, maryholt@tulane.edu (504)587-2062 Voice - (504)687-4717 Fax [Seminar cost is \$35.00(10-28-01 from 8am-6pm, Riverside Hilton Hotel, Elmwood Room) - Cruise cost is \$45.00(10-26-01, 6:30-9:30pm)]



Steamboatin' on the River

Join the Health Sciences OCLC Users Group for a **JAZZ DINNER CRUISE** aboard the **Steamboat Natchez** on Friday evening, October 26. New Orleans only authentic Sternwheel Steamboat docks at Toulouse Street Wharf behind Jax Brewery. The dock is directly across from Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter. It is an easy walk along the Mississippi River (10-15 minutes) or a short streetcar ride from the conference hotel (Toulouse Street Stop). Guests may board between 6:00 - 6:50 p.m. and the Natchez will be departing the dock at 7:00 p.m. for a two-hour cruise. **A New Orleans Style Buffet** will be available in the Magnolia Suite (private room on the lower deck) and there is live jazz music provided on the upper level by the **Dukes of Dixieland**. A cash bar will be available in the Magnolia Suite and on each level of the boat. There is a lovely view of the Mississippi River from the deck of the boat and the music fills the air.

- A ticket will be required for this event (\$45.00). Accessibility is limited. No elevator is available. Special diets may be accommodated with advance notice. Please contact Mary Holt with special needs: maryholt@tulane.edu

For information on the Steamboat Natchez: <http://www.steamboatnatchez.com/>

A virtual tour of the steamboat is available: <http://natchez.citysearch.com/>

HSOCLCUG attendees are encouraged to attend the Tri-Chapter meeting, especially the Saturday conference and poster sessions along with the conference exhibits and vendor demonstrations. The first HSOCLCUG event will be the Steamboat Cruise on the Mississippi River, Friday evening, October 26th. A seminar on issues of importance to Technical Services and Access Services will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2001 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.). A HSOCLCUG business meeting will immediately follow the planned seminar (5-6 p.m.) The HSOCLCUG seminar and the cruise are choices on the back of the registration form for the Tri-Chapter meeting.

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