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## Message from the Chair

Bonnie Snow  
PDI Section Chair

In this issue of *PDI Alert*, you'll see that much has been accomplished behind the scenes by our dedicated colleagues, working on behalf of the section. Penny Coppernoll-Blach, Nominating Committee Chair and immediate Past Chair, ably coordinated our annual election of officers to meet the new, earlier time frame for completion set by the Association. The accelerated schedule meant that Penny was assembling the slate of candidates and preparing ballots more than two months ago, shortly after accepting her new position as Corporate Services Librarian at the Biomedical Library of the University of California, San Diego.

Jean Siebert, Membership Committee Chair, submitted the new membership brochure for posting on our website. Sharon Giovenale, our Internet doyenne, has converted the brochure to PDF format for easy downloading, in addition to updating other site contents.

Speaking of the Web, you may want to visit Loyd Allen's online newsletter, *Secundum Artem*, for background on the topic of this year's EMBASE Lecture at the annual meeting in Dallas. Dr. Allen, Editor in Chief of the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding* and Professor Emeritus at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy, is our distinguished invited speaker on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Even if you're unable to attend his talk, you'll want to bookmark *Secundum Artem* for future reference (<http://www.paddocklabs.com/publications/secundum/secindex.html>). Hosted by Paddock Laboratories, a leading supplier of compounding materials, the newsletter archives include a recent issue highlighting "Pharmaceutical Compounding Resources on the Internet." This annotated pathfinder includes pertinent regulatory, organization, and journal sites likely to be of interest to all PDI members.

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**Three Events at MLA in Dallas**  
**Sponsored By the Pharmacy and Drug Information Section**

Natalie Kupferberg  
PDI Section Chair-Elect

It often seems that the most interesting sessions occur at the same time during annual meetings, creating a conflict. You may find that this year's annual meeting in Dallas is no exception. So why should you make a special effort to go to the events that the Pharmacy and Drug Information Section is sponsoring? We hope you will attend because we are a small section that needs your support and for an even better reason: all three of the sessions should be interesting and informative.

**I. EMBASE Lecture**

Sunday May 19, 2002, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**“Contemporary Pharmaceutical Compounding”**

Lloyd Allen Ph.D., R.Ph. is Editor-In-Chief of the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding* and Professor Emeritus at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. He holds twelve patents on pharmaceutical dosage forms and is the author or editor of numerous scientific publications including the *Handbook of Non-Prescription Drugs*.

Dr. Allen will speak on the history, current status and proposed future of the preparation of individualized medications. He will talk about the reasons for the increase in compounding as well as the legislative and regulatory activities. Current resources will be described as well as examples of compounded prescriptions.

Lloyd Allen “is a highly sought-after reviewer and lecturer and serves as a consultant to several pharmaceutical companies.”

We are grateful that he is able to speak at our meeting.

**II. Participating in the Genome Age: Present Research on Pharmacogenetics**

Tuesday May 21, 2002, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We are co-sponsoring this session with the Cancer Librarians Section and the Molecular Biology and Genomics Special Interest Group. Our invited speaker is Dr. Corinne Aragaki, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Dallas, TX. The title of her talk is **Pharmacogenomics: Future and Current Research on the Interaction of the Human Genome Project and Pharmacology**. She will describe how pharmacogenomics can provide (1) individualized, targeted and more effective safe medications; (2) quicker and more accurate drug design; and (3) appropriate disease risk assessment and directed therapeutics.

At 1:00 p.m. we will be taking Dr. Aragaki out to lunch. Please email me if you are interested in joining us.

During the second half of the session three papers will be given on pharmacogenetics and its implications for future health care. The authors and the titles of their presentations are listed below.

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## MLA Events

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The abstracts of their talks can be viewed via the Itinerary Builder on the MLA Webpage.

- James E. Andrews -- New perspectives and challenges of genetics information seeking
- Claudia Lascar -- Research collections in pharmacogenetics and pharmacogenomics
- David J. Owen -- Librarian-faculty collaborations in pharmacogenetics: new vistas in drug therapy and scholarly communication.

### III. Eyes on the Competition!

Wednesday May 22, 2002, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

We are co-sponsoring this session with the Corporate Information Services Section.

Our guest speaker is Sarah McCord who will talk on **Competitive Intelligence in the Academic Environment**. Sarah McCord is the Electronic Resources Librarian and liaison to the College of Pharmacy at the Washington State University Health Sciences Library. She received her Masters in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Her research interests include library assessment models, digital reference services, and accessible webpage design. The author will give practical ways to implement competitive intelligence in the library.

Jean L. Siebert will present **How Retail Pharmacists Utilize Competitive Intelligence and Drug Information**. She is the Learning Services Coordinator/Information Services Librarian and Bibliographer for the School of Pharmacy at West Virginia University Health Sciences Library. Jean received her B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Montana, her MLS from UCLA focusing on Health Sciences Librarianship, and will graduate in December 2002 with an MBA with a Health Services emphasis from West Virginia University. This author will describe the current environment of retail pharmacy and discuss access issues, attitudes, and utilization of competitive intelligence and online drug information.

A third speaker from the Corporate Information Services Section is in the works.

And don't forget our Section Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

I hope to see you all at these events.

## Message from the Chair

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In addition to Dr. Allen's talk on "Contemporary Pharmaceutical Compounding," Natalie Kupferberg, our hard-working Chair-Elect, has helped organize two other programs to be co-sponsored by PDI in conjunction with other sections. Look for details in the article starting on page 3.

Last but by no means least, this issue of *PDI Alert* is Gina Kaiser's final contribution as our Newsletter Editor. On behalf of all members, I'd like to thank Gina for her excellent volunteer service as Editor these past few years. It's been a pleasure to work with her, along with our other officers and committee chairs during the past twelve months. I look forward to expressing my appreciation to them in person in Dallas at our annual business meeting. Hope to see you there!

**2002/03 Election Results**  
Penny Coppernoll-Blach  
Nominating Committee Chair

The election results for the Pharmacy & Drug Information Section officers for 2002/03 are as follows:

Chair-Elect/Program Chair	Sarah McCord, Washington State University, Pullman
Secretary/Treasurer	Sue McGuinness, UCSD, San Diego
Potential Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee	Terry Ann Jankowski, University of Washington, Seattle

My thanks and congratulations go to Sarah, Sue, and Terry Ann for agreeing to run for office and for serving our section in the coming year.

**Changes in the MLA PDI Website**  
Sharon Giovenale  
Web Developer

PDI membership information is now available at our website. The URL is <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/~sgiovenale/PDIMember.pdf>. Jean Siebert, our Membership Committee Chair, created this brochure. Also, please note the cool new look of our website. Send any comments or suggestions to me at [sharon.giovenale@uconn.edu](mailto:sharon.giovenale@uconn.edu).

**News & Notes**

Welcome New Members!

If you are a new member of this section, welcome! Feel free to contact Jean Siebert if you have any questions or just want to know more about this section. I can be contacted at 304-293-1920 or [jsiebert@wvu.edu](mailto:jsiebert@wvu.edu). PDI members look forward to working with you in the future.

Jean Siebert  
Membership

PDI Section member Mindy Paquette-Murphy, Senior Information Scientist in the Research Division of Sanofi-Synthelabo, in Malvern, PA, is the new Chair-Elect for the Corporate Information Services Section of MLA. As such, she will head up CISS programming at the MLA Annual Meeting in 2003. She can be reached by phone: 610-889-6181 by fax: 610-889-8988 or by email: [mindy.paquette-murphy@sanofi-synthelabo.com](mailto:mindy.paquette-murphy@sanofi-synthelabo.com).

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## News & Notes

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PDI Section member Dennis Ritchey, Medical Librarian at Kaiser Permanente in Downey, CA, sent the following useful citation:

In the February 15, 2002 issue of the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy there is an update on natural products and drug interactions.

Nicholas G; Update on natural product - drug interactions  
Am J Health-Syst Pharm 2002; 59:339-47

The article covers 15 of the major herbal products on the market today, St. John's Wort, Ginger, Ginkgo etc., and includes some excellent drug interaction tables, and a great list of recommended natural product references.

It is available in PDF at the ASHP website - <http://www.ashp.org/> but you must be an ASHP member to access the article. So, check with one of your library friendly pharmacists and get your hands on a copy. This is always a tricky area in which to find sound information!

## Newsletter Editor Needed

Our section needs a new Newsletter Editor. Gina Kaiser has been the Editor for the past three years and done a great job.

I asked Gina how much time it took her to do it and if she even found it fun! (What a concept! - having fun as a Section Officer.) She answered, "Over the three years that I have been Editor it has taken progressively less time as I became more familiar with working with the newsletter template, and expedited the mailing process. Initially it took three weeks. It now takes me a week to ten days of fairly steady work to edit the articles, do the layout, and then fine-tune the newsletter. I actually have enjoyed it and found it interesting to work with the other board members and article writers."

Gina also said it fulfilled part of her scholarly requirements of being a faculty member in an academic institution and that there is the satisfaction of contributing to the section.

She would be happy to talk with and advise a prospective Editor. If you would like to talk with her further you may email her at [g.kaiser@usip.edu](mailto:g.kaiser@usip.edu) or call her at 215-596-8963.

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## **MLA 2001 Section Council Meeting Highlights**

Vee Kwon  
MLA/PDI Section Council Chair

The MLA Section Council (23 sections) met twice on May 26, and May 30, 2001 in Orlando, FL during the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. The following provides some highlights of the meeting.

### **Saturday, May 26, 2001 (12:00 pm–4:00 pm)**

12 Sections out of 21 have their own mosaic quilt logos, which they are ready to display at MLA Meeting.

SIGs have no money, cannot have websites of their own on MLANet, but Sections may host sites for SIGs in the future.

Mentoring articles are needed for the MLA News.

Section Council Chair-Elect is Norma Funkhauser.

NPC 2001 Program Liaison Report – Issue of quality is a major concern.  
43 Section – sponsored programs and 68 contributed papers

Greetings from MLA President – Michael Horman. Michael stressed two themes: An Information Odyssey and Creation/Promotion of Virtual Association, that is, MLANet and online directory of MLA members, and availability of Lindberg Research Fellowship of \$25,000.

Greetings from the incoming MLA President-Elect, Carol Jenkins. Carol briefed us on: “Investing our future to center of excellence in health sciences librarianship and customer service.”

### **Wednesday, May 30, 2001 (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)**

The vote concerning the Name Change motion for the Medical Society Libraries Section did not take place, since some sections had not brought this up for discussion. Those sections will discuss this by email. A ratification vote will take place next May.

The Hospital Libraries Section introduced an item for discussion. This section has experienced numerous problems with accountability and communication with MLA Headquarters. Examples of this include the impossibility of obtaining a current membership list, untimely responses to queries, and late billing for meeting expenses. After some discussion, Nancy Henry indicated that such problems should be reported to Carla Funk. Furthermore, Section Council had problems getting mailing labels from Headquarters.

Section Council and Chapter Council would like to co-sponsor a mentoring event after a plenary session at MLA 2002. The attendees would have the opportunity to meet with a speaker in a less formal setting. The Leadership and Management Section would like to help with this.

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## Council Highlights

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Research Section has a mentoring list on their web site. Nancy Henry will send out an email to sections asking about section activities. The responses will be fed to the MLA Membership Committee.

Section Council Website changes will be pursued by Gerald Perry, our webmaster. [*Editor's note: This responsibility has now been assumed by Sharon Giovenale.*]

MLANet hosting costs were discussed. MLA has not budgeted to cover expenses for hosting section websites. Section Council would like to be reconsidered. Nancy will get a list of costs from Gerry. It would be worthwhile to try to develop a timeline for the feasibility of covering the hosting costs. The question of how much space all 23 sections would require was asked. Also, if the sections are the grass root source of new members, are their needs a priority?

If you have any specific questions on the Section Council Meetings, please write to me at the following email address: [mkwonn@pwcg.com](mailto:mkwonn@pwcg.com)

## Editor's Notes

As this is my final issue as Editor of *PDI Alert*, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the past and present section officers, who have been most supportive and helpful, as well as the many contributors, who have been prompt with their articles and amenable to my editing suggestions. It has been a challenging and, ultimately, an enjoyable three years.

It is now time for some new blood. This is an opportunity for another section member to take on the challenge. Be assured that I will be happy to provide guidance, if needed. Contact Chair-Elect Natalie Kupferberg [*see article on p.6*] or me if you are interested.

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