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Greetings Section members:

Fred, our editor, told me to keep it short this time. I will see what I can do.

Please plan to attend the MLA meeting in Vancouver. We need to support the two programs our section is co-sponsoring by attending the presentations. Check the program for times. Our business meeting will be held on Tuesday May 9th. Note the time on the agenda included in this newsletter. Let me know ASAP if I need to add other agenda items.

I believe all our section reports have been sent to MLA Headquarters in a timely manner. This has been a challenging experience but it does help to keep me on track. MLA is a very busy place sending out e-mails, keeping things organized and moving forward for the membership.

Speaking of membership, Donna Trainor has been working on the newly designed brochure. We hope to have it available at the annual meeting. Membership was my focus this year and I hope we see growth in the next few years. Share with your colleagues how vital it is to become involved with our section. New blood, new ideas and new direction each year help to keep our section alive and interesting.

I look forward to seeing you in Vancouver. It should a great meeting!

Cheers,

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**THE HISTORY OF THE HEALTH  
SCIENCES SECTION**  
*of the Medical Library Association*



*Facade of the Temple of Aesculapius, after Henri Lechat, c. 1895*

- **Purpose**
- **How to join the Section**
- **Section Activities**
  - **Section Activities at MLA 2000** NEW
  - **Section Activities at previous MLA Annual Meetings**
  - **Continuing Education Courses**
  - **News and Exhibits**

**continued**

- [A History of the Section \(in honor of the MLA Centennial\)](#)
- *INCIPIT*: the newsletter of the History of the Health Sciences Section of MLA
- Section Listserv [NEW](#)
- [The Murray Gottlieb Award](#)
  
- **Governance**
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- [History of the Health Sciences Links](#)

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For more information about this site, contact: Patricia E. Gallagher or Stephen J. Greenberg  
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## NEW Bibkit

A new Bibkit *History of the Health Sciences* has just been published by the Medical Library

Association. Compiled by Stephen J. Greenberg of the National Library of Medicine and Patricia E. Gallagher of the New York Academy of Medicine, this publication is designed to assist librarians faced with historical questions, whether or not they have access to a large historical collection.

The four main sections are:

> In Case of Emergency, Break Glass:

Ready Reference Sources in the History of the Health Sciences.

> Medicine's Greatest Hits: Primary Sources in the History of the Health Sciences.

> Knowledge Is of Two Kinds: Secondary Sources in the History of the Health Sciences.

> What a Tangled Web: Web Resources in the History of the Health Sciences.

The publication includes a selection of ready-reference works, chapters on primary and secondary sources, and links to web-based information. Included are references to histories of diseases, major discoveries, and the specialties, 150 key works in the history of the health sciences, and links to databases of images, journal articles and e-texts, as well as to major history of the health sciences library collections.

Bibkit #5 is on sale through MLA, for more information visit MLAnet at

< <http://www.mlanet.org/publications/kits/bibkits.html> >.

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## Membership Report

Every year, the sitting President provides the nation with a State of the Union Address. This isn't as grand, and thankfully not as long, but I'd like to provide a Status of the Section Membership report. According to the March 22, 2000 HHSS membership roster, we have a total of 99 members, an increase of 11 since the December 7, 1999 printout. The section is growing - this is good news! Based on a comparison of the

## Membership Report (continued)

rosters the following individuals have joined our section:

Nancy Burford, Texas A&M, College Station, TX; Sue Coldren, PSL Medical Center, Denver, CO; Ramona S. Connelly, York Hospital, York, ME; Michael Flannery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL; Gage-David Hansen, Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH; Edward J. Huth, Editor Emeritus, Annals of Internal Medicine, Bryn Mawr, PA; Bruce Madge, The British Library, London, United Kingdom; Timothy Daniel Rivard, First Allmerica Life Insurance Company, Worcester, MA; Lilli Sentz, New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY; Inna Shpilko, New York Orthopaedic Hospital, New York, NY; Catherine Arnott Smith, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; Jan H. Willis, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD.

Welcome to the History of the Health Sciences Section! I look forward to seeing you at our Section business meeting in Vancouver.

Anne Maria Baxter  
Secretary / Treasurer HHSS

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**AVISTA** is the Association Villard de Honnecourt for the Interdisciplinary Study of Medieval Technology, Science, and Art. Visit our web site at: [www.avista.org](http://www.avista.org) for more information about our organization, past sponsored sessions, and journal. The International Medieval Studies Congress, Kalamazoo 2001, *The Medieval Hospital and Medical Practice: Bridging the evidence, interdisciplinary approaches to the Medieval hospital and medical practice*. Call for papers, seeking proposals for 20-25 minute presentations touching on all aspects of research concerning the Medieval hospital and medical practice.

Topics may include:

- > Hospital, site and structure: Setting, furnishings, art, architecture, archaeological evidence.
- > Image and object: Sources for studying the Medieval hospital and medical practice.
- > Hospital foundation and regulation: Monastic, municipal, church involvement, charters, regulation, patronage, customs.
- > Military connections: Hospitallers, Order of St. Anthony, field hospitals and battlefield surgery.
- > Disease: epidemiology, plague, leprosy.
- > The practice of medicine, practical and theoretical: Remedies, cures, regimen, diagnosis, prognosis, surgery and surgical instruments.
- > Reconstructing Medieval medical practice Presentations by scholars of research involving practical experiments with Medieval medical treatment, herbs, remedies, botanicals, alchemy, and/or presentations of parallel cases in modern medical use of leeches, phlebotomy, or other treatments with Medieval origins.

Abstracts for proposals should be sent to: Barbara S. Bowers, The Ohio State University, Jones Twr. 455, 101 Curl Dr., Columbus Ohio, 43210. 614-688-9556  
Email: [bbowers@osu.edu](mailto:bbowers@osu.edu)  
DEADLINE: September 15, 2000

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