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Greetings from the Chair

As we approach the end of 2004, we can begin to look forward (is it really only 6 months away?) to our next annual meeting, and the program that is being put together by our Incoming Chair, Anne-Maria Frketitch. History of the Health Sciences Section is involved in selection for three sessions this year: "Overcoming Challenges: Magnificent Medical Contributions," "Medical Diversity: Thinking Out of the Box," and "Digitization, Preservation, and Authentication of Resources." Perhaps you have already submitted your abstract to one of these sessions? But even if you are not going to present, we hope that you have pencilled in the times and dates (which can be found at http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2005/participate/sp_themes.html) and will join us for these interesting and informative sessions. Our section programs for 2004 were very well attended, and we received wonderful feedback about the quality of the papers presented. We're sure next year will be even better!

As I'm sure you are aware, this is an election year for the Section. You have received a request for nominations. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the

section, now is the time to get involved. Or if you would like to work with the Board, remember, new officers means new vacancies on committees. Please join us as a Committee Chair or Member, and keep the section providing you with the information YOU need!! As always, I encourage you to become a member of our Section's listserv, as this is our best way to keep in touch with you throughout the year.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you in Washington - I hope to see many more of you in San Antonio. Do feel free to contact me at any point; it is good to hear from you. Have a good remainder of the year!

Patricia Gallagher
Chair, History of the Health Sciences
Section.

Greetings, Section Members:

MLA 2005 in San Antonio dates are May 14-19! The overall theme of MLA '05 is Diversity, as you may know. The National Program Committee (NPC) is emphasizing five themes: education/outreach, clinical, research, technology, and diversity, in an effort to encourage broad participation. They are also moving away from the

program sponsor/co-sponsor format to one where a section leads and works together with other Sections/SIGS to bring you an interesting slate of program options to choose from to make your conference experience a positive one.

The program themes for MLA 2005 are:

Overcoming Challenges: Magnificent Medical Contributions

The HHSS is leading this program along with the Chiropractic Libraries and Relevant Issues Sections and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Health Sciences Librarians SIG.

The program is a biographical session focusing on individuals who have overcome some adversity - be it a physical challenge, racial, ethnic, minority, or gender discrimination label - to make some significant contribution to the field of medicine. Individuals may submit either a paper or poster meeting the theme.

The Section is co-leading the following programs.

Medical Diversity: Thinking Out of the Box

The primary leader for this session focusing on health care practitioners and practices that have come full circle is the Chiropractic Libraries Section. Once viewed as traditional methods of healing, many of these practices were abandoned or pushed aside in favor of more "mainstream" allopathic medicine. They are now considered adjunct or complementary methods to allopathic medicine. Other co-leaders include the History of the Health Sciences, Nursing and Allied Health Resources Sections and the Complementary and Alternative Medicine SIG.

Digitization, Preservation, and Authentication of Resources

Individuals are invited to contribute papers describing how they digitized, preserved, and authenticated their print and electronic resources. The exponential growth of electronic resources raises many issues for librarians, including digitization of print resources, preservation of print and electronic resources, and authenticity and versions of electronic resources. The program focuses on discussion of these issues as they relate to federal documents and standard print and electronic resources as well as issues related to providing future access to them.

All papers and posters must be in the structured abstract form and, of course, meet the program theme. The **deadline for submission is Monday, November 1, 2004**. Check the MLA '05 Web site, <http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2005/index.html>, for more details.

Section Elections

The following nominations have been received by the Nominating Committee (Suzanne Porter and Anne Maria Frketch) and will appear on the ballot to be sent out to the members in January 2005.

Chair-Elect: Diane McKenzie
 Section Council Representative Elect:
 Joan Stoddart
 Nominee to the MLA Nominating
 Committee: Heidi Heilemann

In addition we will have four changes for the Bylaws. All involve minor wording except for the proposal to begin the term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer on odd rather than even numbered years to coincide with that of the Chair.

Join the HHSS Listserv

Follow these easy steps to join the HHSS listserv:

1. Send an email message to majordomo@mlahq.org
 2. Leave subject line blank
 3. In the body of the text enter: subscribe hhss@mlahq.org yourmail@place.edu.
Note include your full mail address.
 4. Receive email from majordomo.
Respond to the message asking you to authenticate your sign on.
 5. Receive confirmation message from majordomo including the all-important "Welcome to the HHSS listserv" message. Save this one since it will tell you all the important things like how to send a message, unsubscribe, find out who's on the list, etc.
 6. Begin participating in the listserv.
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