

Announcement

Fifth International Congress on Medical Librarianship

A Working Group of the IFLA Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries of the Special Libraries Division has been charged with the responsibility for preparing and organizing the Fifth International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML). The Japan Medical Library Association has issued an invitation to hold the Congress in Tokyo in the fall of 1985, and this offer was accepted by the Working Group.

A sub-group of the Working Group met in London on 31 March 1982 in order to draft a general Congress outline and to begin determination of the necessary steps which had to be taken. The members of the Working Group (or, the 'Congress Organizing Committee') are Irwin H. Pizer, Chairman (representing the IFLA Section of Biological and Medical Sciences Libraries), S.K. Anand (The Medical Library Association of India), Eustace Cornelius (The Library Association—UK), Mary Corning (National Library of Medicine—USA), Frances Groen (Canadian Health Libraries Association), Donald Jamieson (New Zealand Library Association), Beryl Ruff (World Health Organization), Charles Sargent (Medical Library Association—USA), Ritva Sievänen-Allen (Finland), Martha Stone (International Development Research Centre), Toshinobu Suga, Secretary (Japan Medical Library Association), Charles Tettey (Association of African Medical Librarians), Paul Weiss (Institute for Scientific Information in Medicine—DDR), and Ines Wesley-Tanaskovič (Institute for Military Medical Documentation—Yugoslavia). Ms. Wesley-Tanaskovič is serving as an ex officio member of the Committee in her capacity as Chairman of the Fourth ICML. Mr. Cornelius and Ms. Ruff were also closely involved in the Organizing Committee for the Fourth ICML, and bring a wealth of information to the new Committee.

The tentative theme for the Fifth ICML is "Medical Libraries—One World: Resources, Cooperation, Services". The theme has intentionally been set in the broadest possible terms so as to encompass all aspects of the topic. It is anticipated that papers on any subject relating to medical librarianship will be acceptable, and papers received will later be grouped into appropriate topical sessions. There will be four invited papers: one keynote address, and one paper for each of the three major subtopics to the theme. The maximum length of

papers will be eight A-4 pages, typed and double spaced. For actual presentation, each author will be required to condense his paper to a four-page summary. An author abstract will be required and should be no more than fifty words long. Prospective authors may contact the Program Chairman, Ms. Beryl Ruff, Chief, WHO Office of Library and Health Literature Services, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

The Congress will run for four full days, 1–4 October 1985. The day preceding the Congress opening will be devoted to training opportunities and tours of local libraries. The anticipated Congress attendance is 500–600 persons. In order to communicate with persons who are potential Congress delegates and participants, all associations of health science librarians are being asked to distribute a Congress Newsletter to their members. This will probably be a one-page sheet which will be issued semi-annually between 1982 and 1985.

The Program Committee for the Congress is so far composed of the following: Beryl Ruff, Chairman; Eustace Cornelius, Ian Lyle (London); Ursula Hausen (Hannover, F.R.G.); Geneviève Nicole, C. Ambroselli (Paris); Fernando Rodriguez Alonso (São Paulo).

The Congress Organizing Committee will attempt to obtain funds in order to support travel to the Congress for delegates from developing countries, and information on this program will be available at a later date. It is expected that the Congress registration fee will be between US\$150 and US\$200.