

MAG MESSAGES

Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR “HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!!”



As we make the transition from '04 to '05 for another eventful and exciting year for the MAC organization, I have been reflecting on how much behind the scenes effort and commitment to the workings of this organization occur every year. For those of you who have been working so diligently, an enormous thank you. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage

all MAC members to become more actively involved in support of and communication with your fellow MAC members. Please take time to send information about your new and ongoing projects, or those of others, to your State Reporters to be published in the upcoming issues of MAC Messages. We always enjoy hearing about the many excellent programs and individual accomplishments of our members throughout the MAC region.

The MAC Executive Board is scheduled to meet January 21, 2005 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. All MAC committee members are encouraged to attend. This will be

an opportunity to meet and work on goals and objectives that have been developed for this year. The Board will review old and new business and make decisions for the new agenda to meet MAC organizational goals. The 2005 Program and LAC committees will meet the day before the Board Meeting to delve into the planning process for our annual MAC Meeting scheduled for Charlottesville, October 3-6, 2005 at the Omni Hotel. Mark the dates on your calendar and keep an eye on the MAC Website as plans are posted. I will give an update on the outcomes from the January meeting in the next MAC Messages.

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year of transition to the “electronic” for meeting registration and dues payment. This experience will provide smoother sailing for 2005 activities. The Publications Committee survey results will provide input for changes to the MAC Website. The Professional Development Committee will have survey results to assist with continuing education activities planning. The 2005 Strategic Planning Task Force will be looking at MAC organizational changes and moving forward with Bylaws revisions. All of this and more will help us keep innovation alive in 2005.

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macmessages@hotmail.com until
February 15, 2004.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

“ T H I N K A B O U T I T ! ”

Every year MAC, through your input and the work of the Honors and Awards committee, selects exemplary librarians to receive one of 3 awards. These honors are one of the highest professional honors we can bestow on our colleagues. Fortunately, MAC provides us with an ample opportunity to formally honor colleagues who have shown leadership and initiative in the medical librarian field.

You can nominate your colleagues for any of the following three professional awards:

**MAC Librarian of the Year Award,
Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award and the
One-Person Library Recognition Award.**

Criteria for each award can be viewed at
<http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac/awards.html>

All award recipients receive a (transferable) voucher good for up to two years for a free MAC annual meeting registration OR up to one day MAC Continuing Education (their choice), recognition at the Honors and Awards ceremony during the annual meeting, a \$200 dollar award, and a plaque.

Go to
<http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac/forms/nominate.html>
today and nominate your deserving colleagues!

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**H L S / M L A P R O F E S S I O N A L
D E V E L O P M E N T G R A N T A V A I L A B L E**

Hospital and clinical librarians: Are you seeking funding to attend a meeting, further your professional education or conduct research? The HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant is intended to encourage participation in professional programs or to support reimbursement for expenses incurred in conducting scientific research. This grant helps librarians working in hospitals and other clinical care institutions to develop and acquire the knowledge and skills delineated in Platform for Change (MLA's Educational Policy Statement) and Using Scientific Evidence to Improve Information Practice (MLA's Research Policy Statement).

The deadline for the next grant award is February 1, 2005. Up to \$800.00 is available to the recipient.

Further information including application forms and eligibility is available at
http://mlanet.org/pdf/grants/hlsapp_2002_1112.pdf. For more information, please contact Lisa Fried (312) 419-9094, Ext. 28 or email at mlapd2@mlahq.org.

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