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various subjects in fisheries and aquatic resources of North America and other global regions. A wide range of subjects is covered, such as pollution, limnology, ichthyology, fish culture, fishery management, fish nutrition, fish parasitology, and so forth.

Two index issues of the *Transactions* are available, one covering 1872–1928, the other from 1929–1952. Special Publication No. 2, "A List of Common and Scientific Names of Fishes from the United States and Canada," is published by the Society. This reference is the only publication of its kind available and is in wide demand.

A Newsletter for the membership is published six times a year. The Society also has available a brochure entitled "Fisheries as a Profession" which serves as a career guide for students interested in entering the field of fisheries. This publication is made available to all high schools or to individuals who are seeking information on this career field.

The Society issues professional certificates to its members who are qualified by academic standing or experience in the field of fishery biology.

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Medical Library Association

The Medical Library Association came into being with a meeting of eight persons—four physicians and four librarians—in the editorial offices of the *Philadelphia Medical Journal* on 2 May 1898. At first the organization was called "Association of Medical Librarians" but at the 10th annual meeting (1907) the name was changed to its present form.

The objectives of the Association are the fostering of medical and allied scientific libraries, the exchange of medical literature among its members, and the improvement of the professional qualifications and status of medical librarians.

Membership may be on an institutional basis, provided that the medical or allied scientific library concerned meets standards of size, organization, and maintenance. Membership is also open to individuals engaged in professional medical library work, and in an associate status to persons interested in medical and scientific libraries. The total membership of the MLA at present is approximately 1800, with over 750 institutional members included.

Annual meetings of 4 to 5 days are held in various parts of the United States and Canada; regional group meetings of 1 to 3 days occur between regular conventions. There are now nine such regional groups. Medical school, medical society, dentistry, pharmacy, hospital, and public health libraries are represented in the organization. The 63rd annual meeting of the Association will be held in San Francisco, Calif., 1–5 June 1964.

The Association publishes a quarterly journal, the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, which has gained an enviable international reputation. Other publications include: Vital Notes on Medical Periodicals, local checklists of serial holdings, the Handhook of Medical Library Practice, and the beginnings of a new monographic series.

A prime activity of the organization is its exchange program whereby libraries "trade" their duplicate materials with one another. A certification program was initiated in 1947. which in turn encouraged special inprograms ternship training and courses in medical librarianship offered in a number of universities throughout the country. Sponsorship of training of foreign students in medical librarianship has been one of the Association's more successful ventures.

The Association became affiliated with AAAS during the 1962 meeting in Philadelphia. The current officers of the MLA are: president, Louise Darling (University of California); vice president and president-elect, Estelle Brodman (Washington University); secretary, Myrl Ebert (University of North Carolina); treasurer, Carroll Reynolds (University of Pittsburgh); past president, Frank B. Rogers (University of Colorado Medical Center). The council representative to the AAAS is Sanford V. Larkey (Johns Hopkins University). The office of the Association is at 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill., and the executive secretary is Helen B. Schmidt.

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