

## Minutes

**National Library of Medicine  
Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC)  
June 20-21, 2019  
Minutes of Meeting**

The eighty-seventh meeting of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) (roster under ATTACHMENT A) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) convened at 8:30AM, June 20, 2019, in the Donald A.B. Lindberg Room of the NLM, Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Adina Kalet, Chairman of the Committee, presided. In accordance with P.L. 92-463 and the determination of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), the meeting was announced in the Federal Register. The meeting was open to the public on June 20, 2019, from 8:30-10:AM, for the discussion of administrative matters. In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(9)(B), Title 5, U.S.C., Pub. L. 92-463, the remainder of the meeting was closed to the public for the review and discussion of journals as potential titles to be indexed by the NLM.

For the Record<sup>1</sup>

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Marisa Conte  
Dr. Filipa Godoy-Vitorino  
Dr. Kristen Greenland  
Dr. Melissa Haendel  
Dr. Adina Kalet  
Dr. Scott LeMaire  
Dr. Alan Louie  
Dr. Nancy Lowe  
Dr. Elijah Paintsil  
Dr. Bill Yates  
Dr. Karen Young

### **NLM STAFF PRESENT**

Ms. Joyce Backus  
Ms. Jennifer Diffin  
Ms. Kathryn Funk  
Ms. Julie Silverman  
Ms. Rebecca Stanger  
Ms. Cecelia Vetter  
Ms. Beth Weston  
Ms. Erin Zellers

### **CONSULTANTS**

Ms. Diane Cooper  
Ms. Nancy H. Tannery

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Sanjeeve Balasubramaniam  
Dr. Luisa DiPietro  
Dr. Dingbo Lin

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<sup>1</sup> It is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Committee is discussing journal titles in which a conflict of interest might occur.

## **I. Call to Order**

Dr. Adina Kalet called the meeting to order at 8:30AM, Thursday, June 20, 2019, and welcomed members, consultants, and other attendees.

## **II. Administrative Matters**

### **A. Consideration of the minutes from the February 2019 meeting:**

The minutes were approved as written.

### **B. Conflict of Interest Forms:**

Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to LSTRC members prior to the meeting, and were completed before members participated.

### **C. Dates of future meetings:**

Confirmed Meetings:

- *Fall 2019 (October 24-25, 2019)*
- *Winter 2020 (February 20-21, 2020)*
- *Spring 2020 (June 18-19, 2020)*

Proposed meeting:

- *Fall 2020 (October 22-23, 2020)*

## **II. A Unique (and Deadly) NLM Holding: *Shadows from the Walls of Death***

Dr. Stephen Greenberg, Section Head of Rare Books and Early Manuscripts, History of Medicine Division, NLM, spoke about the various collections and exhibits offered by NLM's History of Medicine Division. In particular, he showed the Committee the *Circulating Now* blog post featuring the digitized copy of "*Shadows from the Walls of Death: Facts and Inferences Prefacing a Book of Specimens of Arsenical Wall Papers.*" Dr. Greenberg also explained a little history of, and displayed, the print books: R. L. Kedzie, *Shadows from the Walls of Death* (1874), Charles Darwin, *On the Origin of Species* (First edition, 1859; first German edition, 1860; first Japanese edition, 1896), and Johann Petri, *Herbarius latinus* (1485).

## **III. Report and Discussion**

Ms. Joyce Backus described the MEDLINE Publisher Portal, a new workflow in the Publisher's Portal for submitting and managing MEDLINE applications. The portal allows publishers to submit an application for a journal to be reviewed for MEDLINE and provides a unique link for publishers where the progress of the review can be tracked. She also asked the committee to share their thoughts on the MEDLINE journal review process.

## **IV. Director's Report**

Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan thanked the LSTRC members for their contributions to NLM program and their diligence in recommending journals to be indexed in MEDLINE saying the work of the LSTRC is essential for NLM's mission to provide access to health information. She described recent NLM activities in support of the NLM Strategic Plan including workspace architectural redesign, the launch of DataScience@NLM training

program, expansion of the intramural research program, and the consideration of the FAIR data principles in support of data sharing. Dr. Brennan ended by presenting certificates of appreciation to the outgoing members of the LSTRC and welcomed incoming members.

#### **V. Examination and Reviews of Titles**

Dr. Adina Kalet announced the meeting was closed for the examination and review of titles on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM. Titles continued to be reviewed until 5:00 PM Thursday, and began again at 8:30 AM on Friday, June 21, 2019. Examination of titles concluded at noon on Friday and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **VI. Certification**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and complete.

Joyce E.B. Backus  
Scientific Review Administrator

Adina Kalet  
Chairman