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Anticipating the NLM’s 3\textsuperscript{rd} Century

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New NLM Staff here today

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How do I think NLM will fare under the new administration?

“How NIH has a long history of bi-partisan support and stands ready to work with the new Administration to improve people's health and reduce the burden of disease through biomedical research.”
Drawing from our history
... Celebrating our present
... Anticipating our future
Crafting a vision of library as the dynamic interplay of medicine and information
The NLM will shape the future of data-driven discovery

...beyond genomics

...more than in the cloud!
Data → Information → Knowledge
Our future builds on our past

- 1838-≈1960 – Index
- 1984-2015 – Network
- 2016-∞ – Data
In the words of Nina Matheson...

- ...be tool builders and...system developers...and solvers information problems (1982)
- Choices need to be made
- The major barrier to change is often *not a love of the status quo* but the *lack of a clear picture* of where technology leads
- Some futurists underestimate what can be accomplished in one years and over-estimate what can be accomplished in ten years.
What Matheson & Cooper envisioned, still holds...

• that books will not disappear, but their uses will concentrate in those areas where their portability, relative low cost and ease of production for **stable** information in incontestable

• As more and more information is available only to those with the financial means, fears grow about the potential of **disenfranchisement for those less affluent**

• The high costs of **connectivity**...

• The ... problem is to filter the external knowledge base and **bring in only that which is relevant and useful at the time** and place for it to accelerate the effectiveness of work
Nina’s view of our time...

• Lessening dependence on centralized work places
• Electronic mail might save $4.35 per message
• Growth in majors in technical fields
• Information base doubles every 10 years, faster in health
• Concerns about data security and the lack of confidentiality
• Academic resources include faculty, libraries, information & instructional material
Now remember, when she was writing...

- Searching databases can range from $16 to $100 per connect hour in addition to $5 to $8 per hour telecom costs and 5¢ to 20¢ per citation.

- “A new crisis is emerging that is equal to that of the 1960’s” — Societal view is information access as an advantage; now it is viewed as essential.

- In 1982, the business community was pushing computers and ”the flow of technology is so rapid as to acquire a momentum of its own and sweep us into lifestyles we may not like”.

- Libraries had been in a bad state and the NLM responded with $$ to advance information flows through academic medical centers.
Recommendation for the future

• ... the quantity of material to be reviewed...still exceeds the time available to devote to this necessary work...
  • Technology *could be* used to filter the databases and there *is a need for* changes to personal information file management

• ...NLM *should* develop state of the art network communication throughout the RMLN

• ...work closely with other national libraries, industry, and library groups to develop appropriate archival storage and retrieval devices and systems, and to intensify research efforts in developing appropriate technologies to improve information transfer and utilization mechanisms
It worked, and the idea of what a library is became wonderful!
Supporting discovery
National Library of Medicine Collection
- ~17,000 serial titles
- All Serials – journals, annuals, statistics, etc.
- Discoverable in NLM Catalog & LocatorPlus
- NLM provides ILL and ensures archiving

PubMed
- 26.5 M records
- Only bibliographic records

MEDLINE
- ~5600 selected journal titles
- Only bibliographic records
- 93% of PubMed

PMC = PubMed Central Archive
- ~2,000 full participation journals
- 4 million full text articles
- ~1M federally funded public access articles
- Bibliographic records display in PubMed
NCBI: Research-driven service
Service-inspired research

**Literature**
- PubMed, PMC, Books
- ~4,000,000 daily users
- Browsing, reading
- Small downloads

**Molecular and Clinical Data**
- Gene, Nucleotide, Protein
- Structure, BLAST, PubChem, Clinical Trials
- ~300,000 daily users
- Batch retrieval
- Data analysis
- Extensive NCBI curation
- *Big Data*

**Specialized Datasets**
- SNP, GEO, SRA
- dbGaP, ClinVar
- ~15,000 daily users
- Retrieving whole datasets
- Expensive per user
- Extensive Curation
- *Big Data*
Biochemical Informatics R&D at the Lister Hill Center

- MetaMap Lite
- Consumer-health Question Answering
  - Classification for Medical Questions
  - Recognizing Question Entailment
  - Combining Knowledgebases
- RxNORM & RxNAV
  - Accesses continue to grow beyond a Billion
  - Soft launch of RxNav 2.0
Biomedical Image Informatics R&D at the Lister Hill Center

*Image Analysis, Feature Extraction, Machine Learning, Visual Content Understanding, Information Retrieval*

- Open-i℠, an image + text search engine
  

- Automated analysis of digitized histology images to detect cervical cancer

- Automated screening of CXR
  - Normal vs. Pulmonary disease (TB)
  - Currently deployed in rural Kenya

- Automated extraction of bibliographic data from scanned and Web articles to populate MEDLINE®/PubMed®

- Face matching to search for missing disaster victims in People Locator®
  

- Automated detection of malaria from image analysis of microscope (cell) images
Preserving the past
Opening science
NLM Pill Image Recognition Challenge
Consumer Safety through Public Data Science Research

Can your cell phone tell you what that pill is?

August 1, 2016 Prize announced:
1st Mobile Pill Finder – Michigan State Univ. $25,000
Improving health care through standards & specialized information
PubMed Central®

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However...

The challenges to innovation identified by Matheson and Cooper persist – not *in spite of the* advances afforded by her vision of integrated library systems and academic information resources management networks.

But because the information substrate is expanding from bibliographic elements to DATA!
What does the future hold?
Look back to Matheson & Cooper!

• Content
• Context
• Computation
• Communication
Content: Data
Context
Computation
Partnership with experts, professional and lay
Charting the future
Recommendation #2: ‘Open Science’

NLM should catalyze research and promote information

Recommendation #3: ‘Data Science’

NLM should be the intellectual and programmatic epicenter for data science at NIH and stimulate its advancement throughout biomedical research and application
Strategic vision

- Data (data...data...data...data...data...data...)
- Grow our research programs
- Expand outreach to citizens
What could our future look like?

- Evolving data storage, communications, and computer security technologies
- Methods for generation, formalization, management, and sharing of knowledge resources
- Balance of basic and applied research in NLM’s research support portfolio
- Training for data scientists, data-informed investigators, data librarians
- Standards and policy development in the promotion of open science
- Partnership with other NIH components and agencies promoting best practices for data storage, access, discovery and analysis.
Developing the NLM Strategic Plan

*September 2016-December 2017*

- Board of Regents charge
- Stakeholder engagement
- NLM Staff visioning
- NIH IC Directors and stakeholder input
- Assessment of the physical assets
- Tying budget to goals
- Functional audit
- Division and program visitation
What is role of the National Library of Medicine in...

1. advancing data science, open science, and biomedical informatics
2. advancing biomedical discovery and translational science
3. supporting the public’s health: clinical systems, public health systems and services, and personal health
4. building collections to support discovery and health in the 21st century
Cross-cutting themes

1. Standards
2. Partnerships
3. User Communities
4. User Engagement and Educational Outreach
5. International Engagement
6. Health Disparities
7. Infrastructure: computing
8. Infrastructure: physical plant
9. Research Needs and Funding
10. Workforce Development
NLM Strategic Planning Committee

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Come along – help us chart the future
Request for Information (RFI): Strategic Plan for the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

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- Release Date: November 8, 2016
- Response Date: January 9, 2017

Related Announcements
None

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Purpose
The National Library of Medicine is undertaking a Strategic Planning Process and is soliciting input from its broad stakeholder community.

We recognize that many of our stakeholders generously replied to the 2015 RFI regarding future directions of NLM. Input provided in 2015 is already under consideration and need not be re-submitted. The 2015 RFI was issued by NIH on behalf of the NLM Working Group of the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director (ACD) to obtain input for their June 2015 report (http://acd.od.nih.gov/reports/Report-NLM-06112015-ACD.pdf) on a vision for the future of NLM in the context of NLM’s leadership transition and emerging NIH data science priorities. The current RFI is issued to obtain public input on goals and priorities for NLM’s next strategic plan.

Background
As defined in statute, the purpose of the NLM is to “assist the advancement of medical and related sciences and to aid the dissemination and exchange of scientific and other information important to the progress of medicine and to the public health.” As the world’s largest biomedical library, NLM presents a highly visible face of NIH across the United States and around the globe. Through its information systems, biomedical informatics and data science research portfolio, extensive training programs, and many partnerships, NLM plays an essential role in furthering fundamental research; catalyzing and supporting the translation of basic science into new treatments, products, and improved practice; and providing useful decision support for health professionals, the public health and emergency response workforce, and patients.

In the ten years since development of the NLM’s last long range plan, there have been significant advances in biomedical informatics; major new initiatives at the NIH in data science, precision medicine, and open access to biomedical information; and changes in the environment and infrastructure of our country’s health systems. NLM is committed to building a data infrastructure that will support the future of biomedical research.

Planning Themes
NIH is here to get a sense of what the community feels is on the horizon for data privacy software development.

- Interested in applied methods
- All data types & digital objects of interest:
  - Clinical, EHR, Image
  - Omics
  - Behavioral
  - Environmental Exposure
  - Health-relevant information broadly

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