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A new project designed to improve cooperation and communication between state library agencies and the 11 Regional Medical Libraries will be launched this coming spring, according to Sandra M. Cooper, Executive Secretary of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), a division of the American Library Association.

The new project aims to increase the sharing of resources and programs between the state, interstate and biomedical library networks through a series of meetings between staff members from state library agencies staffs and representatives from the Regional Medical Library. Participants will exchange information about existing network activities and explore ways to initiate joint planning. Test meetings will be held in two regions (not yet announced) in Spring 1979 and the other nine will be scheduled later in the year.

Plans for the project were discussed in a Chicago meeting, October 16 and 17, between representatives of the National Library of Medicine, the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies and the ASCLA. Participants in the meeting included Sheldon Kotzin and Arthur Broering, National Library of Medicine; William Budington, John Crerar Library, Chicago; Michael Torrente, Southeastern Medical Library Program, Atlanta; Anne Marie Falsone, Colorado State Library; Peter Paulson, New York State Library and Sandra Cooper of ASCLA.