

Inside ASIST

LOOKING TO LONG BEACH

ASIST 2003 Annual Meeting – *Humanizing Information Technology: From Ideas to Bits and Back*

We're just a couple of weeks away from the start of the 2003 ASIST Annual Meeting, when ASIST members and other professionals will gather to address the theme, *Humanizing Information Technology: From Ideas to Bits and Back*. We'll meet in Long Beach, California, October 19-22.

The conference committee, chaired by **Marcia J. Bates**, UCLA, has planned a technical program that includes dozens of panel sessions, SIG programs, contributed papers and poster sessions throughout a four-day schedule. Bates was assisted in her work by committee members **Eileen Abels, Suresh Bhavnani, Michael Buckland, Donald Case, Chao-chen Chen, Andrew Dillon, Efthimis N. Efthimiadis, Raya Fidel, Jonathan Furner, Andrew Grove, Jenna Hartel, Sandra Hirsh, Joseph W. Janes, Don Kraft, Carol Kuhlthau, Marianne Nelson, Hope Olson, Carole Palmer, Jaime Pontigo, Dragomir Radev, Nancy Roderer, Victor Rosenberg, Linda Rudell-Betts, Bernie Sloan, Ross Todd, Irene Travis, Peiling Wang, Carolyn Watters, Judith Weedman and Barbara Wildemuth.**

Among the topics that will be addressed in the context of the conference theme are user-centered design, business and management informatics, virtual reference services, international information issues, organization of information, information policy and design for children. In addition, a number of popular continuing education and professional development workshops will be offered as pre-conference sessions. Details about specific meeting activities, including registration information for the conference and for professional development workshops, are available at the ASIST website.

Local Activities

Throughout the year, members of the **Los Angeles Chapter of ASIST (LACA-SIS)**, host chapter for the 2003 Annual Meeting, have given *Bulletin* readers a flavor of Long Beach and its environs through a series of articles in **Inside ASIST**. Now, as ASIST members make their final arrangements for their time in Southern California, we offer a few excerpts from those articles.

FROM FEBRUARY/MARCH 2003 by Bo-Gay Tong Salvador

Long Beach is not "just another beach city," by any means. The fifth largest city in California, its flagship attractions include the venerable Queen Mary, which houses a museum, a hotel and restaurants; the state-of-the-art Aquarium of the Pacific; the Museum of Latin American Art; and the Long Beach Museum of Art. A revitalized downtown showcases eclectic eateries, distinctive shopping and a vibrant nightlife offering jazz, blues and rock and roll. For the more athletically inclined, there are extensive walking and biking paths along the fabulous 5½ miles of shoreline, not to mention opportunities for swimming, surfing, sailing, jet skiing, fishing and even deep sea diving! And if you somehow overdose on the warmth of the sun and begin to miss the cold temps of winter, you can catch an Ice Dogs game at the Long Beach Arena. (Yes, Long Beach has its own professional ice hockey team).

If you yearn to visit attractions elsewhere in Southern California, driving distances are quite reasonable. Here are some approximate distances (in miles) from downtown Long Beach to a few popular destinations: Disneyland, 26 miles; Malibu Beach, 36; downtown Los Angeles, 25;



Getty Center, 32; UCLA, 30; Hollywood, 32; Huntington Library and Gardens (San Marino), 28. If you prefer not to drive the freeways of Los Angeles, many destinations can be reached by public transportation. For instance, the Blue Line of the Metro Rail system begins just steps from the conference hotel and takes you to downtown Los Angeles. You can then transfer to the Red Line which transports you to many attractions in Hollywood as well as to Universal Studios.

FROM APRIL/MAY 2003 by Linda Heichman

Imagine a city on the beautiful California coast, a city alive with a bustling art scene – museums, galleries, monthly art walks, symphony, theater and opera. San Francisco? Think again. Los Angeles? Nope. San Diego? Nah. I know, Carmel. Good try, but no. It's Long Beach.

Not only does Long Beach boast an eclectic art scene, the city is home to world-class art museums, internationally renowned theater companies, its own symphony orchestra, opera company and master chorale. Museums include the Long Beach Museum of Art, housed in a Craftsman mansion overlooking the Pacific Ocean; the Museum of Latin American Art, the Western United States' premier museum of Spanish and Caribbean arts and culture; and the University Art

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Museum at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

Performing arts abound in Long Beach. Choose from the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, check out budding talent at California State University, Long Beach's Carpenter Performing Arts Center, Cal Rep, International City Theatre or Long Beach Playhouse.

Want more? Check these out.

Visual Arts

East Village Arts District – www.eastvillageartsdistrict.com

Long Beach Museum of Art – www.lbma.org

Museum of Latin American Art – www.molaa.com

University Art Museum – www.csulb.edu/org/uam/

Performing Arts

Cal Rep at Edison Theatre – www.calrep.org/

Carpenter Performing Arts Center – www.carpenterarts.org

International City Theatre – www.ictlongbeach.com/

Long Beach Playhouse – www.longbeachplayhouse.com/

Long Beach Symphony – www.lbso.org

FROM JUNE/JULY 2003

by **Claude Zachary and Linda McCann**

The aviation industry has played an important part in the local economy, beginning with the Dominguez Air Meet in 1910, the first national air event ever held. The Long Beach Municipal Airport, the first in Southern California, was founded in 1924 by aviation pioneer Earl Daugherty. The real growth of the industry began with the opening of the Douglas Aircraft Company's facility in 1941 on a piece of land adjacent to the airport and the production of the C-47 (a military version of the DC-3) for the war effort. The facility has been in continuous operation ever since and is now run by the Boeing Company (www.boeing.com/commercial/facilities/longbeachsite.html).

The Historical Society of Long Beach is located just across the street from the Westin Hotel in the beautiful Breakers Building. Stop in if you can; they have a great collection (www.historicalsocietylb.org/index.html).

FROM AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2003
by **Amy Wallace**

So the annual conference theme caught your eye, and then you were sold by the ASIST Los Angeles Chapter (LACASIS) articles on Long Beach weather, arts, culture and history.

What if you want to venture beyond Long Beach? Once the conference is over you might want to take advantage of Southern California's wonderful weather and do some sightseeing. Everyone knows Southern California is famous for attractions like Disneyland, Universal Studios, San Diego Zoo, the Mighty Ducks, the Dodgers and the Angels – but there is so much more. What about a trip to Catalina Island, Venice Beach, the International Surfing Museum or the San Diego Super Computer Center? The website (www.lib.uci.edu/lacasis/about.html) includes points of interest in the Southern California area and approximate drive times.

And if all this information is not enough for you, LACASIS has members from all over Southern California who will be attending the Annual Meeting. Members will be happy to answer all of your questions about the local area.

See you in Long Beach!

News from ASIST Chapters

For its annual meeting, the **Northern Ohio Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (NORASIST)** planned a late August visit to the Strong Bindery, a custom bindery in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood. Bindery owner Ellen Strong, formerly owner of Coventry Books, has bound and repaired books for the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Ohio Archives, Western Reserve Historical Society and more than 2000 individuals who love books.

The **Southern Ohio Chapter (SOASIST)** and **Central Ohio Chapter (CO-ASIST)** jointly sponsored an August meeting featuring Thomas S. Blanton, director of the National Security Archive. Blanton spoke on the USA Patriot Act and its impact on libraries and civil liberties in general. He also discussed current and proposed exemptions and risks to the Freedom of Information Act.

SOASIST also notes that the latest edition

of its award-winning newsletter, *SOASIST: ...On the Move*, is online at www.soasist.org/eneews/

The **Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (LACASIS)** held its annual fall workshop in mid-September. This year's session focused on "Database-Driven Websites," covering such topics as database-driven possibilities and unique applications; database technology in a nutshell; planning and building a database-driven website – the hits, hurdles and horizon; and using databases to serve up non-traditional resources. The keynote speaker was **Samantha Hastings**, ASIST president-elect and associate professor in the School of Library and Information Sciences at the University of North Texas.

The **New Jersey ASIST Chapter (NJASIST)** named **Christine L. Borgman**, professor, Department of Information Studies, UCLA, as the recipient of its 17th annual Distinguished Lectureship Award. The internationally known award, established

in 1985, honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of information science.

Los Angeles Chapter Names Scholarship Winner

Joanne Orsatti from the University of New South Wales in Australia is the winner of the 12th Annual Margaret McKinley Memorial Student Scholarship Essay Competition, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of ASIST (LACASIS). In addition, Lisa Nguyen, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Weipang Yue, University of New South Wales, Australia, were named runners-up.

Orsatti has a bachelor degree with a double major in philosophy and science and technology studies and is currently finishing a master's degree in information science in the School of Information Systems, Technology and Management.

The McKinley Scholarship Essay Competition, established in 1992 in honor of the late Margaret McKinley, is offered to library and information students to encour-

age their participation in the activities of professional societies. The winner receives reimbursement funding up to \$1,000 for registration, airfare and hotel expenses to attend the ASIST Annual Meeting and a one-year membership in ASIST. Two runners-up receive one-year memberships in ASIST.

News from ASIST SIGs

ASIST **Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III)** has announced the top six winners of its fourth International Paper Contest. The following are the winners and their paper titles:

- Ifeanyichukwu F. Njoku, librarian, Federal College of Fisheries and Marine Technology, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria, "The information needs and information seeking behavior of fishermen in Lagos State, Nigeria."
- Wathmanel Seneviratne, senior assistant librarian, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, "Local information upload strategy in building up rural community information pages on the Internet: An approach to attend information needs of rural Sri Lanka."
- Tariq Ashraf, librarian, Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (IILM), Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India, "Information Technology and Public Policy: A Socio-Human Profile of Indian Digital Revolution."
- Partha Bhattacharya, executive consultant (Information & Documentation) FITT, IIT Delhi, Hauz Khas, New

Delhi, India, "Advances in digital library initiatives: A developing country perspective."

- **Albert Arko-Cobbah**, Vista University, P.O. Box 380, Bloemfontein 9300, South Africa, "The role of libraries in student-centered learning: The case of students from the disadvantaged communities in South Africa."
- Joseph Kaduda, network manager, Centre of Geographical Medicine Research, KEMRI/Wellcome Trust Research Labs, Kilifi, Kenya, "A digital library in a rural malaria research centre in Africa: The Kenyan experience."

The winning papers were selected from among 51 papers received for this year's competition. Each winner will receive a two-year individual membership in ASIST. The first and second place winners of the competition will also receive a travel grant to attend the 2003 ASIST Annual Conference in Long Beach, California. These winning papers and other submitted papers for the competition will be considered for publication by the *Bulletin* and Elsevier's *International Information and Library Review*.

The following were members of this year's contest committee: **Sue O'Neill Johnson**, chair of SIG/III; **Yunfei Du**, chair of the International Paper Contest Chair; **Hong Xu**, University of Pittsburgh; **Nadia Caidi**, University of Toronto; **Liwen Vaughan**, University of Western Ontario; **Suzie Allard**, University of Tennessee; **Gretchen Whitney**, University of Tennessee; and **Nathalie Leroy**, United Nations.

News about ASIST Members

Charles W. Bailey, Jr., assistant dean for systems at the University of Houston, has been appointed assistant dean for digital library planning and development at the University of Houston Libraries. In 1989, Bailey established PACS-L, a mailing list about public-access computers in libraries, and *The Public-Access Computer Systems Review*, one of the first scholarly electronic journals published on the Internet. Bailey was profiled in *Library Journal's* Movers & Shakers 2003: The People Who Are Shaping the Future of Libraries.

Dick Hartley, head of the Department of Information and Communications at Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom, has been awarded the title of Professor of Information Science.

Ronald Rousseau, Belgium, was international program chair of the 9th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics, held in August in Beijing. He was also co-editor of the conference proceedings, published by Dalian University of Technology Press (ISBN 7-5611-2098-2). In addition to Rousseau, the following ASIST members gave oral presentations at the conference: **Henry Small**, USA; **Subbiah Arunachalam**, India; **Michael Nelson**, Canada; **Liming Liang**, China; **Leo Egghe**, Belgium; **Liwen Vaughan**, Canada; **Mike Thelwall**, UK; **Heting Chu**, USA; **Peter Ingwersen**, Denmark; and **Alastair Smith**, New Zealand.

Henry Small was elected as the new president of ISSI, the International Society for Scientometrics and Informetrics.

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