



The 1995 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting: Impressions

by Marianne Afifi

Although the 1995 ASIS Annual Meeting is just around the corner, I was asked to report on my impressions of the 1995 Mid-Year Meeting that took place in May in the Minneapolis–St. Paul Airport Hilton Hotel. The theme of the conference was “Electronic Publishing: Applications and Implications.” My interest in the conference was due to my role in Electronic Publishing on the Internet as a member of the USCweb Team: a group of Web publishers from the USC Library and the USC Computing Service.

Keynote Speaker

The conference began with a reception in the Minnesota River Valley Wildlife Refuge located close to the hotel. It was a good opportunity to meet with old friends and make new acquaintances in a lovely setting. The next morning brought the Keynote Address by Vance Opperman, Member of the U.S. Advisory Council on the National Information Infrastructure, and President of West Publishing Company. Not surprisingly, his viewpoint was that of a businessman and publisher. In his work on the Council on the National Information Infrastructure, he appeared to favor private sector leadership in the establishment of that infrastructure with the government restricted to a limited role. His presentation was very general, however, and I had the impression that the information professionals in the audience would have liked to hear a more focused presentation.

Electronic Publishing

I attended two sessions which dealt with electronic publishing on the World Wide Web. One was a contributed paper given by Mary LaMarca, Webmaster at Brown University, who talked about the issues academic

institutions face in attempting to bring up a World Wide Web server. I have always been curious about the ways in which other universities deal with the pressures of a fast-growing medium to which there are often no specific campus resources assigned. The main focus of LaMarca’s presentation was the question of centralization versus decentralization in this type of electronic publishing. It became obvious that Brown University dealt with many difficulties similar to those faced by USC’s Web Team, although it would take a separate article to elaborate on them.

Another presenter, Howard Besser of the University of Michigan, described his experience teaching two Library and Information Science courses on the impact of new information technologies, one in Berkeley and one in Michigan, using a Web-based curriculum. He described the issues in using, accessing, and publishing electronic documents in such a class. He and the students created and published class-related documents on the World Wide Web. Howard Besser elaborated on the collaborative process between the teacher and the students on the one hand and among the students on the other. Other issues that he had to grapple with were the organization of information and consistency in the creation of this body of information.

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Discussions and Issues

Some of the other sessions offered interesting and sometimes heated discussions among publishers of electronic information, librarians, and researchers who all have different goals but need to work together to achieve many common goals. Also at issue were matters of data security, where I heard the term "electronic watermarking" for the first time.

Highlights

ASIS meetings always offer tours of information-related sights and sites, and this time it was a fascinating tour to West Publishing. We learned that West is not only one of the largest legal publishers but also publishes a sizable number of textbooks in many diverse fields such as psychology and business. The warehouse was enormous, and I was especially impressed by the huge rolls of paper

that are used for printing books. West also showed us their brand-new CD operation where a new CD is pressed in a matter of minutes. Unfortunately, we were not able to see their online research and development division. If you are ever in the area, a tour of West Publishing is definitely worth it.

I mentioned earlier that the hotel was close to a Wildlife Refuge; what I did not mention was that it was also very close to the Mall of America, the largest mall in the United States. Those avid browsers, shoppers, and eaters, including yours truly, flocked to the Mall every night and got some exercise into the bargain since the Mall is so huge (walking around one level covers almost one mile).

A Satisfied Attendee

All in all, it was an informative and stimulating conference, clarifying many of the issues that information professionals are facing and will continue to face in the rapidly growing area of electronic publishing.

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President's Corner

It is hard to believe that the present LACASIS term has come to a close. It has been a busy year, with six dinner meetings, a colloquium at GSEIS (the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA), and a successful Annual LACASIS Fall Workshop on September 15, 1995.



In addition, I am pleased to announce that LACASIS was honored with two awards from ASIS National this year: *Chapter Member of the Year*, and *Chapter Publication of the Year*. **Elizabeth Wood** won the *ASIS Chapter-Member-of-the-Year Award*. Her most prominent role in

LACASIS in recent years has been her work as Editor of OASIS. Furthermore, she has assisted LACASIS through her generous support of Chapter events held at her workplace. Congratulations, Elizabeth, on a job well done! Secondly, OASIS won the *ASIS Chapter-Publication-of-the-Year Award*. Heartfelt thanks to the OASIS Editorial Board (**Sharon Hunt**, **Linda McCann**, and **Elizabeth Wood**) for all their dedication and hard work. As a Chapter we can be very proud of our achievements this year. I look forward to watching the successes of **Karen Howell** (the 1995-96 LACASIS Chair) as she takes over leadership of the Chapter.

Coming up in the next issue

A report on the Third Annual CARL Conference, "Re-Tooling Academic Libraries for the Digital Age: Missions, Collections, Staffing"

Upcoming Programs

SLA/LACASIS Holiday Party

The annual holiday meeting sponsored jointly by LACASIS and the Southern California Chapter of SLA will be held at the Athenaeum at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena on **Tuesday, December 19, 1995**. The no-host social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and an address by Ray Bradbury. There is something on the menu for everyone, and you can enjoy your evening in the company of your colleagues. This event often sells out very quickly, so watch for your flyer in the mail and register early. See you there!



Southern California Online Users Group (SCOUG)

SCOUG's Vendor Showcase and Holiday Party will be held on **Wednesday, December 6, 1995**, at the UCLA Faculty Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. To see what might be under your Christmas tree, call SEEK Information Service at (818) 242-2793 for information and reservations.



Awards Program

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend our Awards Program on October 25 at the Olympic Collection Banquet & Conference Center to congratulate **Marcia Bates**, winner of the *LACASIS Chapter Award for Contributions to Information Science*, who is also our guest speaker, and the winner and runners-up of the *McKinley Scholarship*: **Jason Binford** (University of Hawaii, winner), **Yuko Neal** (San Jose State-Fullerton, runner-up) and **Aida Marissa Smith** (San Jose State-Fullerton, runner-up). In addition, this marks the third year in a row that LACASIS has won at least one national award, this time with **Elizabeth Wood** (*Chapter Member of the Year*) and OASIS (*Chapter Publication of the Year*), so we can give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back! Attend the meeting and get to see who wins the *Chapter Service Awards* as well.



Modern Times:

User Ratings of DOS & Windows IOLS Software

How Satisfied Are Librarians with the Products They Are Using?

by Pamela Cibbarelli, CIBBARELLI'S

[A more detailed version of this article, including comments from users, was published in the April 1995 issue of *Information Today*, as the CIBBARELLI'S *Surveys* column.]

Librarians were invited to rate DOS and Windows-based integrated online library automation system (IOLS) software. The ratings are summarized on the charts at the end of this article.

The categories surveyed were: Documentation; Service/Support; Training; Product Reliability; Product Capabilities; Ease of Use; Vendor's Integrity; and Overall Satisfaction.

Survey Methodology

The announcement of the survey was included in each issue of *Information Today*. An invitation to participate was also submitted to the following Internet listservs: PACS-L, MLA-L, BUSLIB-L, BIBSOFT, VTLSLIST, and ARLIS-L.

A letter was mailed to publishers of each of the DOS/Windows IOLS packages: *askSam*, *BRS Search C*, *Eloquent Librarian*, *Follett*, *Information Navigator*, *INMAGIC Plus*, *Libraryworks*, *Manager Series*, *Micro-VTLS*, *MOLLI*, *Precision One*, *Professional Series*, *Resource Librarian*, *School Series*, *SMART*, *SydneyPLUS*, *TLC*, and *Winnebago*. The letter included a copy of the survey and urged each of the software publishers to mail the survey to their clients encouraging them to participate.

Brodart Precision One

Brodart provides a variety of library automation products and services including software, CD-ROM products, and retrospective conversion services. Brodart's *Precision One* products originally referred to their CD-ROM cataloging system; later, other products were added under the generalized name, *Precision One*. Now Brodart

offers *Precision One Cataloging System*, *Precision One Cataloging System Plus*, *Precision One Integrated System* (for circulation, public access, and technical services), *Precision One Media Minder*, and *Precision One MediaSource*.

One *Brodart Le Pac* user also responded to the survey. No chart is included since there were too few respondents to publish the results. However, the respondent was very pleased with the product. *Brodart Le Pac* is a microcomputer/CD-ROM—based public access catalog.

Brodart Automation
500 Arch Street
Williamsport, PA 17705
(800) 233-8467
FAX: (717) 327-9237

Follett

Follett software was the biggest selling library automation software on the marketplace in 1993 according to *Library Journal's* annual survey (April 1, 1994 issue). The *Library Journal* article also reports Follett sold 4,336 installations to school libraries in 1993.

Follett has over 20,000 installations, primarily in school library/media centers and public libraries. Forty-three individuals responded to the survey.

Follett Software Company introduced *Unison* in 1993. *Unison* was designed as an IOLS for MS-DOS computers. Follett also developed a product, *MacSearch Plus Station*, which provides cross-platform searching in the *Unison* library database. Under the *Unison* design, core Follett products *Catalog Plus*, *Circulation Plus*, and *Textbook Plus* were redesigned to operate independently with complete modularity, or in any combination with total connectivity. *Unison* provides the **integrated** aspect to these formerly separate products.

Follett Software Company
809 N. Front Street
McHenry, IL 60050-5589
(800) 323-3397 or (815) 344-8700
FAX: (815) 344-8774

Information Navigator

No responses were received for *Information Navigator* for this round of surveys; however, there was a survey of *Information Navigator* users by CIBBARELLI'S in 1993. Results were published in the February 1993 issue of *Computers in Libraries*. The chart below is based on the results of that survey.

There were over 2,100 *Information Navigator* sites reported in the most recent edition of *The Directory of Library Automation Software, Systems, and Services*.

Information Navigator operates on both MS-DOS and Unix operating systems; consequently, the data in the chart below combines both MS-DOS and Unix responses. *Information Navigator's* open-system architecture permits flexible, networked configurations in either operating environment. It is one of the few packages which can be installed in a PC-based system and expanded to a larger UNIX-based system as a library's needs increase.

Information Navigator was originally developed in 1984 by Information Management & Engineering Systems, Inc. (IME). This is a London-based company with U.S. offices in Dedham, MA. The system was originally introduced to the market as *TinLIB* and the underlying DBMS was marketed as *TinMAN*. These original names are still used for the product in Europe, but it is known as *Information Navigator* in North America.

IME Systems, Inc.
990 Washington Street
Dedham, MA 02026-6715
(617) 320-0303

INMAGIC Plus for Libraries

Two *INMAGIC Plus* charts are included. One posts the results of the four responses received to this survey. The other posts responses to a survey CIBBARELLI'S conducted of *INMAGIC Plus* users which was published in the June 1993 issue of *Computers in Libraries*. There were 212 responses to the 1993 survey. Statistics resulting from the 1993 survey were higher than the 1995 data in every category.

None of the 1995 respondents have had the opportunity to evaluate training provided by Inmagic, Inc. Therefore, that category is blank on the chart.

INMAGIC Plus operates on several computer platforms, including DEC VAX, MicroVAX, and IBM PC's and compatibles. More than 12,000 installations of the software are spread over fifty-five countries. *INMAGIC Plus for Libraries*, released in 1993, was an enhancement of *INMAGIC*, originally introduced in 1980.

Inmagic Inc.
800 West Cummings Park
Woburn, MA 01801
(617) 938-4442
FAX: (617) 938-6393

Manager Series

No responses were received from Data Trek clients. However, CIBBARELLI'S surveyed Data Trek's *Manager Series* users for an article which was published in the March 1993 issue of *Computers in Libraries*. The data in the chart below are based on that data.

Data Trek has several library products which operate on MS-DOS including *Manager Series*, *Professional Series*, and *School Series*. *GoPAC* is a recent product which provides a graphical interface compatible with all three of the "...Series" products.

Manager Series was introduced in 1981 and has over 2,000 installations.

Data Trek, Inc.
5638 Edison Place
Carlsbad, CA 92008-6596
(619) 431-8400 or (800) 876-5484
FAX: (619) 431-8448

Micro-VTLS

VTLS reported 105 *Micro-VTLS* systems installed in libraries in the last edition of *The Directory of Library Automation Software, Systems, and Services*. *Micro-VTLS* was introduced in 1986 following the success of *VTLS*, an IOLS product which operates on Hewlett-Packard minicomputers. Both products were originally developed at Virginia Tech University. In 1994, VTLS, Inc. was formed and the products are now published by this corporation which is independent of the university. *Micro-VTLS* is available in both single-user and multi-user versions.

VTLS
1800 Kraft Drive, Suite 200
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(800) 468-8857 or (703) 231-3605
FAX: (703) 231-3648

MOLLI

Nichols Advanced Technologies Inc.'s IOLS product, *MOLLI*, has over 1,500 installed sites. Although *MOLLI* is marketed to all types of libraries, the largest percentage of their clientele are school and public libraries. It is a mature product which has been available since 1985. There are both single-user and multi-user versions.

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IOLS Software Ratings

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Nichols recently introduced a new product, *Athena*. Only one *Athena* respondent provided ratings and comments, so no chart is presented, but his comments are included below.

Nichols Advanced Technologies, Inc.
3452 Losey Boulevard South
La Crosse, WI 54601
(800) 658-9453
FAX: (608) 787-8337

SydneyPLUS

SydneyPLUS Library Management, a product of International Library Systems Corporation, is designed for special libraries. Originally introduced in 1984, there are now over 450 installations. In 1993, a Unix version was also introduced.

International Library Systems Corp.
Suite 320-2600 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V3, Canada
(604) 734-8882
FAX: (604) 734-8854

Winnebago

No responses were received to the current round of surveys from *Winnebago* installations. However, CIBBARELLI's surveyed *Winnebago* users for an article published in the January 1994 issue of *Computers in Libraries*. The data in the chart below are based on that survey.

Winnebago is quite popular in school library/media centers. 2,288 *Winnebago* systems were sold to school libraries in 1993. There are over 6,000 installations of *Winnebago* internationally on MS-DOS computers and about 1,000 installations on Macintosh computers. The data in the chart below are from *Winnebago* users at MS-DOS installations only.

Winnebago Software Company
310 West Main Street
Caledonia, MN 55921
(800) 533-5430 or (507) 724-5411

Survey Results

Ave.	High	Low	Total All Responses
7.5	10 (18)	1 (1)	Documentation
7.8	10 (35)	1 (4)	Service/support
6.3	10 (7)	1 (7)	Training
8.2	10 (24)	4 (9)	Product reliability
8.1	10 (20)	4 (4)	Product capabilities
8.2	10 (26)	4 (4)	Ease of use
8.5	10 (44)	3 (2)	Vendor's integrity
8.1	10 (23)	2 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of all respondents for all software = 150			

Ave.	High	Low	Brodart Precision One
7.2	10 (1)	5 (2)	Documentation
8.4	10 (3)	3.5 (1)	Service/support
7.0	10 (1)	4 (1)	Training
7.0	10 (1)	4 (1)	Product reliability
7.8	10 (1)	4 (1)	Product capabilities
8.2	10 (2)	5 (1)	Ease of use
8.5	10 (3)	4 (1)	Vendor's integrity
7.8	10 (1)	4 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of Brodart Precision One respondents = 4			

Ave.	High	Low	Follett
6.7	9 (3)	1 (1)	Documentation
6.1	9 (3)	1 (3)	Service/support
5.5	8 (2)	2 (1)	Training
7.8	9 (8)	4 (2)	Product reliability
7.5	9 (5)	5 (2)	Product capabilities
7.5	10 (1)	4 (3)	Ease of use
7.6	10 (2)	3 (2)	Vendor's integrity
7.2	9 (5)	3.5 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of Follett respondents = 43			

Ave.	High	Low	Information Navigator
6.2	8 (6)	3 (2)	Documentation
6.9	10 (1)	2 (1)	Service/support
6.3	9 (3)	1 (1)	Training
7.6	10 (1)	2 (1)	Product reliability
8.4	10 (3)	4 (1)	Product capabilities
7.7	10 (2)	4 (1)	Ease of use
7.8	10 (1)	3 (1)	Vendor's integrity
7.6	10 (1)	3 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of Information Navigator respondents = 18			

Ave.	High	Low	InMagic Plus (1995)
6.5	9 (1)	4 (1)	Documentation
7.0	9 (2)	5 (2)	Service/support
n/a	n/a	n/a	Training
8.0	9 (2)	6 (1)	Product reliability
7.2	9 (1)	5 (1)	Product capabilities
7.2	9 (1)	5 (1)	Ease of use
7.8	9 (2)	5 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.0	9 (1)	7 (1)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of InMagic Plus for Libraries respondents in 1995 = 4			

Ave.	High	Low	InMagic Plus (1993)
7.7	10 (16)	3 (1)	Documentation
7.5	10 (15)	1 (4)	Service/support
6.1	10 (6)	1 (6)	Training
8.5	10 (22)	1 (1)	Product reliability
8.4	10 (25)	3 (1)	Product capabilities
8.0	10 (23)	3 (1)	Ease of use
8.4	10 (31)	3 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.2	10 (13)	3 (2)	Overall satisfaction
Total number of InMagic Plus for Libraries respondents in 1993 = 212			

RLG Publishes Proceedings from Digital Image Access Project's Final Session

The Research Libraries Group has just published "RLG Digital Image Access Project," the proceedings from a symposium held in Palo Alto, CA, March 31-April 1, 1995. RLG recently completed two projects funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, involving nine RLG institutions as well. The symposium brought together the project's participants with other digital experts to share what had been learned and identify areas for future work. The publication, edited by Patricia McClung, contains papers by seven knowledgeable and articulate speakers, flanked by an introductory overview and concluding observations from Anne R. Kenney of Cornell University. Each paper is followed by a discussion summary.

The Digital Image Access Project resulted in the conversion of 9,000 photos in RLG-member collections on the theme of "Urban Landscapes." Software to combine a descriptive record with a thumbnail image was developed for the project by Stokes Imaging in Austin, Texas. The proceedings reflect the importance of intellectual control and retrieval issues—just as important as technical ones in digitizing images for the purposes of both preservation and access.

The publication is being distributed to RLG members. Orders can be sent to:

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The Research Libraries Group, Inc.
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Mountain View, CA 94041-1100
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Ave.	High	Low	<i>Manager Series</i>
6.4	10	1	Documentation
7.8	10	1	Service/support
5.9	10	1	Training
7.6	10	1	Product reliability
7.5	10	1	Product capabilities
7.8	10	1	Ease of use
8.1	10	1	Vendor's integrity
7.7	10	1	Overall satisfaction

Total number of *Manager Series* respondents = 288

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Micro-VTLS</i>
5.5	10 (1)	2 (2)	Documentation
8.6	10 (3)	4 (1)	Service/support
7.4	10 (1)	4 (1)	Training
8.0	10 (2)	4 (1)	Product reliability
8.4	10 (2)	5 (1)	Product capabilities
8.8	10 (4)	5 (1)	Ease of use
8.9	10 (4)	5 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.4	10 (2)	3 (1)	Overall satisfaction

Total number of *Micro-VTLS* respondents = 4

Ave.	High	Low	<i>MOLLI</i>
8.4	10 (13)	3 (1)	Documentation
8.7	10 (21)	1 (1)	Service/support
6.0	10 (1)	1 (5)	Training
8.5	10 (18)	4 (4)	Product reliability
8.4	10 (15)	4 (3)	Product capabilities
8.8	10 (18)	5 (2)	Ease of use
9.1	10 (27)	4 (2)	Vendor's integrity
8.6	10 (16)	3 (1)	Overall satisfaction

Total number of *MOLLI* respondents = 54

Ave.	High	Low	<i>SydneyPLUS</i>
7.8	10 (1)	4 (1)	Documentation
8.3	10 (2)	4 (1)	Service/support
7.3	10 (1)	4 (1)	Training
8.2	9 (5)	6 (1)	Product reliability
8.5	9 (6)	8 (6)	Product capabilities
7.9	9 (4)	6 (1)	Ease of use
8.8	9 (5)	7 (1)	Vendor's integrity
8.3	9 (5)	6 (1)	Overall satisfaction

Total number of *SydneyPLUS* respondents = 12

Ave.	High	Low	<i>Winnebago</i>
8.0	10	1	Documentation
8.4	10	1	Service/support
6.4	10	1	Training
8.2	10	1	Product reliability
8.1	10	1	Product capabilities
8.3	10	1	Ease of use
8.5	10	1	Vendor's integrity
8.2	10	1	Overall satisfaction

Total number of *Winnebago* respondents = 1357

(Numbers in parenthesis refer to the total number of individuals selecting this response.)

ASIS 1996 Mid-Year Meeting

“The Digital Revolution: Assessing the Impact on Business, Education and Social Structures”

May 20 - 22, 1996, San Diego, CA

As the Industrial Revolution radically altered the means of production and transformed in the process the way people viewed their work, their societies, and each other, so too the Digital Revolution has the potential to profoundly alter the way that societies function at the global, local, and personal level. From the vastness of the Internet to the microchip in a greeting card, a revolution is emerging. The concept of the Digital Revolution relies on two senses of the word “revolution”: that of drastic change, but also that of motion allied with rotation. This is not the first revolution we will confront, neither is it the last. The conference is an exploration of the issues of this Revolution and the effects that it is having—or will have—on the ways we conduct business, the ways that we teach, and the ways that we interact to build a social structure that forms our society. The conference seeks to identify and understand the dynamics of these changes, and to develop and debate methodologies for this assessment.

Invitation

The 1996 ASIS Mid-Year Meeting is focused on the trends of the Revolution, their effects, and consequences—intended as well as not—in these particular arenas. Any message sent to <asis96@chestnut.lis.utk.edu> will automatically generate an electronic version of the call and the submittal form. This material is also available at the University of Tennessee–Knoxville School of Information Sciences homepage at <<http://pepper.lis.utk.edu/>> under ASIS.

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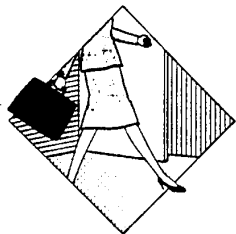
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Ameritech's Horizon System Chosen for USC Health Sciences Libraries

The Health Sciences Library System at the University of Southern California will shortly be installing a new automation system using Ameritech's *Horizon* software which exploits the latest technologies in database management and networked processing. It will be used to support library operations in nearly all departments, including circulation, OPAC searching, acquisitions, serials check-in, and cataloging.

The members of the Working Group on an Integrated Library System unanimously recommended *Horizon* particularly because of its system architecture; its simple and intuitive user interfaces; its industry-standard database management system (Sybase); Ameritech's corporate strength and expertise in information technology; and its competitive price.

The new system will offer users a much fuller range of information than was possible in the past. OPAC users, for instance, will be guided in selecting the correct form of medical subject headings and will be able to view detailed information about titles on order and latest journal receipts. They will be able to search the holdings of other libraries.

USC joins a growing number of health sciences libraries, both academic and corporate, that have become *Horizon* customers in recent years. The UNIX-based system will be available to any office or off-campus site with a USCnet connection, and plans are being made to permit full Internet access to allow the resources at the Norris Medical Library and at the USC Dental Library to be searchable anywhere in the world. Full system implementation is set for early 1996.

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Did You Know That...

...AcqWeb has been updated? New additions include: Several new associations; links to pages on Government Documents Librarianship; a link to BackMed, Readmore's new service for medical materials; a number of new reference tools, such as a calendar and a large collection of online maps; and links to 102 new publishers and vendors. The home page URL is <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/law/acqs/acqs.html>.

...*Cambridge Scientific Abstracts* now has a presence on the Web? Point your browser to <http://www.csa.com>.

...there is a new link to the SIG/CR Home Page? Browse <http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/www/asis/> for links to the Annual Meeting and the 1996 Calls for Participation as well as links to 10 other ASIS web services.

...the SISAC X12 implementation guidelines are now available? They include the SISAC/ICEDIS industry conventions for the following ASC X12 transaction sets: Invoice (810), Dispatch Data (856), Claim (869), Claim Response (870), and Functional Acknowledgment (997) as well as critical information about the use and implementation of EDI, covering many of the business issues, legal considerations, communication and technical issues involved in EDI projects.

The manual is now available for purchase at a member (SISAC or BISG) rate of \$175.00 and a non-member rate of \$250.00. Questions and orders should be directed to Sandy Paul, Book Industry Study Group, Inc.; 4164812@mcimail.com; (212) 929-1393; FAX: (212) 989-7542; <http://www.bisg.org>.

...H. W. Wilson will soon expand its abstracting unit? It expects to relocate its Cambridge, Massachusetts abstracting unit to Dublin, Ireland by January 1996. This move, which will affect staffs of *Readers' Guide Abstracts* and *Wilson Business Abstracts*, will consolidate all of Wilson's abstracting units into one location. About 50 people in Cambridge will be affected by the move.

...the (UK) Institute of Information Scientists is now on the Web? Point your browser to <http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/IIS/> where you will find information for members, an introduction for non-members, and a selection of information from *Inform* (the monthly IIS newsletter). You can also go straight to the *Inform* home page at <http://www.dcs.gla.ac.uk/IIS/Inform.html>.

Come Meet the Board!

LACASIS Board meetings are open to any member who wishes to attend. We usually meet on the first Saturday morning of each month. The location varies, so contact Karen Howell for details and directions if you would like to join us. Refreshments are provided!

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We would like to hear about what our members are up to. So, if you have received a promotion, written a paper, given a presentation, or received an award, let your fellow LACASIS members know about it. Send your accomplishments to Denise Shorey at (213) 740-8863, fax: (213) 740-7713, or <shorey@usc.edu>.

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Marge Hlava is running for chair of SIG Information and Generation Publishing.

Greggory Liu, a recent graduate of the University of Hawaii, is now an Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Science, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.

Presentations at the Upcoming ASIS Annual Meeting:

Christine L. Borgman. Information retrieval or information morass? Libraries and computing

networks in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe.

Efthimis N. Efthimiadis. End-user understanding and use of knowledge structures in database searching.

Vivian Hay will be moderating the SIG/CRS session— Establishing common ground: technologically focused relationships in context.

Sandra Hirsh. Comparing children's use of browsing and keyword searching on the science library catalog.

Charlie Hurt will be on the SIG/ED panel on Distance education for information science.

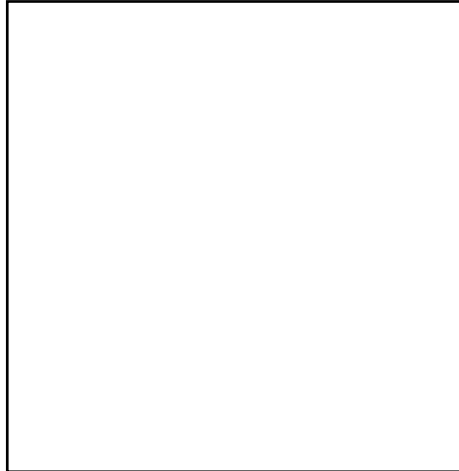
Michael Middleton will be part of the FID and SIG/III presentation on

Global information infrastructures— chaos or coordination?

Diane Nahl. Affective elaborations in boolean search instructions for novices: comprehension, self-confidence and error type.

W. Boyd Rayward. The Institut International de Bibliographie as an expression of key ideas for the history of information science.

Judy Weedman. Incentive structures and multidisciplinary research: the Sequoia 2000 project.



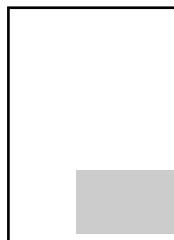
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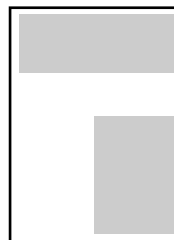
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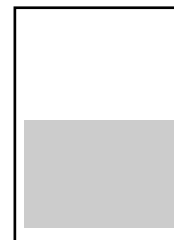
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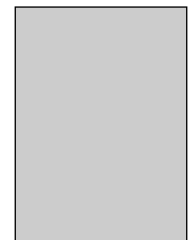
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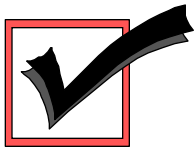
Opportunities

Opportunities of all sorts abound for librarians and information professionals. We have listed some below:



The *Katharine Sharp Review*, the premiere review of student scholarship in library and information science, announces the publication of its inaugural issue. *KSR* is published by the Graduate School of Library

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COUNTDOWN TO THE MILLENNIUM ... an information odyssey

The 1996 Joint Meeting of the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA) and the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG) promises to be both informative and challenging. It is scheduled for February 7-9, 1996, in the Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA.

The speakers will be Hillel Schwartz, Kevin Starr, Ann Irwin, M.D., Jana Bradley, Eve Ruff, Jacqueline Doyle, and Terry Noreault, and the conference offers several opportunities for continuing education. There will also be several types of activities including vendor demonstrations and lunch/learn opportunities.

Check the joint meeting World Wide Web home page at <http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/bml/jtmtg> for up-to-the-minute information.

Contact: Alice Witkowski, Countdown Publicity Chair, at (213) 342-3313 or witkowsk@hsc.usc.edu with questions, comments, or even suggestions.

University of Hawaii Student Chapter

The new Student Chapter President at the University of Hawaii is **Jocelyn S. Cardenas**. She ran for this position after being encouraged by last year's officer, Andrea Godbey, who shared that ASIS was an excellent organization which appreciated the inter-relatedness of various disciplines and organizations, and encouraged fellowship despite differing foci. Jocelyn feels that ASIS will provide her with a wonderful platform to encourage networking and communication.

Jocelyn is a former nurse who, after having five children, decided that she needed a new challenge: to complete her education at the graduate level. She is currently completing an MA in English and her MLIS in an academic research libraries track. She works at the Wong Audiovisual Center on campus, and provides online PAC support to students and staff. The Wong AV Center offers a first-hand view of the way in which technology and communications, business, and entertainment inter-relate to provide students with academic and non-academic support.

Jocelyn is pleased to see that differing organizations can work together, and share knowledge and research. In her term as the UH-Manoa student president, she hopes to strengthen this commitment towards interdisciplinary networking by providing the students with various speakers representing different departments and/or businesses from the community; however, she also wants to encourage fellowship amongst the students in a less formal atmosphere as well, firm in the belief that there should never be any reluctance to share and that sharing must be viewed as a non-competitive act. In this regard, Jocelyn has warned us not to be surprised if she sends us the results from the UH-Manoa SLIS First Annual Beach Volleyball Competition from sunny Ala Moana Beach Park!

Jocelyn is looking forward to keeping in touch with everyone and working toward a very productive term, and wishes us all, "Aloha." Good luck!

In Memoriam: Joseph Becker

Joseph Becker, a one-time chapter member of LACASIS, passed away on July 23. He was also President of ASIS in 1969, won the *Award of Merit* in 1984, and (with Robert Hayes) received the *Best Information Science Book Award* in 1971 for *Handbook of Data Processing for Libraries*. He also had several other accomplishments to his name, and will be greatly missed as a true pioneer of information science.

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LACASIS Works Magic Again with Fall Workshop

The LACASIS Fall Workshop on September 15 gave attendees varied insights into the application of digital technology in fields as diverse as libraries; the legal, medical and business professions; and the entertainment industry.

Suzanne Thorin from the Library of Congress discussed LC's digitization projects: to convert diverse materials to digital form; to provide access to materials focusing on the Internet as a delivery mechanism; and to build a National Digital Library that provides access to materials relating to the American Experience. In this context, she described the proposed National Digital Library, a project built around Thomas (an online resource for Congressional information) and the American Memory Project (AMP), as well as images of exhibits and collections from LC. Once culture and the arts are accessible to all, LC hopes to create a different attitude toward learning, motivating users to delve into books.

The second speaker, Peter Riley, Vice President and General Counsel at Kerns & Gradillas, Inc., discussed the role of technology in the legal profession. Although technology is slowly being adopted by lawyers, there are a couple of innovative uses of digital technology currently in use, one being the use of litigation support software (such as that used by Judge Ito in the Simpson trial) which translates the record of the court reporter immediately into text and sends it to networked computers within the courtroom. The judge can annotate the transcript, note previous rulings, and perform standard text search. The software also allows for dissemination of the court transcript to the public immediately. Another equally exciting technology is the use of OCR to convert documents to digital form. Litigation support software is again used to capture all types of documentary evidence, such as memos, advertisements, or any other paper source. Mr. Riley gave an interesting demonstration of the way in which this technology allows retrieval of various types of information and full-text searching of documents.

After the lunch break, Dr. David Valentino, of UCLA, gave a presentation of some of the trend-setting technologies used in the medical field, focusing primarily on trends in radiology. There has been a shift away from traditional film x-rays to 3D imaging, and digital image medium and digital devices are now used to generate

anatomical and functional data, telemedicine being a result of these trends and fast becoming the future of medicine.

Virtual Reality (3D visualization of anatomy and physiology) plays an increasingly important part in medicine and Dr. Valentino concluded his slide presentation with the Virtual Aneurysm, a digital model based on information gathered from studying an actual aneurysm in laboratory animals. This particular model was created by implanting a real aneurysm in a pig brain, allowing surgeons, using the Virtual Reality technology, to "travel" through the aneurysm and devise appropriate treatments without conducting invasive exploratory procedures. This was a fascinating presentation, although medical slides immediately after lunch were probably not the best choice.

The talk by the President of Cuadra Associates, Judith Wanger, was titled "The Role of the Web Model for Managing the 'Corporate' Memory." Because the way that information is requested is changing as a result of the unruliness of information on the World Wide Web, Ms. Wanger discussed bringing the functionality of the World Wide Web to in-house documents. She also noted the pressure for a common interface, and proposed that internally-generated documents be scanned or put into an HTML format, a useful method not only for going out on the Internet but also for retrieving in-house records, since conversion of corporate documents to HTML provides a common environment without requiring a common interface or platform.

The final speaker for the workshop was from the entertainment industry. Alan Yasnyi discussed the use of digital telecommunications technology in the "Entertainment Technology Model" which proposes to use telecommunication networks to digitally transfer all production and post-production data, including all video, audio and special effects across the Net to a server, and needs to be able to include full motion, bandwidth video as well as face-to-face communications. He also mentioned Hollynet, a test model designed to foster inter-industry communication.

The collection of speakers demonstrated innovative ways to take advantage of digital technology. They presented a good overview of various applications of digital resources and each one stressed the increased access to all types of data provided by digital technology. The workshop demonstrated what is possible and what is being done, and the program flowed nicely from open access to resources to proprietary access for corporate resources. Overall, it was a fascinating discussion of the changing face of information technology.

Ph.D. Scholarships Available

For those who are interested in understanding and contributing to the knowledge base of our profession, the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Indiana University recently announced Ph.D. Fellowships for suitably qualified individuals keen to pursue doctoral studies in the rapidly evolving domain of information science. Strategically aimed at the development of researchers capable of advancing the field, a number of three-year Ph.D. fellowship awards, funded through the Department of Education's Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) and HEA Title II-B programs, are now available.

Fellowship recipients will receive an annual cash stipend (up to \$14,400, based on demonstrated financial need) plus full fee remission. As part of their doctoral program, fellows will receive teacher training and teaching experience.

The School is focusing a major research effort in areas of information science that will shape the development of more user-centered and socially acceptable information technologies. Specific research themes include human-computer interaction, the design and evaluation of innovative multimedia information systems, networked information resources, and collaborative work. Fellowship recipients will be active participants in this research endeavor.

There are 20 full-time faculty members, and a cluster of high-end microcomputing workstations with Internet resources, software and database development tools, and scanning and image processing tools. Indiana University is a technology-intensive environment, so opportunities for learning and working with information and communication technologies are numerous.

Applicants for the GAANN and HEA fellowships should possess impressive academic credentials, a strong interest in the nature and use of information, and a commitment to acquiring and applying the theoretical and methodological skills necessary to perform scientific research in this domain.

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