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from the president

A Brief Message from the President...

Summer is almost over and the technical program and local arrangements for the annual IAMSLIC Conference are nearing completion. The program and pre-conference are bringing speakers and participants from all over the world. This year may be the most cosmopolitan gathering in the Association's history and Key Biscayne will be a beautiful setting. On to a few announcements...

It's my pleasure to announce that Ken Morse has been reappointed as the Association Parliamentarian for 1988/89. Please submit any motions for the IAMSLIC business meeting to him in writing before the Conference.

I request that IAMSLIC Committee Chairs submit written annual reports to me before the Conference; the Committee Chairs will also be reporting at the IAMSLIC business meeting at the Conference.

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Providing Microcomputer-Based Help for ASFA CD-ROM Searching

The microcomputer supporting ASFA CD-ROM searching at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library has three enhancements that facilitate ASFA CD-ROM instruction. Reduction of the instructional burden presented by ASFA CD-ROM through the encouragement of unassisted searching was a major goal in the Library’s plans for its CD-ROM service. Facilitating unassisted searching was deemed desirable due to limited reference staffing and large numbers of ASFA CD-ROM users. The vendor-supplied help for ASFA is necessarily brief and complementary help systems were implemented in order to provide more complete explanation while using the ASFA CD-ROM microcomputer. A printed manual was also developed but microcomputer-based manuals were developed in order to capture the interest of ASFA searchers. Of course, personal attention will always be necessary for some searchers but many are capable of going it alone with a bit of help.

Instructional text files for ASFA menu and command searching were written by the author because the online documentation supplied by the vendor is overly brief and lacking in coverage of the menu mode. These files are accessed via menu before the searcher starts searching the ASFA disks. SIDEKICK software’s README.COM utility is used to display these instructional files; README.COM supports scanning line-by-line or page-by-page and printing of specific pages or the entire document. This system is described by the author in greater detail (along with other facets of the Scripps Library's implementation of ASFA CD-ROM) in an article entitled "ASFA on CD-ROM at Scripps Institution". Published in LASERDISK PROFESSIONAL (v1n2, July 1988, pp.39-47), reprints are available from the author.

The presearch ASFA manuals, while useful, are accessed before an ASFA CD-ROM search software; they cannot be accessed during a CD-ROM search session. Polaris Rescue software was used to make a restructured screen-oriented version of the presearch online manuals accessible during a CD-ROM search session. Polaris Rescue software is a help file utility for the creation and usage of documentation that pops up and displays at a keystroke. Thus help is instantly accessible at any time while searching ASFA CD-ROM. This system is described by the author in greater detail in an article entitled "Online Help for CD-ROM Database Searching". Published in CD-ROM LIBRARIAN (v3n5, May 1988, pp.10-14), photocopies are available from the author.

Cambridge supplies its own help system for ASFA CD-ROM. Accessible via ASFA’s HELP dot line command or from the HELP option in the main menu, the text of the help system is contained in a file entitled CCA.HLP. It is advantageous to alter this file because you can 1: indicate whom to ask in your library for assistance, 2: refer to the library’s search service that can access databases other than ASFA, 3: rewrite the documentation to be more descriptive than that supplied by the vendor and to provide local advice. CCA.HLP can be altered by a wordprocessor or editor that is capable of editing and saving ASCII files with extended ASCII characters. The litmus test is whether your wordprocessor or editor can save the page breaks that are part of the CCA.HLP file. These page breaks occur on one line for every screenful of documentation and are at the right margin outside of the lined box containing the ASFA instructional text. These page breaks are critical to the CCA.HLP file in that the file will scroll by non-stop from beginning to end without...
them. So if you can edit CCA.HLP, save it, and have it page correctly afterwards, then you can rewrite CCA.HLP. To try editing CCA.HLP, copy the original file onto a backup disk before working with it. Do not tamper with your only copy of CCA.HLP! Edit CCA.HLP a little bit and then save it as an ASCII file. Copy it back onto your microcomputer and then load up the ASFA search software. See if the HELP command displays the help text like it should. If it looks strange or scrolls by non-stop, then your wordprocessor did not save it as a straight ASCII file.

If you need assistance in editing CCA.HLP, contact the author. The author will send you the printed text of the Scripps Library version of CCA.HLP. You can red-pencil minor changes in order to convert the Scripps Library version into a version customized for your library. Send the author back the revised text with an IBM-formatted 5 1/4 floppy disk. The revised CCA.HLP file will be mailed to you. Obviously whenever Cambridge revises its online help system for ASFA or revises the features of its ASFA search software, the CCA.HLP file will have to be reviewed for changes.

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(FROM THE PRESIDENT ..... CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

I wish to congratulate Betty Sutherland and the Nominating Committee for arranging an excellent slate of officers for the Fall election. IAMSLIC members should have received ballots by now and the election results will be announced at the Conference.

See you in Key Biscayne,

Bill Goff
26 August 1988
JUST THE FAX...

In analysing the international "cycling" of information, it seems clear that document delivery remains a major problem requiring state-of-the-art applications of current technology.

IAMSLIC libraries and information centers hold a wealth of marine information resources. The development of ASPIS/ASFA and particularly the availability of ASFA in CD-ROM have created clear channels for the flow of bibliographic data.

Moreover, electronic mail makes possible immediate delivery of document requests. The final component -- which will complete the cycle -- is actual delivery of documents...

This problem actually breaks into three parts: 1) location of documents, 2) requesting documents and 3) delivery.

IAMSLIC has already taken a major step toward solving the "availability" problem by the development of its Union List of Serials. (Sue Barrick, Janice Meadows and Sharon Thomson have made yeoman efforts to support that development.) What remains to be done with the union list is to provide for continued maintenance (updating, etc.) and to provide for online access (as, perhaps, through OMNET/ScienceNet). (The establishment of a simple document request protocol through ScienceNet would be a logical corollary...)

What would then remain is a solution for the actual delivery of documents.

It is with respect to this problem that FAX machines seem prime for application. (We are also on the threshold of CD-ROM full text or other machine readable forms of delivery but we are not there yet...)

In the "developed" world a major incentive driving FAX use is serial price inflation. We at the California Academy of Sciences experienced a 16.7% inflation in journal prices this past year. Libraries can not indefinitely support such inflation but we are notoriously price insensitive-- that is, we have often been constrained by constant user demand to absorb inflated serials prices. There's been a lot of lip service paid in the library community to "cooperative collection development" as a way to redress the problem of upwardly spiraling serials costs, but the catch has been that if we cancel subscriptions to major journals, we must be able to promise very rapid delivery (of "real articles" or high quality facsimiles) to our users on a selective/on-demand basis...

(Regionally, in Northern California, we are discussing the possibility of FAX networking + cooperative collection development agreements.)

In the "developing world" where actual physical delivery of documents may be a core problem, the creation of regional FAX centers with good quality, durable (low maintenance) machines (the maintenance record of fax machines as a whole is quite good) would seem to provide a solution to the problem of acquisition.

An ideal solution might be the use of an existing e-mail network to provide this complete cycle of service... (I have been exploring this idea with OMNET...)

Food for thought...

Tom Moritz, California Academy of Sciences
Beginning 16 July 1988, the telephone number for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will be 508-548-1400. The new 508 area code covers mid, northeastern, southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod. The old 617 area code now covers Boston and surrounding towns only.

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library can now receive and send telefacsimile ILL messages and requests through another library at UCSD. The telefax number is 534-3308; please mark requests to the attention of the Scripps Library. For transmitting of materials from Scripps, there is a $5 surcharge added onto the normal flat-fee photocopy charge of $6.

Peter Brueggeman
Head of Public Services

Judith Brownlow has left her position at the National Marine Fisheries Service in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. She is now attending law school. Although she won't be able to actively participate in IAMSLIC anymore, she has enjoyed her association with the organization.

Eleanor Uhlinger has a new phone number and e-mail addresses:

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COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The CIC will be meeting on Tuesday afternoon during the Miami Conference. The meeting will be open to all and will include a discussion of CIC activities and future plans.

Please feel free to attend... --Tom Moritz, Chair, CIC

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[Program is tentative. Receipts for conference registration fees will be included in the registration packets at the conference.]

SUNDAY, 2 OCTOBER

1200-1800  PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: SOFTWARE FOR MARINE SCIENCE DATABASES
Location: Sheraton Royal Biscayne Hotel
Leader: Marjorie Hlava, Access Innovations, Inc.
1800-1900  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER

0900-1600  PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (continued)
Location: Microcomputer Institute, University of Miami, Hyatt Regency Hotel
Coordinator: Tom Moritz, Library, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California, USA

1700-1800  EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
1700-1930  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
1900-2300  WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER
Location: Sheraton Royal Biscayne Hotel

TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER

0730-0830  BREAKFAST
0830-0900  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
0900-0920  CONFERENCE OPENING
Welcome: Dr. Christopher G.A. Harrison, Acting Dean, Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science, University of Miami, Florida, USA

0920-1200  SESSION I: MARINE SCIENCE INFORMATION & DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

THE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION SHARING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
Kerry Broadbent, International Development Research Center
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIES IN CHINA
Hou Guangwu, Librarian, Institute of Marine Scientific and Technological Information, Tian Jin, People's Republic of China

MARINE SCIENCE INFORMATION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Tessa Ottley, Librarian, Institute of Marine Affairs, Carenage, Trinidad and Tobago

SIMAR; A BRAZILIAN NETWORK OF MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIES
Vera Lucia Soares de Oliveira, Librarian, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Centro de Tecnologia, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED
Patricia Cra, Librarian, Centre de Recherches
Oceanographiques, Abidijan, Ivory Coast

1200-1300 LUNCH

1300-1400 SESSION II: MARINE SCIENCE JOURNALS

HIGH IMPACT JOURNALS IN MARINE BIOLOGY
Elizabeth Fuserer-McDowell, Institute for Scientific
Information, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

SUBSCRIPTIONS PRICES OF MARINE JOURNALS
Mary Katherine Politz, Reference Librarian, Troy H.
Middleton Library, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge,
Louisiana, USA

1400-1500 BUSINESS MEETING I
1500-1700 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER

0730-0830 BREAKFAST

0830-1115 SESSION III: REGIONAL DATABASES AND SPECIALIZED INFORMATION
RESOURCES

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES IN GREEK SEAS,
RIVERS AND LAKES
Sofia OCEANOGRAPHY, Librarian, National Centre for Marine
Research, Elliniko, Greece

MEDIFAUNA: UNE BANQUE DE DONNEES BIOLOGIQUES FACTUELLES SUR
LA FAUNE MARINE MEDITERRANEENNE
Professor Gaston Fredj, Laboratoire d'Oceanographie
Biologique, Universite de Nice, Nice, France

FISHLIT: A BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR ICHTHYOLOGISTS,
FISHERIES SCIENTISTS AND FISH CULTURISTS
Margaret Crampton, Librarian, JLB Smith Institute of
Ichthyology, Grahamstown, South Africa

NORTH AMERICA'S INLAND SEAS, THE GREAT LAKES AND MARINE SCIENCE
Angus Smith, Librarian, Canada Centre for Inland Waters,
Burlington, Ontario, Canada

THE ALGAE OF NEW ENGLAND 1829-1984
LeBaron C. Colt, Jr., Biology Department, Southeastern
Massachusetts University, North Dartmouth, Massachusetts,
USA

SEARCHING THE BAY FOR INFORMATION: THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BIBLIO-
GRAPHY AND NETWORK
Susan O. Barrick and Julia K. Wilcox, Library, Virginia
Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, Virginia USA
TOWARDS A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MARINE BIOTECHNOLOGY
James Markham, Library, University of California, Santa Barbara, California, USA

MARINE SCIENCE INFORMATION IN NON-MARINE DATABASES
John L. Kelland, Library, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, USA

1115-1200 BUSINESS MEETING II

1200-1300 LUNCH

1300-1430 SESSION IV: SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIES

AMERICAN LIGHTHOUSES: THEIR LOCATION, HOW THEY LOOKED, THEIR LIGHTS AND SIGNALS, THEIR KEEPERS, NOTABLE EVENTS; HOW TO FIND OUT
Kenneth T. Morse, Library, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, USA

ACCESSING THE MARINE SCIENCES COLLECTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
Dwight Ittner, Biomedical Librarian, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska, USA

THE OCEANIC REMOTE SENSING LIBRARY
Lisa Faulk, Oceanic Remote Sensing Library, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, USA

1430-1700 SESSION V: LEGAL ISSUES ARISING FROM NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Barbara Indellis, Attorney, Cambridge Scientific Abstracts, Bethesda, Maryland, USA

Marilyn Kretsinger, Policy and Planning Advisor for the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA

Eleanor S. Uhlinger, Librarian, Bodega Marine Laboratory, Univ. of California, Davis, Bodega Bay, California, USA

Catherine Spratley, Louisiana State University, Center for Wetland Resources, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER

0730-0830 BREAKFAST

0830-1000 SESSION VI: SOME GLOBAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

IFREMER, CNEXO AND ISTPM DOCUMENTATION RESOURCES
Raoul Piboules, Chef de Service de la Documentation et des Publications, IFREMER, Brest, France
MARINE SCIENCE INFORMATION IN THE NORDIC REGION
Jean Collins, Library, North Sea Centre, Hirtshals, Denmark
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Research, Charlottenlund, Denmark

UNITED KINGDOM MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIES
Pauline Simpson, Librarian, Institute of Oceanographic
Sciences, Wormley, Surrey, United Kingdom

MARINE INFORMATION IN AUSTRALIA
Denis Abbott, Librarian, CSIRO Marine Laboratories, Hobart,
Tasmania, Australia

1000-1100
SESSION VII: INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

INFOTERRA: THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
Dr. Wo Yen Lee, United Nations Environmental Programme,
Nairobi, Kenya

SONIC: AN ONLINE OCEAN INFORMATION SYSTEM
Professor James Churgin, College of Marine Studies, Univ.
of Delaware, Lewes, Delaware, USA

1100-1230
SESSION VIII: NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

THE NATIONAL UNDERSEA RESEARCH PROGRAM
Constance Cooke, Librarian, University of Connecticut at
Avery Point, Groton, Connecticut, USA

MARINE SCIENCE INFORMATION POLICIES IN CANADA
Cluineas Boyle, Head, Library Services, Department of
Fisheries and Oceans, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED
Carol Watts, NOAA Library and Information Service Division,
Rockville, Maryland, USA

1230-1830
FIELD TRIP TO JOHN PENNEKAMP CORAL REEF STATE PARK, KEY LARGO
Box lunch will be provided

1830-2300
RECEPTION AND DINNER
Held at Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science

FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER

0730-0830 BREAKFAST

0830-0930 SESSION IX: PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

RESULTS OF THE SALARY SURVEY OF MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIANS IN
THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA
Elizabeth Fuser-McDowell, Institute for Scientific
Information, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA
Susan Barrick and Janice Meadows, Library, Virginia
Inst of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, Virginia, USA
THE DOWNSIDE OF RESOURCE SHARING
Anna Oxley, Scotia-Fundy Regional Library, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

0930-1200 SESSION IX: ASFA, ASFIS AND IOC
REPORT ON THE LATEST FINDINGS OF THE IOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON MARINE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT
Dr. Joseph Caponio, Director, National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia, USA
THE CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE OF THE AQUATIC SCIENCES AND FISHERIES INFORMATION SYSTEM (ASFIS)
Robert R. Freeman, Chief, Fishery Information Data and Statistics Service, FAO, Rome, Italy
ASFA CD-ROM; A CRITIQUE
K. Eric Marshall, Library, Freshwater Institute, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
FIRST YEAR USAGE OF ASFA CD-ROM AT SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY
Peter L. Brueggeeman, Library, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California, USA

1200 CONFERENCE CLOSING
1215-1300 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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