FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear friends and colleagues,

By the time you get this Newsletter you should be packing your bags for Iceland. I am pleased to see that we will have a huge attendance with over 100 participants. This year's theme 'Electronic Information and Publications' is another very relevant issue. How do we deal with electronic publications, will they make information cheaper or more expensive? Do we get rid of our paper collections? Will they all fit in a handbag? Do we have to go back to school? These are just a few questions which we may hope to get an answer to this year.

Since the May issue of your Newsletter a few issues have been taken care of:

1- EURASLIC DIRECTORY: As agreed during the EURASLIC Conference, IOC has converted the EURASLIC Directory into the standard Directory structure (a paper will be published by the IOC in the MIM Publication Series by the end of this year). The database has been loaded onto the IOC web server. The database can be searched, records can be added and existing records can be edited on-line (individual user IDs and Passwords have been mailed to all libraries). However, to ensure that libraries without full Internet access can also edit their r

information, a mass mailing has been carried out by the IOC on 30 July which included a full record printout. Sofia Goulala of the National Centre for Marine Research in Athens, Greece kindly offered to update the database for paper-based requests. If all goes well, a demonstration of the new EURASLIC Directory will be available during IAMSLIC '98. It is of course my hope that IAMSLIC will decide to 'revamp' the IAMSLIC Directory so we can develop a really global directory of aquatic science libraries and information centres. I am pleased to add that the current system is almost fully self-reliant and needs little maintenance.

2- ARIEL NETWORK: In the May issue I suggested the setting up of an IAMSLIC International Electronic ILL network. I received a number of positive reactions and I really think we could create a useful service here, especially for our colleagues in small or developing country libraries. I hope that we can discuss this issue during this year's Conference and proceed.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Reykjavik on 20 September!!

Peter

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IAMSLIC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

IAMSLIC Conference 1997
First Executive Board Meeting
Sunday, 5 October 1997
Lightsey Conference Center, College of Charleston
Charleston, South Carolina U.S.A.

Present: B. Avery, J. Barnwell, S. Berteaux (Secretary/Recorder),
K. Heil, R. Kelly, P. Pissierssens, I. Parker, P. Simpson, J. Webster
(President), J. Wible, P. Wolfe
Meeting called to order 14:15 by President Janet Webster.

OLD BUSINESS

I. CHARLESTON CONFERENCE REPORT

* Number of Registrants <Webster>: the total number of registrants is 93 (conference attendees, new attendees and names registered). <Simpson> asks if there is a way to recognize new attendees. No answer.

* Budget Projection <Webster>: They had a harder time getting donations this year. It has to do with who asks. Joe (Wible) was able to get BIOSIS contributions for Monterey because he has a relationship with them. <Simpson> the Elsevier donation was not requested through Sally, therefore, we got the "basic" donation. <Webster> things are running smoothly. We are close to breaking even, including the seed money. Should we discuss waiving registration fees and how that works out in the budget? <Pissierssens> Most of the expenses are for food. <Simpson> asks. Should current officers have to pay the registration fee? Suggests that conference host should not have to pay. <Webster> There is a grants issue, which we will discuss later in the meeting.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

<Heil> Income for this year $35,251.19
   income +23,496.42
   expenses -15,673.65
   BALANCE...$43,073.96 (includes CD's)
<Janet> At the first business meeting the Treasurer's report will be presented.

* 1996/1997 Budget Projections: <Janet> At one time we were broke. We have been making profits on conferences. This year the income stream reached the $25,000 figure, which is the cap of tax liability. Southampton and Monterey produced large incomes, over $50K in assets. Grant requests we expected to receive did not come in. Kathy and Janet will work on the Projected Budget for 1997/1998, including how much for grants, projects and next year's conference. Martha Pretorius will represent Africa. <Pissierssens> Do we have an idea of the net profit per year? <Heil> answers: $1,000. $7,200 from membership and $2,300 from Quinn fund equals approx. $10K total net profit per year. We have $4-5,000 in expenses. Therefore when Quinn Fund is well supported, IAMSLIC can support special projects.

* Monterey Conference budget Close-out: <Wible> Lowering registration fees at Monterey because of added income and receipt of late fees. <Webster> We budgeted for speakers and it cost half <Wible> Another factor is if we sell the membership list to that’s income. <Webster> The cost of the Newsletter is another factor we need to compare.

III. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

<Webster> Most reports and recommendations are in. I will send out a charge early.

* MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

<Wible> is retiring. There are 293 members as of 9/11/97. Combined EURASLIC/IAMSLIC members = 20. The mechanics of getting the information is a problem. This is the first year, and the information was highlighted in the Newsletter. <Wible> Could we pay membership dues since we have money in the budget? <Webster> In 1996 we had 277 members <Barnwell> How may from the South Pacific? Ans: 18 <Pissierssens> Why do we include Antarctica when it’s “zero”? <Webster> We will discuss Membership Committee issues later.

* NOMINATING COMMITTEE

<Webster> IAMSLIC will support registrations for officers. That could help recruit candidates for offices.

* PUBLICATIONS & PROCEEDINGS

<Wible> has been serving beyond term (three years). Recommends that Publications committee work closely with Membership Database Committee. Web committee is a subcommittee of the Publications committee, as well. Paula will announce that she will be willing to step down. <Webster> Committees and Chairs will be listed [Agenda item for next Exec. meeting]

* NEWSLETTER

<Webster> Should we continue to send via First class mail? Ans: Yes, its OK. The publisher costs less. The Newsletter is a benefit of membership. Therefore, it is not on the Web page as an electronic publication. <Wible> It's a journal subscription. <Webster> expresses concern with access to a Web version <Simpson> you would need a password to access. WEB DISCUSSION: If no password you put up a few "teasers" but not the whole journal. There should be searching capability. Outline for membership - what are the benefits? We could have a searchable index? Partial access is a good idea for PR. Archives could be public with only the Table of Contents or index of the current issue available to the public. The current issue should be made available to Members only. Advantages: searchability, archives and scanning. Budget money can be applied — staff time will be required to do the work. Work sites require a lot of maintenance. <Webster> So, what do we gain by putting it on the Web? <Simpson> answers: We deliver it electronically. The additional work to go "look at" the document. <Pissierssens> Attachments. The physical presence of the document. <Berteaux> The URLs can be immediately available if the
Newsletter is on the Web. How visible are the Proceedings? <Avery> There is a 10-year cumulative index of the Proceedings. <Pissierssens> Papers delivered by “experts” — search for author who may be contacted. Proceedings could be put on the Web if they are in machine-readable format. <Avery> Table of Contents may be enough. <Wolfe> If everyone submits in machine-readable format, then we have a “date forward” <Avery> suggests the issue be referred to the Web committee <Webster> will bring the issue of a Web-based Newsletter to the Business Meeting, stating that the Executive Board proposes bringing Newsletter to the Web. Will ask if content should be retrospective and how the information should be made available. Will also bring up the issue of Web-based Proceedings (TOC and with or without Abstracts). Will refer to the Web Committee. <Avery> the Newsletter survey is with the information in the registration packets. It is only handed out at the conference. Items in the Newsletter: Letter from the President, electronic Resources are good, “how to” column, and profiles, what else...<Barnwell> asks about new publications. Web access issues are very important. <Avery>... also reviews of journals — the mainstream items. <Webster>... publications coming out of remote areas. <Berteaux>... training issues

TRAINING DISCUSSION: <Webster> Linda Temprosa is working on training with Gemini. <Avery>... issues of training - Web-based, correspondence courses, video <Pissierssens> suggests a 1-2 day course component during conference. <Avery> We used to more Pre-conferences, and this year we have a Post-conference workshop. <Webster> What do you train on? Can we piggyback, such as: CDS-ISIS, Disaster Planning, Preservation, Web (i.e., how to put up a searchable database), software. <Heil>... one person library <Pissierssens> there is a wide variety of expertise in IAMSILC to call on for training courses. We should try to bring in people from outside. <Parker> There should be concurrent sessions for beginners, intermediate and advanced. <Webster> Conference facilities are a factor. It can be expensive to bring computers into a site. The logistics... training is technology dependent. <Pissierssens> If held in a university it is probably easier. <Avery> On the survey we ask what kind of training people want. <Webster> Information about this training discussion will be forwarded onto conference chairs for ideas and to develop programs.

*PROCEDURE MANUAL
<Webster> Past Presidents will work on the Procedure Manual

*SPECIAL COMMITTEES
- CONFERENCE: no report

-SHARED BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASE: report indicates no interest

-PUBLIC RELATIONS: packet, slide show, basic talks, materials DECISION: committee should continue. The basic package is OK.

- WEB: contact Barb Butler, links to the Directory

-ARCHIVES: Recommendations in report, filed. Archives should be added to the Membership records, so they will get two (2) copies of everything that is officially sent (Newsletters, mailings, ballots, etc.) QUESTION: Should Web pages go to the Archives? Listserv messages archived. The Secretary has to save/download/archive listserv messages on diskette and send to IAMSILC Archives at WHOI. Can it be automated? QUESTION: Is it necessary for Regional Groups to submit their records, files, official mailings to the IAMSILC Archives; is the Newsletter enough for Regional information? <Berteaux> A lot of the listserv traffic is ILL’s. It has been useful for all messages to be archived versus just the big discussion/issue messages. Executive Board messages are not archived by the Secretary. Are exec messages archived by Erikur? <Webster> Listservs for regional groups are a good idea. <Berteaux> Should they be archived? By whom? <Webster> There are nonmembers using the listserv for ILL. Who answers the reference questions?

-RESOURCE SHARING: Ariel stations at PIMRIS is a model to use. <Simpson> Ariel addresses are included in the directory <Parker> Dave Coleman has set up a directory of Ariel IP addresses <Webster> will make recommendations to the Resource Committee —— break 3:25-3:45pm ——

IV. GRANTS DISCUSSION

- Recap of 1996/1997 requests and Conference grants <Webster> some grant requests were denied because they did not meet the guidelines. Conference grants were provided to. Helen Capuli, Jane Barnwell, Martha Pretorius. <Heil> is prepared to pay. <Webster> It was a last minute scramble. Should we be more aggressive? <Simpson> Is $500 is so small it doesn’t make a difference? <Pissierssens> IOC maximum is $3,000, therefore, partnering with IAMSILC and personal resources is the best way. <Webster> Conference money can support developing countries as long as requesters follow the guidelines. What about supporting people in the US or other developed countries that do not have strong support? <Avery> like helping support at least 2 people from each regional group. Is $3,000 too low? <Webster> Conference money is given to regional projects. <Pissierssens> Is attendance at IAMSILC important? If we are supporting someone from a developing country, then they must network within their region when they go back. If someone receives support one year, and not in subsequent years they lose the knowledge. Therefore, we need to provide sustained support. <Barnwell> Is funding available to bring someone to the site (i.e., Palau) to help with a project? <Heil> What about sabbaticals? <Parker> We should remain flexible within the guidelines <Webster> will review Natalie’s guidelines for support of new people. Will add “continued support” and “retain flexibility” language
- Addition of grant cycle <Webster> We are adding another grant cycle. It works better for regional groups. <Simpson> October and April <Webster> Should the October be reviewed at the conference? Ans. Review cycle deadline is September which makes it a short cycle for review. <Parker> Approval should be “need based.” <Webster> Cyamus has one grant proposal but we can postpone discussion.

V. RESIGNATION
<Pissierssens> is withdrawing his proposal to resign. <Webster> Issues still need to be worked out. How do we conduct discussions? E-mail is “untidy.”

VI. IIOC/IASMLIC DISCUSSION
<Pissierssens> Global directory: membership is invited to participate at the local level. There is a conflict with IOC commitment to the IAMSCLC directory. If I am President [IAMSCLC] then it is difficult to support IAMSCLC with money because I would be asking myself [IOC] for money. Activities: there has been a lack of response therefore I informed the Executive board and got responses from exec. I will talk to membership about focus and course of organization. <Pissierssens> asks if technology is not an important issue of IAMSCLC. We must find an elegant solution to avoid conflict of interest. <Avery> a 3-year plan of recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge. ILL is the easy way of helping each other. <Pissierssens> It is a very important activity. <Heit> RSMAS intern from Holland as part of her MLS. What can IAMSCLC do to provide an internship? <Webster> there are two directories: GLODIR is difficult to get institutions to participate. We must become important to them to get input. <Avery> Bibliographies of publications are difficult to receive. We need a more glossy form. <Pissierssens> What are the mechanics of getting the questionnaires out? <Kelly> How do you get to the “focal point” in the organizations? <Pissierssens> How are entries going to be input? Staff? Student? What is the specificity about your institution - I ask IAMSCLC. <Webster> Who do you really want in the directory? <Pissierssens>, scientists, technicians. Marine and freshwater. Entries come in and we have no way of knowing how or who entered them. The critical mass, 3000 entries, represents about 6% of total number of scientists. GLODIR survey is a good service, but incomplete. There is a proposal to start a European directory, therefore European Union money to build. May get money from NSF for US. We have a good base to get additional funding. <Wible> will input, but first needs to get permission to avoid filling in forms with misinformation.<Pissierssens> Input the data; students can input the basic data. <Simpson> you cannot edit online. <Pissierssens> It is the existing UNESCO structure therefore we should have on-line editing/entry with new NT server. <Webster> there are some problems getting in. What is the focus of our (3-year) strategic plan? Developing resources? Resource sharing?

VII. IAMSCLC DIRECTORY
<Pissierssens> Should IAMSCLC pull out and IOC run it? This is relevant to determine the person who will maintain it. <Webster> The issues of support. <Pissierssens> is working with David for data. EURASCLC directory is minimalist and provides structure for the IAMSCLC Directory. Publicity needs to be done. Should IOC proceed? <Webster> Has a better site been determined? <Wolfe> Data conversion from Macintosh to IBM PC is an issue. Incomplete data, therefore if we sent someone something with incomplete information or errors I got a better response. When IOC & UNESCO were on the letter I also got a better return. <Webster> Where do we go from here? <Wolfe> is sending copy of what she has to institutions. More could go on — parts of the work are very complete but other areas are incomplete. Rao reports no response from individual places. We need to complete the data and continue to add new institutions. <Pissierssens> What level of detail do we want? <Wolfe> Information from the old directory. <Pissierssens> there are a number of fields that seem redundant. <Wolfe> ... a semantic difference or understanding of what we were asking for. <Parker> Fields would change over time. <Berteaux> Not if very specific data elements were requested. <Pissierssens> Electronic publications are dynamic. If printing, we must be very clear (like URLs, e-mail) and use standard addressing formats. <Wolfe> we are redoing the existing directory, based on standards. <Wible> If some data is unnecessary/unwanted for print, then why include in an on-line version? <Pissierssens> Look at what the relevance is of the field. <Webster> Regional reps can work with the Publications Committee. <Parker> What fields can be eliminated? what can be added? ...now? ...at a later date? <Wolfe> wants guidelines by the end of this conference. The addition of freshwater expanded the scope. Format is the same as the old directory plus contact information, names e-mail, collection information, Ariel, ILL, collection size. <Pissierssens> cost is not a factor at this time, for IOC. <Wible> Move to printing full field structure. <Pissierssens> What do we call it? The Eurasisclc directory structure is more complex. <Avery> suggests a loose leaf format. <Wible> proposes “geographic areas” indicated and include a blank form for people to submit entries or corrections. Volume I: US and Canada, Volume II: South America, Africa, Pacific Rim, Asia. <Simpson> On-line input then Europeans would put data in so Volume III would be underway.

VIII. WRAP-UP
<Webster> we have two Business Meetings and two more Board Meetings.

AGENDA for the next Executive Board meeting:
1. Membership (including Institutional Memberships, IAMSCLC/ EURASCLC joint members, Twins
2. Database
3. Archiving the Listserv
4. Africa Regional group(s)
6. Committee appointments

Business Meeting items:
1. Regional reports will be given at the Business meeting
2. Discussion of Directory
Meeting was adjourned at 16:45.

OLD BUSINESS

WEB POLICY DISCUSSION
<Webster> Web policy . . . actions need to be written up formally. <Wolfe> Recommendations and charge of Web Committee. Barb & I were thinking of a Web Policy so everyone would understand what’s on it. Such as: the last things (that might go on later), Newsletter, Proceedings, costs, etc. Actually, putting proceedings up seemed like a good idea, but the Executive Board did not agree. We will discuss with Jim about getting a digital copy of Table of Contents with Abstracts.
<Webster> Paula needs a web policy from the Exec. <Wolfe> . . . a mission statement. I have one I will adapt. <Webster> Do we [Exec] want to have a draft? <Pissiersens> Proceedings should go on-line. Income is minimal, and putting them on-line would be easy. <Wible> . . . in addition to printing? <Wolfe> answers: Yes. <Pissiersens> It depends on the cost. The papers presented are interesting and may be interesting to others, as well. Search engines will pick up the site. Regarding the Newsletter the question is how useful the old Newsletters would be. For archives they would, but Tables of Contents on-line and only PDF file are truly relevant for back issues. Future issues are clicking on the title and getting full text. URLs could be a specific page with nothing else, like a URL listing. <Webster> This must go back to the Newsletter Editors to determine what’s feasible. <Kelly> Pagemaker is used to produce Newsletter. I have some previous ones, and they could be converted. <Webster> Conversion is fast. <Pissiersens> Is technically feasible? <Kelly> If you want all the URLs on a page there will be a lot of “white space.” <Wolfe> Annotations will be included. We will write up suggestions after discussion with Peter Brueggeman. <Webster> We want to move in the direction of publishing proceedings electronically. <Wible> is still concerned about % of members we will lose by doing these things. If available on-line, then people won’t buy. If we drop the print, we lose revenue. <Wolfe> . . . unless printing costs are too high. <Heil> Income is attached to the conference. <Wible> The purpose is not to make money, but would we be losing money? <Wolfe> We would like to be able to put abstracts on-line and be able to provide articles. <Pissiersens> We have to put proceedings to the best use. <<Webster> . . . for requests after the conference. We could have more timely information. Build in a request form and investigate keeping count of requests. <ACTION> Paula Wolfe will draft a Web Policy statement <Simpson> When will this be done? <Webster/ Wolfe> Soon. <Simpson> . . . sounds unfair, but could we put a time scale on it? <Wolfe> The Newsletter issue will be resolved only when we determine the technical issues. <ACTION> <Webster> Initial report will be made by the beginning of the year [1998] with focus on the Newsletter at that point. It would be totally addressed by Jim after the proceedings are done. <Wolfe> Peter is the technical guru. Steve Watkins asked a question that sounded like he was also interested. <Maxson> will ask SAIL for participation.

NEW BUSINESS

I EXECUTIVE BOARD LISTSERV
<Webster> Who should be on the Executive Board Listserv (i.e., only people who vote)? Officers Regional Group Representatives Newsletter Editors Future Presidents Eirikur (Administrator) Kristen Metzger (Contact Address) Peter Brueggeman (Listserv) Committee Chairs DISCUSSION: <Webster> What is the purpose of the Executive Listserv? . . . a forum for those who vote? <Wible> Database/ membership issues mean we should have 2 lists. Like the branch library council at Stanford. <Wolfe> then the chair would have to report to both. <Parker> . . . can send messages to both. <Webster> we should err on being inclusive. Put Committee chairs on both lists. If the list is just voting members, then the Regional representatives qualify. <Pissiersens> If the whole lot, then how many? <Webster> 20-25 if Special Committees are included. <Pissiersens> . . . not a big difference. * MOTION: <Heil> I move that we have one list for voting members and Newsletter Editors and another list for Committee Members. <Parker> Seconds the motion. DISCUSSION: <Wible> Do we set up two separate lists? <Wolfe> One is a subset of the others. <Webster> Call for voice vote.
MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: The IAMLIC BOARD listserv will include voting members and Newsletter Editors. The IAMLIC-EXE listserv will include the Executive Board, Committee chairs and Special Committee/Project Chairs.

II ICELANDIC CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS
<Webster> Jim [Markham] is in contact with Martha Andrews [PLC]. We may have it split into 2 volumes. Jim will negotiate. He may have to ask for more money from IAMLIC. Jim Markham will be charged to come up with recommendation(s). <Simpson> He should confirm that there will [or will not] be 2 volumes and if the cost will be covered by the registration fee.
<Webster> Also an estimate of costs for joint proceedings. <Simpson> What is the concern about? <Berteaux> There is an ISSN Number assigned to IAMLIC Proceedings. Changing the corporate entity to IAMLIC/PLC will require new ISSN.
ARCHIVES REPORT
Webster Archives report is accepted with some changes.

CONFERENCE FEES
Webster Waiving conference fees is an issue for Peter and Pauline to work on. Fees for local arrangements chairs is an issue that could be reviewed by conference planners. Parker If registration fees are waived who will pick up the cost of food? This year it would have been for two people. Heil It depends on normal attendance. Wolfe Waive it next year, unless money is lost, for Conference Chair and local conference chair.
Simpson Asks that this be deferred until after next year because of the Joint Polar Conference. Wible Leave it open so local chairs can have the option of asking/ getting help.
Simpson Should the President's expenses be covered?
Webster It could become a procedure to ask what kind of travel money is needed. Wolfe If they are assertive enough to be President they should be able to ask people if they need help financially. Wolfe If it came down to an Exec Board member not being able to attend then the organization could help. Institution may not support fully. Rerteau Nomination Committee could state this when recruiting candidates.
Simpson It is clear that funding is available if necessary. The president should have registration fees paid. Pissiersens We could say "OK, the President does not pay registration." The person then contacts executive board. Webster We could build $1000-2000 into Board travel. How to support it is the issue - without people asking. Motion: Parker I move that registration fees be waived for the Active President. Maxson Seconds the motion. Discussion: none. Webster Calls for hand vote. Motion passed by hand vote: The annual conference registration fee will be waived for the Active President. Action Webster Will add this to the procedures. Maxson Do people need assistance?
Webster Put in a line for Board travel and registration. Pissiersens The president-elect could systematically do this.

AFRICA REGIONAL GROUP
Webster Florent Diouf, W. Africa Regional Group. In South Hampton, Florent's request asked to change the name of the Africa Regional Group. He sent a survey out and got 32 responses back. He felt people wanted one regional group for Africa. It was not an unbiased survey. I contacted people and sent out a letter in June to all Africa members. Three questions were raised in the responses: 1) Should Africa create multiple regional groups (1 or 2) based on physical/ geography and language? 2) Could twinned African members be twinned an additional year? All members twinned at the end of the 3-year term were asked about institutional support. Concerns to continue for one more year. They need to show their institutions why it is important. We would continue for one more year until we get more requests for twinning. There is a problem with currency exchange, so more regional groups make sense. 3) If there is only one regional group there are election issues. Others would be interested in being represented, but how would that happen? Discussion Pretorius proposes to form more regional groups in Africa... subgroups, based on language: the Southern part is English speaking; two countries speak Portuguese. Kenya Southward could form a South African group, excluding Angola, Mozambique, and other French speaking countries, plus a French Regional Group and an Arabic speaking group (North Africa) if there is any interest. Webster Regional groups are formed from the area. It is a "grass roots" initiative. Therefore, there is a lot of anticipation that the Executive Board will tell them what to do. In this case we may have to be proactive. Pretorius Kenya is strong and a majority of countries are strong. At the moment nothing is going on for Africa, such as communication for West Africa Regional Group. No level of activity for English speaking Africa. There may be some activity in French area but we don't hear about it. Pissiersens Florent assumed the position of establishing a regional group. Pretorius Nigeria could decide, based on their location to join either. Pissiersens What is their funding base? IOC support is based on ocean areas $100,000 for East, South and West Africa. Pretorius Water is the most important resource in Africa. Freshwater issues are of great import. Some inland countries fisheries have the same problems as ocean areas.
Maxson IAMSLIC has more members from non-marine people. Webster refers to Jean's presentation [FAO]. Janet at RECOVERWIO wants an East Africa Group. How would groups interact? Resource sharing?
Pretorius The problem is no common language. Pissiersens I am not concerned about networking. In membership [Africa] is there anyone with contact with Fao? Pretorius Many European countries are supporting freshwater research.
Webster There is a role for IAMSLIC - document delivery. We have expertise with that system. Pissiersens... want to set up library and need to set up internship. Webster... need strong people to track down local funding sources. Where do we go from here? It is easier in the south Africa group. Florent wants one Africa group, so what about East Africa group?
Pissiersens If we build the directory for Africa (3-4 areas), get the directory together and do a mailing to get communication going... Pretorius...would the mailing only go to IAMSLIC members? Pissiersens... everyone we could identify in directory.
Barnwell A group that hasn't "gelled" needs a starting point for discussion. Like a brief summary of what was discussed at IAMSLIC. Webster There might be a way to combine efforts. Action Webster will summarize with a statement: The Executive Board has approved formation of Regional Groups in Africa. This is the process..." Heil the mid-Atlantic gourd is non-functioning, but may start again.
Simpson Consultation regions might work. Distances may be too great. Face-to-face contact works. Pissiersens... like a marine information course to bring East Africa and South Africa in 1999. No information regarding freshwater... if we do a poll, where we determine who the players are... Pretorius... start with on-line users group and Africa library groups. Parker there is momentum. Pissiersens Get a letter out right away. Martha and Paula (membership) will get lists together [addresses]. It would go out as IAMSLIC correspondence.
Include: interest in regional groups, list the current members, focus on freshwater and marine, indicate possible meeting. <Wiest> Send money to Florent for communications. <Webster> People were pleased to hear from us. Something other than the Newsletter, so it does behove us to communicate. <Pissiersens> What about French speaking Africa? <Parker> We have Spanish speaking in Cyamus... <Pissiersens> So we have a stock of unused Newsletters? <Kelly> We could redo if needed. <Pretorius> December is a dead month in south Africa, so mid-November or January would be the best time to get people to respond to letters. <Webster> By the first of the year is fine. <ACTION> Peter and Martha will work on a letter to be sent to current IAMSILC members, other names Martha comes up with. The letter will go out in January 1998 with a copy of the December IAMSILC Newsletter. Roger needs the count by 5 December. <ACTION> Janet will synthesize the issues and the discussion and get it into the Newsletter.

OTHERBUSINESS

* METADATA: <Pissiersens> Get information about Dublin Core and implement Dublin Core on IAMSILC pages. <Wolfe> Using Dublin Core, we should put metadata up. <Webster> IAMSILC needs guidelines to put pages up.

* GRANTS: <Maxson> SAIL has several Caribbean members that would like to come but need funding. Asks Executive Board for help. <Berteaux> Send in a grant application. <Maxson> Meetings are for camaraderie and solving problems. Can’t ask for higher registration fee. Therefore, registration fee is low and bare bones. <Berteaux> Write your grant application requesting “X” dollars to support _blank_ activity (like bringing Bob, from Barbados, to IAMSILC this year). <Webster> ... like cyamus proposal for $500. <ACTION> Janet will put the grant guidelines in the December Newsletter.

* E-ARCHIVES: <Pissiersens> recommends IAMSILC Web managers to maintain site archives.


* BUSINESSMEETING AGENDA
  Iceland slides (Eirikur)
  GEMIM (Pauline)
  Gledir (Peter)
  Election results (Janet)

* PR/RECRUITMENT: <Kelly> suggest giving away 10-12 copies of the Newsletter to freshwater libraries to get them interested in IAMSILC, i.e., free subscription to selected places for one year. <Wible> That equals automatic twinning. <Webster> What happens with Africa? <Wolfe> Japan and South America are also areas we need. <Webster> We also have to talk about: - Membership issues: Institutional, EURASILC/IAMSILC and the database - Cyamus proposal (discuss after the meeting) - Request to refund Jim Markham’s registration

Meeting adjourned at 18:40

IAMSILC Conference 1997
Third Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 9 October 1997
Lightsey Conference Center, College of Charleston
Charleston, South Carolina U.S.A.

Present: B. Avery, J. Barnwell, S. Berteaux (Recorder), S. Haas, K. Heil, H. Ivy (Secretary), R. Kelly, P. Pissiersens (President), J. Parker, M. Pretorius, P. Simpson, J. Webster (past-President), J. Wible
Meeting called to order 10:05 a.m. by President Peter Pissiersens.

COMMITTEES

* Bylaws: The immediate past-President Chairs.

* Duplicate Exchange: Dodie Guffy will continue to chair.

* Membership: Pam Mofjeld will continue as chair, other members are willing to serve.

* Membership Database: Joe is trying to resign. Two offers are on the table: Michaud (Canada) and Marariwi (India). This might be an opportunity for Marariwi to participate. <Webster> We may need to change the procedure; such as all membership renewals to be sent directly to the treasurer who communicates with the membership database manager. <Wible> sometimes it is difficult to determine who the check is for. The treasurer may have to send all mail to database manager. Guy has not worked with database management package before. Joe will migrate data to a new database. He will migrate to PC software package and help determine how it might interface with the Web. Joe may end up supporting computer for this year during the transition. Guy could do data entry. The Exec will probably be asked to buy two copies of the software package. <Webster> Who will provide mailing labels? <Wible> Guy will. <Heil> Label Pro could be used. <Wible> ... depends on the format. <Webster> The goal is to have a database where all processes can take place. <Pissiersens> that is the purpose of having a database. <Wible> for printing labels, tracking payment, the Directory, reports and other subsets of the membership database information. <Webster> Where is it going to reside? <Wible> Mont-Joli, Quebec [Canada].

*Nominating: Needs three people (one continuing member and two rotate off). Helen Capuli will chair. Need two other people. <Heil> suggests: Scotland member might be interested. <Berteaux> Remind the Nominating Committee to get candidate & ballot information to the Secretary two-four weeks earlier this
year, because the 98 meeting is in September. <Wible> Move up publication of the Fall issue of the Newsletter. <Berteaux> We might get better participation in elections. We had 139 returns out of 278 ballots mailed. <Avery> . . . a Website ballot. <Webster> . . . or fax with a copy of the numbered envelope. <Kelly> . . . could use a database tracking number; as long as there is a key. <Simpson> Is there a unique number? <Wible> Invoice number is the ID# of the member with a year code. The bigger the number the newer the member. <Simpson> Can we get historical information about how long people have been members?

* Publications: <Wolf> wants to encourage people to volunteer. <Haas> Steve Watkins and Barb Butler have shown interest. <Webster> People willing to serve on any committee - Natalie Wiest and Linda Pikula. <Simpson> Publication committee seems to need to have someone right away. <Webster> David Hyett (but not this year) and Dave Coleman will work with Pub Comm.

* Site Selection: <Webster> Interest in chairing expressed by Susan Berteaux, Patti Marrow, Eleanor Uhlinger. Cecile Thierry and Sarah Heath (if outside No. America). Possible sites mentioned: Brest or Paris, France (Berteaux has contacts with IFREMER), Sherkin Island (Matt), Fiji (Ganesan), Rome (Jean), Copenhagen (Danish at this conference), Kenya, Cork, Switzerland, Monaco, South Africa. <Haas> Kenya might be nice. <Rarnowski> The structure might not be there. Does the local group have the ability to show their capacity? <Webster> Every third year is outside North America . . . maybe every other year. <Simpson> Revenue may fall off if the site is too far. <Avery> Consider places with more direct flights. <Hei> One site should have an international airport. <Wible> Some are not even on a major flight path. <Webster> proposes a general policy: Two conferences out of three should be financially solid so we can support the third one. <Martha> South Africa is cheap.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

* Archives: Continue. Have them draft guidelines with changes. <Haas> Keep documentation for financial records, as needed. I sent everything, but it needs to be reviewed. <Berteaux> The [Archives] Committee can clearly document the purpose of the Archives and retention schedules. We need to know how long the State of Oregon, where IAMSLIC is incorporated, requires financial records be kept. <Webster> will look into the legal implications for the State of Oregon. What else? <Simpson> . . . President's papers. <Avery> sent personal correspondence [as President]. <Webster> What Procedures Manual(s) should be sent? <Pissiersens> will send all correspondence at the end of next year. If the correspondence is official, then it should go to the Archives. <Webster> Don't send copy of all letters, just one copy. <Berteaux> What about archiving the Executive Board listserv e-mail? <Pissiersens> will check with Eirikur about archiving exec listserv messages. <Simpson> four people are on the Conference program Committee. Put Peter on it, so he can get copies of correspondence.

* Metadata: <Pissiersens> Stephanie will continue. Contact her if there is anything that should be addressed. <Simpson> We may want to put the Proceedings, up and we may want/need to keep the Metadata page up. <Wible> Find out if software packages that support metadata tags (editing software) is available. <Webster> . . . HTML tags - automatically generated by the software. <Haas> We're not even sure of the standard. <Simpson> We can put the core elements up there. <Pissiersens> The standard is what survives. I will get reports from Dublin Core. <Haas> Search engines — what are they going to improve? <Webster> IAMSLIC needs a policy for tags. <Simpson> 6-8 core elements are probably sufficient. <Berteaux> People need a template with tags (to cut and paste) plus a good example of the metadata record expected. <Haas> The standard citation format is liked. <Parker> Can we do the same thing for Web pages? <Simpson> Who do you cite? <Pissiersens> What is the name of the page? <Simpson> Who better than the creator of the page to say how he/she wants it cited?

* PR Packet: Kristen will be the “keeper.” Barb can get the text to put on the Web. <Pissiersens> There should be a Powerpoint presentation on the Web . . . or whatever works.

* Resource Sharing: <Pissiersens> Barb Butler can list some ILL issues [on the Web(?)]. What other things could that group do? I question the need for two listservs. If ILL is in the header [subject line] that's OK. <Webster> Are there mechanisms to clarify? There is no way of knowing the fill rate. The discussion will continue. <Haas> I question the receiving library's responsibility for copyright, but a lot of requests are circumventing their own ILL offices. Some procedure must be determined. <Berteaux> Procedurally, I think non-IAMSLIC [member library] use of ILL has to be addressed. <Parker> It might be worth charging rather than with a policy. Like a message from the list moderator. It's etiquette. <Webster> Create a method for requesting [via] the listserv. <Parker> The committee needs more members. <Haas> The person in India may be able to work or help. <ACTION> Peter (Pissiersens) will ask Murawski to serve on the Resource Sharing Committee.

* Shared Bibliographic Database: No action.

* Subject Analysis: Jim Markham wants to bring it up on the Web. [Re: ASFA thesaurus terms linked with LC subject headings]. <Wolf> He doesn't have it available on disk. It will be important especially for metadata key words. <Avery> He's working on mapping the thesaurus. <Haas> . . . a table. <Avery> will approach Jim to finish the project and to write a joint paper. <Simpson> Craig from ASFA is inputting.

* Web: This is a subgroup of publications. They need a charge.

* Membership: There is interest from Jean Collins, Pam Olson and Janet <Webster>. We are developing expertise on twinning.

DISCUSSION: <Simpson> Do each of these committees have a listserv? <Pissiersens> (asks Janet) Did you ask for interim
reports? <Webster> No, but it’s a good idea to touch base during the year. <Avery> Ask for interim reports for the Newsletter. <Haas> It’s too much to ask of people. One a year is enough.

<ACTION> Set up a TRAINING COMMITTEE this year. <Avery> volunteers to chair. DISCUSSION: <Avery> Wants to conduct a survey to determine training needs, i.e., web training issues; grants & grant writing; Learning-Training & Research Methods; Archives and Records Management. Think about distance learning. A lot of things are not web-based. <Pissierssns> Should teaching material be paper-based? <Avery> No use to Palau [for example] to have Web-based . . . <Pissierssns> How would things be published and distributed? <Avery> Highlight training opportunities not conferences, in the Newsletter. <Simpson> . . . monitor internships. Is this the committee? <Avery> . . . like Rob - he has the need to develop a catalogue. <Webster> IAMSLIC can serve as a “pass-through” for experts. <Simpson> Can IAMSLIC sustain? . . . like the RSMAS intern that is here? <Avery> We can explore ways to bring interns into programs. <Pissierssns> Would it be feasible for expertise to be posted and made available? If you have had to know, then you will be able to be contacted. It’s a consulting issue. <Avery> We would need a roster of expertise on the listserv. Let the person [who needs help] lead the discussion. <Parker> There’s no discussion on the listserv. <Pissierssns> There are so many messages we don’t feel compelled to answer. Who has experiencia from paper to electronic? <Webster> One component of gathering information on expertise could be with the Membership Committee. <Barnwell> expresses interest in serving on training committee. DISCUSSION: <Barnwell> She is writing a grant to IAMSLIC to disperse information and for training in her region. <Parker> Is IAMSLIC willing to accept funds and disperse them? Some agencies will only give money to non-profits. <Haas> what happens if we go over $25,000? A charge for the Treasurer also needs to be written.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES: <Pissierssns> Non-IAMSLIC usage of the listserv — it’s a policy issue, like “if nonmember request three times they will be sent an e-mail.” <Berteaux> Who will monitor, police and respond? <Pissierssns> Institutional members get one vote, one Newsletter and one copy of the Directory. <Webster> What to do about non members? <Berteaux> The issue of non-IAMSLIC membership of the listserv should be referred to the Resource Sharing Committee to develop a policy. <Haas> If we have membership numbers, then that could be used as an ILL number. <Parker> We recruited Mexicans from La Paz libraries. <Pissierssns> If ILL the list would be closed. <Kelly> Everyone is busy and we don’t need to have more than one place to look. DISCUSSION (SPLITTING THE LIST): <Parker> The listserv is for those times when you have a desperate need to have a request filled. <Pissierssns> It works either way. <Webster> has mixed feelings about splitting the list. Charge the Resource Sharing Committee to look at the issues and come up with recommendation(s). <Pissierssns> They should automatically do both, then determine what can be done. <Webster> the listserv should be for the “desperate only” cases - with something in the header. <Wible> If we have two lists [i.e., one for members only and one open listserv] would you know which one to respond to? <Berteaux> There are 310 on the listserv and 290 members. <Webster> We need other people on committee - Natalie, Jackie, Elizabeth, Miyuki DeHart, Winitz. <Parker> Need a rep from the large academics, as well. <Avery> Some guidelines, like limits, would be useful. <Berteaux> We also need to document cases when fax, Ariel, or photocopy and mail are the method of choice for document delivery.

WRAP-UP: <Webster> Allen Varley is getting married in April. IAMSLIC is sending a card. Dinner reservations for 7pm at Magnolias (185 East Bay Street) for 16 people. Will be leaving at 6:45 from the Hampton Inn. <Haas> Thank you again to the conference hosts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

REGIONAL GROUPS

CYAMUS

The Cyamus website (http://library.monterey.edu/cyamus) now includes a pointer to a bilingual (Spanish/English) interlibrary loan form. Andrea Coffman, Amelia Chavez Comparon, and Susan Gilmont are responsible for creating this invaluable resource. Also thanks to Amelia for translating the Cyamus page into Spanish. This version is now an option on our page.

EURASLIC

The Seventh Conference of the European Association of Aquatic Sciences Libraries and Information Centres (EURASLIC) was held at the Greek National Centre for Marine Research, Athens (as Athens is now known), from 6th - 8th May 1998

The conference, entitled People and Technology: Shaping the Future of Aquatic Science Information in Europe, was attended by 48 participants from 19 countries including 10 participants from Eastern Europe. Several major international and regional organisations were representing included the Food and Agriculture Organisation (Jean Collins), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of Unesco (Peter Pissiersens), the United Nations Environment Programme (Athena Davaki), and the European Commission (Rui de Sousa Carrusca - Fisheries Librarian, DGXIV).

This first three day conference included sessions on: European Cooperation; Specialised Databases and Retrieval Tools; and Continuing Professional Development. A skills workshop on Creating pages for the World Wide Web using basic HTML was organised by Joan Baron, who also chaired on Open Forum on the future direction and development of EURASLIC. As this
conference coincided with the 10th anniversary of the Association it also included three invited papers by Joan Baron and Allen Varley, Ian Pettman, and Sarah Heath, relating to the history, development and current and future activities of the Association. Country and institution reports from participants as geographically dispersed as Poland and Crete, and Denmark and the Ukraine were presented, and their publication in the Proceedings adds to EURASLIC’s unique ongoing record of aquatic information developments in Europe.

EURASLIC from its earliest days has made special efforts to include and assist colleagues in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet bloc to attend EURASLIC Conferences, the attendance of so many in Athens was due in no small part to David Moulder’s efforts in obtaining sponsorship. Members heard of great progress being made with compact disc database systems, improved communication and access through the Internet, and personal computer database developments, though funding for the purchase of journals and books remains at a low level. The plight of Bulgarian marine scientists was highlighted by a depressing report from Snejina Bacheva (presented by Kirsten Djoenrup) that the Bulgarian Institute of Oceanology at Varna had only recently reopened after a six month closure due to lack of funds.

Cooperative projects and developments discussed included the planned electronic Directory of European Marine and Freshwater Scientists and Institutions, regional information networks for the Baltic, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, an updated EURASLIC Directory, and the possibility of an Internet-linked and disseminated European marine and freshwater information and knowledge system. Several papers focused on Internet developments, new aquatic Web sites, and efforts to ‘catalogue’ the Internet.

The new term ‘Technogensis’ was introduced by the Russian participants, who defined it as pertaining to the effects of technology on the environment, describing the work of the ‘Committee of Technogenic Safety of Russia’, and EURASLIC members were invited to cooperate in the further definition of this new subject area.

New participants commented on the professionalism of the presentations and sessions, and on the helpful, welcoming and relaxed attitude of members, and were impressed by the facilities and local arrangements organised by Sofia Goulala, her staff and Greek colleagues. The demanding social programme took its toll, compounded by the Greek custom of not normally commencing evening activities until 10.00 p.m., and participants returned to their own countries suitably exhausted, but stimulated and enthused, and with a wealth of new ideas to follow up.

Sofia Goulala of NCMR was elected as the next President of the Association, with Sarah Heath of the Marine Laboratory at Aberdeen as her Vice President. The Treasurer is Nicole Momzikoff (France), Secretary Kirsten Djoenrup (Denmark), and the two members’ representatives are Maria Kalenchits (Estonia) and Lia Charou (Greece). Barbara Schmidt (Germany) and Joan Baron (United Kingdom) were co-opted onto the Board in their role as joint editors of the EURASLIC Newsletter. This is the first time that EURASLIC has had an all female board.

EURASLIC’s Millennium conference will be at the Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen, Scotland, in May 2000, hosted by Sarah Heath.

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EURASLIC-LIST
At the EURASLIC Conference in Athens we decided to have an own discussion list for all the matters just concerning the European group of librarians. But nevertheless all of you are kindly invited to join the list, if you are interested to do so. To subscribe you have to send a message to the following listserver: majordomo@machno.hbi-stuttgart.de
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TIME TO RENEW YOUR IAMSPLIC MEMBERSHIP
Enclosed with this newsletter is your IAMSPLIC renewal notice. Your dues expire on October 1st unless otherwise indicated on the notice. Please update the information provided and mail it along with your check made out to IAMSPLIC before October 1st or bring your notice and check to the annual meeting in Reykjavik. Please save the organization money and don’t wait for a second notice before renewing.

If your membership has already been paid for 98/99, your renewal
notice will indicate the date the dues expire (eg. 10/1/99). If this is the case, you do not owe any money. However, please mail back the renewal notice with any changes to your address, FAX number, area code, e-mail address, etc. so they are correct for the next edition of the Membership Directory.

Handling the IAMSLIC renewals is a very time consuming task, and I receive no compensation for the many hours I spend dealing with hundreds of pieces of mail each year. There are several things that you can do to make my job easier. Renew on time; this means I don’t have to send you a second notice and deal with your requests for issues you missed because you let your membership lapse. Be sure that you make the check out to IAMSLIC and not to me, so I don’t have to cash the check and then write my own check to IAMSLIC. My work would be a lot easier if I didn’t have to deal with vendors, so I would prefer you dealt with IAMSLIC directly. However, I understand that by maintaining your membership through a vendor you can avoid exchange problems since we require payment in U.S. dollars. If you must renew through a vendor, keep in mind that the renewal notice/invoices mailed with this newsletter and does NOT get sent the your vendor. You should photocopy the renewal notice/invoice and send one copy to your vendor asking them to pay it. Send the second copy directly to me with any corrections and an indication the vendor you are using. I often get checks without the accompanying renewal notice, so I have to spend hours trying to figure out who the check is from. This is especially true with government agencies. If your organization is cutting the check and the paperwork is likely to get separated, I suggest you do the same thing as I suggested for those renewing through a vendor. Make a copy of the renewal notice/invoice and send one copy directly to me with any changes and any information that will help me identify the check when it arrives.

You can now renew your membership prospectively for up to three years. There is no discount, but should dues go up in the interim, you will not be required to pay the higher membership fee. You also might want to consider this option if you have a hard time getting your currency converted to U.S. dollars. This means you would only have to deal with it every three years.

For those of you who need it, IAMSLIC’s Tax Identification Number is 04-2795358. We are a 501 Non-Profit organization.

Thanks for your cooperation.
-Joe Wible

PEOPLE

Get to Know
Cindy Nuhn

For fifteen years, I worked as a registered nurse in a hospital setting. In May of 1996, I graduated from the University of South Florida with my MLS degree. My family, friends, and my professors all wondered what type of library setting I would select for employment. While in graduate school, I volunteered in the cataloging department of our local public library. My internship was in the Youth Services department of the same public library. My interests were diverse. I have a B.A. in art history and have completed the course work for a master’s degree in art history. I also have a B.S.N. in nursing and a minor in business.

In June of 1996, I was hired by Eckerd College Library in St. Petersburg, Florida. I am the ILL coordinator and the science librarian. I have quickly learned that a large percentage of our ILL requests are in the sciences. Eckerd College is a liberal arts college with a large and growing marine science program. Although I was educated in the sciences, I am not a marine scientist. In September of 1997, I learned about IAMSLIC and I quickly joined. I would like to discuss what I have gained by being a member of IAMSLIC.

The IAMSLIC listserv is the best listserv I know! I have been able to post questions about marine science databases, library assignments related to the natural sciences and much more. Of course, there are the pesky ILL requests that I can find no where. The IAMSLIC listserv has saved the day many times.

In April of this year, I was fortunate enough to attend the SAIL conference hosted by Kathy Maxson of Nova Southeastern University. The SAIL conference was wonderful. I enjoyed the speakers discussing library-related topics. It was also interesting to hear marine scientists speak about their research projects. In a few short days, I knew that I had a great deal of useful information to take back to my library. The Everglades database discussed at the SAIL conference is bookmarked on our reference desk computer. We use this resource frequently for questions related to home work assignments and term papers.

Through IAMSLIC, I have met many helpful librarians and researchers. I have met many librarians through the SAIL conference, while others I met through the IAMSLIC listserv. Some of the librarians I have met through IAMSLIC work in libraries that are geographically close to Eckerd College. It is nice to be able to visit and talk in person. Through e-mail, I have been able to talk to IAMSLIC members all over the world. The information I have gained from these librarians has helped my library in many ways. I value the friendships I have made through this organization.

My membership in IAMSLIC has made me more aware of environmental issues in my home state of Florida. Since joining IAMSLIC, I have volunteered for weekend projects to promote the health of Tampa Bay. In conclusion, IAMSLIC has improved my life, professionally and privately.

CONFERENCES

AUGUST

30-September 3. Victoria, B.C. Canada. Coastal Zone Canada
98. http://www.ioe.bc.ca/ioe/czc98/
SEPTEMBER

6-11. Lake Kinneret, Israel. Kinneret Symposium on Limnology and Lake Management 2000+. Contact Tom Berman, tberman@inter.net.il


OCTOBER

12-16. Goa, India. International Symposium on Information Technology in Oceanography. For additional information e-mail: itio98@cesnio.ren.nic.in.

ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

AGRICOLA
http://www.nal.usda.gov/ag98/ag98.html,

The US National Agricultural Library’s AGRICOLA database is available. AGRICOLA covers all aspects of agriculture and allied disciplines, including plant and animal sciences, forestry, entomology, soil and water resources, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, agricultural products, alternative farming practices, and food and nutrition. Aquaculture is covered to some extent. The AGRICOLA database is presented as two bibliographic data sets, which are searched separately. The Online Public Access Catalog, known as “Books, etc.,” contains citations for books, audiovisual materials, serials, and other NAL and cooperative holdings. The Journal Article Citation Index, known as “Articles, etc.” contains citations for journal articles, book chapters, reports, and reprints, selected primarily from the materials cataloged in Books, etc. When fully loaded, AGRICOLA will contain more than 3.5 million records. Currently, Books, etc., contains records produced from 1970 to the present (667,000 records), and Articles, etc., contains records produced from 1985 to the present (985,000 records). NAL intends this to be the most current and comprehensive version of AGRICOLA ever available. [PB]


Compiled by the Western Center for Environmental Information. [PB]

Assessing Exposure of Marine Biota and Habitats to Petroleum Compounds—ACS

http://pubs.acs.org/hotarticle/ac/98/mar/exp.html

This publication, reprinted from Analytical Chemistry News & Features (March 1, 1998; pp. 186 A-192) describes methods that “accurately and rapidly measure aromatic components of oil spills in marine biota and habitats.” In addition to full-text, the report includes color photographs, tables, chromatograms, and references. [LXP]

Distribution of Fishes in the Red River of the North Basin on Multivariate Environmental Gradients—NPWRC

The Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center has placed online this 1997 report on fish distribution in the Red River. Author Todd Koel, of North Dakota State University, has based his results on surveys of fishes “conducted at 1026 sites from 1892-1994,” in which “77 native and seven introduced species” were identified in the Red River of the US North Basin. In addition to the main text, the report offers a substantial bibliography and a dozen detailed tables. [LXP]

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[PM]
Geoscientific Data List

This is a new mailing list for discussion of issues related to the use, analysis, and management of geoscientific data - including climatological, oceanographic, and solid-Earth data. By data we are not limiting it to digital data, but also physical data such as cores, cuttings, etc. To subscribe, please email: majordomo@inet2.agiweb.org with the body: subscribe geodata [PB]

Global Warming

The Warming of the Earth—WIHRC
http://www.whrc.org/globalwarming/warmingearth.htm
Our Changing Planet: The FY 1999 US Global Change Research Program
http://www.gcrio.org/ocp99/toc.html

The Woods Hole Research Center has created this online beginner’s guide to global warming, entitled ‘The Warming of the Earth.’ The site is organized into six sections: The Greenhouse Effect, Scientific Evidence, The Culprits, Potential Outcomes, What the Skeptics Don’t Tell You, and The Kyoto Protocol. Each section briefly but thoroughly explains an aspect of global warming and includes hyperlinks to other resources. In some instances, color graphics illustrate main points. For more sophisticated readers, the US Global Change Research Information Office (GCRIO) has placed online their report entitled “Our Changing Planet: The FY 1999 Global Change Research Program.” The report summarizes the program’s recent research and outlines their plans for the future. Included is a National Assessment of the Consequences of Climate Change Impact, which discusses the ecological and economic impacts of climate change on the US. A detailed overview of the FY99 USGCRP budget is appended, and the site reminds its visitors that achieving the goals of the program “will require continued strong support for the scientific research needed to improve understanding of how human activities are affecting the global environment, and of how natural and human-induced change is affecting society.” Full-text is available for download at the site. [LXP]

Guide to Whales and Marine Mammals of the North Atlantic Ocean
CD-ROM

This CDROM product is designed for students and teachers in classrooms, whalwatchers, researchers, or just anyone truly interested in whales. Developed in conjunction with Wheelock College and The College of the Atlantic with funding by the National Science Foundation, the WhaleNet CDROM Guide contains: a field guide to the 20 most common marine mammals of the North Atlantic region; special graphic key that lets you identify over 800 different individual humpback whales via sorting and identification software for the Gulf of Maine population of humpbacks; sighting histories of over 11,000 occurrences of known humpback whales; and, text and references for the field guide including an extensive glossary. Current pricing on the WhaleNet CDROM is US $28 each, which includes shipping and handling. Telephone orders: call 617 926 8438. Fax orders: 617 923 9181. Question? Send email to: whalemaster@lenkassociates.com [see http://whale.wheelock.edu/whalenet-stuff/CDROMintro.html] [PB]

Iceland Information [BA]

Destination Iceland
http://www.lonelyplanet.com/za/dest/eur/ice.htm

Features include a map, a slide show, facts at a glance, attractions, money and costs, facts for the traveller, recommended reading, attractions and getting around.

Iceland: The Closest Europe Gets.
http://www.goiceland.org/main.htm

The official site of the Icelandic Tourist Board. Gives the history, geology, and sights of Iceland.

Iceland.org
http://www.iceland.org

This is the site to take a virtual tour of Iceland, learn about visa regulations, tourist information, business and economy, culture and science, foreign policy. You can get the daily news from Iceland here. It includes as MIDI of the National Anthem. Produced by the Embassy of Iceland.

Icelandic Collection
http://www.whatson.ic/postcards/postcard.html

Send a postcard from Iceland before you go!

Islandia: a Guide to Iceland
http://www.hugvit.iks.interpro/islandia/islandia.nsf/pages/font

Here’s the place to get a head start on learning the language – alphabet and pronunciation, common phrases, useful words. Also gives information on sports, education, the name system, tourist attractions, the weather (the average temperature in September is 9.1 C., 48.38 F., 282.25 K.) and more.

Reykjavik, Iceland
http://cityguide.lycos.com/europe/norther/ISLreykjavik.html

Information of Reykjavik, a visitor’s guide, culture and history, news and weather, entertainment.

University of Iceland
http://www.hi.is
Make sure you check out the Library and Information Science Department.

Welcome to Iceland
http://www.centrum.is/icerelv/

Get the daily news from Iceland, learn about the publications of the Iceland Review, find links to other sites—like the Port of Reykjavik.

Welcome to Reykjavik City
http://www.rvk.is

Gives investor information, tourist information, lists of museums of galleries, great pictures, and links to other websites about Iceland.

International Year of the Ocean (Canada): Sign ‘My Ocean Charter’
http://www.oceanscanada.com/IYO

In celebration of IYO, nations around the world are adopting The Ocean Charter, a commitment to the future of the oceans and to the marine and coastal environments. Visitors to Canada’s Department of Fisheries and Oceans IYO Website can sign My Ocean Charter, the personalized version of The Ocean Charter. At Canada’s IYO Website you can also: See up-to-date displays of Ocean Charters from around the world; View the Charter in several different languages; Peruse our Calendar of fun and inspiring events taking place across Canada and around the world; Study various initiatives to help conserve the oceans and the creatures within; Check out our expanded links to related sites, teaching resources and virtual voyages to whet your appetite for adventure; Read daily facts on the oceans and marine life; Discover many more interesting things! [CB]

Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtles
http://www.ridleyturtles.org

Sponsored by HEART (Help Endangered Animals-Ridley Turtles) to provide information regarding the Kemp’s ridley sea turtles. [PB]

Marine Turtle Newsletter
http://www.seaturtle.org/mtn/

Includes a search feature for past articles, letters to the editor, announcements, instructions to authors, news & legal briefs, recent publications, and subscription information. [PB]

Northeast Aquaculture: Farming the Waters (Video)

This new thirty-minute video will be a useful resource for anyone wanting to learn more about farming aquatic animals and plants. In the Northeastern United States, the variety of climates from Maine to Maryland offers a wide range of choices for species cultivation. Northeast Aquaculture: Farming the Waters profiles six successful aquaculture operations harnessing recent technology to produce and harvest oysters, ornamental plants, hybrid striped bass, rainbow trout, hard clams, and salmon. These producers, who are leaders in shaping this emerging industry and its markets, summarize their experiences in beginning or developing their operations.

The video was produced by Debra Lipsett and Peter Mottur, written by Kris Sargent, and directed by Peter Mottur. Production of the video was funded through the Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) with a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). Located at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, NRAC is one of five regional centers building public awareness of aquaculture and providing support to help the growing field live up to its potential. Ordering Information: Northeast Aquaculture: Farming the Waters is available for $6.50 per copy (plus shipping and handling) from NRAES, Cooperative Extension, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-5701. Shipping and handling is $3.50 for a single copy within the continental United States. If ordering more than one copy or if ordering from outside the United States, contact NRAES for quantity discounts and shipping rates. Orders from outside the United States must be pre-paid in U.S. funds. All major credit cards are accepted, and checks should be made payable to NRAES. For more information or a free publication catalog, contact NRAES by phone at (607) 255-7654, by fax at (607) 254-8770, by e-mail at nraes@cornell.edu, or on the Web at http://rcwpsun.cas.psu.edu/NRAES. [EW]

Operational Effectiveness of Unmanned Underwater Systems.
(CD-Rom)

Published by the ROV Committee of the Marine Technology Society, the chapter topics include: History; Classes of Systems; Applications Offshore/Military/Academic/Other; Operational Limitations, Where They Are Working; Legal and Environmental Considerations; Bibliography, etc. This multimedia CD-ROM is available for ordering now for US$99 and will be available in November 1998. Order Information: Marine Technology Society, 1828 L St., NW, #906, Washington, DC 20036-5104 USA. Telephone (202)775-5966, or Fax (202)429-9417. See http://www.rov.org/rovdemo/index.html for order information. [PB]
Pacific Salmon

Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade provides ample background information on the treaty, an explanation of why the treaty is important, and maps of the area in question. For press releases on the treaty, see the Press Releases and Statements site.

2. _Tidepool_
http://tidepool.org/
*Tidepool* is a daily news service featuring online environmental news, science specials, and links to other resources for the Pacific Northwest Region. *Tidepool* offers insight into many of the region’s environmental issues, including salmon fishing.

3. The BC Salmon Page
http://www.canfisco.com/bc-salm2.html
Provided by the Canadian Fishing Company, the BC Salmon Page is a compendium of information on salmon, from cultural values to ecological information to fishing statistics.

4. Adapting to Change
http://seagrant.orst.edu/rcsearch/atc.html
This resource, from Sea Grant, Oregon, describes “the human side: the people who catch and process fish, the communities and regions where they live, and how they respond and adapt to change.”

5. Pacific Salmon Alliance
http://diane.island.net/~psa/
The Pacific Salmon Alliance offers one strong Canadian (British Columbia) perspective on salmon and salmon fishing rights.

6. One Out of Many: Who owns the Salmon?
http://tidepool.org/hpurity.html
“One Out of Many: Who owns the Salmon?” is Ed Hunt’s recent article on “ownership” of salmon.

7. _The Great Salmon Hoax_
http://www.buchal.com/hoax.html
Author James Buchal aims to present “both sides of the Columbia River salmon controversy” in this controversial, outspoken book, many chapters of which are available online.

8. Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Homepage
http://www.nrc.dfo.ca/home_e.htm
10. Area Fishing Maps—DFO
http://www.pac.dfo.ca/comm/pages/state/maps.htm
11. NOAA/NMFS
http://www.nmfs.gov/
The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is responsible for managing Canada’s fisheries, oceans, and waterways. The DFO site supplies a wealth of information, including (9) the 1998 Salmon Management Plan, and (10) restrictions. displayed in

Area Fishing Maps. (11) The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), or “NOAA Fisheries,” is part of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NMFS “administers NOAA’s programs, which support the domestic and international conservation and management of living marine resources.”

12. Internet resources: Salmon and Watersheds
http://seagrant.orst.edu/links/salmsites.html
The last site, from Sea Grant (Oregon), includes many excellent resources on Salmon and Watersheds, with topics ranging from fish ecology to fish and watershed management. [LXP]

This week’s In The News focuses on the recently heightened, ongoing US-Canada controversy over fishing rights. Since the expiration of the Pacific Salmon Treaty in 1994, the United States and Canada have been unable to agree on salmon catch quotas in the north Pacific. With the opening of the fishing season on July 1, 1998, newspapers reported tension at the docks and rumors of protests in British Columbia. The twelve resources listed above offer background information on Pacific Salmon and the salmon fisheries controversy, and include several US and Canadian perspectives. [LXP]

Pelagic Fisheries Research Program (PFRP)
http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/PFRP/
Established in 1992, after an amendment expanded the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (1976) to include “highly migratory fish,” the Pelagic Fisheries Research Program (PFRP) was created “to provide scientific information on pelagic fisheries ... for use in development of fisheries management policies.” Based at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, PFRP researches fish that live in “the near-surface waters of the ocean often far from shore,” such as tuna, billfish, dolphinfish, and wahoo. The site summarizes research in biology, oceanography, statistics and modeling, genetics, economics, and socio-cultural factors. Visitors interested in learning more may want to refer to the bibliography of PFRP Project Publications and Manuscripts, a few of which are available for download in .pdf format. Recent slides from Hawaiian fisheries and a collection of links round out the site. [LXP]

Species Profiles: Life Histories and Environmental Requirements of Coastal Fishes and Invertebrates
http://www.nwrc.gov/publications/specintro.html
The USGS National Wetlands Research Center presents this series of 126 publications describing the life histories and environmental requirements of coastal aquatic organisms along the coasts of the United States, principally fish. [PB]
School of Information and Library Studies, University of Buffalo (N.Y.), Distance Education Courses
http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/distance.html

The School of Information and Library Studies at the University at Buffalo will formally offer two graduate level courses by Internet Distance Learning during the Fall Semester of 1998: LIS 581 Management of Libraries and Information Agencies, and LIS 531 Marketing of Information Services. An Internet connection is required. Usually the courses are scheduled for two days a week for the purpose of exchanging and sharing information on the class WebBulletinBoard (WBB). Students from any point on the globe may be taking this course. The following are eligible: 1. Current MLS students. 2. Practitioners with MLS degrees. 3. Others who do not have a MLS, but have a bachelor’s degree may apply for Special Student Status.

Questions??? - Regarding registration and cost should be directed to Ms. Rita Packard at (716) 645-2412 or packard@acsu.buffalo.edu . - Regarding either course, contact Dr. John Ellison at ellison@cccomet.net or (716) 326-6915. - Regarding tuition and fees should be directed to the Office of Student Accounts: (716)829-2181 or visit http://wings.buffalo.edu/services/stu-ac.c/ [KH]

Search Engines [BA]

As the number of search engines is increasing the number articles comparing them also continues to increase. Here are just a few to help keep you up-to-date.


Introduction to Search Engines from the Kansas City Public Library homepage. Http://www.kcpl.lib.mo.us/search/searchengines.htm.

Has a review of each search engine and a feature comparison chart for Alta Vista, Excite!, HotBot, InfoSeek, Lycos, WebCrawler, and Yahoo!


Three queries related to earth sciences were used to evaluate the precision of 37 search engines. The structure of three main types of search engines and strategies for improving search results are discussed.


This column dives an overview of the common search engines and features of search construction for Alta Vista, Excite!, HotBot, InfoSeek, Lycos, Northern Light, WebCrawler. It also as a search engine information chart.


Describes an organized structure of requirements to plan and implement a search engine on your intranet that will support more functionality and power.


Gives a brief summary of the search engine, directions on how to use it and a link to its homepage. Looks at Alta Vista, Excite!, HotBot, InfoSeek, Lycos, Open Text, WebCrawler, and Yahoo!


Gives browsable subject hierarchies (not actually search engines), comprehensive search engines, selective/evaluative sites, multi-engine search sites, discussion list search engines, and search engine comparison sites. Also has two definitions of search engine.

Metadata Continued: More readings [SH, BA]


This bibliography at the IFLA website has entries in the following categories: General Resources and Indices, Dublin Core, Geospatial Metadata Standards, Government Information Locator Services, IAF/WHOIS Templates, MARC, MCF, PICS, SOIF, Z39.50 Profile, X3L8 Proposed ANSI Standard, SGML/XML Based Metadata Initiatives, Object Identifier Initiatives, IETF Uniform Resource Identifier Documents, Uniform Resource Identifiers/Locators, Uniform Resource Names, Uniform Resource Characteristics, Selected Background Documents, Conferences and Workshops. Metadata Tools: Selected examples.
Metatags

Back to Basics: Meta Tags.

How to Use Meta Tags
http://seachenginewatch.com/webmasters/meta.html

MetaTagging for Search Engines
http://www.stars.com/Meta/Tag.html

RDF

RDF: What's in it for us by Janus Boye
http://irt.org/articles/js086/index#dublincore

Introduction to RDF Metadata
http://www.w3.org/TR/NOTE-rdf-simple-intro

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS


Over 55% of the colleges in the United States and many other institutions worldwide offer some type of distance education. The first part discusses distance education, methods of delivery, financial aid, and how to evaluate and apply to the various programs. The second part is a profiles over 200 institutions that are regionally accredited or approved by the Distance Education and Training Council. The profiles include admission criteria, prerequisites, delivery methods, tuition, and residency (if any) requirements. [BA]

Canadian Marine Mammal Journal and Directory

This 32-page publication contains a feature article about Canada and the IWC, and briefs on some marine mammal research occurring in Canada. The briefs include information about sea otter, beluga, right whale, bowhead, Steller sea lion, and killer whale research, as well as other species. The Directory section consists of addresses and research interest information for 112 Canadian researchers and educators, as well as location and trip information for 74 marine mammal watching companies in Canada. This Journal and Directory was published by West Coast Whale Research Foundation.

West Coast Whale Research Foundation has copies of the Directory for sale from Vancouver. The cost is $4 per copy plus $2 shipping for one copy or $3 shipping for two to four copies. These prices are in Canadian dollars for shipping within Canada, for shipping charges to other countries contact Kate Ottnad (kate.ottnad@bc.sympatico.ca). Delivery will be by Canada Post. If you are interested in purchasing more than four copies, or if you have a company and would like to offer the Directory for sale, please contact Kate Ottnad. To purchase a copy of the Directory send a cheque to West Coast Whale Research Foundation, c/o K. Ottnad, P.O. 1348 Barclay St., Vancouver, BC V6E 1H7. [PB]

A field guide to Sea Stars and other Echinoderms of Galapagos by Dr. Cleveland Hickman

The price is US $16.95 including postage. Contact Dr Hickman at hickman.c@fs.sciences.WLU.EDU [PB]


This valuable reference work includes color plates of 120 coral reef sponges of the Atlantic and Caribbean, scientific names, common names, and identifications by genus and species of more than 250 reef plants and animals. The price has been reduced to $49.95 for each copy (including shipping and handling). Payment in money order, check or Visa, MasterCard or Discover to: Providence Marine Publishing, Inc., P.O. Box 76883, Tampa, Florida 33675. Further information at: http://www.reefsponge.com. [BA]


The Proceedings include the contributed papers and abstracts of posters and presentations made in plenary, parallel and workshop sessions. The cost is $25.00 or $35.00 Canadian. For more information contact Elizabeth Muckle-Jeffs, E-mail: profedge@rec.igs.net or www.zebraconf.org.

Taxonomic Atlas Series

We are pleased to announce the continuing publication of the Taxonomic Atlas series, devoted to describing and illustrating the marine benthic invertebrates of southern California. When completed the 14 volume series will include all major invertebrate groups collected between 50 and 1000 meters depth. Over 140 new species have been described to date. Volume 8, The Mollusca - Part 1, The Aplacophora, Polyplypophora, Scaphopoda, Bivalvia and Cephalopoda was released in July.

For further information http://www.nature.org/atlas/ or contact Paul Valentich Scott, Editor, Taxonomic Atlas Series, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 2559 Puesta del Sol
Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 USA, 805-682-4711, ext 319 (voice), 805-569-3170 (fax), phscott@sbnature.org, http://www.sbnature.org/ [PS]

ARTICLES


Reviews copyright royalty fees at UnCover, British Library, CISTI, UMI InfoStore, and ISI Document Solution. [PB]


This interesting article shows a way to use search engines to find the "best" sites on a subject. Six major search engines were used to determine the top 20 web sites for desalination. The top Ten sites were then determined and analyzed to determine what it was that made them useful and informative. Major attributes were 1) currency, 2) search site capability, 3) access to articles on desalination, 4) newsletters, 5) databases, 6) product information, 7) web conferencing, 8) links to other sites, 9) communication links, 10) site maps, and 11) case studies.


It has an extremely useful explanation of the elements and examples. If you want to see an attempt at application, review the source code when you get to the full text. I used Tony's examples to create the meta information. We have received permission from both Spectra and Tony Gill to put this article on the Web [SH]


A discussion of Internet2: why and from whence. Gives the key University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development principles. [BA]


Article discusses the effect of the Internet on Reed Elsevier and the recent decision of Louisiana State University's library to retract a $446,000 subscription of 1,569 scholarly journals from Reed Elsevier, opting instead for an Internet-based service. Reed Elsevier is certain that the Internet will not completely overtake its businesses since they think the professors still need their products. The flexibility and speed of electronic publishing could change traditional ink-on-paper publishing. [JW]


Gives advice and a matrix of specifics on field-based searching on AltaVista, Infoseek, Lycos, Yahoo, and HotBot web indexes. (PB)


This article details the development of the California Digital Library at the University of California. The first two elements of the initiative are described: 1) creation of the CDL as an independent entity, but integrated with existing campus systems, and 2) development of digital collections, beginning with Science, Technology and Industry. [BA]


This article presents a report of the Fifth Dublin Core meeting, held in Helsinki in the fall of 1997 and includes a history of the Dublin Core Initiative. [BA]

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IAMSLIC TO DISCUSS ARIEL PURCHASE
Opening the door to desktop delivery.

What is ARIEL?
It is software designed to work on PCs connected to a local area network that in turn has a direct high-speed connection to the Internet. (It can also be used over SLIP/PPP.) ARIEL is a great product for electronic document transmission. You could say it’s a bit like a fax machine but the quality of the received document is much better than the 75 dpi you usually get with your fax machine. With ARIEL you scan your document with a scanner (flatbed) scanner. The software then compresses the image and sends it off to the receiver over the Internet. You can either send it to a PC with a dedicated IP address (it is then an ARIEL station) or send it as an email attachment. After receiving the file on your PC, the ARIEL software decompresses it, and you can print the document on your laser printer.

What hardware/software is required?
Operating system: Windows 95 or Windows NT; CPU: 80486, 66 MHz or faster; RAM: 16 MB or more; Hard drive: 3 MB free to install program files; average users can expect to need at least 25 MB for document files; Floppy drive: 1 high-density 3.5" drive; Internet access: — to use FTP, a permanent IP address for the ARIEL PC; users who dial up for FTP must be connected while scanning, even if not sending; — to use MIME e-mail, at POP3 e-mail account. Printer: Windows-compatible (Postscript printing not recommended). If you intend to send documents to other libraries, you will need a scanner - scanner with SCSI interface and an ISIS driver should work (NOT NECESSARY)

What are the benefits over FAX?
ARIEL compresses data for faster transmission; sends and receives at the same time; provides higher resolution & superior graphic image quality; lets you forward documents without losing quality; continues to evolve to support document delivery, interlibrary loan, and specialized materials transmission.

Power of FTP & E-mail transmissions - Enables complex documents to be transmitted and received, including: long texts, information containing non-ASCII character sets (such as non-Latin scripts), material containing multiple fonts, images and more.

How does my library get started?
At the Iceland Meeting we will discuss the possibilities of a group purchase of the ARIEL Software. Kathy Heil has volunteered to coordinate an order for ARIEL Stations for IAMSLIC members through the University of Maryland, Baltimore Law Library. If we have 9 or more ordered the cost is only $460 per item. (Cost is $725 if 1-9). If you are interested and won’t be attending the Annual Conference, contact Kathy at: Kathy Heil, Univ. of Maryland, C.E.S. - Chesapeake Biol. Lab., Solomons, MD 20688-0038 (410)326-7287, FAX: (410)3267302, E-Mail: heil@cbl.umd.edu

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The Joint IAMSLIC/PLC Conference
Electronic Information and Publications:
Looking to the electronic future, let’s not forget the archival past
Reykjavik, Iceland,
20-25 September 1998

If you haven’t registered yet, there’s still time – the registration form is also available on the conference web page (http://www.hafro.is/hafro/Join regist.html).

DON’T FORGET TO BRING:
1) warm clothes
2) raingear
3) posters, books, coffee mugs, T-shirts and anything else you would like to donate for the Gun Silent Auction.
4) T-shirt or a coffee mug for the T-shirt exchange.
5) A paper and disk copy of your paper, if you’re presenting.

IAMSLIC 99: RECASTING THE NETS
Join us at Woods Hole, October 16-22, 1999

Planning is underway for the 25th Anniversary meeting of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC). Hosted by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Marine Biological Laboratory Library, the conference will be held October 16-22, 1999. Carol Winn convened the original 1975 meeting in Woods Hole, and as part of the celebration, Carol has agreed to create an historical perspective of the organization.

Featured presentations will include workshops by Dave Remsen, MBL, on Publishing Databases on the Web; by Adrian Smith, MBL, on PowerPoint Multimedia; and by Ann Ball, Information Resources Management, NOAA Coastal Services Center, on the Life and Times of Metadata.

We are working very hard to keep registration fees down. At the present time, we estimate a range of $200-275; the proceedings will be included in the registration fee.

With work in the initial stages, the Planning Committee is open to your suggestions and comments. If you would like to organize a special topical session, have a speaker address a specific topic, offer a new format for information exchange, or contribute a creative “happening” to the celebration, please contact: Stephanie Haas, Convener of IAMSLIC 99. By email haas@mail.usfib.ufl.edu; by phone (352)392-2840; by fax (352)392-4787; or by foot Marine Science Library, University of Florida, P.O. Box 117011, Gainesville, FL 32611-7011 USA.