

GREEN FLASH PRESENTATIONS

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Abstract: A Green Flash is an optical phenomenon that occurs shortly after sunset or before sunrise, when a green spot is momentarily visible above the sun or shooting up from the sunset point. IAMSLIC uses the term for a series of short, five minute presentations on useful topics or resources.

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Dorothy Barr handed out little envelopes (“Teeny Tiny Handouts”) with IAMSLIC handouts in the pockets and stickers with the logos for IAMSLIC and for the Conference on the front and back. Librarians at Harvard use them in different ways, for library orientations, specific classes, etc. They are novel, handy, easy to put in pockets, etc. Instructions can be found at <http://bit.ly/hS62bU>, or just search in YouTube.

Marcel Brannemann of AWI for Polar & Marine Research discussed EduRoam (<http://www.eduroam.org/>), a tool to use when you go to other institutions and want to use their resources. Your IT department has to do something but then you can go to other institutions and use their stuff that is usually limited to their people. At this point it is mostly just in Europe, not in US yet.

Joe Wible of Hopkins Marine Station talked about a new role for librarians – working with data sets. Hopkins got a Moore Foundation Planning Grant to identify data sets for archiving; they identified 22 sets and hired a Data Librarian.

Jen Walton spoke about BibApp at MBLWHOI. Connected Village Institutional Bibliography (<http://bibapp.mbl.edu/>) provides online identification for researchers – who is working in what field and what are they doing. Other systems include Open Scholar (Harvard); Vivo; Catalyst (Harvard). They are interoperable with many systems – citation formats (EndNote, RefWorkd), Open URL, Google Books, Sherpa Romeo, etc., as well as institutional repositories. They are manually inputting information but in future will use RSS feeds etc. This will make research more accessible, create publication lists for grants, find collaborators (the systems are campus specific at this point). For librarians, these applications allow you to know who is doing what, where they are publishing, what is Open Access, etc. For administrators they give a clear picture of campus research. Currently there is duplication of effort and inconsistencies; BibApp puts everything in one place. It isn’t officially rolled out yet. For information contact John Furfey (jfurfey@mbl.edu; bibapp@mbl.edu).

Amy Butros of Scripps Institution of Oceanography (<http://libraries.ucsd.edu/locations/sio/>) reported on Virtual Reference. They have used email for 10 years, chat for 2 years, and texting for about 2 months. QuestionPoint is their tool for chat and it is available to all the US. They have only had about 4 questions so far but it’s early days.

Ruth Gustafson of the University of California Davis spoke about WorldCat.org (<http://www.worldcat.org/>) and how to use it to check bibliographic information for the rest of the world.

Ruth Gustafson also talked about TOXNET (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/>) in case people weren't familiar with it. It is the NLM's collection of databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, environmental health, and toxic releases. She especially pointed out the datasets.

Linda Pikula for Marc Goovaerts, IOE. They are soliciting input for the Virtual Open Access Agriculture and Aquaculture Repository - <http://voa3r.eu/>.

Leonora Offendahl of CRITFC Streamnet Library (and session Moderator) discussed social networking options. They include Facebook; Twitter@IAMSLIC2010; and Flickr. On Flickr, under IAMSLIC 2010, many pictures are already uploaded - <http://www.flickr.com/search/?q=IAMSLIC+2010>.