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Judy Ashmore, editor



## **—From the President**

As I prepare to pass the gavel to Kristen Metzger at our 9th Annual Meeting, I look back to our first meeting in 1975 when a small group of East coast (U.S. and Canada) marine science librarians met informally in Woods Hole. We discussed areas of mutual interest, exchanged ideas and decided to continue to meet to strengthen the ties between us. Each year since then, we have grown in membership, found new friends, and tackled problems of importance to us--some of which we are still grappling with. As I look ahead, I believe that we are entering a new and important era for our group. Through the efforts of our Membership Committee, we are reaching out to more of our colleagues throughout the rest of the world. The new opportunities for cooperation are challenging and exciting. (We may get to Monaco yet).

Through the years, it has been clear that the strength of our group lies in the energy and dedication of its members. As we take the next quantum leap in size, I hope we keep the same broad base of individual initiative and involvement. Kristen has planned our 1983 meeting to reinforce this feeling of camaraderie while attacking problems. Come prepared to give and to take--and have fun doing it.

SEE YOU IN PORT ARANSAS.

## IAMSLIC CONFERENCE 1983

### NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM CONVENOR

It appears that hurricane ALICIA has not changed any of our conference plans. Port Aransas was spared when the hurricane hit the Texas coast and Ruth Grundy told me that the roof of the new library building leaked, but didn't cause any damage since all the books had been covered with visqueen.

By now you should have received your registration booklet. Don't forget that a late charge is attached to registrations received after September 1. Flights into Corpus Christi are limited, so do try to arrive in time to attend the welcome cocktail-buffet. Buses will leave the hotel at 5:45 for the Marine Science Institute.

There have been few changes in the program since the registration booklets were sent. The BIOSIS training session on Thursday afternoon, which was listed as "tentative" on the program has now been confirmed. Mark Danley, from BIOSCIENCES INFORMATION SERVICE, will present a workshop on how to search the BIOSIS database for marine science information. This will run concurrently with Chemical Abstracts training; those not interested in either can sightsee or improve their suntans.

Richard J. Abram from the National Oceanographic Data Center has been added to the program. His presentation is entitled "The New NOAA Regional Ocean Service Centers; Improving Access to Ocean Data."

There is still time to add a few more speakers to the program should the urge to give a presentation hit you at this late date. However, don't wait too long since we don't want our schedule to be so full that there is no time for the informal exchange of information. You will receive the final version of the program when you register at the conference. In addition, abstracts of all presentations will be provided.

Please feel free to call if you have any suggestions, questions or problems concerning the conference.

See you in Texas,  
Kristen Metzger

A REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
Kay Hale, Chair; Sharon Thomson and  
Ann Bowman Hall

President Elect, 1984/85  
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Resources, Louisiana State University

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Judy Reade, Dalhousie Ocean Studies  
Programme, Dalhousie University

Rosalinda Temprosa, ICLARM,  
Manila, Philippines

Ballots and biographical information on candidates are in the mail. If you are not planning to attend the Annual Meeting, please mail your ballots as soon as possible.

From a letter received in July from Jacqueline Carpine-Lancre, Musee Oceanographique in Monaco.

Jacqueline reported on two meetings of an informal group of French marine science librarians, initiated by Mr. R. Piboubes, head of the Documentation Section of the CNEXO. This group met for the first time on December 15, 1982 in Paris in order to discuss the new developments within ASFA since it has been taken over by CSA. This meeting was attended by Cecile Thiery.

The second meeting was held in Brest on March 24 and 25, 1983 and attended by Jacqueline. Three main decisions were taken at that time:

1. The preparation of a directory of the French marine science libraries for which the IAMSLIC directory has been considered a good example. Mr. Piboubes is responsible for this project.
2. The preparation of a list of specialized dictionaries and glossaries which can be used for translation in the marine sciences. Mrs. M. Delahaye (of the library of the Institute oceanographique in Paris) is in charge of this project.
3. Jacqueline has been asked to establish an inventory of the sources used by the various libraries to obtain information on new publications (books, reports, theses, etc.) in the oceanographic field.

The next meeting of this informal group will be held in Paris next winter.

#### IAMSLIC CONFERENCE NEWS:

from Ruth Grundy our Conference Host

Activities planned for attendees include birdwatching and a trip to Mexico. Activities to enjoy on your own are beachcombing, shell-collecting (which is usually good in the fall of the year), swimming, and fishing. There are jetties to fish from near the University and party boats or piers are available for a fee.

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9th Annual Conference  
Port Aransas, Texas U.S.A.  
October 4-7, 1983

Theme : Creative Information Handling in the Eighties

Conference Host

Ruth Grundy, Librarian  
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Conference Convenor

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(305) 465-2400, x201

Wednesday morning, October 6:

Welcome address by Peter T. Flawn, President, University of Texas at Austin.

Information Access:

Barbara Quint, Rand Corporation. "Dossier searching; on-line and manual searching for people profiles."

Richard J. Abram, NOAA. "The new NOAA Regional Ocean Service Centers; Improving access to Ocean Data."

Mary Parks, Mote Marine Laboratory. "Grants information for marine science libraries and their users."

Kenneth T. Morse, University of Rhode Island. "The challenge of the CHALLENGER 'reports' and other major expeditionary reports."

Afternoon Session - Information Access continues

Mary Jane Beardsley, ICMRD, University of Rhode Island. "Training in fisheries/marine science information management: a training program for personnel from developing countries."

Judy Henderson, Louisiana State University. "Constructing a Thesaurus."

Robert Williams, University of Alaska. "Electronic Mail."

BUSINESS MEETING No. 1

Thursday morning, October 7:

Handling of Library Materials:

Constance B. Cooke, University of Connecticut. "Preliminary findings of a study on salvage of salt water damaged material."

Kimberly Douglas, Allan Hancock Foundation. "The rare book collection at the Hancock Library of Biology and Oceanography; longstanding problems and current approaches to solutions."

Mary Sullivan, Louisiana State University. "Bibliographic control of maps and charts in a special library; some automation alternatives."

Library Automation:

Speaker to be announced. "Microcomputer software; library applications."

Norman Howden, Louisiana State University. "Factors that enhance information interchange in machine readable format."

Donna Fontenot, Louisiana State University. "Changes in data entry through automation."

Nancy W. Huang, National Sea Grant College Program. "SGNET: Sea Grant Electronic Information Network."

Thursday, Oct. 7, Afternoon Session

Chemical Abstract On-line Training (advanced). Frank Wagner of Nandina Corporation, South Texas Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and former chairman of the American Chemical Society will give this course.

or

BIOSIS (Biological Abstracts) On-line Training. Mark Danley from Biosciences Information Service will present this workshop.

Evening:

Banquet at the University of Texas, Library Auditorium. Aalbert Heine, Director of the Corpus Christi Museum will be the speaker.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Friday Morning, October 8:

Antoinette Walton Colbert, Information on Demand. "Document Delivery."

M. John Thompson, Continental Shelf Associates, Inc. "On-line database vs. library searching for region specific environmental information synthesis studies: a case history."

#### BUSINESS MEETING No. 2

These activities will be interspersed with business meetings, board meetings, poster sessions, beach, cocktails, exhibits, coffee breaks, dining, and a trip to Mexico if you're in the mood. Please come and join us.

For registration forms, programs, reservations or information, write or call Ruth Grundy. Her address and phone number appear at the top of this program.

#### Supplement for the IAMSLIC Directory

##### FLORIDA

Mote Marine Laboratory

Mary Parks, Librarian

Arthur Vining Davis Library

1600 City Island Park

Sarasota, Florida 33577

(813) 388-4441

Special Library. Open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. (for employees 24 hrs.)

Users Policy: ILL and on-line services are available. Open to the public by appointment..

Services: ILL available, photocopying and on-line information retrieval through DIALOG

Description of Collection: 25,000 books, 175 current periodical subscriptions, reprint collection of 15,000 and increasing.

Subjects: All branches of the marine sciences, oceanography, fisheries, and environmental impact.

Publications: Quarterly newsletter, NEWS FROM MOTE; collected papers series published every two years MOTE MARINE LABORATORY COLLECTED PAPERS.

Although Port Aransas is a small town with limited dining facilities after Labor Day, we do have several good restaurants. Among these you will find Italian food, seafood and some typical Texas cooking. There are a number of sandwich or short-order places in town with a wide variety of food available.

If you prefer to stay in a condominium or a motel of your own choice, you should contact the local Tourist Bureau. The phone number is (512) 749-5919.

From The Chronicle of Higher Education a headline that reads FIRE DESTROYS MOST BOOKS IN COLLEGE OF ATLANTIC LIBRARY.

The Chronicle reported in the August 10, 1983 issue that a fire gutted Kaelber Hall, the main building, and destroyed most of the books in the library. The trustees of the institution have authorized the establishment of a fund to raise money to rebuild the facilities and replace the books. All but 5,000 of the library's 17,000 books have been lost.

We send our sympathy to Marcia Dworak, Librarian, and the students and staff of the college along with an offer to help in any way we can.

#### NOTE:

A short blurb about the IAMSLIC Directory in the LIBRARY JOURNAL Checklist has produced a number of orders for our publication

#### Executive Board Action:

Effective with the 1983/84 membership years, institutional members will receive only one (1) copy of each issue of the Newsletter.

#### FROM URI - A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MARINE AND FISHERIES INFORMATION PERSONNEL FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

At last year's IAMSLIC meeting, Mary Jane Beardsley of the International Center for Marine Resource Development (ICMRD), University of Rhode Island, outlined an idea for a training program in marine science librarianship aimed at librarians from developing countries who have been given responsibility for the development of marine or fisheries information services. Mary Jane will present a report at the next IAMSLIC meeting in Port Aransas but she has provided us with this material on the current status and background of the project.

The faculty of URI has been hard at work over the past half year designing a training program. The draft working documents have been completed, a time frame established, and an initial brochure designed. The basic course will include:

Bibliography of Marine/Fisheries Science

Cataloging of Marine/Fisheries Science Information

Managing Marine Information Centers  
Online Systems and Microcomputer Workshop

Current Issues in the Development of Marine Resources

Site Visits

Attendance at the 1984 Annual Meeting of IAMSLIC in Woods Hole

An important part of the program will be an internship with an IAMSLIC library following the training period. Practical experience will be emphasized throughout the training program, but working internships allow trainees time to try new ideas in a working setting before returning home. Many institutions already have program links with developing countries. Internships between the information centers can strengthen ties already established, create new working relationships and enhance the information resources available to scientists studying the developing region.

Since the IAMSLIC meeting, several libraries have expressed an interest in the internship aspect of the program.

The training program will begin in August, 1984 and will end shortly after the IAMSLIC meeting in Woods Hole in October. Internships will begin after the training program ends. They will last 2-6 weeks depending upon the objectives of the host institution and the intern. Every effort will be made to match individuals with IAMSLIC libraries which have equipment, collections or programs similar to those being developed in the home country. Cost of the internship is separate from the training itself. So far, there are no scholarship funds for the program. Every student will have to find funding.

#### IAMSLIC MEMBERS CAN HELP IN SEVERAL WAYS:

Would you sponsor an internship? What special training could you offer (DIALOG practice, microfilm production, exceptional cataloging methods, etc.)? What institutional links do you have with a developing region? How long would you like an intern to stay? What would an intern have to have to live at your site until mid-December (parka, snow-shoes,)? How much would it cost for them to live there per week?

Funds: Do you know of organizations who might provide scholarship help for these librarians? Would you pass on information about the training program to potential funding sources? Could your institution contribute any financial support toward either the training project or the internship?

Do you know librarians in developing countries who would want to know about this training program? Would you pass on information to them?

Please note: This training program is intended for librarians who have already taken on the responsibility for developing a marine information

resource in a developing country. It is a pilot project. It has never been done before. We cannot train people from "scratch"; they must have basic professional skills. We are not training people who "might someday" have a marine information job, these people must go home and put it to work immediately. Help and support from IAMSLIC members is extremely important from this point on. You can help us keep in touch with potential students, organizations who have an interest in marine information development and sources for good marine science training materials. (Moral support is also gratefully received at this time! Many thanks to all of you who have written to date, we have needed to know you liked the idea.)

Any IAMSLIC member interested in further details, please write:

Mary Jane Beardsley, ICMRD Library  
Main Library Building  
University of Rhode Island  
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881



#### NOTE:

Proposed bylaw changes (July 1983)  
(this addition would appear on page 3  
of the Amended Bylaws of April 1982)

#### Article VI - Officers

Section 1. List of Officers. The Officers of the Association shall be: a President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past-President.

(SECTION CURRENTLY READS: The Officers of the Association shall be: A President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past-President. Officers of the Association shall not receive compensation for their services.)

Section 4. (NEW SECTION TO BE ADDED) Expenses of Officers and Newsletter Editor. Officers of the Association and the Newsletter editor shall not receive compensation for their day-to-day services to the Association. The Executive Board may,

however, set an amount annually to support officers and/or Newsletter editor's attendance at the annual business meeting of the Association, the amount to be not more than 30 per cent of revenue derived from membership dues during that fiscal year.

Be prepared to vote on these changes at the Annual Business Meeting



#### EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER

From Miss M.G. Gosolich and Mrs. Maria Luisa Diaz de Echarren of the Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Desarrollo Pesquero in Mar Del Plata, Argentina dated the 18th of July.

Today we received the information brochure on IAMSLIC and we are very much interested in becoming members of this association. We want to participate in everything that will provide better service to our scientists and students; maybe we could participate in interlibrary loan with mutual benefit and other interesting cooperating ideas.

We exchange publications with 500 institutions all over the world; we receive regularly around 350 periodicals, we have 2,400 books and 8,000 classified reprints; though not too large a library, it is the most important specialized one in marine biology and fisheries of this country.

Highlights of the IAMSLIC Executive Meeting on June 13 from Judy Reade, Secretary.

Participants in the Conference Call were Carolyn Winn, President; Kristen Metzger, President-elect; Betty Sutherland, Past President; Judy Reade, Secretary; Ilene Zaleski, Treasurer and Judy Ashmore, Newsletter Editor.

Treasurer's report - November through May. Ilene Zaleski (Her report appears on page 8)

Non-profit status - The Executive Board authorized the Treasurer to hire an accountant to assist her in filing for tax exempt status.

#### 1983 Conference Report - Kristen Metzger

Notice of the conference has been sent to the Library Journal and the library journal of the University of Texas. It was suggested that we also send the notice to Feliciter (Canadian Library Association newsletter) and Special Libraries. Various categories of accomodation will be available for the conference, hotel rooms, dorimitory rooms and condominiums. Transportation will also be provided to the Marine Laboratory.

Institutional membership - Betty brought up the point that institutions, at present, may take out one membership and then request several newsletters to be sent to them. Subsequent discussion on this issue centred around whether we should eliminate the category of institutional membership or insist that institutions take out multiple memberships, if they wish to receive more than one copy of the newsletter. The consensus of opinion seemed to be in favour of keeping the category of institutional membership, but allowing only one copy of the newsletter per membership held. Betty Sutherland undertook to draft the alternatives discussed in the form of a bylaw so that a definite choice could be made by the membership. These alternatives, in draft form, will be circulated to the membership 30 days in advance of the conference. Voting on the alternatives will take place at the conference.

Newsletter - The Executive Committee agreed with Judy Ashmore's proposal to send the August newsletter to the "full" membership list. Membership information will be included in this mailing. Information about the conference would be featured in this issue as well.



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee - Kay Hale, Convenor, reports that the letter requesting nominations will be mailed at the end of June. A slate of nominations will be compiled in July and ballots mailed out in August.

Membership Committee - 41 personal members from the 1981-82 year did not renew. Alison Chesney has had new membership brochures printed and these have recently been mailed to marine laboratories overseas.

Special Projects Committee - Susan Starr, Convenor, had asked Carol if she had the regulations outlining criteria for submission of projects. Carol did not have these. It was discovered that regulations had not fact been drawn up. The Convenor will now do this.

From Ilene Zaleski the TREASURER'S  
REPORT, AUGUST, 1983

Renewals for the 1983/84 membership year have begun to arrive. Patricia A. Cook, Librarian, Northwest and Alaska Fisheries Center, NOAA/NMFS, Seattle, Washington was the first to renew.



**CURRENT OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE:**

President, 1982/1983

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Secretary, 1982/1983 (short term)

Judy Reade, Librarian  
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Dalhousie University  
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Welcome to our new members:  
Ruth Paldi, Oceanographic Information  
Center, Haifa, ISRAEL  
Elspeth Barnes, Library, James Cook  
University, Queensland, AUSTRALIA  
Miss M. G. Gosolich and Mrs. Maria  
Luisa Diaz de Echarren, INIDEP Library  
Mar del Plata, ARGENTINA  
The Library, Korea Ocean Research and  
Development Institute, Seoul, KOREA

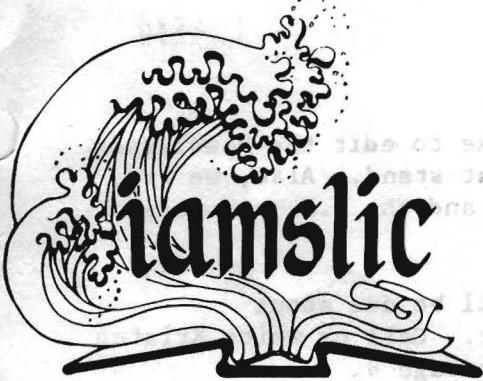
Good news on our quest for tax exempt status. Oregon has released us from having to file state corporation excise tax returns. We now have a Federal Government (U.S.) Employee Identification Number. The application for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with supporting documentation has been submitted to the IRS. The accountant lauded IAMSLIC for our "financial records" and says we should not have any problem receiving tax exempt status. Cross your fingers!

WHY NOT TAKE A FEW MINUTES TODAY  
AND USE THE FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER TO  
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1983/84?!

A detailed black and white illustration of a squid, showing its long tentacles and body.

Treasurer, 1982/1984

Ilene Zaleski, Associate Editor  
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IAMSLIC is an international organization of marine-related libraries and information centers. Begun in 1975 in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, the group now numbers over one hundred members. Its purpose is to provide a forum for coordinating resource sharing within the marine related field. All types and sizes of libraries and information centers participate, including research and policy institutions, government agencies, colleges, universities, non-profit and profit-making institutions.

MEMBERSHIP is on a fiscal year basis, from 1 October to 30 September. To join or renew membership, please complete the form below and send it with payment to the Treasurer. Personal memberships include voting and office-holding privileges and a subscription to the newsletter. Institutional memberships include the newsletter and information releases.

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IAMSLIC Membership Application and Renewal Form 1983/84  
Please complete appropriate spaces:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal?  yes  no

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Personal membership

\$20.00 per year

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional membership

\$20.00 per year

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

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Please check all applicable categories:

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:



Please let a Board Member know if you would like to edit the Newsletter for IAMSLIC. This is your current editor's last stand. Also, we are still looking for a Regional Editor for Canada and the U.K.--or more than one. Please volunteer.

The news for the post-conference Newsletter will be due about December 1, and should be sent to the President. Call or write Kristen Metzger--her address and phone number appear on page 8.

REMINDERS:

ATTEND CONFERENCE 83

Buy a ticket to Port Aransas and fill out a registration form (Ruth Grundy will send you one on request).

Use the form on the reverse to renew your membership or to join IAMSLIC.

Farewell, Goodbye, So Long, see you all in Texas.....

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