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IAMSlic AND FAO FINALIZE AGREEMENT

From Steve Watkins

The Memorandum of Understanding between IAMSlic and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was presented to the membership for ratification at last October's conference in Hobart. The final version of the Memorandum was approved by both parties in March 2005. Specific projects and areas of collaboration will be agreed upon jointly every two years so that they will be aligned with available resources and interests. The initiatives that have been agreed upon initially are outlined below. There will be an opportunity at this year's Annual Conference in Rome to discuss and determine the joint activities to be undertaken during the subsequent two years, 2006 - 2007.

Proposed joint activities for 2004-2005 biennium

a) Sabbatical period at FAO headquarters under the Partnership Programmes for Professor Janet Webster, Oregon State University, in collaboration with IAMSlic to elaborate and document strategies for improving the

capture, dissemination, sharing and preservation of fisheries information resources.

b) Improved coverage of and access to the metadata of fisheries and aquatic science publications from developing countries through increased coverage in the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) and in the IAMSlic web portal.

c) Improved access to full text fisheries and aquatic science publications through development of local and regional repositories, better linkage in bibliographic databases and promotion of open access.

d) Improved coverage of and access to fisheries publications from developing countries in the IAMSlic Z39.50 distributed library system and development of regional resources sharing mechanisms.

e) IAMSLIC International Conference in Hobart, Australia, September 5-9, 2004. Promote collaboration between fisheries and aquatic science libraries in the Asia-Pacific region and identify potential ASFA partners.

f) The preparation of guidelines on compatibility standards for open archives of fisheries and aquatic science digital publications.

g) IAMSLIC to provide expert user feedback to the FAO ASFA Secretariat regarding the database and user requirements.

h) "Information for Responsible Fisheries" IAMSLIC Conference in cooperation with FAO, Rome, 10-14 October, 2005. Review status of joint activities and produce draft outline of activities for 2006-2007 biennium.

Steve Watkins, Past President, IAMSLIC

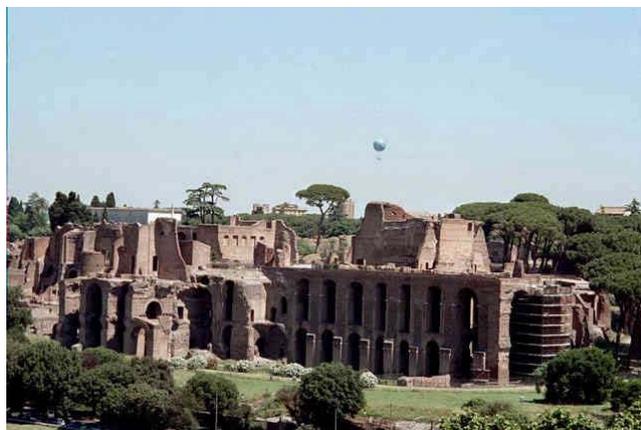


LISTSERVE DISCUSSIONS FROM MEMBERS

FROM THE IAMSLIC 2005 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Preparations are well underway for the 2005 Conference 10-14 October in Rome. We are still refining the conference program and it should be finalized in the next few weeks. The program will cover a range of topics and issues exploring the role of librarians as mediators in the world of fisheries and marine information. Presentations will address:

- * Open Access and the challenges of preservation, access and collaboration
- * Our changing tools of the trade as we move to more digital information while maintaining strong print collections
- * The needs of our varied audiences in science, management and education.



We are pleased to be cooperating with the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN on this conference. As part of this close cooperation, Thursday's program will focus on fisheries issues in the broadest sense. We

will hear experts in the field discuss the role of information and librarians in the development of worldwide responsible fisheries. David Douman of FAO will give a background on the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries to start the day. David is a renowned international expert and a captivating speaker. John Kurien, Professor at the Centre for Development Studies, and Thiruvananthapuram, India, will relate fisheries to people's livelihoods in particular the social and economic aspects. These experts will be complimented by IAMSLIC members' presentations as we propose strategies and tools for addressing the issues.

Other program highlights include several talks on the rich history of Italian libraries of interest to IAMSLIC members. Jane Wu, Head Librarian of the FAO Library, will describe the fascinating history of David Lubin, the International Institute of Agriculture and the resulting library collection that brought FAO to Rome. Dr. Christiane Groeben from the Stazione Zoologica "Anton Dohrn" in Naples will give an overview of the history of this famous marine science laboratory.

The Wednesday afternoon field trip should be wonderful as we tour the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel, the site of recent history with the selection of Pope Benedict XVI. The sites and trips in and around Rome are numerous, and the Committee encourages you to explore before and after.

Please check the current conference web site (<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/library/2005iamslic/2005home.html>) or via the IAMSLIC homepage by

clicking on Current Conference) for program details, conference registration, hotel information, travel documentation, and more. As Rome is a popular destination, make sure to book your accommodations now. Also, check on visa requirements early as we don't want you to miss out because of a missing visa. For visas contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate in your own country. The following web site provides the addresses and the visa requirements http://www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp

For participants who require a letter from IAMSLIC to present at their relevant Visa office, please contact Marcel Brannemann at mbrannemann@awibremmerhaven.de. For those without Internet access, you may request details of your nearest Italian Embassy and visa requirements from fi-library@fao.org. In some cases you should also check visa requirements if you are only transiting through an airport in another country.



Rome and its surroundings offer many places to explore. The web site gives you places to start as well as offering a flavor of "the eternal city" through some wonderful photographs. The photo on the Rome page is from the 8th floor of FAO where we will be having some of our lunches and coffee is always available!

Registration will be available soon. We will be using our new online system and you may pay by credit card or check. Also, you will be able to pay your IAMSLIC membership as well as purchase IAMSLIC publications and merchandise. We anticipate opening registration by June 1.

Should you have any questions, please e-mail the Conference Committee directly, iamslic2005@lists.oregonstate.edu.

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BRIDGING THE GAP: NORTH AMERICAN AND CUBAN LIBRARIANS MEETING at the *Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras, Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba*

Report from Enma Luisa Fonseca

A meeting was held at the Fisheries Research Center's library in which we exchange ideas and experiences from Cuban and North American librarians who attend the Iberoamerican Colloquium "From Papyrus to Virtual Libraries" organized by Casa de Las Americas (a Cuban institution that promotes cultural exchange among countries).

Marisol Ramos-Lum, from Virginia Reid Moore Marine library at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium was able to contact and meet the following IAMSLIC members from Cuban institutions: Maria de Los Angeles Ginoris, from the National Aquarium of Cuba, Julieta Gutierrez, from the Institute of Oceanography and I, Enma Fonseca, from the Fisheries Research Center.

Also, this meeting was attended by an archivist, Diane Maher and a librarian, Alma C. Ortega from the University of San Diego, a Catholic University in Southern California, and they talked about their work on saving, organizing and the dissemination of the information in an US academic setting.

During the meeting, cooperation roads were laid among the libraries of the participating institutions, through the exchange, donations and shipment of documents. We also are going to propose to the Organizing Committee of the Congress MARCUBA'2006 the inclusion of the handling of the information in the marine and aquatic sciences as a discussion topic in that important event.

This work meeting was an opportunity to collaborate among our libraries, thanks to the exchange and cooperation that it provides our association with IAMSLIC.

Report from Marisol Ramos-Lum

I would like to thank Enma and her fellow librarians for giving me and my friends from the University of San Diego, such a warm welcome. It was great to be able to exchange stories about their work at CIP, and the other departments at the Ministry, and my experience working at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

I was really impressed with the organization of this event in such a small notice and I felt I was treated like a member of their family. Like Enma, I am really grateful of being a member of IAMSLIC. The mailing list offered me a forum and space to contact our fellow IAMSLICers in Cuba and their response was quick and overwhelming. Enma contacted me in February 2nd and, by the time I arrived to the CIP, March 24th she had already organized a half a day program!! It was amazing to witness and be part of such an interchange

of ideas, challenges and success stories among fellow librarians. I left Cuba with a sense of humility and awe to see how they work so hard with minimal resources and how they make the best of the situation. I am really energized and ready to work even harder now that I am back in California. This type of event is what is all about IAMSLIC and I am happy that I am part of this great organization.

I do encourage others fellow IAMSLICers from the United States to try to visit Cuba and continue this information exchange.

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SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

from Peter Brueggeman

The Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library and its Archives have been funded for a two-year oral history project, targeting about forty interviewees. Oral histories reveal important insights about disciplines and intellectual communities, providing interviewees the opportunity to tell their story, their version of events, their experience, as an active player, instead of the passive subject mentioned in documents. We will use these interviews to probe key events and controversies, such as the experiences of those who worked at Scripps on the Pacific atomic tests of the 1950's, Scripps contributions to research on plate tectonics, the first measurements of atmospheric CO₂, the discovery of the undersea thermal vents, under-represented groups like women in science, and key personnel involved with Scripps ship operations.

Peter Brueggeman
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NOAA LIBRARIES TO BEGIN OAI PILOT INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

From Linda Pikula

NOAA has recently obtained a grant to begin a pilot institutional repository. We plan to make the pilot study OAI compliant, and to include about 800 NOAA Technical Reports. At least 18 NOAA Libraries will take part in this project, which will be cooperative with our National Oceanographic Data Center.

Linda Pikula
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UNDERSTANDING TSUNAMIS

Online Workshop for Educators April 22 - May 15
Sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

The College of Exploration is offering a three week online workshop for educators on tsunamis, with particular emphasis on the December 2004 tsunami. The workshop is sponsored by the Division of Ocean Sciences (Directorate for Geosciences) of the National Science Foundation and is supported by COSEE-WEST.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide opportunities for educators to learn about current tsunami research, to interact with leading scientists, and to obtain resources for classroom use. The workshop will take place entirely online on our virtual campus and will be held from April 22 through May 15.

Educators may earn one graduate credit from California State University-Fullerton.

This is a list of scientists for this workshop to date:

Dr. Margaret Leinen
Assistant Director, Directorate for Geosciences
National Science Foundation
Welcome and Introduction to the Online Workshop

Dr. Ellen J. Prager
President, Earth2Ocean, Inc, author of *Furious Earth: The Science and Nature of Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis*
Earthquakes and Tsunamis: Frequently Asked Questions about the 12/2004 Asian Event

Dr. Jody Bourgeois
Professor, Earth and Space Sciences, University of Washington
Tsunami Detectives, Tsunami Deposits: What They Are and What We can Learn from Them

Dr. John Orcutt
Deputy Director for Research, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Assoc. Vice Chancellor, UCSD

Director, UCSD Center for Earth Observations and Applications President, AGU Secretary of the Navy/Chief of Naval Operations, Oceanography Chair
Tsunami Warning Systems: The Intersection of Research and Policy.

Dr. Daniel Cox
Associate Professor, Coastal and Ocean Engineering
Director, O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory,
Oregon State University
Largest Tsunami Wave Basin in the world.
Modeling tsunamis waves and exploring coastal mitigation.

Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware
Dr. Havidan Rodriguez, Director
Dr. Tricia Wachtendorf, Univeristy of Delaware
Dr. Jim Kendra, University of North Texas
Social science reconnaissance team's reports on impacts of the tsunami on Sri Lanka and India: Data related to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery from this devastating tsunami.

Dr. John Lahr
Emeritus US Geological Survey Geophysicist
specializing in seismology and earthquake location programming and Classroom Connections: Lessons and projects related to earthquakes and tsunamis.

For more information and to sign up now, go to <http://www.coexploration.org/tsunami>

THE IFM-GEOMAR LIBRARY - A PLACE, A PORTAL, A PARTNER

From Barbara Schmidt

For many years the libraries of both the former "Institut für Meereskunde" and "GEOMAR" have been the heart of the Kiel scientific marine community. As a result of the recent merger the newly created IFM-GEOMAR Library has now become one of the biggest marine science libraries in Germany and is internationally recognized as the repository of a wealth of information on marine sciences and meteorology. Instead of being two One-Person-Libraries the new library staff consists of 3 Librarians and 1 Library Assistant.

The collection now comprises about 110,000 media items. Currently there are 794 open serial titles. The majority is obtained through exchange agreements with other research institutions.

The library's journal stock is listed in the German Union Catalogue of Journals "Zeitschriftendatenbank (ZDB)", and the IFM-GEOMAR Library is a participant of the "Electronic Journals Library" (EZB) which provides more effective use of scientific and academic journals which publish full text articles on the Internet. To date, 283 libraries and research institutions make use of this service in their daily work. A selection of

electronic journals adapted to the respective library's requirements is generated for each participating institution.

Via a z39.50 interface the library is able to participate in the z39.50 Linking Libraries Project set up by IAMS LIC whose aim is to facilitate resource sharing among marine and aquatic science libraries worldwide. The IFM-GEOMAR Library provides access to a variety of electronic journals and databases.

Particularly important are the following databases: Web of Science, ASFA, FishBase and Georef, all of which can be searched through the homepage of the library.

The new web pages of the IFM-GEOMAR Library are continuously updated to ensure that information such as the library's address, opening hours, staff, borrowing information and the library catalogue, as well as links to other marine science libraries, interesting websites, booksellers and publishers is always current.

In addition to serving the IFM-GEOMAR scientists and students daily, the staff and resources of the library are utilized year round by the distinguished resident research and education programs of the Kiel University and other marine-orientated projects.

The library also serves pupils from schools all over Schleswig-Holstein as well as being open to the general public.

The next steps

In order to facilitate the merger of the two hitherto separate libraries the following steps were taken or will have to be taken within the near future:

Websites: the new websites for the library are already constructed and available via the Internet.

Classification system: since the Library East never had a classification system and the Library West has a very old one, the decision was made to follow the example of the Kiel University Library and adapt their classification system to suit the needs of the new IFM-GEOMAR Library.

Library regulations: new library regulations will be introduced.

Space requirements: the space requirements will have to be checked, keeping in mind that the new modern library should be an open-access library, with enough space for computer work stations, rooms for study groups, reading areas, etc.

The Future

The IFM-GEOMAR Library will continue to foster an international network of marine science libraries all over the world. The German contribution to EURAS LIC and IAMS LIC as well as GEMIM and other international organisations will be cultivated by participating in the work of the Board and in various projects of both associations.

Barbara Schmidt
Head Librarian
IFM-GEOMAR

DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK

From Jean Crampon

I recently participated in a discussion on the Information Professionals' Alliance on Natural Disasters and Accidents. This is being supported by a number of library organizations including IFLA, SLA, MLA (Medical), and ALA. If you have an interest, please check out the web site and consider being a volunteer. Although we were discussing the tsunami, there are potentials for natural disasters any where. The role that we (as individuals, not as an institution) would play is to help to provide supporting information for decision making.

Today is the roll out for the new program. They wanted to be close to an appropriate date, so chose Earth Day.

Jean

Disaster Response Network Begins Taking Shape

The SLA Task Force on Natural Disasters recently held a briefing for chapter and division leaders to inform them of plans for a volunteer disaster response network. Dubbed the Information Professionals' Alliance on Natural Disasters and Accidents (IPANDA), this network will field requests for information from emergency responders and relief agency personnel for the purpose of improving preparedness and facilitating immediate support in the wake of a tragic event. For more information, check out the IPANDA Network Weblog <<http://cl.exct.net/?ffcd16-fe6515797560077f7016-fe2810797c62047c711773>> or contact the task force at ipanda@sla.org <<mailto:ipanda@sla.org>>.

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IAMSLIC WAS ALSO IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

From Guillermina Cosulich

During the last 38th Annual Librarians' Congress in Buenos Aires (April 18-21), a day meeting was held for those involved in agricultural and related field information centers. In a special panel dedicated to cooperation and networking we (INIDEP librarians) had the chance to show to almost 50 professionals a short presentation about the advantages we had

obtained since we became IAMSLIC members and how to be part of the team. The round table was shared with coordinators from one national network, a regional one (SIDALC-IICA) and a University documentation service, one of the main issues was how to sustain both the quality of online catalogues and the commitment of librarians in already started cooperation systems.

Note: When arriving to Buenos Aires (together with Murphy, no doubt) inside the taxi I forgot all the colourful beautiful leaflets to be handed out but that was no impediment for the audience to realize what the spirit of the association was like (hope future new members will confirm it).

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SAIL 2005 MEETING REPORT

From Evelyn Poole-Kober

Roots of Knowledge — Returns on Information, was the theme of the 15th Annual Meeting of SAIL, which was held April 19-22, 2005, in Baltimore, Maryland. Susanne Ridenour, Staff Librarian at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, planned and hosted the meeting.

Building on the theme, *Roots of Knowledge*, Susanne invited guest speakers who emphasized the art of narrative negotiation, storytelling, and scanning the environment. Certainly, these topics are based in our cultural roots of knowledge. The Keynote Speaker, Dr. David J. Eaton, is a Bess Harris Jones Centennial Professor in Natural Resource Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. In his address, *Water, Conflict, and Narrative*, Dr. Eaton discussed how the long-time water conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians was resolved recently in Austin by using narrative skills. He showed a series of discussions between the representatives of Israel and Palestine, along with others participating in the meeting.

Dr. Eileen G. Abels, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland College of Information Studies, used her address, *Forecasting for Smooth Sailing*, to discuss the aspects and values of scanning the environment for information and how this process will influence the future of special libraries.

Dr. Roberta J. Shaffer, Visiting Professor at the University of Maryland College of Information Studies, used her address, *Storytelling for Adults: This is not a Fish Story*, to illustrate how storytelling is being used as a communication tool in the business community. Dr. Shaffer said storytelling has found a welcome place in the boardroom.

SAIL members and Aquarium speakers discussed activities occurring in their libraries or in their work at the Aquarium. Other speakers included vendors who presented information on their newest products.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore hosted a lovely reception Tuesday evening in the Knott Harbor View Room in the Aquarium. SAIL members and guests were treated to an evening of entertainment by "The Pyrates Royale", an east coast Renaissance Festival favorite (privately sponsored by an independent donor). Prior to the receptions, the Aquarium allowed the attendees to tour the facility and view the Dolphin Show.

An Earth Day Celebration at the World Trade Center (WTC) in Baltimore—Top of the World Observation Level—concluded the meeting. With a 360 degree panoramic view overlooking Baltimore City's sunrise and surrounding network of waterways, a WTC staffer pointed out interesting sites and stories from the five sides of the building. Ms. Delores Owens' (an Aquarium staffer) and "Earth Day" blue/jazz performance was truly inspirational.

Although the host always wants more librarians to attend, 20 librarians registered for the full conference, with a number of others registered for one or two days. Before leaving Baltimore, some attendees toured the Enoch Pratt Free Library and the Law and Health Science Libraries of the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The addresses by Drs. Eaton, Abels, and Shaffer will be on the SAIL web page at <http://www.mrl.cofc.edu/sail/IAMSLIClibraries.html>.

Submitted by Evelyn M. Poole-Kober for Janine Devereaux, SAIL Representative to IAMSLIC.

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MEMBER NEWS

From Barbara Butler

IAMSLIC now boasts a total of 327 members. Remember, the IAMSLIC Membership Database is up-to-date and searchable at: <http://www.iamslc.org> in the "Members Area" and for your convenience we also post an updated PDF version of the directory every quarter. Our thanks go out to IOC for continuing to sponsor IAMSLIC memberships for ODINAFRICA participants. And, a special thanks to Richard Pepe for inviting ASFA partners to join in IAMSLIC activities. Please join the IAMSLIC Membership Committee in welcoming our new members:

- Wayne Nuckols
- Carol Coughlin
- Christensen Toerper
- Jennifer Oakley
- Marta Expeleta
- Ying Yang
- Maria Kalenchits
- Ritma Gaumiga
- John Bemiasa
- Bomber-Bazika Sangolay
- Azza Mohamed Khaled
- Lucien Malowski
- Arbouche Rachid
- Michel E. Hendrikx
- Gajanan Sainekar
- Andrea Christiani
- Nikita Gaibor
- Gail Donovan
- Elena Krasnova
- Malgorzata Gabrowska-Popov
- Olga Yudina



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CALLING ALL MENTORS

From Kathy Heil

I'd like to request that members take time to fill in the Mentors forms and send them to me. This looks to be a good outreach activity that can help us recruit the next generation of Marine Science Librarians.

Forms can be mailed or faxed or emailed to:

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WEB REEF ADVISORY SYSTEM

<http://www.reefcheck.org/datamanagement/>

From the Scout Report

The Web Reef Advisory System (WRAS) was developed by ReefBase and Reef Check, in collaboration with the Coastal Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island and the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California, as "an online application to input, view, and analyze Reef Check survey data. It calculates indicators of how good or bad a shape a particular reef is in, and what the underlying causes may be, based on Reef Check surveys." WRAS allows users to view, analyze, and add (registration required) data. Please note that site users must complete a free and brief registration process before they are granted full access to the Reef Check website.

Other site offerings include an interactive Reef Check GIS feature (see website for browser requirements), and The Reef Check Barometer of Global Reef Condition which provides assessments of different regions based on Reef Check Indicators.

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ONLINE DOCUMENTS COVERING WATER AND AGRICULTURE

From Joe Makuch

The Water Quality Information Center at the National Agricultural Library has made available an improved version of its database of online documents covering water and agriculture.

The new version allows you to locate freely available online documents in several ways:

- * from an alphabetical list of titles
- * by subject areas, such as nutrient management
- * by searching the database for specific topics, titles, authors or publishers.

More than 1,700 documents are currently available.

The database is online at
<http://grande.nal.usda.gov/wqic/>.

Since links to documents often change, please notify us at wqic@nal.usda.gov if you are unable to access a document in the database.

Also, please send suggestions for additions to the database to wqic@nal.usda.gov.

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Photo: © Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

KDM - THE GERMAN MARINE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

From Barbara Schmidt

KDM - The German Marine Research Consortium is an association of universities and non-university research institutes in the field of marine sciences. It was formally founded in March 2004 to conduct, research planning, strategic research management, infrastructure management and public relations. KDM currently has ten member institutions:

- Alfred-Wegener-Institute of Polar and Marine Research, Bremerhaven (AWI)
- DFG - Research Center of Continental Margins, University of Bremen (RCOM)
- Center of Marine Tropical Ecology, Bremen (ZMT)
- Center Marine and Climate Research, University of Hamburg (ZMK)
- GKSS Research Center Geesthacht
- Institute of Marine Chemistry and Biology, University of Oldenburg (ICBM)
- International University of Bremen (IUB)
- Leibniz Institute of Baltic Research, Warnmünde (IOW)
- Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences, Kiel (IFM-GEOMAR)
- Max-Planck-Institute of Marine Microbiology, Bremen

KDM associate members are:

- Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe, Hannover (BGR)
- Ifremer, France
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NEW BOOKS

"Information compliance : just who is minding your organization?"

This book contains everything you need to change the way that information is handled in your organization. You can read the first chapter at Bev White's (Kirby) website is at <http://www.ictplus.com.au>. Bev makes a case for the role librarians in organisational information management.

The book is available on CD-ROM or in hard copy.

Available from Peoplemaking, a specialist bookshop run by Rosemary Allen and Don Grose. Their website is at <http://www.peoplemaking.com.au/>.

Fisheries Dictionary By Nizam Naseeri

We would like to inform the marine lovers about our recent publication of "Fisheries Dictionary" which has 5000 technical terms related to fish biology, fish culture, fish catching, fishing gears, fishing crafts, and fishery waters etc. This is a great effort by the writer to put all fishery related terms and simple meaning at one place (300 pages). The book is very concise in its form and is very affordable (14.95\$) in its price so that it should be easily accessible to the readers. This dictionary will serve the demands of a simple marine lover to educational institutions and fisheries organizations world-over. The book is available as hard copy over amazon.com, [barnes and nobles](http://barnesandnoble.com) and authorhouse.com websites.

The author is a retired fisheries officer of government of Pakistan with 33 years of experience and apart from academic qualifications he has obtained technical education managed by Pakistan, England and FAO (UNO). He has written many books and articles on fisheries in Pakistan. Recently another book is under publication on fish formulae "Measures and Calculations", which will be a valuable addition to his contributions.

We urge readers to contribute their ideas so that we can serve them better in the future.

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"THE TIME HAS COME THE WALRUS SAID..."

From Denis Abbott

Dear IAMSLICers

I've decided to enter a new, and I hope enjoyable, stage in life and retire. This takes effect from 1 July and in using up all my recreation leave, my last day at work will be 13 May.

Thank you for the friendships of the last 17 years and all your help and support when it was needed. It was wonderful to have so many of you here last September at the Hobart conference. I have got to know so many of you from all parts of the World and in many cases been in daily contact with you in the last four years.

My heartfelt thanks to all those on the executive and conference committees who've been there with me, given help and shown forbearance.

There's been plenty of hard work and many anxious moments, but enjoyment and friendship as well.

I may meet you again and even though the chances are much reduced now that I'm leaving work and won't be attending conferences, you now know what inveterate travellers Australians are. Needless to say, if you visit Hobart please get in touch.

It will be a wrench to leave behind my close association with IAMSLIC, but thanks to my honorary membership it will not be a complete break.

Without question IAMSLIC has been the highlight of my career.

Regards, Denis

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THE DENIS SAID

"The time has come," the Denis said,
"To start another life,
Without the books or budget crunch
Without the frequent strife."

"Some years went by and then some more
At CSIRO;
I worked so hard and always went
Whenever they said go."

"When, as happened through the years,
So many things they asked,
I did this, while doing that;
Indeed, I multi-tasked."

"But now," said Denis, "when I was asked
By CSIRO
To do six things in time for one,
This time I told them 'No'"

"For IAMSLIC I've been the boss;
Tasmanian host to boot;
And now that I have done all that,
It's time from here to scoot."

"It was fun, but I for one
Can do without it all;
So now I'll go and see the world
I plan to have a ball."

"The time has come," the Denis said,
To go where work is none;
To great places and/or friends,
There I'll go for fun."

"The time has come," the Denis said,
For fewer books and words;
Instead, I'll travel far and wide,
And see a lot more birds."

"I've left this job, I don't work here,
I'm gone from here you see;
But do not think this is the last
That you will see of me."

"Indeed, the Denis no more to see,
Of this, please have no fear;
Some day you'll see in your hometown
The Denis will appear."

Jim Markham, April 2005

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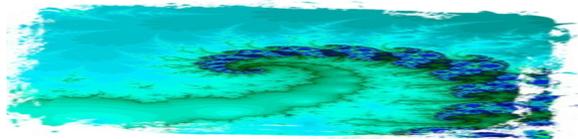
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