

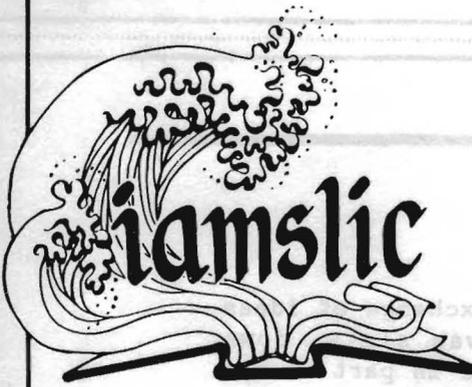
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### BYLAWS CHANGE

The proposed change to Article VI, Section 4 of the IAMS LIC bylaws was passed by a majority of the membership at the annual business meeting.

It now reads:

#### ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

SECTION 4: Expenses of Officers, the Newsletter Editor and the Proceedings Editor: Officers of the Association, the Newsletter Editor and the Proceedings 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 the Newsletter Editor's and/or the Proceedings Editor's attendance at the annual business meeting of the Association, the amount to be not more than 30% of revenue derived from membership dues during that fiscal year.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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The Oregon IAMSLIC Conference was a stimulating exchange of ideas and professional experience. The number of attendees was sixty, down from the two previous years' meetings, probably due in part to the remote location. The conference evaluation forms were largely enthusiastic and positive; though some of the sessions ran overtime (mea culpa).

THEME SESSION

The opening paper in the "Marine Science Library Networks" theme was a literature review of networking in special libraries (Beth Paskoff). Two of the theme session papers were experience papers on national networks: "NALIS" the NOAA Automated Library and Information System (Frances Swim), and "COFOL," the Council of Fisheries and Oceans Libraries Network (Betty Sutherland). One paper was on an international network: "Including Fisheries," (Clare Cuerden). The last two papers were theoretical presentations: Networking vs. Central DataBase by Ruth Grundy and a description of special networking features of OCLC by Bruce Preslan.

NETWORKING

Over the last 10 to 15 years the term "library network" has come to mean the sharing of bibliographic information and collections through use of computers and telecommunications. This relatively new form of library cooperation has evolved since MARC records were invented and the bibliographic utilities came into being. Another meaning of the term has been simply sharing information through personal contacts with others in the same field. The pre-library automation era use of the word "network" was used in the theme session by Clare Cuerden who described resource sharing through personal contacts in FAO's widely separated field libraries, in Africa, Southeast Asia and India.

TITANIC DISCOVERY

As a special treat, we had Catherine Offinger, a member of the TITANIC Discovery party, give a talk and slide show about the historic discovery, which happened approximately one year before the conference.

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A common thread for this year's conference theme was found in papers given at two past conferences. The paper "Networking through FISHLINE..." by Mogens Sandifer in 1984 described a national online fisheries library network in Denmark. "Cooperation among libraries and information Centers" by Allen Varley in the first session of the 1985 conference would have fit nicely in this year's first session.

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#### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Marilyn Guin and the local arrangements committee did an excellent job. The conference evaluation forms praised the work of the local arrangements committee for the field trip to the sea lion caves, local speaker on marine mammals, and helping everything to run smoothly. The beauty of the Newport, Oregon location where evergreen forests meet the sea was compelling. The Embarcadero offered fine accommodations, with rooms overlooking Newport Bay.

#### HALIFAX '87; MIAMI '88; MEXICO '89?

Betty Sutherland suggested that next year's meeting should have one free afternoon for committee meetings. One free afternoon will allow time for our numerous committees to meet and give others more free time. Miami will be the 1988 conference site. Mexico was discussed at the Executive Board meetings as a possible site for the 1989 conference.

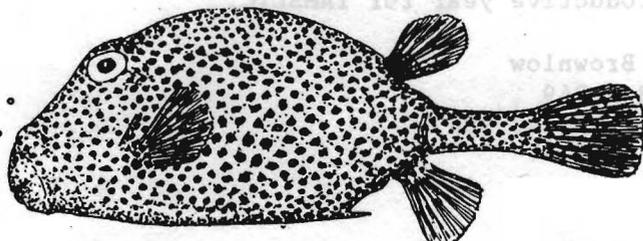
#### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

A new standing Committee on International Cooperation was formed at the first business meeting. Tom Moritz proposed this committee, inspired by his recent trip to China as a guest of China's State Oceanic Administration. During that visit, he signed a Memorandum of Agreement with China on cooperation in marine science information exchange. The committee will take a role in developing and promoting international cooperation among aquatic science libraries and information centers. Hopefully this committee will explore ways of strengthening the relationships between IAMSLIC and other organizations in our field. This may be done through affiliations, grants, cooperative agreements and other methods.

Members of this new committee are Tom Moritz (Chair), Cecile Thiery, Carolyn Winn, and Mary Jane Beardsley. Pedro Galvan Pompa has been asked to serve also. IAMSLIC Members are encouraged to give any ideas about strengthening our international ties to members of this committee. Also, any members interested in serving on the committee in the future should contact a member of the Executive Board.

#### DUPLICATES EXCHANGE PROGRAM

It was agreed at the first business meeting that a duplicates exchange program be started for IAMSLIC. The format will be based on the American Library Association's duplicate exchange program. Dodie Guffy will be providing information on the new program.



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#### COMMITTEES

A Committee to update the Union List of Serials was formed. Members are Susan Barrick (Chair), Janice Meadows, and Sharon Thomson.

The Nominating Committee now consists of Susan Rockwell (Chair), Ruth Grundy, and Betty Sutherland.

An ad-hoc Committee on National Networking was formed. Members are Ruth Grundy (Chair), Frances Swim, and Judith Brownlow.

Marilyn Guin is chairperson of the Membership Committee.

#### PROFESSIONAL BROCHURE

Dodie Guffy has agreed to draft a new IAMSILIC brochure. We hope to see the final version in January. All members should receive a copy when it is completed.

#### ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Bill Goff, our new President-Elect!! Please convey any ideas for next year's conference to Bill. The Program Convener must hear from the membership for ideas and contributions to the annual program. Send ideas to Bill Goff at Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library, La Jolla, California 92093.

Congratulations to Kay Hale on being re-elected Treasurer!

#### BY COINCIDENCE

The UK Marine and Freshwater Sciences Librarians Group met on October 8 and 9 October, 1986 in Pitlochry, Scotland. Allen Varley sent his best wishes to IAMSILIC for a successful conference in late September.

#### PUBLICITY

It has come to my awareness that IAMSILIC could use better publicity/public relations in terms of news releases. For example, conferences could have pre and post conference publicity in major newspapers and library periodicals. Ideas from the membership would be appreciated. Perhaps we need a new standing committee.

Please feel free to get in touch with me with your ideas or concerns. I hope that this is a productive year for IAMSILIC.

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## IAMS LIC '86 - NEWPORT, OREGON

Summary of the Minutes of the Business Meetings

Treasurer's Report: The balance has risen from \$6,510 to \$14,509 mainly due to the success of the 1985 Conference in Woods Hole.

Bylaws Change: This was approved - the Proceedings Editor is now eligible to request reimbursement of conference expenses.

Directory: The new edition is ready to go to the printers - 53 countries are represented - the plastic spiral binding will allow the insertion of update pages.

## Future Conferences:

1987 - Halifax - 5-9 October.

1988 - Miami.

1989 - Mexico? - the Executive Board is to investigate the possibility of holding an annual meeting in Mexico at an early date.

International Cooperation: As a result of a proposal from Tom Moritz it was agreed to form a committee on international cooperation. The committee would serve as a clearing house to which organizations could submit proposals for international exchanges or cooperation in aquatic science information matters. The committee will also look into the relationship between IAMS LIC and other organizations in our field.

## Correspondence:

1. In response to a letter from Bob Freeman, the President will write to Jeff Watson (Chairman of the IOC/IODE Group of Experts on Marine Information Management) drawing attention to the formation of the Committee on International Cooperation and the broadening of IAMS LIC's interest in this area.

2. Carolyn Winn reported on the proposal submitted on behalf of IAMS LIC in response to a request for proposals to support marine science information in the Caribbean.

3. Dodie Guffy agreed to contact members to see who is interested in setting up an exchange of duplicate library materials.

4. Betty Galbraith announced that the Institute of Marine Science library at the University of Alaska will be closing and its collection merged with that of the main University library. Duplicate material will be available.

5. A letter requesting assistance from the Coastal Information Center, Marianas Islands has been received by Mary Jane Beardsley and anyone interested can obtain a copy of the letter from her.

Election Results: Kay Hale was elected Treasurer for a second term of two years and Bill Goff is the new President-Elect.

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Presentations: Marilyn Guin received a small gift in appreciation of her work on local arrangements and Judith Brownlow was given her Presidential flag.

Database of Marine Science Information Specialists: Mary Jane Beardsley is to send to members a questionnaire which will be used to build up a database listing members and their areas of expertise. When complete the database will be made available to organizations seeking consultants in the area of aquatic science information.

Union List of Serials: Susan Barrick requested that a committee be set up to investigate ways and means of updating the Union List of Serials.

University Microfilms: The meeting was informed that the company was considering putting marine science journals on microfilm or CD-ROM and wanted advice as to what material members of the Association considered suitable for inclusion in the project.

#### SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Local Arrangements: Marilyn Guin reported that registration for the conference was low (60) and a small financial loss was anticipated.

Halifax Conference: The possibility of attendees using Bed and Breakfast accommodations is to be looked into. A tentative schedule of events was discussed. The possibility of a pre-or post-conference workshop was discussed.

Committees: The Board ratified the following as members of the various committees:

1. Nominating Committee - Susan Rockwell (Chair), Ruth Grundy and Betty Sutherland.

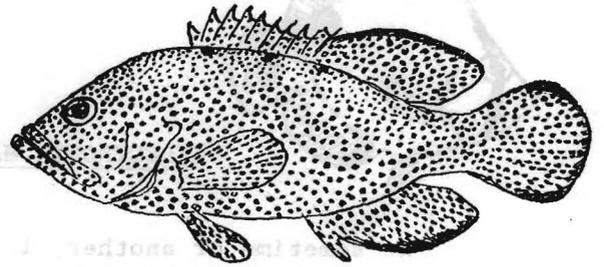
2. International Cooperation Committee - Tom Moritz (Chair for 3-year term), Cecile Thiery (3 years), Carolyn Winn (2 years) and Mary Jane Beardsley (1 year). Pedro Galvan Pompa will also be invited to join the committee.

3. Union List of Serials - Susan Barrick (Chair), Janice Meadows and Sharon Thomson.

4. U.S. National Network committee - Ruth Grundy (Chair), Francis Swim and Judith Brownlow.

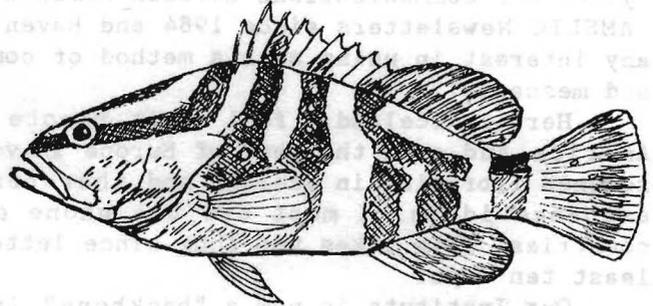
5. Membership Committee - Dodie Guffy had expressed interest in preparing a new membership brochure and was authorized to proceed.

Mary Katherine Politz, formerly the librarian at LUMCON in Chauvin, LA, has taken a position in the reference department at Louisiana State University.



next newsletter deadline

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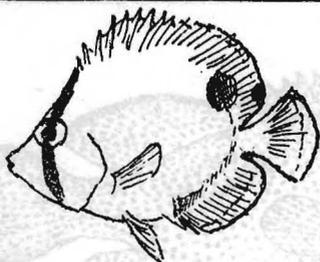
#### NEWS FROM SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY LIBRARY

by Peter Brueggeman

The Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library recently received a CLASS Ontyme electronic mail code; the code is UCSD/SIOL. This e-mail address is used primarily for interlibrary loan messaging but can also be used for general correspondence to the Library, requests for reference assistance, etc. Don't be shy.

The Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library has set up an enduser searching workstation for the ASFA CD-ROM database published by Cambridge Scientific Abstracts. Funding was obtained from the University of California San Diego Library (SIO Library's mother library) and the Graduate Department of Scripps.

The index to the SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY CONTRIBUTIONS is available in electronic form starting with the 1984 issue. In addition, a non-redundant version of the index is also available in electronic form; this version is available starting with the 1985 issue and lists each reference only under the first named author. Either or both index(es) are available either on a free IBM-formatted floppy disk (if the demand is low; at cost if demand is considerable) or transmitted over the phone. Please specify which version of the index is desired; the redundant version of the index lists its references under every-named author. Contact Peter Brueggeman, Public Services Librarian, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library, UCSD, C-075C, La Jolla, CA 92093.



ELECTRONIC MAIL - ARE YOU INTERESTED?

At sometime or another, I read something about using an electronic mail system for communications between members of IAMSLIC. I have been reading IAMSLIC Newsletters since 1984 and haven't seen anything about it. Is there any interest in using such a method of communication for interlibrary loans and messages?

Here in Iceland, I feel a bit remote since the use of a telephone to America and even the rest of Europe is very expensive. I am the only marine science librarian in Iceland and therefore I have no one with whom I can exchange ideas. I must use the phone or write letters to people in other countries. This takes too long since letters to America from Iceland take at least ten days.

Our Institute is now a "backbone" in the USENET network and through this we can send and receive mail from U.S. networks such as BITNET and ARPANET and a European system called EUNET. If you belong to any of these networks we can communicate easily. It is easy to set up a "mail.group" to send messages to all members of the group. Please contact your computer experts for information about these networks.

In addition, anyone who has a password to Lockheed DIALOG has access to DIALMAIL, the electronic mail system of DIALOG. I am now sponsoring a bulletin board in DIALMAIL by the name of 'Iamslic'. This bulletin board is very easy to use to post announcements, requests or anything you want other members to know. There is also the possibility of having an online conference on this system.

As you can tell from this letter, I am very interested in the possibilities an electronic mail system offers. I would like to see the majority of IAMSLIC members become connected to one of the networks I mentioned above, as I think we would all benefit from more rapid exchange of ideas. Cooperation among marine science libraries would be much more effective.

I hope to get some response to this letter, either in the newsletter or by electronic mail if someone is already connected. My electronic mail address is as follows:

{mcvax, seiso}!enea!hafro!eirikur OR eirikur@hafro.UUCP

The words in parentheses are names of computers in the network. You may have to use one of them in front of the exclamation point after the parenthesis to be able to send mail to me. Your system managers should be able to tell you which form of the address you should use.

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Tonight I ate an oyster,  
An oyster in a stew,  
A stew of milk and butter,  
Which he was floating through.

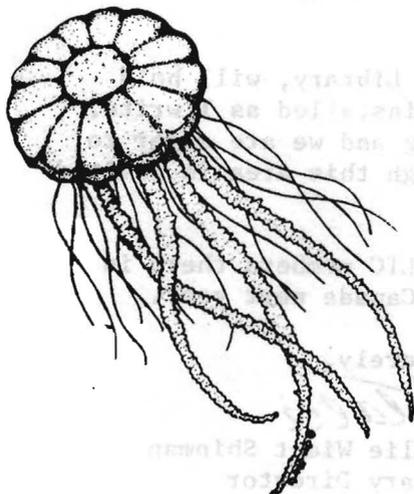
I ate his heart, his liver,  
His gill and fluid sac,  
His teeth and capillaries,  
The tube along his back.

Ate his brain and ganglia,  
His nervous system central,  
His stomach and its contents,  
His muscles to the ventral.

Ate his pores and fleshy foot,  
Intestines large and small,  
His other glands and tissues -  
I quite devoured his all.

Dear host, the meal was perfect,  
A real delight to sup,  
Please show me to the bathroom,  
My oyster's coming up.

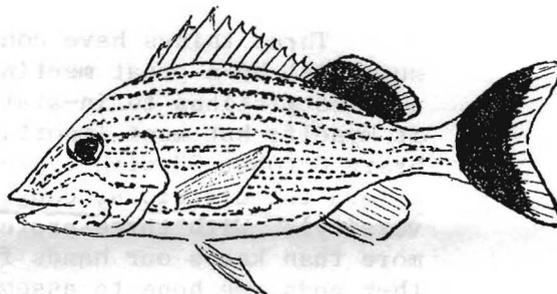
-submitted by Mary Lou Pugh  
to The Mollusk, May 1986  
(Greater Miami Shell Club)



## \* IAMS LIC PROCEEDINGS \*

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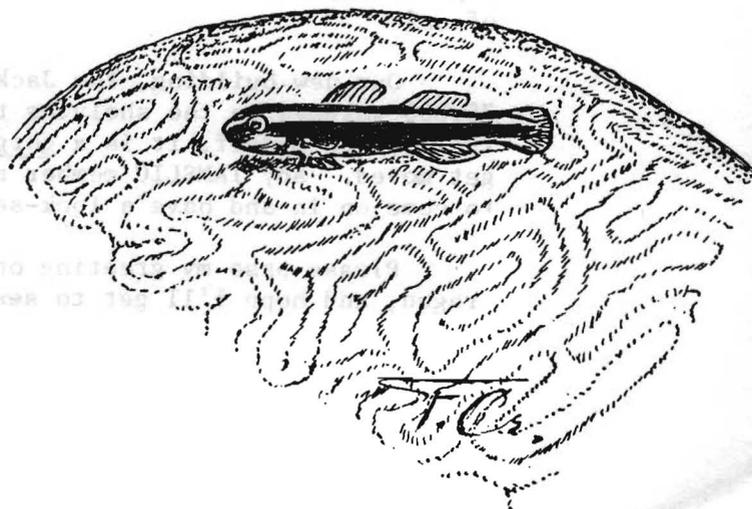
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IAMSLIC Newsletter  
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Dear Kristen:

I'm not sure you'll have time to get another newsletter out before the IAMSLIC meeting in October, but I'd like to add some news for the next publication.

Three things have conspired against my attending what I'm sure will be a great meeting in Oregon: State of Texas travel money restrictions to in-state only; dirth of personal finance to cover it myself; but most importantly, and happily, moving to a new library October 23 with dedication scheduled for November 1 (right before the elections, consider the implications for our state university). With three professionals plus five full-timers, that more than keeps our hands full. With full co-operation of the weather gods, we hope to assemble close to 200 student volunteers and move all books on one day (the 23rd). Careful planning is an absolute and we're getting nervous already.

With all those sessions on "Basics of Library Planning and Design" I'm sure I could add some suggestions, too. Perhaps next year's meeting will have sessions on the next stage of moving and settling in. Our construction budget has allowed us to plan for full automation of the library on a Prime minicomputer with software from Dynix, Inc. of Provo, Utah. We hope the system will be coming up after the first of the year, 1987. With the assistance of the computer center director, telecommunications equipment is ordered that should allow dial-up access to the public access catalog from any terminal on campus. It's going to be quite a year ahead of us!

Our new building, the Jack K. Williams Library, will hold 75,000 volumes on the shelving that's being installed as I write. If I say so myself, it is a gorgeous building and we are eager to get moved. Any IAMSLIC member passing through this area is invited to come on in and have a look-see!

Please pass my greeting on to the IAMSLIC members there in Oregon, and hope I'll get to see you all in Canada next year.

Sincerely,

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