

INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers.

The conference theme, “IAMS LIC: Changes on the Horizon”, reflected the fact that IAMS LIC was at a cross-road. We were experimenting with a new federated regional group structure and we had also re-structured our nominating and site-selection committees to have a representative from each regional group.

The conference was truly international and was attended by 85 individuals from the Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Malawi, Mexico, Tanzania, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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