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From the Editor

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A hundred years. That's what's been on my mind lately, with the impending celebration of SLA's Centennial in D.C. I've been contemplating just what a hundred years means to me.

I've not even been around half that time yet. Heck, my grandparents weren't even born yet, for that matter. Seems like such a long time ago.

But, then again, it's only the blink of an eye, when you consider the greater span of human history. And an even tinier portion when you look at how long the earth has been around. About now, you may be getting an idea of why I drive my wife crazy when I dwell on things from time to time.

Anyway, let's get back to SLA's Centennial conference in Washington, D.C. I hope every SLA member that is able sees this as their holy obligation to make a pilgrimage to this august gathering of information professionals. We have much to celebrate and much to share with each other to make us all much more efficient and effective in our workplaces and professional lives.

Washington, D.C. itself is a wonderful place to visit, more monument than city, really. Filled with history and culture the likes of which few cities in our hemisphere can claim. Truly, any visitor to this fine metropolis can not come away without being changed from their time in the seat of the United States' government. D.C. was built to impress, and delivers on its promise.

But, I would be remiss (and pass up a chance to be a bit self-serving) if I didn't note that you should also now begin planning to attend the first Annual Conference in SLA's NEXT century! That's right--in 2010, the Annual Conference will be in New Orleans, Louisiana! Where yours truly will serve as the conference program committee Chair and unofficial bartender. Easily as historic as D.C., with the added benefit of stellar food, wonderful atmosphere, and daiquiri bars.

Ah, the daiquiri bars! One cannot simply dismiss the charm of these wonderful creations that truly show that the Almighty loves each and every one of us. To be able to walk in that most civilized of cities with a drink in your hand is truly an exquisite blessing. And, when it finally, unhappily runs out, you can experience the joy in knowing you can simply step into the next daiquiri bar for a well-received refill. Ah!

But, I digress. That's for next year. For now, this issue has in it much that our divisions will be doing for the Centennial Conference. Please read over these offerings and plan your days full of professional development and your evenings filled with good librarianish networking!

See you in Washington, D.C.! ❖

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