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Science-Technology Division Award Winners

Sheila Rosenthal, Awards Committee Chair

This was another very busy and exciting year for the Science-Technology Division Awards Committee. For the second consecutive year, the Science-Technology Division teamed up with an SLA Chapter outside of the US, to honor an International MLS student. This year we collaborated with the Asian Chapter, to award an Asian Student Award to support attendance at the SLA Annual Conference, in Washington D.C. Scott Davidson, Chairman of the Awards Committee for the Asian Chapter, did a fantastic job regarding every aspect of this award, from announcing and posting it, developing a spreadsheet strategy for selecting not only the winner but identifying four finalists, to taking care of all of the preparations, including conference registration, as well as flight and hotel accommodations, for the travel of our winner.

The winner of the Asian Student Award was Xiang Yuanyuan, who preferred to be called "Cindy" by all of her American friends.

Cindy was selected from over 20 applicants across Asia by our respective awards committees. From September 2008 to the present, Yuanyuan is working towards a degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS), as a graduate student at Fudan University in Shanghai, China. She is taking courses related to computer science and information technology. This is a three-year masters program and the expected date of her graduation will be June 2011.

Prior to starting her graduate studies, she received a bachelor's degree in management from Wuhan University in 2008, from the School of Information Management, which was China's first and is still one of the country's most prestigious library schools. Interestingly, it was established by an American librarian in 1920.

While attending Fudan University, Yuanyuan supported her department by assisting with the hosting of the 4th Shanghai International Library Forum, including contacting delegates from different countries, keeping records of the conference information, helping compile the Blue-Cover Book of the Forum and showing the foreign librarians around Shanghai.

Yuanyuan kept records of important visitors to the Shanghai library within the university's Office Automation System, and updated delegate

information in this database accordingly. In regard to the "Window of Shanghai" project, which aims to introduce Chinese history and culture to overseas readers, Yuanyuan summarized the content of each book that was donated to foreign libraries and related institutes.

While studying as an Intern in the National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Yuanyuan assisted in developing the cross-domain database project. This was a search system for the Chinese Scientific Digital Library which provides non-documental data retrieval and descriptions about the information and resources of various special databases. In addition, Yuanyuan provided vital information services by preparing abstracts and indexes of current periodicals, organizing bibliographies, and analyzing background information. She also acquired and arranged information for the Chinese universities and colleges, which was input, established and maintained in an access database.

As a future librarian in China, she will be familiar with metadata standards and markup language as well as mastering updates for new technology changes.

The 2009 Science-Technology Achievement Award recipient was Ann Koopman.

She was originally nominated by Anna Ren and unanimously endorsed by everyone on our Awards Committee. In 2007, when I first became Chair of the Awards Committee, Ann was Chair of the Science-Technology Division, and she was a great mentor for me. She set the stage, creating a comfortable setting for me to present the awards.

Ann also initiated the idea of honoring our members with longevity award certificates, which has now become an annual tradition. She would also like to have another award category for retirees. Ann believes, and I agree with her, that "people really love to celebrate things and think fondly of organizations that boost the positive. We should be looking for every opportunity to celebrate and feature our members." Over the years, Ann has been a great role model and mentor for many of us who are new to the division. We have all benefited from her knowledge, support, and graciousness. She works tirelessly and has made outstanding contributions to the Science-Technology Division.

I can't think of anyone who deserved the Science-Technology Achievement Award more than Ann Koopman.

Ann has been active in the Special Libraries Association since 1993. She has held various positions in the Science-Technology Division, including Program Chair (Philadelphia Conference, 1999-2000), Treasurer (2000-04), Business Manager, *Sci-Tech News* (2002-04), Program Chair (Toronto Conference 2004-05), Contributed Papers Selection Panel (2000-2007), Chair-Elect (2005-06, 18-month term), Chair (2007), Vendor Relations Chair (2008), and Nominating Committee Chair (2009). She is also a member of the American Library Association (ALA), the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MLA).

In the past eight years, Ann has received numerous SLA awards, including 2000, 2004, and 2008 Sci-Tech Division Impossible Awards, and the 2007 President's Cup from the SLA Philadelphia Chapter. She has also received the 2005 Robert Preston Lee Memorial Award from the MLA Philadelphia Chapter.

As a librarian for over 25 years, Ann currently works as JEFFLINE Editor & Manager at Scott Memorial Library of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She was previously the head of the Information Services Department also at Scott Memorial Library. Before coming to Thomas Jefferson in 1995, she was the Science & Engineering Reference Librarian at Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI). She received her MLS from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

Ann has presented many papers in national and international conferences. She has also published numerous articles in refereed scholarly journals.

The 2009 winner of the S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award was Susan Powell, MLS Graduate Student at Indiana University in Bloomington. Susan is currently an MLS student at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She is a member of SLA and is currently President of the Indiana University Student Group. She is also a member of the Science-Technology Division. Her other professional associations include: Progressive Librarians

Guild (where she is treasurer for the Indiana University Student Chapter) and the American Library Association (Indiana University Student Chapter).

In December 2008, for a reference class assignment, Susan created a resource guide for Conservation of Biodiversity in Mongolia (<http://ella.slis.indiana.edu/~suspowel/RG2.html>).

Susan is currently working at the Indiana University Libraries as a Map Study Graduate Assistant, where she assists with the implementations of the recommendations from the IU Libraries Map Study Group.

In 2008, Susan held the following positions in Winnemucca, NV: Great Basin Gold, Geologist, where she logged geologic characteristics of drill core; Community Service Block Grant, Strategic Planning Assistant, for which she assisted with the creation of a county-wide strategic plan to address issues of poverty; and for the Winnemucca Community Garden, AmeriCorps*VISTA, she was required to recruit and hire summer interns. Susan oversaw the general operations and administration. She managed 100+ volunteers and secured over \$100,000 in grant funding, including an ongoing United Way partnership. She also led classes and organized special events. This was from January 2006—February 2008.

Susan's computing skills include: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access), basic Linux commands, Adobe (Illustrator, Photoshop), Scribus, GIMP photo editor, and XHTML.

Susan has strong writing, research, analytical, and organizational skills. She also possesses excellent public speaking and management skills.

Susan studied in the "art in focused" high-school program and at a local art center. She collaboratively designed, published, and marketed a comic book, and was an alternate for the Governor's School.

Praveen Kumar Jain was the winner of the 2009 Science-Technology and Engineering Divisions' Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award. Praveen has 23 years of experience in special libraries and is currently working as Librarian, at the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), at the University of Delhi, in Delhi, India. He plays a key role in the computerization

of the IEG Library and is currently taking on digitization initiatives. IEG is a special library having a collection of more than 135,000 books and documents.

Praveen has been a member of SLA since 2000 and is also a member of the Science-Technology Division. He is Past President of the Asian Chapter of SLA (2002-2004) and was the Secretary of the Asian Chapter for 2008. Praveen developed a website for the Asian Chapter, and began publication of their newsletter. Thanks to many of Praveen's efforts, membership in the Asian Chapter has continued to increase and Praveen has arranged several Chapter Meetings that took place in the following locations: Nepal, Seattle, Nashville, and many in India.

As Organizing Secretary of the Asian Chapter, Praveen organized the "**International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2008) on "Shaping the Special Libraries beyond Boundaries"**" held in Delhi, India, 26-28 November 2008. More than 350 participants from more than 20 countries participated in this conference.

Presently Praveen is pursuing a doctorate degree in Library and Information Science from University of Delhi, Delhi, India. He holds Masters Degrees in Library and Information Science and Economics, and his bachelor's degrees are in Mathematics and Statistics.

Praveen has organized many conferences, seminars, workshops and training programs for LIS professionals and has presented many papers in national and international conferences. He has also published numerous articles in refereed scholarly journals. In addition, Praveen has also won the following SLA awards: Professionals

Award 2008, 2004 Diversity Leadership Award and the Global 2000 Fellow Award.

Longevity Awards Given

There is a new SLA Membership Director, Paula Diaz, and she provided me with a spreadsheet on the dates that our members joined SLA and the Science-Technology Division. We have a total of 20 Longevity Award Recipients this year, honoring members serving from 25 through 50 years of service.

Our two retiree Award Recipients were **Suzanne Ogden** and **F. Bartow Culp**. They have each been members since 1981.

Following is the list of this year's Longevity Award Certificate Recipients:

Janice Anderson – 25 years (1984)
Mary Campana – 30 years (1979)
Barbara Chu – 35 years (1974)
Susan Fingerman – 30 years (1979)
Cheryl Hansen – 25 years (1984)
Robert Havlik – 50 years (1959)
Doris Helfer – 35 years (1974)
John Hunter – 30 years (1979)
Eleanor MacLean – 35 years (1974)
Pency Murphy – 25 years (1984)
Pauline Ng – 30 years (1979)
Carolyn O'Reilly – 25 years (1984)
Velva Jean Osborn – 35 years (1974)
Angela Pollis – 35 years (1974)
Joan Schechtman – 40 years (1969)
Sallye Smith – 35 years (1974)
Joanna Sutton – 30 years (1979)
Shirley Tanaka – 35 years (1974)
Dori Whitehurst – 25 years (1984)
Pamela Yorks – 25 years (1984) ❖

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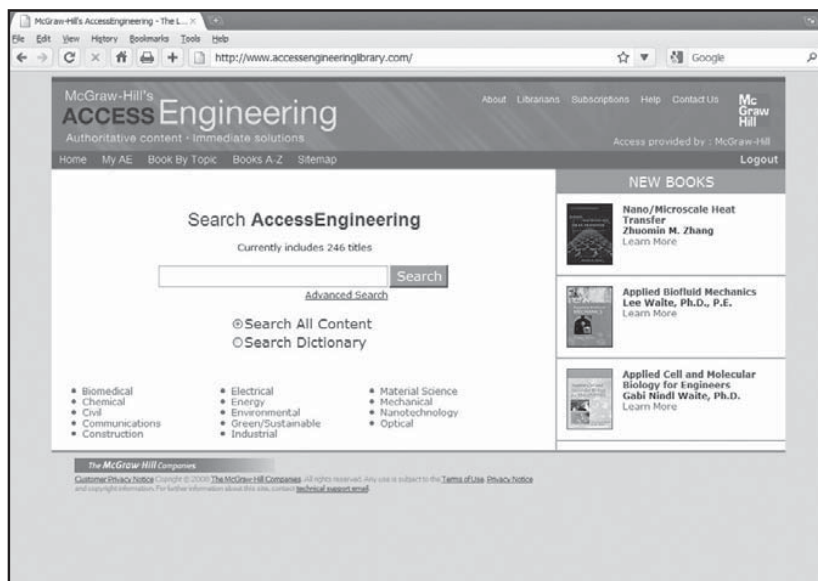
P.K. Jain, recipient of the **Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award** and Xiang "Cindy" Yuanyuan, recipient of the **Asian Student Award**

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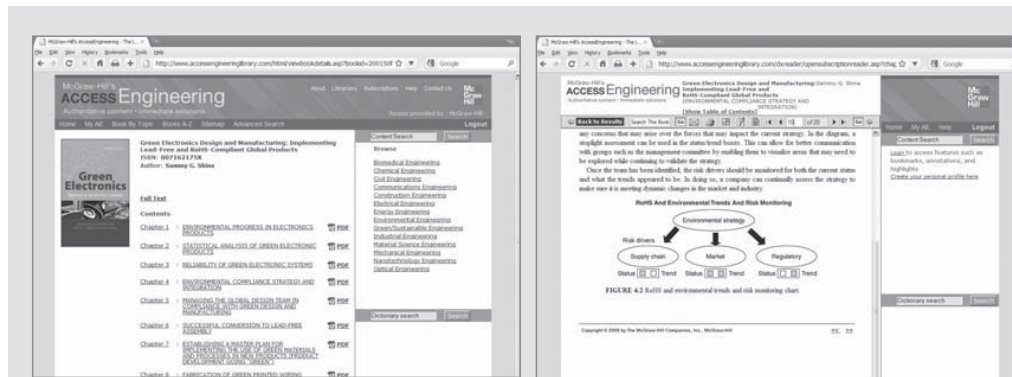
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