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Science-Technology Division Pam Enrici, Chair

The objectives of the Science-Technology Division shall be to draw together those members of the Special Libraries Association having an interest in the role of library and information science as applied to the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in all areas of science and technology, and to promote and improve the communication, dissemination and use of such knowledge for the benefit of libraries and their users.'

Time has gone fast this year. This is my last column as Chair of the Sci-Tech Division and there has been a lot going on this year. Changes always happen in life. The biggest change for SLA is the proposed (as I write this) name change. Whichever way the voting goes, I want you to remember that SLA is our organization and no matter what the name, it will continue to be the responsibility of the Divisions to make it work.

Other changes have been in the works for a while. This is the last issue of *SciTech News* in paper format. James Manasco, our new editor, and his team are bringing *SciTech News* into the electronic age. Along with that, he is bringing back a section of *SciTech News* that will have peer-reviewed papers. This is all great news!

One of the things that I have tried to work on this year is making sure that if you can't attend the annual conference that you can still get something out of belonging to this Division. SLA has a lot of goodies such as the books they make available but what can our Division do? We tried an on-line class this fall. There was no charge for Sci-Tech members while others did have to pay something. For SLA members, the cost was the cost of joining the division. This was meant to serve as an incentive for people to join the Division at no cost. We had great attendance for an on-line program on Toxline given by NLM. The instructors, Stephanie Publicker, Diane Howden, and Laura Bartlett, were great! While we can't promise to do any other programs at no cost to Sci-Tech members, at least these classes will be at reduced cost and you can do them in the comfort of your own office! Kudos to Susan Shepherd for making this possible.

In the same vein, I hope all of you had a chance to look at the various posters from the All Science Poster Session at SLA this summer. The Chemistry Division has been hosting this online for several years. I tried working with contributed papers and the Division this year. As earlier stated, there will be now be a contributed papers section in the new *SciTech News*. I know that Hilary Davis (our incoming, soon-to-be Chair) is working on this. If you have other ideas of what we can do for Division members outside of the annual conference, let Hilary know.

By the time you get this issue, I will have issued a call for volunteers for the Division. The old saying "many hands make light work" is really true in a volunteer organization. A group such as SLA can't run without volunteers. If you haven't volunteered to serve on a committee, consider running for office. There are places for everyone no matter how few hours you can manage to volunteer. I realize that in this time of personnel cutbacks and salary freezes (or cuts), it is difficult to make the time to volunteer but remember all the good things that SLA has done and will continue to do for you. I have to say that I volunteered because of all the good things that I have gotten from SLA and Sci-Tech over the years. This has been my payback year.

There are literally several dozen people who have volunteered their time and energy to help out this year. There isn't space to list them but take a look at our Sci-Tech Webpage and you will get an idea of some of those involved. Each year the Chair gets to give special commendations to members. There was one person that I could not announce at the Annual Meeting because she was running for office. So now, I can make it official that Carol Lucke was also given this award because of all the great fundraising she did for the Division.

It's now almost time to turn over the reins to our incoming Chair, Hilary Davis. She has already proven to be an energetic leader and I think she will be a great one!

So my wish for the Sci-Tech Division is to live long and prosper. ❖

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Message from Science-Technology Division Chair-Elect

Greetings from your Chair-Elect! Happy Fall to y'all! I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the service of our outgoing Chair, Pam Enrici, and Secretary, Christy Caldwell. Their generous and valuable contributions to the Science-Technology Division are sincerely appreciated. I also want to add a special note of gratitude to Ann Koopman (2007 Chair), Christine Whitaker (2008 Chair) and Cheryl Hansen (2009-2010 Treasurer) for their sound advice and mentorship as I've been learning the role of Chair-Elect.

I'm thrilled to welcome our new Chair-Elect, Joseph Kraus (University of Denver) and our new Secretary, Lisa Johnston (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities). Many thanks to Carol Lucke (Naval Research Laboratory) and Kelly Blessinger (Louisiana State University) for being willing to serve the division. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with each of these folks and I want to especially thank Carol for continuing to lead the division in her vital role as Chair of the Vendor Relations Committee and the *SciTech News* Advertising Manager.

The Leadership Summit is just around the corner in my favorite city, St. Louis! Please consider joining us if you can (January 27-29 for the main events). I've scheduled an Executive Board meeting for Wednesday, January 27 from 5:30-7:00 pm. If you wish to attend in-person or virtually, please let me know. Likewise, if you have an agenda item to raise for discussion, please contact me. Be sure to check out the hospitality wiki from the St. Louis Metro Area Chapter. These folks are super and I know they'll show us all a great time in St. Louis.

Following the success of the Sci-Tech Division Continuing Education Webinar, "TOXNET® and Beyond" (~40 attendees), we will offer another webinar in the Spring on using Twitter to enhance services in special libraries, especially reference and instruction. The speaker will be 2009 Mover and Shaker, Joseph Murphy (Yale University). For more details contact our Professional Development Committee Chair, Susan Shepherd (sushepherd@ucsd.edu). Announcements for registration will be forthcoming!

Planning for the 2010 SLA Annual Conference in New Orleans proceeds apace! You can get a sneak-peak of the Conference Planning Committee's activities on the Sci-Tech wiki (http://wiki.sla.org/display/SLASCITECH/Home). I hope you'll come to join us and help us ring in the next 100 years of our organization (whatever it may call itself).

The online planner will come out soon to let you know when our events will occur. Consider adding the following exciting sessions that Sci-Tech is either leading or partnering on to your conference schedule: Collection Intelligence - metrics/strategies to demonstrate value of library collections; Grants Librarianship; Datasets Curation; Science Information & Mobiles Devices; Science of Hot Sauce; "Future of Science Librarianship" Contributed Papers Session with virtual component (see the Call for Papers on the Sci-Tech website); Sci-Tech Division Business Meeting; Sci-Tech Division Newcomer's Lunch; Sci-Tech Division Board Meeting; Science & Engineering Resources 101 (National Security Resources & GIS); Computer Science Round Table; Academic Round Table; All Sciences Poster Reception; IT/Sci-Tech Joint Open House.

Vendors interested sponsoring any of our sessions should contact Carol Lucke (carol.lucke@nrl.navy.mil).

Thanks to everyone who has contributed ideas and agreed to volunteer their time and talent to make the annual conference a success and to keep the division energetic and motivated! If you're interested in getting involved in a committee or have an idea for a project for the division, please get in touch. I look forward to working with y'all in 2010! ❖

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Report from the Sci-Tech Nominating Committee

Submitted by Ann Koopman, Chair, 2009 Sci-Tech Nominating Committee

The Sci-Tech Nominating Committee takes great pleasure in announcing the results of the Division's 2009 elections.

Joseph Kraus will be our new Chair-Elect.

Lisa Johnston will be our new Secretary.

We congratulate the winners, and thank ALL of our candidates for their willingness to run and to serve our professional community.

Holding a contested election brought out more interest among Division voters than we have seen for some years - it's invigorating! ❖

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2010 Sci-Tech Division Achievement Award

The Sci-Tech Achievement Award is the highest annual award presented by the Science-Technology Division and is reserved for those recipients whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to scientific and technical librarianship. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Division members who have made outstanding contributions to the Division and/or to the literature of science and technology librarianship in the past 1 to 5 years.

The $750 award is presented annually, with a corresponding scroll describing the reason for the award. The Science-Technology Division Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if a sufficient number of appropriate candidates are not nominated.

ELIGIBILITY:
Be a current member of the SLA and have been a member of the Science-Technology Division for at least three years; be working currently in a library, information center, library school or other information capacity.

NOMINATIONS:
Self-nominations are encouraged.

TO NOMINATE/APPLY:
Include a list of accomplishments and activities over the past 1 to 5 years.

The materials should be double-spaced. (750 words or less) Neatness, spelling and grammar will be considered in the judging. Supporting documentation, although not mandatory, may include a current curriculum vita OR resume for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: March 1, 2010.

Please send all nominations and accompanying materials to:
Sheila Rosenthal, Chair of the Sci-Tech Awards Committee
slr@sei.cmu.edu

Science-Technology Division S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award

The **S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award** is offered to a library school student or first time conference attendee. This $750 award is to be used toward expenses of attending the SLA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, USA June 13-16, 2010.

QUALIFICATIONS: Be a library school student or first time attendee; be a current member of SLA, preference going to Science-Technology Division members; if NOT a student, then must be attending his or her first SLA conference.

NOMINATIONS: Self-nominations are encouraged.

Send a typed and signed document including complete title, Library School and anticipated graduation date, employer, and all professional and personal contact information.

All nominations must also include the following:

A short essay (500 words or less) on the theme of the 2010 Annual Conference: ***"Entering SLA's Next Century: Let the Good Times Roll!"*** The essay should be double-spaced. Neatness, spelling and grammar will count in judging. Supporting documentation must include a current curriculum vita OR resume for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc.

Applications should also mention if you are currently applying for other SLA division awards.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: March 1, 2010

Nominations and all accompanying materials should be sent to Sheila Rosenthal, Chair of the Sci-Tech Division Awards Committee, at the following email address: slr@sei.cmu.edu.

POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. Recipient (s) will write a brief article (approximately 1,000 words) on the conference experience for the November 2010 Sci-Tech News.

2. Recipient (s) will be asked to serve on the Science-Technology Division Awards Committee in the following year to provide for the continuity and enthusiasm of the awards.

NOTIFICATION:

1. Applicants will receive notification of award status by mid March 2010. The award checks will be sent to the recipient as soon as the receipts are received by the Awards Chairperson.

2. The recipients' names will be posted to the Science-Technology Division's Web site.

3. The award will be announced and presented to the recipient at the Science-Technology Division's Annual Business meeting/breakfast.

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2010 Science-Technology and Engineering Divisions Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award

The Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award, sponsored by the Science-Technology and Engineering Divisions, is presented to a librarian outside of the United States and Canada.

The purpose of the award is to provide an opportunity for a librarian outside of the United States and Canada to attend the annual Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference. The award will cover conference registration, lodging and airfare, up to and not exceeding US $2,000. The SLA annual conference will be held in New Orleans, LA. USA, June 13-16, 2010.

The Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold the award if a sufficient number of appropriate candidates are not nominated.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Be a current member of SLA, preference given to members of the SLA Science-Technology and/or Engineering Division.

Candidate should reside and work outside of the United States and Canada and be working currently in a library, information center, library school or other information capacity, preferably either in the science and technology and/or engineering area.

Submission should be in English.

NOMINATIONS:

Self-nominations are encouraged. Send an online statement including information on the candidate's professional career, professional activities or offices held, special projects or services, publications, and any other related functions that qualify the person for the award.

Documentation must include a current curriculum vita OR resume for the candidate, significant publications, supporting letters, etc.

Please inform the committee if you are currently applying for other SLA awards.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: December 31, 2009

Nominations and all accompanying materials should be sent to Sheila Rosenthal, Chair of the Sci-Tech Division Awards Committee, at the following email address: slr@sei.cmu.edu

APPLICATION PROCEDURES for the SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY and ENGINEERING DIVISIONS BONNIE HILDITCH INTERNATIONAL LIBRARIAN AWARD

1. The winner will be responsible for making all necessary travel arrangements (passports, visas, etc.) for a visit to the U.S. as well as for conference attendance.

2. Include a current resume and relevant materials as outlined in the criteria for the award.

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POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. Recipient will write a brief article (approximately 1,000 words) on the conference experience for the November 2010 SciTech News.

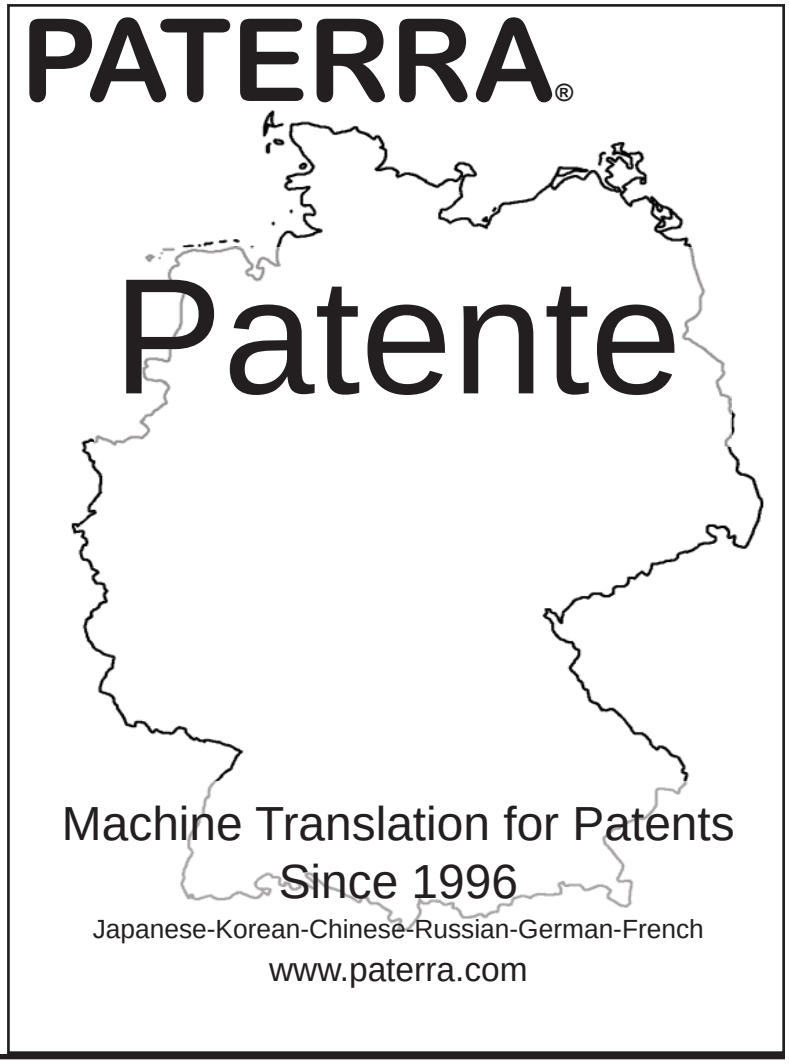
2. Recipient will be asked to serve on the Science-Technology and Engineering Division Awards Committee the following year in order to provide for the continuity and enthusiasm of this award.

NOTIFICATION:
1. Applicants will receive notification of award status by early February 2010. The award check will be sent to the recipient as soon as the receipts are received by the Awards Chairperson.

2. The recipient's names will be posted to the Science-Technology and Engineering Division's Web sites.

3. The announcement and introduction of the recipient will take place at both the Science-Technology Division's and the Engineering Division's Annual Business Meetings/breakfasts.

E-mail nominations and materials preferred.



2010 Australia and New Zealand Chapter Student Award to attend Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 13 - 16 June 2010

In 2010 the SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter (CANZ) will be offering an Award jointly with Science-Technology Division (DST) of SLA.

The successful applicant will receive an award of US$2,300 to be used towards a travel stipend and conference registration for the 2010 SLA Annual Conference in New Orleans. The award will be formally announced at the Science -Technology Division's Awards Ceremony at that Conference.

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

. Be enrolled in an accredited Library and Information Science (LIS) courses and programs in Australia or New Zealand during the current academic year. These courses are noted on the websites of either:

ALIA www.alia.org.au/education/courses/librarianship.html
or LIANZA www.lianza.org.nz/news/newsroom/news125381905.html

. Be eligible to travel to the USA.

. Be interested in a career in special librarianship, preferably with a focus on working in a science and technology environment.

. Be a first-time attendee at an SLA conference.

Application Procedure

1. Please write a two-part essay, in English, of a total of approximately 500 words, which:

    i. Tells us why you chose to enroll in a graduate/master LIS course; what you hope to do with your degree; and especially why you might wish to work in the science and technology area, and

    ii. Addresses **one** of the following three topics:

        . What skills must the new information professional possess and why?

        . What is the biggest challenge facing the profession, in general, and information professionals in your country, in particular?

        . What longer term benefits/knowledge do you hope to gain from attending the 2010 SLA conference? (Do not describe what you will do during the conference).

2. Include a letter of recommendation, from your course advisor or an SLA member who knows you well, which explains why you would be a good candidate for this award.

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3. Include a copy of your CV including your postal, and email addresses and telephone number.
4. Prepare all documents in Microsoft Word and send by e-mail no later than **31 December 2009** to:

Sheila Rosenthal, Chair of the DST Awards Committee at slr@sei.cmu.edu

5. The applications will then be assessed by the joint DST and ANZ Chapter Student Awards Committees.

The Award winner will be notified by March 2010.

Post Award Requirements

The recipient of the 2010 ANZ Chapter Student Award will:

1. Write a brief article on their conference experience for publication in the September / October 2010 issue of the Science-Technology Division's newsletter, *Sci-Tech News*, and for the SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter's website
2. Maintain contact with the SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter Board during the year of their Award.
3. Be willing to serve on a Science-Technology Division Committee of their choice.
Mentors will be appointed for the recipient from ANZ Chapter Board and the STD for the duration of the award.

For further information about the Award, please contact the ANZ Chapter Student Award member, Gillian Ralph g.ralph@xtra.co.nz

For further information about the Award's co-sponsors, please consult their websites:
. SLA Science-Technology Division, http://units.sla.org/division/dst/
. SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter http://units.sla.org/chapter/canz/
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