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Welcome to the first issue of 2010 and the first electronic-only issue of this bulletin. Yes, *SciTech News* is now electronic-only! This has been a long-discussed and agonized process going back several years. But, due to the hard work of several individuals on your editorial staff (special recognition has to be paid to our Assistant Editors Abby Thorne and, especially, Ann Koopman) we are now able to offer the bulletin to a much wider audience and provide for the publication of several different formats of information for you, our readers.

In addition to the electronic-only format, our intrepid Review Board Chair, Bonnie Osif, has taken on the monumental task of resurrecting our refereed section. I hope our division members will think of *SciTech News* first when considering a venue for their papers. And, as always, I'm on the lookout for new columnists and articles for the bulletin, so feel free to contact me if you are so inclined.

2010 looks to be an exciting year not only for the bulletin, but also for SLA. We made it through our second name-change attempt in recent years without changing the name, but hopefully wiser in how we can work to complete the ongoing Alignment Project.

The 2010 Annual Conference in New Orleans will be a fantastic opportunity for you to enhance your information skills as well as enlarge your network circle. I think the programming the divisions have developed is simply fantastic...

even if I, as Chair of the 2010 Conference Advisory Council, do say so myself. I hope you will come and not only enjoy the professional activities available to you, but also spend time exploring this wonderful city and helping its many restaurants and merchants by spreading a little of your extra cash around. Volunteering for one of the Association-sponsored opportunities is also a great idea!

As we look forward to the future, it is also important not to forget the past. On the online version, you'll note an image from an early issue of the Sci-Tech Division's bulletin. This will remain as a reminder of the path that brought us here. Also, never fear, each issue will continue to include an image from the Linda Hall Library's massive collection, a favorite for many of you, I know. I hope you will continue to support the *SciTech News* in the new online format as strongly as you supported the print version. If you have any questions or concerns about the new format, or about anything connected with the bulletin, please let me know. My door, electronic or otherwise, is always open!

And, as we move ahead into 2010, I want to end this column with some words of heartfelt advice: always know where your towel is! ❖

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