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Science-Technology Division

Joe Kraus, Chair-Elect



Hello from Denver, Colorado! As I write this, it is the end of July, and I am preparing for the incoming students for the Fall Quarter here at the University of Denver. When you read this, summer should be just about over, and thoughts of raking leaves and Halloween may be swimming in your head. Where did the summer go?

Anyway, I had a great summer, and the 2010 SLA Conference in New Orleans was a highlight. I would like to formally thank Hilary Davis for the wonderful slate of programs that she put together at the annual conference.

On July 29th, I attended an SLA hosted WebEx session on "Vendor Support Brainstorming." The attendees had some great ideas. Several other DST members were also able to attend. My notes for the session can be found at:

<http://www.nuthingbut.net/2010/07/notes-from-vendor-support-brainstorming.html>

As your Chair-Elect, I am responsible for Sci-Tech Division program planning for the 2011 SLA Conference in Philadelphia.

Some of the sessions that I am planning are:

- Newcomers lunch
- Board and business meetings
- Contributed Papers Session (most likely on the topic of data curation)
- The science of ice cream
- ST 101
- Crime Scene Investigation: Philly (deals with

forensic investigation)

- Science 2.1 (new tools used for scientific communication)

I have moderators and facilitators set up for some of the sessions, but I am still looking for additional volunteers. Please contact me if you would like to be involved.

We are also co-sponsoring sessions concerning:

- Developments in Informatics
- Visualizing Science
- Collaborations across Disciplines (Where attendees can learn about efforts to help researchers collaborate across disciplines.)
- All Sciences Poster Session
- Computer Science Roundtable
- Tour of TastyKakes
- Tour of the Franklin Institute

The next SLA Leadership Summit will take place in Washington DC, January 19-22, 2011. Please attend if you are interested in learning more about the leadership of SLA.

Lastly, we set up a Twitter account so that short news and announcements could be sent to the followers of the Division. http://twitter.com/sla_dst

Best,
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