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Engineering Division

Laurie C. Allen, Chair

The objectives of the Engineering Division are to provide an association for those having an interest in library and information science as they apply to engineering and the physical sciences and to promote the use of materials and knowledge for the benefit of libraries and other educational organizations.



I went to New Orleans, not sure what to expect. It is a city I have always wanted to visit but I just never got there. We were lucky that it wasn't too hot but it was definitely humid for someone who now lives in Southern California. Aside from the conference activities, I had hoped to eat some good gumbo and some warm bread pudding. The gumbo was good, but what I will always remember is the Krispy Kreme donut bread pudding! I can still savor the aroma and how it just melted in my mouth!!

The other event that stands out was watching the Celtics and the Lakers battle it out on a TV set in a window at a hotel while standing on a street corner because the taxi drivers were all more interested in the game than a fare. Great fun and such warm people! I live outside of LA so it was also a pleasure to be in a place where there were sidewalks and people walk.

Thank you to all of you who brought candy to the Engineering luncheon and bought raffle tickets. And a special thanks to Techstreet for donating a Kindle to the raffle and to IOP for sponsoring the luncheon. We raised \$135 for the food bank through your generosity. At the luncheon we gave two awards: The INSPEC Travel Award went to Andrea Davis. The Elsevier Librarian of the Year went to Susan Braun of the Aerospace Corporation.

The Engineering Division and Aerospace Section led or sponsored seven programs. Given that

attendance was very low this year, I felt we had a good turnout at our events. Many of the programs we helped sponsor were packed. And those that weren't, allowed participants to interact in ways we rarely get to at these meetings. Exhibitors mentioned that it was actually nice not to have so many people so they had time to talk to visitors at their booths. There were many places in the conference center to sit down and chat. This probably is the thing that I value most.

I was especially pleased when well over 75 people showed up for the first session on Wednesday morning to hear Dr. Stephen Nelson and Dr. Ivor Van Heerden speak about storm damage to the Louisiana coastline and to the city of New Orleans. Both were excellent speakers, and both had come back into town just to speak for this meeting. This time slot is always a difficult time for many people due to the number of late night events – including the great IT/LMD/PAM Dance Party. What a night! Another session that I found particularly interesting was one of the Unconference sessions. I had never been to one and had no idea what to expect. I learned so much just sitting and exchanging ideas.

I thank you all again for making this a great conference. ❖

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Engineering Division Photos from the 2010 Annual Conference



*Susan Braun was presented with the
2010 Elsevier Librarian of the Year Award*



*Andrea Davis was presented with the
2010 INSPEC Travel Award*



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