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News from the Science-Technology Division

Science-Technology Division Cheryl Hansen, 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.'

Hi, I am Cheryl Hansen, the 2012 Sci-Tech Division Chair and I hope that 2012 will be a good year for the division. First, I want to thank Joe Kraus, Past Chair, for all his efforts on behalf of the division in 2011. He oversaw a great conference in Philadelphia and I have hopes for one just as good in Chicago this July. That is correct, the SLA Annual Conference and Exposition is not in June this year--it is in July. This change is due to scheduling problems that arose when HQ started planning future conferences several years ago. The schedule will go back to June in 2013 when we will be in San Diego.

Now a little bit about me. I am with an engineering consulting firm with offices around the country that deal with forensic engineering. I have been here about 19 years and was with another similar firm, Triodyne, for 8 years. And before that I thought I would try cataloguing for a while at the Illinois College of Optometry, found that it wasn't my thing, and moved on. Before that I was with what is now called Wisconsin TechSearch at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am married, with two daughters, Kate and Ellie, my husband Doug, and Jake, our Hungarian Vizsla. Kate is working on her master's in Public Health at SLU in St. Louis and Ellie is finishing up at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and is planning on following me into librarianship. We live in Naperville, a Chicago suburb but our family is back in Wisconsin and we support the Packers and Badgers proudly. I have been an SLA member since 1984 and am active in the Sci-Tech Division as well as the Engineering Division. I have to say that some of my best friends are colleagues that I have met through SLA over the years.

There is an interesting slate of programs to choose from in Chicago this year. We will start the Conference off with the Annual Newcomers Lunch on Sunday followed by the DST Board Meeting. The INFO-EXPO Grand Opening and the Sunday General Session and Awards Presentation will finish off our Sunday afternoon.

We start off Monday morning bright and early with the Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast. This is an important meeting for Sci-Tech members to attend. This is where you get to see your officers, ask them questions in person, hear the state of the division, and network with old and new colleagues.

After breakfast there will be a variety of programs for you to choose from. We are a co-sponsor with the Academic, Social Science, and Education Divisions of a program entitled Collections in Transition: Impact of e-Resources on Collection Development and Management. For those of you who are computer science people, the Computer Science Roundtable finishes off the afternoon.

On Tuesday, the morning will begin with the Standards Roundtable and continue with a session entitled How and Why Things Fail – Forensic Engineers and Information Specialists. I have to plug this one for sure as the speaker is the head of the engineering consulting firm I am with, ESI. Dr. Stevenson is a great library/information services proponent and a great speaker. Later in the afternoon, Wayne Strickland from NTIS will speak about Open Access to Federal Science & Technology. Bring lots of questions and comments for him. Also in the late afternoon, there is the "Science of" series continuation. This year it will be the Science of Beauty Care. To finish Tuesday off there will be the All-Sciences Poster Session and Reception where you can eat, meet, and check out this year's poster presentations. The theme for this year is "Practicing Agility in an Open Economy." This is a great place to network while learning.

Wednesday is our last day and we have two sessions in the morning. First, back by popular demand, Science 101 will be led once again by Mary Frances Lembo and James Manasco. Lastly there is Legal and Ethical Information Sharing and Intelligence that we are co-sponsoring with the Legal Division.

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On Thursday I am working with the Chemistry Division to bring about a tour of the Mansueto Library at the University of Chicago. It is interesting because it has one of the new Automated Retrieval Systems. Stay tuned for more information about the tour. For more information on the 2012 conference, go to http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2012/. Registration is open, so register early!

Chicago is a great city with a wonderful lake front and lots of interesting things to see and do. Please come and join us!

The Sci-Tech Division has a great group of volunteers that staff our advisory board and committees. Please think about joining one. You gain the most from your membership when you are involved.

There is something for everyone, so please let me or any of the board members know if you are interested in volunteering. We currently need a Professional Development Chair, a Vendor Relations Chair, and an Advertising Manager for *SciTech News*. The last two can be combined or be separate positions.

Also this year we will be electing the 2012 Chair-Elect and a Treasurer, so if you might be interested in taking a leadership position, please contact me at cahansen@esi-il.com or Hilary Davis at hilary_davis@ncsu.edu.

Sci-Tech is a great division in which to gain leadership experience. Think about it, take a leap, and try it. It is all about networking, learning, and supporting each other.

Lastly watch the listserv and website for information on an upcoming webinar done in conjunction with the Chemistry Division later this spring. Michael White will be speaking on patents. And if you have an idea for a webinar, contact me at cahansen@esi-il.com.

See you in Chicago ,July 14-19, 2012! ❖

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Science-Technology Division New Members

Submitted by Sarah Oelker, Membership Committee Chair, Science-Technology Division

The Science-Technology Division welcomes its new members:

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Ja Tara Barnes
St Louis, MO
USA

Kayleigh Bohemier
Syracuse, NY
USA

Brian Chenoweth
Kingston, ON
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USA

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Alameda, CA
USA

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Belchertown, MA
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Joanna McNeal
Erie, CO
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