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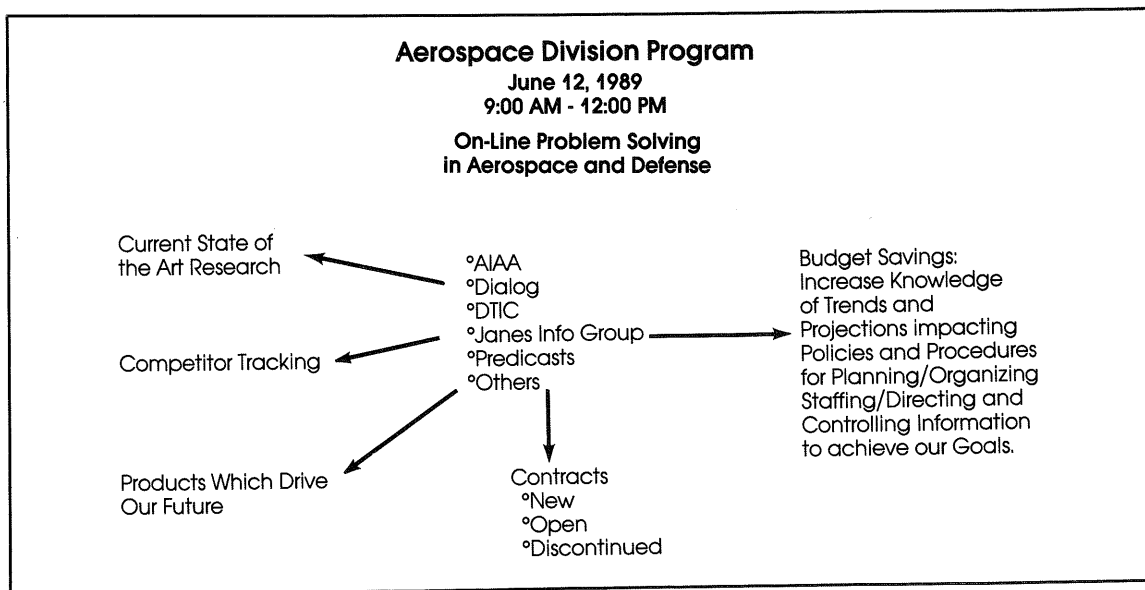
AEROSPACE DIVISION

The objectives of the Aerospace Division are to encourage the free exchange of ideas and information between libraries and librarians who are directly concerned with aerospace technology and related sciences; and to maintain a dialog with NASA and other governmental agencies upon whom we rely as sources of technical data and bibliographic sources.

From the Chair

Happy New Year! Plans for the 80th Annual Special Libraries Association Conference in New York City next year are moving right along. The Aerospace Division, along with the Engineering Division, will co-sponsor a program entitled "End Users Training: The Association, Corporate and Academic Perspective". In a conversation with Carol Ann Irons, Engineering Division Chair, speakers from various corporations have been asked to address the following:

1. What information products are now promoted to the Association membership, for example; On-Line Data Bases, CD-ROM, or Audio/Video Courses?
 2. What are their training strategies?
 3. What, if any, new information products are in development?
 4. How do they see our role as information professionals, as they target end-users?
- The final speakers will attempt to incorporate the academic view as they share their end users training programs.



The above topics were provided by Judy Hedden of PREDICASTS and Lynn Ecklund of SEEK Information Service (next year's Chair-Elect). Both graciously offered to provide assistance in planning next year's Aerospace Program.

The conference, "User and Information Dynamics: Managing Change", was extremely motivating and brought us together to develop a special program highlighting new and exciting directions for information specialists. At the

Annual Conference we will propose a variety of ways to keep up with new research, our competitors, new products, contracts, trends, and forecasts.

This special seminar, coordinated by Judy Hedden and Lynn Ecklund will be presented as a part of the Special Libraries Association Conference in June 1989 in New York. This division program will consist of a panel of vendor and product representatives from major information resource companies such as AIAA, DIALOG,

DTIC, Janes's Information Group, Predicasts, and others, who will provide key speakers to cover the proposed program.

All impacting budgets and their effect on corporate libraries and information centers, including the defense share of the budget proposed by the current administration, are major issues now. Regardless of what happens to the defense budget our companies will have to continue to increase efforts to find other market opportunities and to develop cost-cutting measures. Consequently many functions of the company will be impacted, requiring new products through research and development, planning, new business acquisitions, and increased marketing and sales. This panel will address these issues using a variety of source materials to locate the signposts of the future. It will be increasingly important to maintain a good technological and market position in a very competitive marketplace. This panel will provide examples illustrating companies, technologies, products, programs, and marketing information.

The library budget will also be affected, requiring the information professional to be as up-to-date as possible on the various program options available. The number of databases is growing, and making a good database selection is becoming more difficult. The first step in cutting costs is going directly to the best source. The panel will present ideas for cost effective search techniques for the various databases discussed. Handy tips for precise and efficient information retrieval using effective search strategies should provide other means for reducing costs and keeping you on top of the action.

The above Seminar is free and will provide a unique opportunity for all SLA attendees to hear and see these vendors and producers together on the same panel. A similar concept was very successfully presented during "Defense Day Seminar '88" in Los Angeles and was received with enthusiastic response from both attendees and speakers. One of the most important benefits of this type of forum is that it allows attendees to network and question the people behind the databases.

Watch for details in the SLA Conference Program.

Aerospace Division Membership Announcement

As of November 17th, we currently have 263 members as reported by Membership Chair Lorraine K. Gregoire. You might give a thought

to reaching out to your companies library and information users to encourage new member participation in SLA, for improved communications and bridging the "BAP". New membership fees are \$75.00 for SLA, Division membership \$7.00, and Students \$15.00. Applications may be obtained from and should be mailed to:

Special Libraries Association
Membership Section
1700 18th St., NW
Washington, DC 20009

Membership Relations

It has been brought to my attention that there is interest in services and suggestions that will contribute to advancement within the careers of our membership.

Suggestions for future discussions will be:

1. Preparation of professional resumes
2. Developing library floor plans
3. Organizing for automation
4. How to sell that upgrade
5. Strategies for promoting training and conference attendance
6. Interpersonal relations with in-library staffs
7. Division of tasks in small and large libraries
8. Etc. . . .

We would like to solicit your comments, suggestions and your efforts in making contributions to this essential service to our division membership. I don't envision this to be a large undertaking and can be met by document references or maybe a brief article. Mail your suggestions and recommendations to me. It could be we are looking at a *new* Membership Relations Chair.

Aerospace and Defense Vendors NERAC has consented to sponsor our Open House and Tour at the Conference. Other vendors who host will be announced in the next issue.

Dawn Villere, Chair

Are You Represented by a Union?

Don Welch, librarian of the Logistics Operations Library at Bell Helicopter Textron (in Fort Worth, TX), is interested in polling members of the division to see how many of us are also members of unions. At BHTI, he is in a position covered by the union but is not a mem-

ber, which is legal in Texas. Specifically, Don is interested in strategies for maximizing the benefits/shortcomings of working in a union, either open (as in Texas) or closed. Don is at:

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P. O. Box 482
Log Ops Library, Plant 5S
Fort Worth, TX 76101
(817) 280-6726

Periodicals Holdings Lists

Is there any interest among members in exchanging journals holding lists? Currently, I send out a copy of my journals holdings to libraries that participate in the SLA-Boston chapter union list. I think having holdings lists for libraries in our specific field would prove very useful.

I would be willing to either

1. Send my journals holdings list to anyone who wants it, and hope that other members would reciprocate, or
2. Serve as a clearinghouse for any lists members send in, and would xerox and send out copies to anyone requesting a set.

These are just rudimentary suggestions. If anyone has a better idea, other suggestions, feedback, etc., please call or write me:

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Bulletin Editor Liaison

Stephen Gass has been appointed to serve as Aerospace Division Bulletin Editor Liaison. This informal committee will represent members of the divisions that publish in *Sci-Tech News*. The purpose of the committee is to improve communication and increase continuity among divisions who publish in *Sci-Tech News*. Stephen is librarian at Stanford's Engineering Library and may be reached at the following address:

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Report from the Government Relations Chair:

Responding to a request from NTIS, the Government Relations Chair will serve as liaison for the Aerospace Division to NTIS. Ruth Smith is no longer Director of NTIS Liaison Programs. According to Sandra Rigby, NTIS Director of Sales and Customer Services, the Liaison Programs Director position will be advertised soon and Sandra is "keeping the network alive" in the meantime. Sandra (703) 487-4624 will be happy to respond to questions regarding NTIS processes, products or services. Eireann Carroll, Instructor, (703) 487-4929 is the contact for requests for program speakers and workshops on searching the NTIS database.

Sandy Moltz

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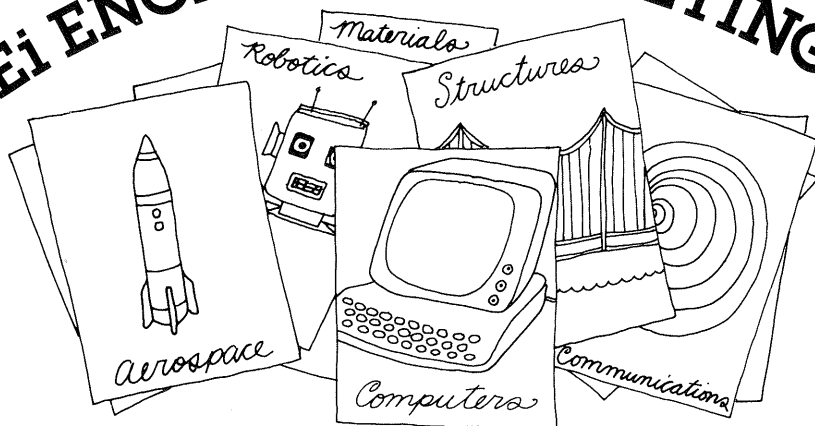
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