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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

Dawn Villere, Chair-Elect, and I represented the Aerospace Division at the SLA Winter Conference, January 27-29, Williamsburg, Virginia. Those in attendance included SLA Board members, Divisional and Chapter Cabinet members, many SLA Committee members, association staff members, and the Virginia chapter. The winter meeting is a time for association business and the annual conference planning is also a major topic. Denver conference plans are finalized here and pre-planning for the New York 1989 meeting also got underway.

By now, you are making your plans to attend the annual SLA meeting in Denver. Here is a quick review of our part of the conference:

Monday, June 13, 10:30-12:30 "How to get it—a guide to acquiring government publications"

Tuesday, June 14, 10:30-12:00 "International Defense Information II—Sources of information for the Department of Defense and aerospace"

Tuesday, June 14, 12:00-2:00 Aerospace Division lunch and business meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2:00-5:00 "Expert systems in libraries"

Wednesday, June 15, 3:00-4:30 "Powerful job descriptions: the Hay plan and information services"

Thursday, June 16, 8:00-3:00 Field trip to Air Force Academy and lunch at Broadmoor

Open houses in our division suite will be handled by Ellie Reiter. The sponsors of our suite are Mead Data Central, AIAA, and IHS. The hours will be 8:00-11:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The location will be the Marriott.

By the time you read this column, the election of new officers for our division will be complete.

Many thanks go to this year's Nominating Committee Chair Sandy Moltz and her committee members Lorraine Bick-Gregoire and Ralph Lewis for their efforts to organize this election.

The *Criss-Cross Directory of NASA-DoD "N" and "AD" Numbers 1979* — is now available for sale at \$55.00 per set. This two volume set, which was described fully in the October issue of this column, has been updated and expanded from the first volume. Make your checks payable to SLA—Aerospace Division and send them to:

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It hardly seems possible that this will be my last Sci-Tech News column as Chair of our Division. The next report you read in this column will be from Dawn Villere, ITT Giffillan Inc., our 1988-89 Division Chair. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Denver.

Veronica Hsu
Chair

Aerospace Division Celebrates 25th Anniversary

January 15, 1988

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Dear Veronica:

On behalf of the Special Libraries Association and its Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate the Aerospace Division as we begin this year of your 25th Anniversary. Your division has made many contributions and provided the excellence of leadership which has helped make the Association a very viable and

visible part of the information community.

May the Aerospace Division have continued success and celebrate many more anniversaries.

With best wishes,

Emily R. Mobley
President

SLA Expresses Concern over Changes in Federal Librarians' Register

Washington, D.C., February 18, 1988 — The Board of Directors of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) recently passed a resolution requesting that the appropriate Congressional committees examine changes made to the Federal Librarians' Register by the Office of Per-

sonnel Management (OPM) and instituted in November 1987.

SLA's resolution states that the new procedures that decentralize the register will "lessen the pool of qualified applicants and lead to confusion."

"OPM made these sweeping changes to the Register without input from the library community," said David R. Bender, SLA Executive Director. "There is nothing in the new arrangement that leads us to believe that this procedure will be any more efficient than previous, unsuccessful attempts to change the Register."

The statement from SLA concluded that, "The Special Libraries Association is opposed to further decentralization by OPM in its employment practices without consultation with the library community."

Copies of SLA's resolution on the Federal Librarian's Register are available by contacting Sandy Morton, Director of Government Relations and Fund Development, SLA, 1700 18th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009 or by calling (202) 234-4700.

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