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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

According to our latest count, there are 277 members in the Aerospace Division. We would like to increase the membership to 300 by the end of 1988. We would also like to encourage increased participation from you who are already members. Working for the division is very exciting and you can make a real contribution to your profession.

It's already time to begin thinking about next year's activities. For starters, the Nominating Committee is in place. The chair is Sandra S. Moltz of General Electric Company. The committee will be seeking candidates for chair-elect and secretary. If you're interested in running for office or if you want to nominate someone who would be an enthusiastic candidate, please contact Sandra at this address:

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Right now, I would like to hear from someone who would be interested, to act as the representative of the Aerospace Division to the Government Relations Committee. The responsibilities are described as follows:

- This individual should have interest and knowledge of legislation and/or government policies which affect special librarians at both the state and federal levels.

- This person serves as Division contact when an important piece of legislation is under consideration by alerting members at the Division level who, in turn, would help government officials better understand the issues before them and the impact these would have upon the library and information community.

- He or she may also be asked to identify "expert witnesses" in the Division who might be asked to prepare a statement or provide information to me on government policies or proposed regulations.

Please contact me by mail or phone as soon as possible:

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Chair

Denver Conference

The theme of the 79th Annual Conference, to be held June 11-16 in Denver, is "Expanding Horizons: Strategies for Information Managers."

The tentative schedule for our division events are:

Sunday

Open House

Monday

Program on technical reports

Open House

Tuesday

Division Luncheon and Business meeting

Joint Program with other divisions on
"Expert Systems"

Open House

Wednesday

AIAA round table discussion

Thursday

Field trip to the Air Force Academy and
luncheon at the Broadmoor Hotel

These programs have not yet been finalized, so if you have any suggestions concerning these activities please contact me immediately. We will be open for comments until the end of this year, so please don't hesitate.

Criss-Cross Directory

Back by popular demand! The *Criss-Cross Directory* — Volume 2 should be coming off the

press this month. For those of you who have depended on the first edition for cross referencing AD - N numbers, Volume 2 promises to be even better. It will continue the cross of AD - N numbers from 1979-1986, as well as continue to cross NASA report numbers to N numbers. In addition, however, Volume 2 will cross N - AD numbers from 1962-1986.

In this technological age, one might ask "Why buy this tool when I can get these numbers from NASA/RECON?" For one thing, the directory saves time. Looking up the number leaves out the ordeal of logging on or waiting to use the terminal if it is already being accessed. Patrons especially appreciate this efficiency when waiting at a counter or on the phone. Another plus is that no online skills are required, thus allowing all levels of staff access to the information.

This has been done at Lockheed in Sunnyvale, CA, prior to the directory. Many years ago, the reports acquisitions librarian kept a card file crossing AD numbers to the N numbers which the library received. Although this was never maintained beyond the AD-900 series, it continued to be used for many subsequent years because it provided quick and easy information.

The *Criss-Cross Directory* provides the logical, efficient solution for this kind of information, thus freeing librarians and computer termi-

nals for more subject related searches.

George Mandel deserves a big THANK YOU for his work with this project. Although he cannot quote a price at the time of this writing, feel free to contact him at the address below for information on how to get your copy.

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Report Code Identification

Another valuable resource which has finally returned, as you are probably aware, is the *Reports Series Codes Dictionary*, 3rd ed., which was edited by Eleanor J. Aronson and is being published by Gale Research Company. It is an update to the SLA publication *Dictionary of Report Series Codes*, 2nd ed., 1973. This valuable tool provides a link between issuing agencies and report codes in an effort to more easily identify technical report literature.

The print and formatting make the new edition easier to access, however, one missing feature is the "see also" references that indicated an organization's name change. Also, sources which may have been prefaced by the governmental parent body, such as Great Britain, are now accessed more directly by the name of the organization itself.

According to Gale Research Company, this dictionary will be updated periodically.

Resource Sharing

"To encourage the free exchange of ideas and information between libraries and librarians who are directly concerned with aerospace technology and related sciences" is one of this division's objectives. How many of us read or think of this as we read the column each issue? Perhaps time requires us to move to the more pressing news. Yet, members of the Aerospace Division are carrying out this objective in various ways.

Through the San Andreas Chapter, Judy Faltz, of Nielsen Engineering and Research, Inc. in Mountain View, CA, founded a local group of Government/Defense Librarians who have

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been meeting for a monthly lunch for the past year. The meetings have ranged from hearing speakers discuss contract administration, procedures for acquiring those hard to find "required" documents, local document delivery services to informal group discussions on DTIC conferences attended, local automated systems, and sources of technical literature. Perhaps the most popular question is not "How do I order that?" but "How do I actually receive the document?" The average lunch includes about 15-20 people, however new faces continue to join and old members reappear.

Another example of sharing resources can be within the formal structure of a company or corporation. Lockheed Corporation established the Lockheed Information Task Force on Technical Information Management to better meet the corporation's growing information needs. Linda Gabriel, supervisor of the Technical Information Center at Lockheed Electronics Company in New Jersey, currently chairs this committee. The main project of the committee at present is to combine various Lockheed company library catalogs into one central database. The end result will allow users to access the collection using menu-driven software as well as provide librarians additional resources within the corporate structure for filling requests. Although the librarians are located across the country from New Jersey to Georgia to California, communication is maintained through teleconference committee meetings and training sessions as well as through the IBM Profs electronic mail system.

All of you are involved in exchanging ideas through networkings to some degree. Perhaps many of you using an invisible network don't think about its unseen structure. You just know "This is what I need and this is who I call."

So whatever type of interactions you're involved in, from highly structured to very informal, please write and share your experiences so that we may include additional examples in the next issue.

SLA Cataloging Committee

The SLA Committee on Cataloging is conducting a survey for the purpose of creating a directory of cataloging librarians. If cataloging is one of your activities, please become a part of this information network by completing the survey. It is available from Dorothy McGarry, Box 117, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1647. *Editor's Note:* The survey ques-

tionnaire is included in this issue of *Sci-Tech News*.

Articles and Ideas are Welcomed

Begin now by getting more involved with the Aerospace Division by submitting your articles, ideas, suggestions and questions for future issues of this column. Remember to send an submission by November 20, and that readers will not see the column until January. Please submit contributions to: Betty Tyson, SV TIC D/90-11 B/106, Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, Inc., P.O. Box 3504, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3504.

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