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Chemistry Division

Sue Cardinal, Chair

The Chemistry Division is concerned with chemistry and chemical technology, and the economics, educational advances, and information handling of developments in the field of chemistry and related subjects.

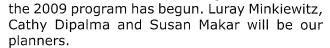
Greetings and Happy New Year!

As I write this, the Chemistry Division Board is preparing for the SLA Leadership Summit in Louisville, KY, from Jan 23 – 26, 2008. At our meeting, we will say goodbye and thank you to the Ad Hoc Committee on Information Literacy and welcome the new Awards Committee.

We will also welcome assistant chairs: Denise Calihan, Mentorship, Judith Currano, Membership, Ted Baldwin, Professional Development, and Sophia Guevara, Webmaster. These brave volunteers will transition into their Chair positions over this year, bringing new ideas and energy. I can't wait to hear about their plans!

I encourage you to attend and participate in the Annual Conference this June in Seattle. Registration is open and Early Bird Registration ends on April 1st. The preliminary program will be published soon. If you've never presented before, the poster session is a great place to start. Our theme is "Collaborative Communities in Physical and Virtual Environments: the

Science Library and Beyond" and the deadline for submission is March 1st. Believe or not, the planning for



Later this year we will update our strategic plan. Although not exciting reading, this document encompasses our core values and provides some direction. Our current plan is located at http://units.sla.org/division/dche/Strategic/index.htm Let me know if you would like to become involved in this process.

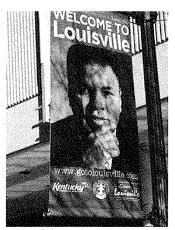
Lastly, we'd like to grow our international membership. We are looking for practical ways to do this so feel free to send any experiences and ideas you'd like to share.

Thank you to all the Chemistry Division volunteers.

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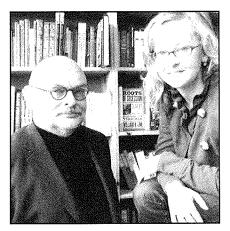
Colonel Sanders was everywhere.



Mohammed Ali welcomed us as well.

Libraries of every type have two common problems:

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Message from the Chemistry Division Chair Elect

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Greetings and a Happy New Year!

As I eagerly wait for the Spring-Summer catalog from one of my favorite department stores that usually arrives on my doorstep near the beginning of January, I am struck with the "lead time" that must be involved with the production of one of these catalogs. This reminds me of the "lead time" needed for planning the SLA Annual Conferences, too!

At the SLA Leadership Summit in Louisville, KY, Jan 23-26, the planning for the 2009 annual conference will officially begin. This will be an especially significant conference since it will mark the 100th Anniversary of SLA.

Your friendly SLA Chemistry Division planners for the 2009 conference are:

Susan Makar, 2009 Conference Planner, susan. makar@nist.gov, Cathy DiPalma, MRM Section 2009 Program Planner, cathy.dipalma@saintgobain.com and Luray M. Minkiewicz, Chair-Elect, luray.m.minkiewicz@usa.dupont.com.

Any of the planners will gladly take your suggestions to make this centennial conference

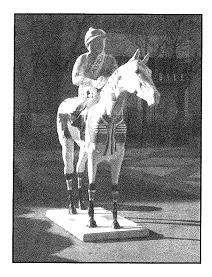
a great one for the Chemistry Division and MRM Section. Let us know what has worked well in the past and what has not.

Although we have many ideas for conference topics that have been generated from past lists, who knows what the next "hot topic" will be 18 months from now!

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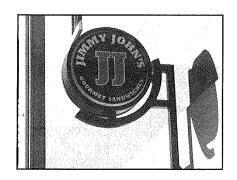
- What is the future of chemical or materials science information? Of chemical or material science librarians/ information professionals?
- Is science becoming even more interdisciplinary and if so, how does that effect our profession?
- Are more narrowly defined subject specialists needed or more generalists?
- Where is e-everything (or everything-e) leading us?
- What is beyond Web 2.0?

So let's all look into our crystal balls and send those ideas our way. •

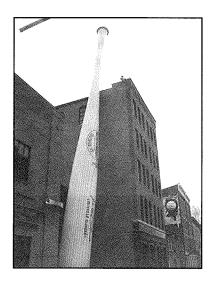


The Kentucky Derby is BIG business in Louisville.

Memories of Louisville SLA Leadership Summit January 2008



Gourmet eats in Louisville.



The Louisville Slugger Museum reception was a home run!