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Aerospace Section

Kathryn Breininger, Chair

The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division encourages communication and cooperation among information professionals concerned with aerospace, aeronautical and related technologies. In addition, it fosters dialog with entities such as NASA, the AIAA and other important sources of technical data and bibliographical services.



Our annual SLA conference will be here before we know it! As a native of the Pacific Northwest, I would like to welcome you to our beautiful region of green forests, blue waters, snow capped mountains, and yes, often gray skies. June is a month of unknown weather, often surprising us with clear crisp blue skies overhead and Mt. Rainier dominating the skyline to the south of Seattle. You will find yourselves asking each other, as we natives do, "Have you seen the mountain this morning?" Come prepared with light rain gear and enjoy the area in spite of what the weather may hold during June!

As in years past, the 2008 program promises to be full of interesting and informative sessions. I would like to highlight a few relative to Aerospace. The Aerospace Section Business Meeting and Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 am. Come have breakfast with us, network with friends old and new, and join us in celebrating with the recipient of the George Mandel Memorial Award.

This year's recipient is Kathy Nordhaus, North Texas Libraries Team Leader, Raytheon Company. Kathy has served in several leadership positions at SLA. She was the Engineering Division Chair from 2002-2004 and Membership Chair in 1999. Kathy is also a member of the Science-Technology Division, where she participated as a conference planner, and the Leadership Management Division of SLA.

Kathy has been involved at a variety of levels within Raytheon during her 27 years there. In addition to being the Team Leader of the North Texas Libraries and managing the North Building Library in Dallas, she is a member of the Knowledge Management & Benchmarking Team as well as the NCS Competitive Intelligence IPT for Raytheon. She is a member of the Raytheon Library Council and, as such, has been actively involved in merging all the library catalogs into one company-wide library catalog. She is a Raytheon Six Sigma Specialist and actively participates in Raytheon's Mentoring Program.

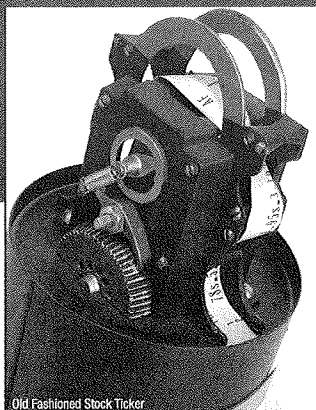
Kathy has received numerous awards and recognitions. She was the recipient of the SLA 2004 Engineering Librarian of the Year Award.

At Raytheon, Kathy was the Team Leader of the Knowledge Representation Team. This team received the Excellence in Information Technology 2003 Corporate IT Award. Kathy was a member of the Optical Society of America's Library Advisory Committee, 1997-2002 and has published articles in Optics and Photonics News. Kathy was also a member of the IEEE Library Advisory Council, 2005-2006. Please join us at the Aerospace Breakfast as she receives her award, and to congratulate her on her achievement!

On Wednesday, June 18th, at 8:00 am, the Aerospace Section will be hosting a session on Aeronautics Then, Now and in the Future. This promises to be an inspiring talk about the history and future of aeronautics, with a look at how the past has influenced the present and will inspire the future. Our speaker is Dr. Michael Garrett, the Director of Airplane Performance at The Boeing Company. Mike received the 2007 School of Engineering and Applied Science Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Virginia. He received his Bachelor's degree in 1979, and in 1997 graduated from the Executive Program of the Darden School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia.

Dr. Garrett began his career as an engineer at Douglas Aircraft Division of McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach, CA, working on aerodynamics, noise, weights, propulsion, fuels, and systems engineering. He moved to Seattle in 1998 and became the airplane performance and propulsion director for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, and in 1999 he became the Chief Project Engineer for the next-generation 737 program. In 2001 Mike was named the Director of Marketing Management for airplane programs, has been the Director of Engineering for the Fabrication Division in Auburn, WA, and is now Director for Airplane Configuration, Integration and Performance.

If you will be staying through Thursday, we would like to encourage you to join the tour we're co sponsoring with the Engineering Division to the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, the Boeing Assembly Plant and the Future of
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I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference, in the sessions and at the various events at SLA. ❖

Kathryn Breining
Chair, Aerospace Section



George Mandel Memorial Award

We appreciate the ongoing support of Dr. David Mandel (George Mandel's son) and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for their support of the George Mandel Memorial Award. This award provides support to Aerospace Section members to attend and participate in the SLA Annual Conference or educational opportunities. George Mandel was a member of the aerospace community for 30 years and served as the Chief of the Technical Information Services Division of the NASA Lewis Research Center.

He worked as project chair for the compilation and publishing of the NASA N numbers to DOD AD numbers. The George Mandel Memorial Award was established to preserve the goals of the Aerospace Section and the importance of pursuing personal development through participation in professional organizations.

The 2008 George Mandel Memorial Award winner is Kathy Nordhaus. See more about Kathy in the Aerospace Chair's message. ❖

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The members of the Engineering Division thank all of our vendor partners for their generous sponsorship of the Division's program for the 2008 SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO. It is only with the assistance of our vendor partners that the Division is able to provide our members – and nonmembers – with quality programs and receptions.

Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) is helping to sponsor the two CE courses the Division is offering this year, "Defense Information for the Research Community" and "Defense Information for All". Visit the good folks of **DTIC** at their Booth Table Top when you are in the Exhibit Hall.

The "Engineering Division 40th Anniversary Celebration and Business Meeting" is being sponsored by **AIAA** (Booth 1008), **Morgan & Claypool** (Booth 1024), and **Thomson Scientific** (Booth 610). Visit with the reps at the reception and at their booths.

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The "All Sciences Poster Session and Reception" is being hosted by five divisions. The vendor partners assisting the Engineering Division with sponsorship are **SPIE Digital Library** (Booth 449) and **Knovel** (Booth 1533). Their reps will be at the reception.

Linda Hall Library is sponsoring the session on "Aeronautics Then, Now and in the Future". Visit with them at Booth 349 to learn about all their resources.

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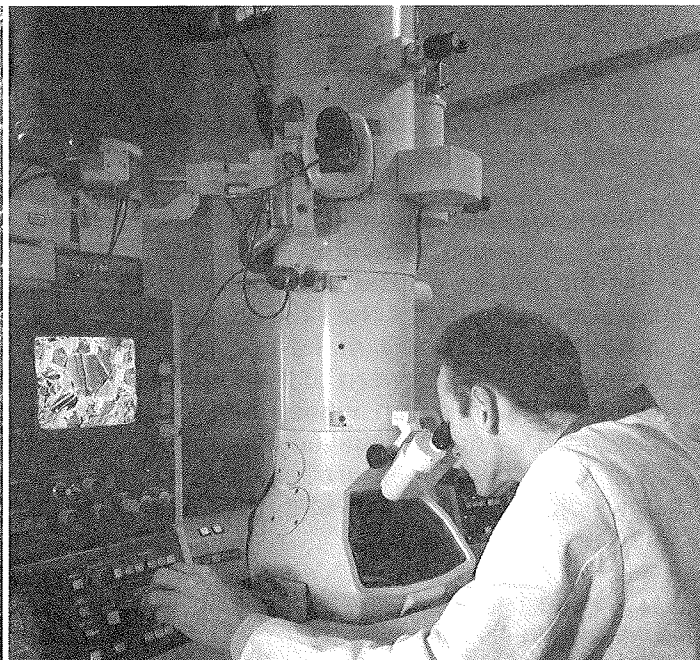
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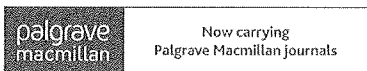


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