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Science-Technology Division Christine Whitaker, Chair

The objectives of the Science-Technology Division shall be to draw together those members of the Special Libraries Association having an interest in the role of library and information science as applied to the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in all areas of science and technology, and to promote and improve the communication, dissemination and use of such knowledge for the benefit of libraries and their users.



Time is really moving quickly this year, and I am grateful to all the Science and Technology Division (DST) folks who have helped me keep up with Chair duties and conference planning activities. We have a great group of leaders in this Division, and I want to encourage you to join us in shaping the activities of the Division in the coming year.

The Leadership Summit in Louisville was an interesting and informative meeting. There was an update on the alignment project, and we saw a preview of the new AMS membership database, which will make our jobs so much easier! Looking forward to the SLA centennial, we brainstormed on what units could do to celebrate. Another challenging session was a "Remembering the Future" exercise designed to envision the future and identify steps to move us toward that vision.

Louisville is a river town and cold in January, but we were willing to walk the streets (and skywalks) for the local reception. Former DST Chair James Manasco and the Louisville Chapter threw a good party at the Louisville Slugger Museum, where baseball bats are made. We saw bats being hand-turned on a lathe and learned some baseball history.

The DST Board met in Louisville and discussed several topics. Our Division budget for 2008 was presented by treasurer Cheryl Hansen, and after discussion was accepted. I am happy to report that Division finances remain healthy. Ann Koopman presented a draft revision of DST's Recommended Practices. Revisions were made to reflect changes in some committee responsibilities as approved at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Editorial changes which provide uniformity in the descriptions of Committees were made, and dates changed to reflect our new fiscal year. The revisions were accepted, with thanks to Ann for her good work. Changes to the Strategic Plan which were discussed in 2007 were reviewed, and the plan is now approved. The new documents are available on the DST web page.

DST Leadership has had ongoing discussions of how to make our web page more valuable

to members. One idea we are initiating is posting job openings, so hurry and get your position descriptions to Anna Ren. We want our site to be a good resource for members, not just a depository for documents. Please let us know how we can make that happen by sharing good ideas and tips.

Let us know when you have "done good". We want to get to know more of our members, so please share your accomplishments in SciTech News (STN). Send Susan Shepherd (sushepherd@ucsd.edu) career milestones, publications, appointments, awards, etc.

By now most of us have made plans for the Annual Meeting in Seattle June 14-18. The DST Program Planning Committee has a great roster of programs again this year. Programs such as Contributed Papers, Science and Technology Resources 101, the shared academic roundtable, and computer science roundtable, are all back by popular demand. The Science of Coffee continues our presentation of fun science topics.

New programs this year are the first ever Institutional Repositories Roundtable, the Citation Tracking and Analysis session, with vendor update, and the Alternative Fuels session, led by the transportation Division. Don't forget our new CE offering on Sunday, Science Information Literacy for Non-Scientists. Our poster session is part of a new combined event on Tuesday night, the All Sciences Poster Session and Reception. This evening event will allow you to view posters from several divisions, while celebrating with refreshments! The perfect answer for members of multiple divisions. We will once again enjoy Science Fiction Night on Monday with the ITE folks, featuring local writers, and a great mystery guest.❖

See you all there!
Christine

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2008 Science-Technology and Engineering Divisions Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award Winner - Debal Chandra Kar

Debal Chandra Kar is a recognized leader in the library community in India, one of the largest library communities in the world. He has had a remarkable 20 year career with significant accomplishments as a library director, scholar, educator, author, conference organizer, government advisor and technical expert for India's library and information sector.

The Board and members of the Asian Chapter recognized his ability soon after he joined the Asian Chapter. Since joining the Asian Chapter, Debal has taken an active leadership role. He was elected to the Asian Chapter Board as Secretary in 2005-2006 and as President-elect in 2007. He assumed his role of President in February 2008.

He has already left an indelible mark on the Asian Chapter. He conceived of and organized the Chapter's first significant event, a major conference held in India on IT Applications in Special Libraries in December 2005, which brought together 250 library professionals, twice the number that was anticipated. As soon as that conference was over, Debal began planning the Chapter's next conference, held in February 2007 in New Delhi, on Benchmarking and Best Practices in Special Libraries. Again, the conference brought together a much larger than expected audience of 300 including many of New Delhi's most prominent librarians. Even Linda Broussard, SLA's Chief Community Officer flew to New Delhi to represent SLA Headquarters and to give a presentation at the conference.

Debal is now working closely with Asian Chapter members in the city of Pune, just outside of Bombay, to help them to organize a one day workshop in early 2008. Debal is also leading a large planning committee to organize what will be the Asian Chapter's, and likely one of Asia's largest, library related conferences in 2008. This conference is expected to bring together an international audience of nearly 1,000

information professionals to discuss a broad range of topics including Information Resources and Services, Information Society, Information Communication and Technologies, Information Objects and Products, Information and Business, and LIS Education, Training & Research.

Aside from Debal's contribution to the Asian Chapter as the principal organizer of major events, he has written articles for the Asian Chapter newsletter; organized the printing and distribution of Asian Chapter newsletters, raised funds to support the conferences, established ties with other special library associations in Asia, written publicity materials for the Asian Chapter, recruited many new members, produced minutes of the Asian Chapter's meetings, greeted Asian Chapter members who were visiting India, and promoted SLA and the Asian Chapter within India and also at other events in Asia.

Debal is considered one of India's top science and technology information professionals, and works in one of India's most prominent science and technology think tanks. His boss for the last 20 years, Dr. RK Pachauri, who heads TERI and also the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, won this year's Nobel Peace Prize along with Al Gore. (From the nomination by Scott Davidson, President, SLA Asian Chapter)

The Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award, sponsored by the Science-Technology and Engineering Divisions, is presented to a librarian outside of the United States and Canada. The purpose of the award is to provide an opportunity for a librarian outside of the United States and Canada to attend the annual Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference. The award will cover conference registration, lodging and airfare, up to and not exceeding USD2,000. The SLA annual conference will be held in Seattle, WA., USA, June 15-18, 2008.❖



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S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award Winner - Betsy Ronan Herzog

Betsy Ronan Herzog is currently a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. She currently holds two internships: at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and at IntraHealth International. She will graduate in May 2008.

she provided reference services about the collection, the catalog and multidisciplinary electronic resources, conducted workshops for Art History graduate students on non-art resources, supervised undergraduate assistants, assisted with circulation and provided website maintenance.

At the Kenan Institute in Asia in Thailand, Betsy was a web development intern from May 2007-July 2007. She worked in rural Thailand designing a website for the Phang Nga Tourist Association, an organization of local businesses in the tsunami-devastated town of Khao Lak. She collaborated with the organization's leaders to create a web development plan based on their needs and resources, provided instruction to local business owners, on how to develop commercial websites.

From July 2005-July 2006, Betsy was a teacher in the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) in Okayama, Japan. She was an assistant English language teacher in a public school in rural Japan. Her responsibilities included classroom management, curriculum development, student evaluations, and supervising English club activities.

Betsy was a research fellow at the Sloane Art Library, University of Carolina, Chapel Hill, from January 2007-May 2007. In this position,

The S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award is offered to a library school student or first time conference attendee. It offers a \$750 award to be used toward expenses of attending the SLA Annual Conference in Seattle, WA, USA June 2008.❖



S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend Award Winner -Gail Stebbins

Gail Stebbins is an MLIS candidate at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, She is graduating in April 2008, and plans to attend her first SLA conference this year.

the Bevier Engineering Library, University of Pittsburgh. This field placement will involve the delivery of library instruction to engineering students; creating Adobe Captivates videos as instruction aids, and answering reference questions.

She is currently President of SLAPSG, the SLA chapter for the Pittsburgh Student group. Gail was their webmaster last semester (<http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/slapsq>.) With her help, they have significantly increased interest in the chapter and in SLA by presenting programming that highlights career opportunities for special librarians. She is also the Student Relations Chair for the Pittsburgh SLA chapter. Currently the student group has the responsibility of keeping a list of student field placement possibilities, and, along with the SLA faculty liaison, Gail is working to transfer ownership of that list to the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Science administration.

From July 2000-May 2005, Gail was a Congressional Staffer at the Office of Congressman Tom Lantos, San Mateo, CA. This position required her to answer legislative reference questions and retrieve government documents for constituents. She was also called upon to evaluate and purchase equipment and negotiate maintenance contracts. She also had to install computer hardware and software. Overlapping with this position, from Oct 2002-May 2005, Gail was also a Webmaster/Independent consultant.

Her professional experience will include a field placement, from September – December 2008, in reference services and library instruction at

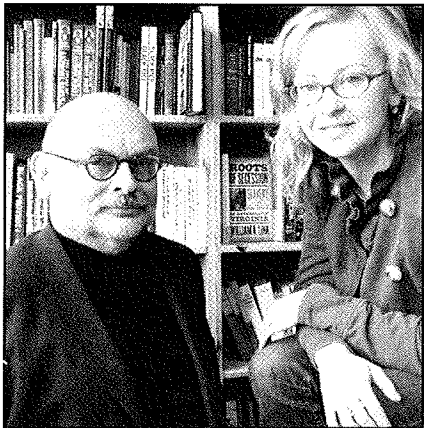
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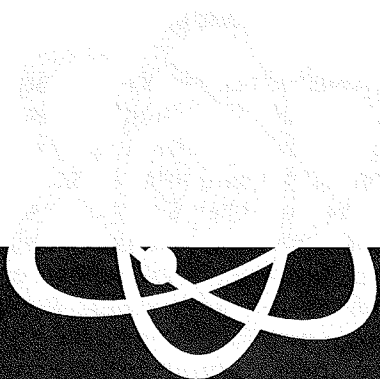
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2008 Sci-Tech Division Achievement Award Winner - Anna Ren

Anna Ren is the Head of Public Services and Engineering Library at Northwestern University, Seeley G. Mudd Library for Science-Engineering.

She has been the web master for the Science-Technology Division for almost 4 years. Her initial responsibilities included designing and creating a new website for the Sci-Tech Division and migrating the old pages and files from the Louisiana State University server to the SLA Headquarters' server. On-going activities include adding new content, answering members' questions regarding the site, keeping the site current, and working with the SLA Headquarters to make sure access is available 24/7. New content added in 2007 included a new page that lists library job openings. In support of the award nominations, to be announced and awarded at the 2008 Annual conference in Seattle, Anna provided very complete and user friendly "webforms" for all 4 of our Sci-Tech Division Awards. This was a great improvement for the nomination process.

Anna has been the Manager of the Listserv for the Division since 1997. In 1997 she successfully moved the listserv from the Louisiana State University Library server to Northwestern University Library server. During the last ten years, she has maintained the listserv and handled members' inquiries. At the request of the Division Chair, she also created a listserv for the Division board members.

Anna has been the Sci-Tech Division's Chair of the Communications Committee since 2006, and was Chair of the Sci-Tech Division's Networking Committee from 1997-2005. Her publications include the following:

Michaelson, Robert C., Ren, Anna Wu and Roth, Dana L. (2007) *Science and Engineering Serials: Issues and Challenges in the Electronic Environment*. In: Perspectives on Serials in the Hybrid Environment. ALCTS Papers on Library Technical Services and Collections (15). American Library Association, Chicago, IL, pp.37-52

Blosser, J. Lightman, H. McHugh, W. A. Ren, A. (2001) *Aggregator Service Evaluation: Not an Easy Comparison* SERIALS LIBRARIAN VOL 41; PART 1/REV, pages 65-78

The Sci-Tech Achievement Award is the highest annual award presented by the Science-Technology Division and is reserved for those recipients whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to scientific and technical librarianship. The purpose of the award is to recognize those Division members who have made outstanding contributions to the Division and/or to the literature of science and technology librarianship in the past 1 to 5 years. The \$750 award is presented annually, with a corresponding scroll describing the reason for the award.❖



Sci-Tech Division and European Chapter Student Travel Stipend Award Winner - Hanna Lewin

Hanna Lewin is currently a student at the University College London and will graduate in 2008. She is presently working at the National Collaborating Centre for Acute Care (contracted by NICE) to produce guidelines. She has been there since September 2007. Her duties include developing complex search strategies in response to clinical questions, searching a range of biomedical databases, managing multiple reference databases and training colleagues to use them effectively, and searching for and obtaining documents for systematic review teams.

From June 2007-September 2007, Hanna worked as a Senior Library Assistant at a Public Services Help Desk, at the Central Library,

Imperial College of London. She also worked at Westminster University, April 2006-June 2007, as an Information Assistant on Sundays.

Hanna was employed at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain from September 2005-June 2007 as a Library Assistant. She was the first point of contact for enquiries by telephone, email and letter for the Society's 45,000 members. In addition, she conducted research using evaluated websites, print resources and databases; was liaison with Public Relations and legal teams; provided information about the work of the Society; produced user guides in print and for the web; and collated monthly enquiry statistics and contributed information for the library bulletins.

At Royal Holloway, University of London, from September 2004-September 2005, Hanna performed the duties of a Graduate Trainee Information Assistant.

Her professional and personal interests include:

- An associate member of CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) since 2004
- Student representative of CILIP's London branch of its Career Development Group since May 2007, helped organise a student conference in Nov 2007
- Member of ARLIS (Art Library Society) since 2005, having a personal interest in artists' books

- Member of Philosophy for All since 2006, a group encouraging debate between professionals and non-professionals in philosophy
- Supporter of HIV/AIDS charity Crusaid by raising money via their yearly 10K Walk for Life since 2004

Offered jointly by the Science Technology Division and the European Chapter SLA, this travel stipend is awarded to a current European library and information science (LIS) student to attend, for the first time, an SLA conference. This joint award of \$2,000 USD will reimburse costs of attendance at the 2008 SLA Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington, USA, from June 15-18, 2008.❖



The Science and Technology Division Welcomes Our New Members

Ms. Alyssa Strouse
Washington, DC

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Westfield, NJ

Ms. Katie Dunn
Folsom Library
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JOIN US! Annual Diversity Breakfast at SLA 2008 Seattle

7:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 17th, (Location TBA)
SLA Ticket Event #720 - Cost is \$25

"Diversity Work(s): Breaking Rules, Building Bridges"

Invited Speaker: Clara Chu, Associate Professor, UCLA Department of Information

Diversity is that space where conditions deemed as differences are edged and become the cause for celebration, innovation, adaptation, or in the worse case scenario, subjugation and suppression. How do special libraries address these differences and transform them into opportunities for innovation, creative problem solving and enhanced productivity? This talk will explore breaking rules and building bridges, the theme of the SLA conference, in order to address diversity, equity and change in special librarianship.

Dr. Clara M. Chu is an Associate Professor at the UCLA Department of Information Studies, and an affiliated faculty member at the UCLA Department of Asian American Studies. She specializes in the social construction of

information systems, institutions, and access in order to understand the usage of and barriers to information in multicultural communities. As a Peruvian-born, Chinese Canadian American, her transnational and ethnic minority experiences provide her a distinctive and critical lens to examine information issues, to learn with students, and to inform professional practice. She serves on the editorial boards of various information and Asian Pacific American journals, including *Library Quarterly*, *AAPI Nexus Journal* and *Amerasia Journal*. She was recipient of the 2002 American Library Association Equality Award and was named a 2005 Library Journal Mover & Shaker, which recognizes people who are shaping the future of libraries.

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Presented by: SLA Science-Technology Division and the Diversity Leadership Development Program Committee❖

Celebrating John and Jean Z. Piety

Jean and John Piety have been contributing to SLA Divisions and activities, and indeed to the field of librarianship, for over 50 years. As a fledgling technical librarian many years ago, I received my first insights into the complex world of industry standards from Jean, both at the SLA Standards update session and from her sage individual advice.

The Pietys have always had advice and opinions, often delivered in a wry manner by John, at Science-Technology Division board meetings. They were active participants both in the discussions and in conference activities.

Jean joined John in retirement this year. As she wrote to me "This is my 50th year in SLA and in the SciTech Division. John and I met in 1975 at a Govt Docs luncheon at the SLA annual conference in Chicago - good lunch, good speaker, good results - we were married Jan 1, 1979."

Since Jean has already been profiled (and celebrated) in the December 2007 issue of the SwetsWord Customer newsletter, we received permission to reprint that column. She also kindly sent me her thank you letter to the Cleveland Public Library, and I include it below as a further example of the high regard of her colleagues (and of Jean's graciousness) -- Susan Fingerma, Editor.

Jean Z. Piety Celebrates 50 Years at the Cleveland Public Library!

Reprinted with permission from SwetsWord, December 2007, Swets

In August 2007, Jean Z. Piety officially celebrated 50 years of service at the Cleveland Public Library (CPL). Jean currently serves as Manager of the Science and Technology Department--one of the largest subject departments in CPL. She has held this position since 1980.

In addition to serving at CPL, Jean has written articles in *Science and Technology Libraries* and *Library Hi-Tech News*, as well as lectured on areas covering science and technology, environmental issues, running a large department within a public library, and locating historical industrial standards. She serves as Archivist for the Cleveland Technical Societies Council, a consortium in the Greater Cleveland area, which presented her with its Visionary Award in 2002. Jean is also active in SLA (Special Libraries Association) and a member of ASIST (American Society for Information Science and Technology) and SES (Standards Engineering Society).

Career at CPL

Jean joked that, "My career started in elementary school when the school librarian elected me to help straighten the bookshelves." Her professional career at CPL began in 1957, when she was hired as a librarian for \$4,000 per year. This marked the International Geophysical Year and the beginning of the space age, and as a result, her career focused on the challenges surrounding science and technology. Growing interest in environmental concerns in the early

1970's also led to a grant for CPL to organize its Environmental Resources Center. Jean was assigned to run the center, and she later integrated the resources into the appropriate subject departments when the grant ceased.

Changes Over 50 Years

Jean has seen many changes in equipment and improvements in service during her career. She noted that interest in charging for extensive research in the mid 1970's changed the library world, with some academic and public libraries pursuing the idea--CPL was one. As a result, she was asked to start a "Facts for a Fee" service that utilized a General Electric Terminet computer with a cradled telephone, as well as search results that arrived by snail mail. She also observed that the huge size of collections in recent years, as compared to 1957, reflect the information explosion that has accompanied the digital age

Jean will retire from CPL on January 31, 2008, but will continue [to] serve for her 50th year in the SciTech Division of SLA. [Ed note: this is only a portion of the bio Jean sent to Swets. If you would like the entire text, please email Susan Fingerma]

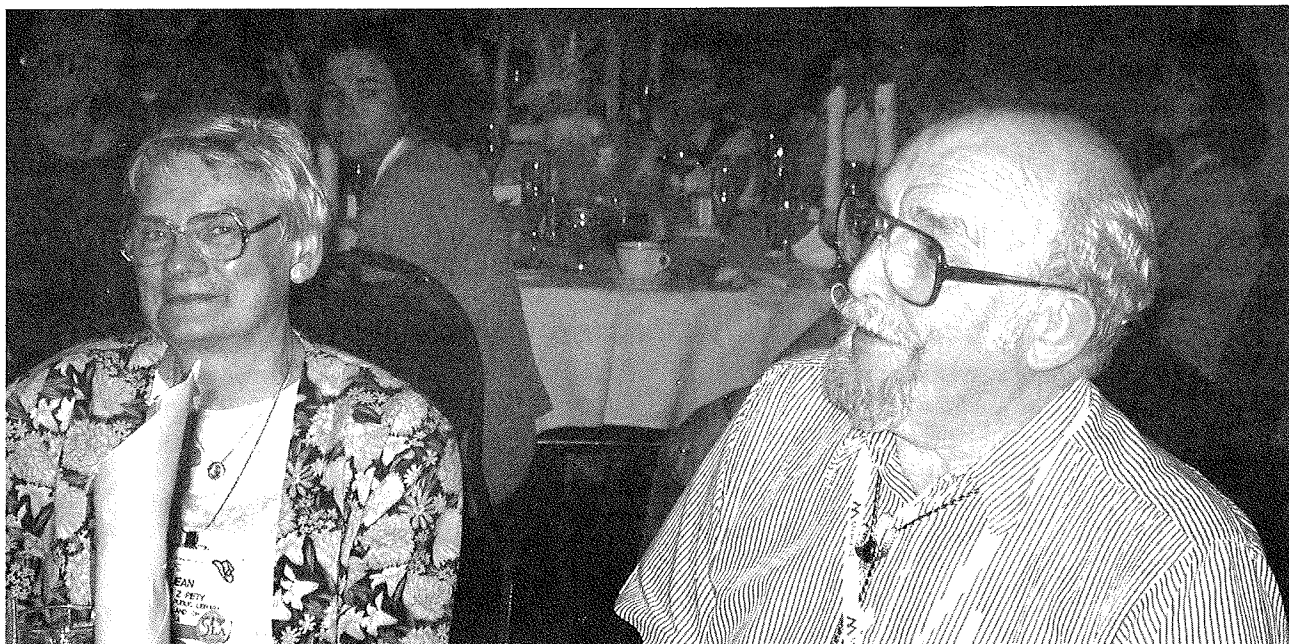
From her Retirement Party thank you note:

What a party! What an evening! More than 100 shared the celebration that the Science and

Technology Staff organized for my retirement at Nighttown, January 25, 2008. It was truly delightful. We arrived in a limo (all of 2+ miles, very smooth) to greet all of you. Time was truly too short, but the highlights of the evening included George Diehl dedicating a piece on the piano to me. Then I read a poem about my retirement written by Thelma Morris, retired manager of the Social Sciences Department. Debbie Hajzak emceed the festivities by giving me the thoughtful cards and lovely gifts, including a photographic collection of CPL memories and the fountain for the back yard garden (designed last year by Lesley Scott who did the garden at CPL's Library for the Blind and Physical Handicapped). Then Debbie presented the Quilt, designed by my talented staff, representing science and

technology subjects, with the squares placed in the Library of Congress shelf list order (with one or two out of place, for there is usually a book or two misshelved). Jim Shanklin, as President of the Cleveland Technical Societies Council, read the text from the Visionary Award plaque I received from CTSC in 2002. Holly Carroll, CPL Deputy Director, continued with more kind words. Over the din of the restaurant, I concluded with inadequate thanks for the appreciation you all have shown for my 50 years at the Library and the fun that I have had in knowing all of you – staff, patrons, associates, and friends. It was truly a memorable event and I appreciated it.

Thanks for the memories.
Jean Z. Piety



Jean Z. and John Piety at the IT Division's 50th Anniversary celebration in San Antonio -- SLA 2001

**Science and Technology Division Programs
2008 Annual Meeting
Seattle, Washington, June 14-18, 2008**

Sunday, June 15

11:00 – 12:30

Newcomers' Brunch – (by invitation)

1:00 – 4:00

Science Information Literacy for Non-Scientists
(ticketed)

1:00 – 2:30

Sci-Tech Board meeting

Monday, June 16

7:00 – 8:30

Annual Division Business and Awards Meeting
(ticketed)

9:00 – 10:30

The Science of Coffee

1:30 – 2:30

Who Cited Whom and Where? Citation
Tracking & Analysis

2:30 – 3:00

Vendor Update: Scopus, Web of Science,
Eigenfactor

3:30 – 5:00

Science & Engineering Resources 101:
Nanotechnology and Aerospace

9:00 – Midnight

Science Fiction Night Open House

Tuesday, June 17

7:00 – 8:30

Annual DLDP Diversity Breakfast (ticketed)

9:00 – 10:30

Alternative Fuels

11:00 – 12:30

Computer Science Roundtable

3:15 – 4:45

Sci-Tech and Engineering Contributed Papers

7:00 – 9:00

All Sciences Poster Session and Reception

Wednesday, June 18

8:00 – 9:30

Institutional Repositories Roundtable

12:15 – 1:45

DST and DBIO Academic Roundtable with box
lunch (ticketed)



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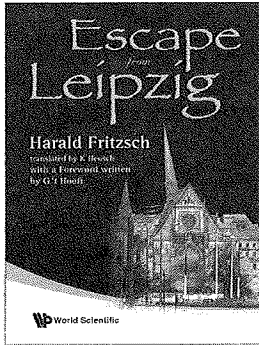
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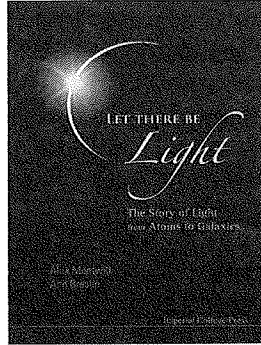




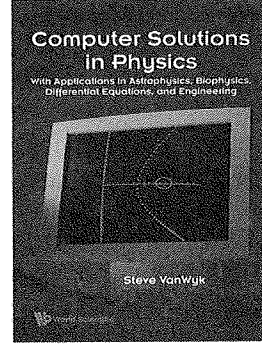
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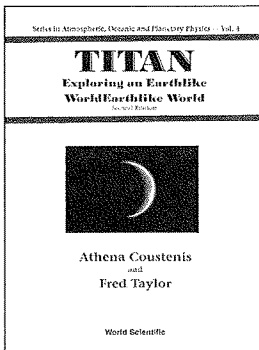
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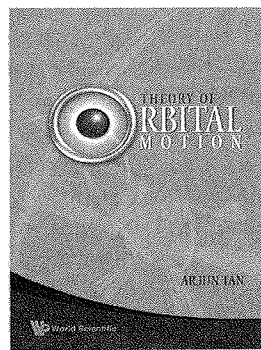
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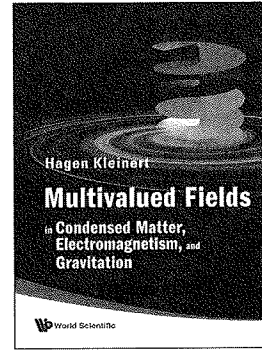
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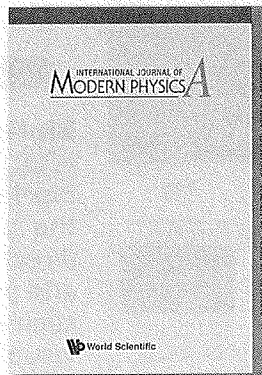
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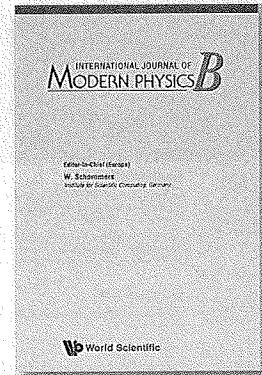
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