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This issue provides prologue information to the SLA Denver Annual Conference. As usual the Conference is frustratingly chock full of dozens of interesting concurrent sessions and continuing education courses. And this is just from our Divisions!

The good news is that SLA plans to audiotape, in MP3 format for Web distribution, as many sessions as possible, depending on speaker agreement. Many presentations are also generally available on the division websites after the conference, but they can be very hit or miss and involve a lot of legwork to obtain.

We hope to have many session reports in the August issue, along with pictures of your colleagues conducting meetings, winning awards, and having a good time relaxing and networking. Please consider this a call for session reporters, and contact me with the sessions you would like to cover. Reports can be brief, as long as the main points of the session are covered.

It's been interesting and instructive for me to attend two other conferences recently and compare and contrast them with SLA. One, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference held in Baltimore in March-April, was just as frenetic as the SLA conference. Dozens of poster sessions competed with concurrent sessions, hundreds of exhibits, vendor update presentations, and the cleverly titled "Cyber Zed Shed" presentations. The conference planners proudly proclaimed record attendance of 3000, but all the activity made it seem like a lot more. I came away from this conference with a sense of the energy and innovation in our profession as we keep up with, and in many cases go ahead of, our current and future customers. The proceedings, which contain only a sampling of the papers, can be reviewed and purchased at http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=2332.

The second meeting was for a much different audience on a very focused topic that relates to some of our work here at the Lab, human systems integration. The Human Systems Integration Symposium was sponsored by several organizations, including the Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers, Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, and my employer, the

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. It was held in March in Annapolis, Maryland. It too had concurrent sessions grouped under various subject tracks, but there were only 3 sessions per time period. The third and last day had only a keynote luncheon speaker, and AM and PM general sessions. Much less frustrating, and the full proceedings have been published, along with technical papers, at the Symposium site. If you're interested in the topic, with a heavy military focus, go to http://www.navalengineers.org/Events/HSIS2007/HSIS2007Proceedings.html.

I look forward to the time when SLA either provides a CD of the conference proceedings, or a consolidated Web page, perhaps at the very least with links to each Division conference page.

This issue also contains news of an award won by my predecessor, Bonnie Osif, for her recently published book on Using the Engineering Literature. I for one plan to purchase it for my library. Congratulations Bonnie.

From SLA, news that Click U is also providing us with more learning opportunities, this time for free.

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I also would like to hear from those interested in being a selector for the Book News Reviews section. My idea is to have someone from a different discipline or type of library for each quarter. I believe that would help balance the subjects and the books chosen for inclusion. Hope to hear from you, or please see me in Denver. I'll be at most of the Business Meetings, camera in hand.❖

See you in Denver.
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