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Engineering Division

Kathy Nordhaus, Chair



The objectives of the Engineering Division are to provide an association for those having an interest in library and information science as they apply to engineering and the physical sciences and to promote the use of materials and knowledge for the benefit of libraries and other educational organizations.

Well, 2006 is rapidly coming to a close and this is my last column as Chair of the Engineering Division.

It takes a lot of people to run a Division. Therefore, I would like to thank all of our Division Cabinet Officers for agreeing to hold their office for 18 months: Bob Tolliver, Secretary and Discussion List Chair; Mary Steiner, Past Chair and Nominations Chair; Cheryl Hansen, Membership Chair; Marcia Rodney, Aerospace Chair; Janifer Holt, Director and Awards Chair; Gale Harris, Government Relations Chair; Suzanne Cristina, Treasurer; Randy Reichardt, Standards Chair; Michael White, Professional Development Chair; Bonnie Osif, Archivist and Mentoring Chair; Daureen Nesdill, ASEE Engineering Libraries Division Liaison; Susan Fingerman, STN Editor; Jackie Florimonte, Vendor Relations Chair; and Jeanne Trimble, Web Editor. Unfortunately, we had two officer positions to fill during the past year due to resignations. I want to thank Bob Tolliver for stepping up as Chair-Elect and Amy Smith for stepping up as Aerospace Chair-Elect.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jeanne Trimble for all her work editing the Division web pages. Due to job reassignment, Jeanne will no longer be editing the web pages. Our new web editor is Vani Inampudi from the University of California at San Diego. Welcome, Vani.

I would also like to thank the Awards Committees for all their work. As you know, the Engineering Division gives out three awards – the Elsevier/Engineering Division Engineering Librarian of the Year Award, the Inspec Travel Stipend Award and the IEEE/Engineering Division Continuing Education Award. All awards take a lot of work behind the scenes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janifer Holt, Awards Chair and her committees: Bette Finn, Joan Dubis, Bing Wang, Penny Sympton and Yolanda Maloney. They have put a lot of time and effort into selecting the 2006 winners. Please be watching for announcements for the 2007 awards.

I am especially proud of the fact that we were able to provide a new award this year – the IEEE/Engineering Division Continuing Education Award. This award is to assist one of our division members in attending a CE Course at the conference. I am also so happy that we will be able to co-sponsor the Bonnie Hilditch International Science-Technology Division Librarian Award with the Sci-Tech Division. This award will help supplement the costs of bringing an international member to the conference.

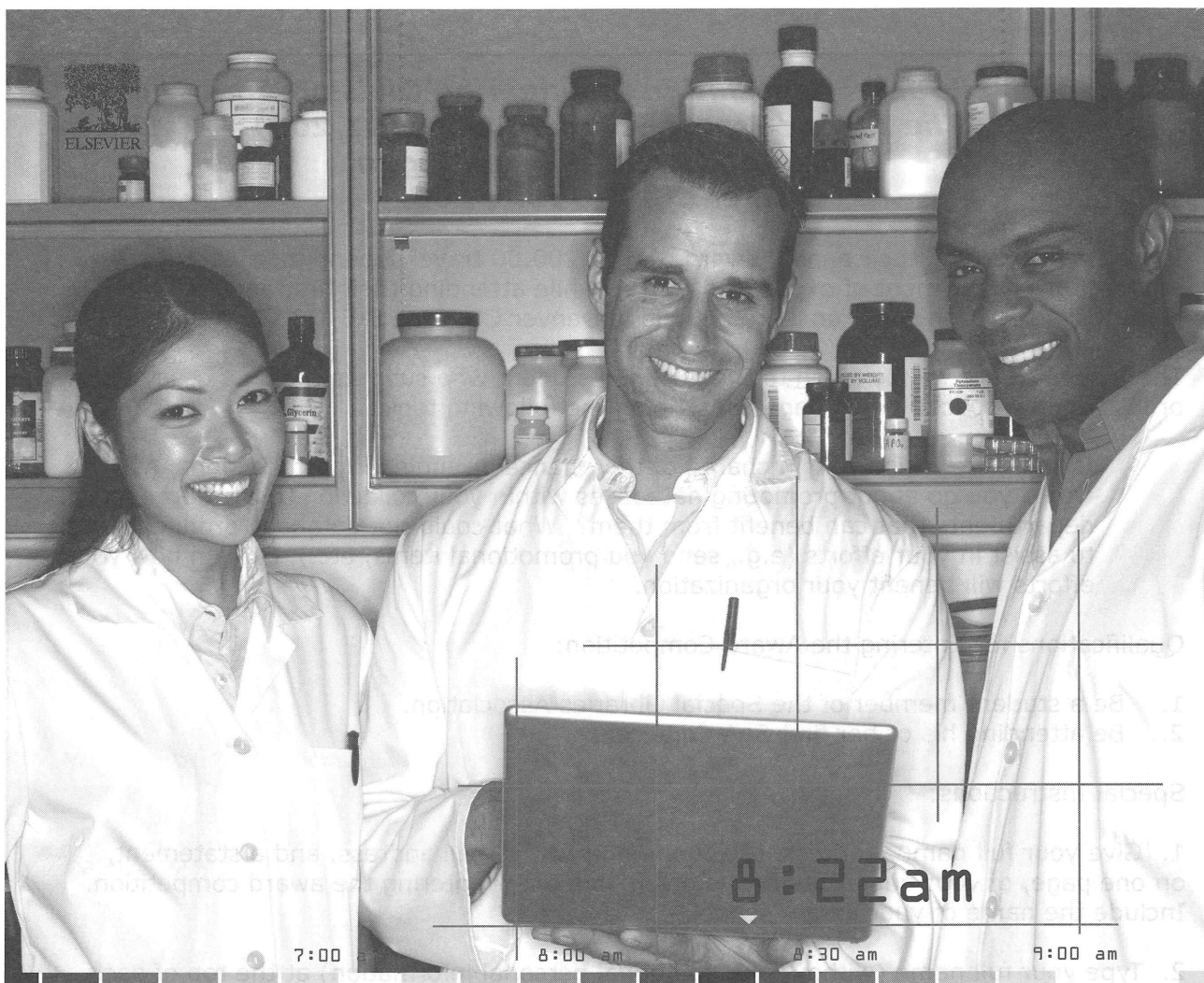
I would like to thank all the members who volunteered for all the Task Forces and who volunteered whenever asked. To those of you who were moderators and speakers and those of you who ended up being my sounding board – a Big Thank You!

The 2007 conference is already shaping up to be a great one. Former Vice President Al Gore is slated to be our Keynote Speaker. Bob Tolliver, incoming Chair-Elect, and Amy Smith, incoming Aerospace Chair-Elect, are putting together a great slate of programs. If any Division members would like to volunteer to help Bob with the conference, please let him know.

If you have an opportunity, please consider attending the 2007 Leadership Summit in Reno, Nevada. This is always a great conference with classes to hone leadership skills and training for incoming officers. I will officially pass the slide rule to Bob in Reno!

Most of all, I want to thank all the members of the Division for this great opportunity. I am honored to have served as the Engineering Division Chair. I wish Bob Tolliver, incoming Chair, and the 2007 Board a lot of luck!❖

Regards,
Kathy
Engineering Division Chair



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***Special Libraries Association Engineering Division Announces
The Inspec Travel Stipend Award (\$1,200)
For the SLA Annual Meeting in
Denver CO, 3-6 June 2007***

Inspec is sponsoring their annual award of a \$1,200.00 travel stipend for a library school student toward payment of expenses incurred while attending their first annual Special Libraries Association conference, to be held in Denver CO, June 3-6, 2007.

The Inspec Award will be given to the qualified student who submits the best essay of three or less double-spaced typed pages describing the following topic:

If you were a Librarian in charge of the science or engineering collections, how would you go about promoting databases within your collection to the appropriate departments that can benefit from them? What could the database producers do to assist in your efforts (e.g., send you promotional items, etc.). Explain how your efforts will benefit your organization.

Qualifications for Entering the Award Competition:

1. Be a student member of the Special Libraries Association.
2. Be attending his or her first SLA Conference.

Special Instructions:

1. Give your full name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and a statement, on one page, of your qualifications, as given above, for entering the award competition. Include the name of your library school.
2. Type your full name (without any additional personal information) at the top of each essay page. Double space the typing on all pages.

Deadline for Submission: **March 1**

The recipient of the Inspec Award will be notified by April 1.

Submit entries for the award to:

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SLA Connections

If you haven't been reading your SLA Connections emails lately, you might want to start. Aside from getting the latest on SLA HQ information, Connections editors act as an alerting system to articles relating to our profession and industry.

SLA Resources

Looking at the News Connections site, at <http://www.sla.org/content/resources/lin/index.cfm> in late October, I found many very recent articles posted by Factiva for free full text reading. These were organized in eight categories that included Blogging, RSS and Wikis; Security and Information; and Copyright.

The Nexcerpt News Connection contains selections made by Carolyn Sosnowski on current online information. For example - NPR Morning Edition, Thu, Oct 26, 2006 - "Los Angeles Boy Scouts Learn Copyright Law."

If you're more of an audio person, the Podcast Center features included an interview with NewsGator's Todd Berkowitz, a report from SLA President Rebecca Vargas on the Board's Meetings held at Internet Librarian, and a tour of the SLA Website from Carolyn Sosnowski (one of her monthly podcasts.)

All good stuff, and definitely worth further investigation. SLA is doing its best to keep us informed. Let's do our part by using these resources and giving HQ feedback on the pros and cons of each.

Susan Fingeraman
Editor, SciTech News

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