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## From the Editor

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The month of May is often a busy time for many people, getting ready for traditional (in the U.S. anyway) June events such as weddings, graduations, and oh yes, that major event for special librarians, the SLA Annual Conference.

This issue is brimming with conference session information from our divisions. As usual, the amount of interesting, useful and conflicting sessions boggles the mind. Division conference planners must be superhuman to arrange for all this content and the sponsors that enable them. As always, too, there is provision for some fun, both in the evenings and on the Thursday excursions.

In addition to the more descriptive content about the sessions, we have also provided a cumulative "dance card" listing just the times and titles of all the events from our participating divisions. We hope this new feature will be useful and serve at the very least to point out the tremendous value that our divisions add to the conference.

I'd like to bring several items about the conference to your attention.

- ★ First I guess has to be the substitution of Gary Hamel for the all-too-brief addition of President Bill Clinton to the roster of General Session speakers. Mr. Hamel is no slouch, and the security will be MUCH less of a hassle.
- ★ Second is that the Annual Business Meeting has been moved from its usual time on Wednesday am after the keynote speaker to the Tuesday evening before, at 5:15-6:15. I have a feeling this may yet change, so please be sure to check the final program. This should be an important meeting, where dues and the change of Association year are discussed, and the new officers introduced. I hope that many of you will make it a point to get to the meeting.
- ★ Third is the reappearance of REAL no-conflict times for the Exhibits (EXPO). Since I have been frustrated with EXPO in the past on both sides of the coin, as a vendor and as an attendee, I heartily welcome these opportunities. There is just WAY too much continuous content at the conference, especially with the recent (last few years) introduction of sessions from 11:30 – 1, so that you can't even take some time to have lunch with your colleagues and/or visit the exhibits. If you like this no-conflict feature, please be sure to let SLA know that in your conference evaluations.

Toronto will also of course be the first annual conference after the "under-one-roof" experience in Nashville. While I sometimes did feel like a pheasant under glass, I think I'll miss the convenience as I speed across Toronto streets from one session or suite to another.

As a good Maryland Chapter member I must add a reminder that 2006 in Baltimore should already be a line item in all your budgets! Note that Baltimore's nicknames are "Charm City" and "The City that Reads"!

Finally, if any of you would like to see your name in print, for the first or umpteenth time, we welcome article submissions. Remember, we have subscribers across the globe! I'd be very happy to meet with you in Toronto, just leave me a message on the board. See you all there. ❖

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