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By most accounts the 2005 Annual SLA Conference in Toronto was a huge success. The attendance figure of almost 5500 was the best in years. The exhibit floor was chock full of vendors old and new. Many of the sessions, as noted in our session reports, were "sell-outs." While this may have been due in part to poorly planned room assignments, it still must have been gratifying to the planners to see their topics so well received.

The session on training that I attended from 3:30-5:00 on Wednesday, the last day of the conference sessions, was so full it caught the speakers totally unawares. They had planned for a maximum of 25, and the over 100 interested attendees was a pleasant surprise indeed.

I will leave it to you to read the Division Chairs' messages and our reporters' session reports for more information on conference business and content. I will happily announce, however, that *SciTech News* now has new Advertising and Subscription Managers.

Thanks so much to Martin Jamison, Head, Science and Engineering Library of the Ohio State University, for stepping forward to become our new Advertising Manager. And to Cynthia Ortiz, a former chair of the Nuclear Science Division, for offering her expertise as our new Subscription Manager. It is a great relief to hand these positions over to their capable hands.

As in past August issues, we have included complete Division Board listings at the end of the issue. There you can see at a glance your Division leaders with contact information. Congratulations to all these courageous and valuable volunteers, many of whom will be serving 18 month terms as we shift over to coincide with the SLA fiscal year. We are also pleased to include much deserved sponsor acknowledgements.

When we have more space, in the November issue, I plan to write a short update to the history of the *SciTech News*. This has been done at least twice previously, and I thought an update would be of interest to our readers. It is in part a reflection of the development of SLA itself and the ebb and flow of divisions as disciplines increase or decrease in prominence among our membership.

The popularity of our recent Conference gave notice that SLA members are interested in a wide range of topics, from the Science of Hockey to the Technology Petting Zoo. Once again I encourage you to offer an article, an idea for a new column, or even a letter to the editor that you think would add value to our publication. Remember, the world is reading *SciTech News*! ❖

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