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November finds many of us feeling like we're in a "race to the finish." Though fiscal year ends vary, there is no toying with the end of the calendar year, and November means only one month left!

It certainly marks the end of my first year as Editor of SciTech News (STN). I have found this year challenging, exciting and rewarding, as my assistant editor Christina Pikas and I learned the ropes of working with new software, new production systems and new colleagues. The colleagues part has been terrific. Division officers and column contributors have been right on the deadline mark. Our Linda Hall Library liaison has provided provocative covers. The voluminous August issue, which was 18 pages larger than our first issue in February, was a little behind schedule, but we hope very informative. We apologize for the delay, but wanted to be sure all that valuable conference content was included. We actually have a few holdovers in this issue so you can re-live some more of the conference experience.

One personal follow-on is from my attendance at the second half of the excellent CE course "Systems Thinking for Librarians." There is now a site and a blog associated with this project, and I highly recommend you take a look at both. Here are the links, and they are noted in another section of the SciTech News as well. The blog is at [http://slablogger.typepad.com/systems\\_thinking\\_perspect/](http://slablogger.typepad.com/systems_thinking_perspect/) and the website is <http://www.sla.org/division/dbio/Systems//>.

I want to sincerely thank my STN colleagues for your support, encouragement, and the valuable content you provide that makes SciTech News of interest to our readers. This issue is no exception. Thanks to Mary Ann Mahoney, Editor of the Chemistry Division online bulletin, we have three excellent articles from the domain of chemistry that will be of interest to librarians in all our related disciplines.

We also have an article reminding us of the important information provided by the Department of Energy through the Office of Scientific and Technical (OSTI) Information Bridge database. Earl Mounts and Ellis Mount have continued their valuable journal and book selections. And we bid a fond farewell to Dave Hook, who has provided wonderful and topical web reviews for STN for several years.

While we hope Dave will continue to send us article contributions, as he promises in his farewell notes, we welcome our new Web Reviews columnist. She is Diane F. Brenes, Librarian at The Boeing Company in Huntington Beach, California. We met at the Engineering Division Business Meeting in Toronto and she was very gracious, and even enthusiastic, at my suggestion that she take over this column. Watch for her first contribution in the February 2006 issue.

In my last editorial, I promised you an article on the history of SciTech News as it follows the twists and turns of SLA division history. That history continues to be made, and since changes are even now in process, I have decided to postpone my article until the February issue.

Wishing you all a very healthy, happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

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