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Aerospace Section

Mary L. Crompton, Chair



The Aerospace Section of the Engineering Division encourages communication and cooperation among information professionals concerned with aerospace, aeronautical and related technologies. In addition, it fosters dialog with entities such as NASA, the AIAA and other important sources of technical data and bibliographical services.

Hi Aerospace colleagues! As I write this in early January, we are having our first major snow storm of the winter. We are in for some "arctic" weather later in the week – I imagine our Canadian colleagues are sending this down to us!! When thinking of this frigid weather, I'll be very glad to be in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the next several weeks for the SLA Leadership Summit (formerly Winter Meeting). I understand that New Mexico can get cold as well, but nothing like we are having now!

Our Aerospace plans for the Annual Conference in Nashville in June are nearly complete: on Monday, June 7th, from 3:45 to 5:45 pm, we are having our Aerospace program. As a "teaser", our speaker will be Dr. Mary Louise Cummings (otherwise known as Missy), who is a retired F/A-18 Navy fighter pilot. She is now teaching at MIT. She was recommended to me by Eileen Dorschner, our past Aerospace Chair, (thanks Eileen!) as a terrific speaker and one who loves using libraries! I'm really looking forward to her talk and hope many of you can attend. (I'll include more biographical info. about her in my next STN column). Immediately after her presentation, we are having a "meet and great" session, similar to what we had last year in New York with our wonderful astronaut. Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar available. Missy will be glad to take any questions, comments, and so forth, I'm sure!

Our annual Aero Business Meeting/Breakfast will take place on Tuesday, June 8th, from 7:30 to 8:45 AM. I'll be conducting the business meeting and will present the Mandel Award to a wonderfully deserving librarian! Please be thinking of possible agenda items for that meeting – I will be asking for suggestions in the Spring from the Aero list. David Hook, our Aerospace Section Chair-Elect, will then take over the meeting.

Cheryl Hansen, our excellent Chair of the Engineering Division, has more information elsewhere in the issue about the other programs/

activities for Nashville. Please be sure to take a look at her column! Everything will also be included in the February 2004 issue of *Information Outlook*. I had a hand in planning these Engineering programs, so if anyone has any questions, please let me know. My e-mail address is included at the end of this column!

Our Mandel Award winner has been chosen and we are very excited about the high caliber of nominees this year! Thanks to Dave Hook, Chair-Elect of Aerospace and the Mandel Award Committee on their work in choosing such a deserving individual! The Award comes with a \$1000 stipend and is proudly sponsored by AIAA and Dr. David Mandel.

I recently received word from Kathy Nordhaus, the Membership Chair of the Engineering Division, that the Aerospace Section has gained a few new members. Welcome to all of you new folks! If you have any questions about the Aerospace Section, please feel free to contact me and I'll be glad to answer your questions! Also, please feel free to join the Aero list! Instructions are included below:

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'Til next time!

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