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Greetings Colleagues: I hope you are packing your bags and planning your schedule for the 2103 Annual Conference in San Diego. I want to reflect a bit on the importance of the Annual Conference to you and your professional career. The SLA Annual Conference and Info-Expo is for you. An event for you to recharge your professional skills, learn new techniques, find new vendors with cool new products, meet new colleagues and renew sustaining friendships.

Also, within the Science-Technology Division the annual conference gives us the opportunity as a division to reach out to new members and celebrate the accomplishments of our members in their careers, in the division and in the association. I am also active in my local chapter, the Silicon Valley Chapter, and enjoy attending the local programs and events. My local chapter holds dinner events after the Annual Conference so those members who attended the conference can share some of what they learned with local chapter members who could not attend. Regardless of your home division or local affiliation you will increase your information professional skills and abilities by attending the annual conference. I encourage you to take the time and effort to invest in your career and enjoy all that San Diego and the SLA Annual Conference have to offer.

I hope to see you in San Diego at our Annual Breakfast Meeting and Awards Ceremony. This year we have the pleasure of awarding two Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Awards ($1500 each) in conjunction with the Engineering Division. Our award winner last year was not able to attend the conference, so this year we were able to provide funding for two awards. For the 2013 Diane K. Foster International Library Student Travel Award, we partnered with the SLA Asia Chapter to identify a promising new SLA student member who could not otherwise afford to attend the SLA conference. We offer a $2000 reimbursement award toward the travel expenses and registration fee for the award winner. Our annual Sci-Tech Division Achievement Award ($1000) is the highest annual award presented by the Science-Technology Division and is reserved members of the Sci-Tech Division whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to scientific and technical librarianship. The S. Kirk Caben Travel Stipend Award is offered to a library school student or first time conference attendee. This $1000 award is to be used toward expenses of attending the SLA Annual Conference.

2013 Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award winners
Dr. Susmita Chakraborty, Assistant Librarian at the Bengal Engineering and Science University in Shibpur, India. Dr. Chakraborty earned her PhD in Medical Informatics from Jadavpur University in 2007 and received her MLS Gold Medalist degree from Calcutta University in 1994. She has earned additional advanced degrees in Digital Library Management, Information Science, Computer Science and English Literature. Dr. Chakraborty is currently serving as Director of the SLA Asian Chapter.

Mr. Parveen Babbar, Assistant Librarian in the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) in New Delhi, India. Mr. Babbar received his MLIS Gold Medalist degree from Delhi University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D in LIS and Masters of Computer Applications. He is involved in implementing a broad range of services and activities within the Asian Chapter, organizing seminars, training, networking, employment outreach and distributing information on Asian special libraries.

2013 Diane K. Foster International Library Student Travel Award
Maria Cecilia Ingusan-Ayson, librarian at the Filipinas Heritage Library (Ayala Foundation, Inc.), Makati City, Philippines. Maria received her MLIS, Archives track with cognates in Museum Studies at the University of the Philippines – Diliman School of Library and Information Studies at the University of the Philippines – Diliman Institute of Library and Information Science. She also received her Bachelor of Library and Information Science at the Diliman Institute of Library and Information Science.
Some of her responsibilities at the Filipinas Heritage Library include: Acquisitions and reference, cataloging and archiving; website administration and content provider; special projects researcher and conference coordinator. Maria is also a frequent speaker at local library conference and served on the conference committee of the First and Second LibraryLink conference held at the Filipinas Heritage Library.

2013 Sci-Tech Division Achievement Award
Joseph Kraus, Collections and Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Denver. Joe received his MLIS from the University of Maryland College Park. Since 1994, Joe has been active in both the Sci-Tech Division and the Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division of SLA.

Some of the positions he has held in the Sci-Tech Division include:
- Vendor Relations and Recommended Practices editor, 2012
- Sci-Tech Division Chair and Program Planner, 2011
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee, 2010
- Secretary of Sci-Tech, 2003-2005
- Contributed Papers Chair, 2002
- Webmaster, 1996-2000 (He was the first webmaster for the Division)

He is very interested in the topics of scientific information seeking, unconferences, and scholarly communication.

2013 S. Kirk Cabeen Student Travel Award
Timothy L. Gallati. Tim is expected to receive his MLIS in 2013 from the University of California at Los Angeles. His current G.P.A. is 4.0. He received the Library and Information Studies Alumni Association Fellowship for 2011-2012 and the Andrew H. Horn Award; Dean’s Scholar. Since June 2012 Tim has been employed by Qualcomm in San Diego where his duties include leading the usability team to address issues with the Magazine and Journal link resolvers; conducting competitive intelligence research to facilitate effective company investment strategies; and analyzing and reporting on library usage statistics pertaining to link resolvers and database resources.

A special note of thanks to the Awards Committee, chaired by Sheila Rosenthal and to the vendors who helped sponsor the awards.

Bonnie Hilditch International Librarian Award—Annual Reviews
Diane K. Foster International Student Travel Award—EOS and Elsevier
Science-Technology Division Achievement Award—ASTM
S. Kirk Cabeen Travel Stipend—SPIE

As another example of our commitment to recruiting new members into the Sci-Tech Division, I want to announce again and welcome to the division the winners of the Sci-Tech Division Free Student Memberships Contest, Amanda Lehman and Justin Soles.

Amanda Lehman is entering her final semester of the Masters of Library and Information Science program at Louisiana State University. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English and French, with a minor in Math from University of Wyoming.

Justin Soles is a part-time Master’s student entering his final semester in the School of Library & Information Studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

Thanks to the Sci-Tech Division Student Relations Committee for running this contest and recruiting two great new members. We look forward to reading their winning submissions in an upcoming Sci-Tech News issue.

Helen Josephine
2103 Chair