News

1. Conferences

1.1. Fourth International Conference on Grey Literature

GL'99 – Fourth International Conference on Grey Literature, Kellogg Conference Center, Washington D.C., USA. October 4–5, 1999.

Program outline
Session 1: Global Assessment of Grey Literature: A brave new world of topics, formats, and uses.
Session 2: Archiving Electronic Grey Literature: From bibliographic retrieval to full-text storage and distribution.
Session 3: Copyright and Grey Literature: Authorship, Ownership, and Property Rights.

Conference goals and objectives
The theme 'New Frontiers' captures the real spirit of The Fourth International Conference on Grey Literature, whose goals and objectives are reflected in the topics comprising the main sessions.

At the Third International Conference in this series, not only was the definition of grey literature redefined but also the direction research should take in the 21st century. Grey Literature "that which is produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in print and electronic formats, but which is not controlled by commercial publishers" moves the field of grey literature beyond established borders into new frontiers, where lines of demarcation between conventional/non-conventional and published/unpublished literature cease to obstruct further development and expansion. At the same time, this new definition challenges commercial publishers to rethink their position on grey literature.

The first session at GL'99 confronts these and other issues. The papers will demonstrate the value of grey literature for researchers, policy makers, and information professionals in diverse disciplines and sectors of the global information community. The second session will confront the challenges facing librarians and information technicians in archiving electronic grey literature for subsequent full-text retrieval and document delivery. The final session will address issues of authorship, copyright, and ownership of grey literature. Matters that affect the very processes of knowledge generation and information dissemination. Your intellectual contribution, either by way of a conference paper or as a conference participant pursuing discussion and

debate are both solicited and welcome by the GL'99 Sponsors and Program Committee Organisations.

Guidelines for the submission of abstracts
Participants who wish to present a paper at GL'99 are invited to submit an English abstract. The abstract should deal with the problem/goal, the research method/procedure, and the specific results/conclusions of the research. Accompanying the text of the abstract should be the title of the paper, the author(s) name(s) and institution(s), and the complete address/phone/fax/e-mail information. These data will be used to compile the GL'99 Information Products.

Due date and format used for submission
The abstract must be submitted on or before the 1st of March 1999 either by electronic mail or on a diskette in WordPerfect, Word or ASCII (not Macintosh). Please attach a copy in print form. The author will receive written verification upon receipt of the abstract. The GL'99 Program Committee will use these abstracts in order to finalize the GL'99 Program and Agenda. Please indicate your session. Preferred presentation: Main Session or Break-out Session.

Abstract of your paper: To be Submitted in Print and Electronic Format. The Abstract is the only tangible source which will allow the GL'99 Program Committee to judge the content and value of the proposed paper. Every effort should be made to reflect the content of your work in the abstract submitted.

Please send to: GreyNet, Grey Literature Network Service, Koninginneweg 201, 1075 CR Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Fax: +31 20 671 1818; E-mail: GreyNet@ inter.nl.net; URL: http://www.konbib.nl/infolev/greynet.

1.2. Third International Conference on Conceptions of Library and Information Science (CoLIS 3)

Digital Libraries: Interdisciplinary Concepts, Challenges and Opportunities. Dubrovnik, Croatia, 23–26 May 1999.

Organized by: University of Zagreb, Croatia; University of Tampere, Finland; Royal School of Library and Information Science, Copenhagen, Denmark and Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, USA.

Program Chair: Tefko Saracevic, Rutgers University, USA. E-mail: colis3@scils. rutgers.edu.

Preliminary program
Registration and detailed information available at http://www.colis3.hr or http://scils. rutgers.edu/colis3. E-mail: colis3@ffzg.hr.

For description of Dubrovnik, the venue city, see: http://www.tel.fer.hr/dubrovnik.

Sunday, May 23, 1999: Preconference Tutorial – full day: Ed Fox, USA: Digital libraries: An overview; Evening – Welcome reception.

Monday, May 24, 1999: Opening session: Session 1: Context – the big picture

Michael Buckland, USA (invited speaker): Vocabulary as a central concept in library and information science. Bryce Allen, USA: Digital libraries and the end of traditional information systems. Christine Borgman, USA: What are digital libraries, who is building them, and why?

Session 2: Relations

Raphael Capurro, Germany (invited speaker): Amanda Spink and Colleen Cool, USA: Developing digital library education: international perspectives on theory and practice. Paul Sturges and Jesica Sambok, UK: Humanities scholarship, the research library and the digital library.

Session 3: Evaluation

Louise Su and Hsin-liang Chen, USA: User evaluation of Web search engines. Wanda Dole and Jitka Hurych, USA: Evaluating libraries in the electronic age: New ways of measuring collection and use. Jane Reid, Scotland: A new task-oriented paradigm for information retrieval: Implications for evaluation of information retrieval systems. Evening – cultural event.

Tuesday, May 25, 1999: Session 4: Management

Michael Gorman, USA (invited speaker). Christine Dugdale, UK: Managing digital collections: New opportunities and new roles for librarians. Robert Hayes, USA: The economics of digital libraries.

Panel: International cooperation in digital libraries: Harold Thimbleby, UK, Moderator. Short papers with posters: Digital Library Conceptions and Applications William Adams, Bernard Jansen and Todd Smith, USA: Planning, building, and using a distributed digital library. Jasna Dravec-Braun, Croatia: Is it possible to build an online union catalogue without a library system? Gordon Dunsire, UK: Evolving the learning landscape at Napier University. Emmanouel Garoufallou, Greece: The impact of information technology on Greek academic libraries and librarians: Preliminary results. Marianne Hummelshøj and Nanna Skovtrup, Denmark: Internet reference services in a digitalized public library. Damir Kalpic, Jasenka Anzil and Hrvoje Zokovic, Croatia: From the traditional to a digital academic library. Maria Kocojowa and Wanda Pindlowa, Poland: A digital library for LIS researchers and students: General concepts. Michael Middleton, Australia: Meta-information incorporation in library digitisation projects. Paul Nieuwenhuysen and Wouter Mettrop, Belgium, The Netherlands: Internet information retrieval tools: which ones to use? Trine Schreiber and Camilla Moring, Denmark: Danish research libraries in a networked learning environment. Jadranka Stojanovski and Aida Slavic, Croatia: Electronic bibliography: its reliability and impact on the concept of bibliography in general. Yin Leng Theng, UK: Framework for an application development model to build user-centered digital libraries. Branko Zebek and Tvrtko Sercar, Slovenia: The use of Internet in special libraries in Slovenia. Evening: Banquet.

Wednesday, May 26, 1999: Session 5: Design

Diane Sonnenwald et al., USA: Collaboration services in a preparatory digital library: An emerging design. Philip Doty and Sandra Erdelez, USA: A digital library of legal case documents.

Session 6: Representation

Bryn Lewis, Australia: Automatic electronic document organisation. Zheng Wang, Linda Hill, Terrence Smith: Alexandria Digital Library metadata creator with extensible markup language.

Session 7: Interaction

Preben Hansen, Sweden: User interface design for IR interaction: A task oriented approach. Nils Pharo, Norway: Web information search strategies: A method for classification Web interaction.

Session 8: Information Retrieval

Ian Ruthven and Mounia Lalmas, Scotland and Germany: Selective relevance feedback using term characteristics. Kai Korpimies and Esko Ukkonen, Finland: Term frequency-based identification of FAQ-articles. Per Ahlgren, Sweden: On a cognitive search strategy.

Session 9: Digital libraries and Mass media

Denis McQuale, The Netherlands (invited speaker): Sussanne Ørnager, Denmark: Image archives in newspaper editorial offices: A service activity. Jerome Aumente, USA: Digital libraries within the context of mass media structures.

Thursday, May 27, 1999

Postconference Workshops (free for registrants)

Workshop 1: Sanda Erdelez, Philip Doty, USA: Developing a small-scale digital library with Adobe Acrobat: Techniques and issues.

Workshop 2: Paul B. Kantor, USA: Metrics and evaluation for Digital Libraries.

Postconference Tours (to be announced)

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1.3. 27th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science/ Association canadienne des sciences de l'information

June 9–11, 1999, Université de Sherbrooke (http://www.usherb.ca), Sherbrooke, Quebec (http://www.sders.com/tourism). (watch for more information soon at http:// tornade.ere.umontreal.ca/~turner/english/cais1999.html).

Theme: Information science: Where has it been, where is it going?

For more than a quarter century, information scientists have met at the CAIS conference to discuss the access, retrieval, production, organization, distribution, value, use and management of information. From those early days of examining computational ways of manipulating information through to investigations of information as communication, CAIS has provided a forum for presentation, discussion and debate. At its last conference before the year 2000, CAIS 1999 continues this tradition. CAIS 1999 will be held at the Université de Sherbrooke in Sherbrooke, Quebec, located 150 km south of Montreal and 450 km north of Boston. CAIS will be meeting with the 1999 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities (CSSH) and will offer excep-

tional opportunities for creative contacts and fruitful discussion between delegates and members of the approximately 80 learned societies that will meet concurrently.

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1.4. 7th International Popular Culture Conference, Cambridge

The 7th International Popular Culture Conference will be held at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, England, Aug. 1–7, 1999. Conference organizers are particularly interested in papers on comparative popular culture, however, will consider papers on other aspects of mass culture including folk culture, material culture, television and film studies, popular literature, popular culture collections, etc.

By April 15, 1999, send an abstract of not more than 100 words for individual paper submission to: Pat Browne, Cambridge Conference, Popular Press, Bowling Green State Univ., Bowling Green, Ohio, 43403, USA. E-mail: abrowne@bgnet. bgsu.edu; Fax: +1 419 372 8095.

Complete panels of 3 or 4 persons are invited. When submitting a paper proposal, please give mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address. If submitting a panel, please include the above information for each person on the panel.

With your abstract, include $50 registration fee and other fees (housing, trips, etc.). Papers will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Optional day trips have been organized for Tuesday and Thursday at $17.00 per person. Spouses do not have to be registered, but do need to reserve and pay for housing if staying at the college.

For more information, including cost and procedures for reservation for housing accommodations (at Sidney Sussex College, meals at dining hall) contact Pat Browne at the above fax or e-mail address.

1.5. Sixth ICECS: The IEEE CAS Society Region-8 Conference

The Sixth IEEE International Conference on Electronics, Circuits and Systems (ICECS'99), September 5–8, 1999, Pafos, Cyprus, http://www.vlsi.ee.upatras.gr/~icecs99.

Call for papers
The 6th IEEE International Conference on Electronics, Circuits and Systems will be held in Pafos, Cyprus, September 5–8, 1999. It is IEEE CAS Society Region-8 conference and hosted by the University of Patras, Greece. The conference will include regular sessions on the topics listed below; special sessions on emerging electronics, circuits and systems topics; plenary sessions on selected advanced aspects of the theory, design, and applications of electronics, circuits and systems and short courses given by experts in the specific state-of-the-art subject areas. Prospective authors are

invited to submit their papers reporting original work as tutorial overviews in all areas of electronics, circuits and systems.

Authors schedule

Deadline for submission of draft papers:	January 15, 1999
Notification of acceptance:	March 30, 1999
Deadline for submission of camera-ready paper:	April 30, 1999.

   Topics for regular sessions include, but are not limited to, the following:
1. Analog Circuits and Signal Processing
     1.1 Analog circuits and filters
     1.2 Switched capacitor/current techniques
     1.3 Analog and mixed signal processing
     1.4 Data conversion and S-D modulation
2. General Circuits and Systems
     2.1 Linear and nonlinear circuits and systems
     2.2 Chaos and applications
     2.3 Distributed circuits and systems
     2.4 Power electronics and systems
3. Digital Signal Processing
     3.1 Digital filters and filter banks
     3.2 Wavelets and multirate signal processing
     3.3 Adaptive signal processing
     3.4 Multidimensional systems
     3.5 Fast computations for signal processing
4. VLSI
     4.1 Analog and digital ICS
     4.2 Low power design
     4.3 VLSI physical design
     4.4 Testing: analog, digital and mixed
     4.5 High level synthesis and hardware/software codesign
     4.6 Logic synthesis and formal verification
     4.7 Fault tolerance systems
     4.8 Modeling, simulation and CAD tools
     4.9 Microsystems and applications
5. Multimedia and Communication
     5.1 Speech processing and coding
     5.2 Image processing and coding
     5.3 Video and multimedia technology
     5.4 Signal processing and communications
     5.5 Computer communications
6. Computational Methods and Optimization
     6.1 Numerical methods and circuits simulation

6.2 Linear and nonlinear optimization
6.3 Graph theory and combinatorial optimization
7. Neural Systems
    7.1 Neural networks
    7.2 Cellular neural networks
    7.3 Fuzzy logic and circuits
8. Control Systems
    8.1 Industrial automation
    8.2 Robotics
    8.3 Control systems and applications
9. Industrial Applications
    9.1 Sensors
    9.2 Robotics
    9.3 Space systems design
    9.4 Micromechanics
    9.5 Others
10. Electronic Education

Prospective authors should submit 5 copies of their draft paper by postal mail to the Conference Secretariat: ICECS'99 Secretariat, Electrical & Computer Engineering Dept., University of Patras, Patras 26500, Greece, Tel: +30 61 997283; Fax: +30 61 994798.

Submissions should include:
1) A cover sheet containing:
    (i)   Title of proposed paper, authors' name(s) and affiliation(s);
    (ii)   Postal address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the contact author;
    (iii) Paper category numbers (from the above list) that best describe the paper;
    (iv)   Choice of presentation (lecture or poster); and
    (v)   Name of the presenter author.
2) The complete draft of the paper:
    (i)   Paper title, authors; names, affiliations, and addresses; and
    (ii)   Paper category numbers (from the above list).

The draft paper should not exceed 12 pages (double spaced A4 or equivalent, fontsize 12). The international review panel will give high preference to papers that excluding references, figures and tables, do not exceed 3000 words to clearly present the work, methods, results, originality, significance, superiority and applications of the techniques discussed. The submitted manuscript should closely reflect the final paper as it will appear in the Proceedings, which will be maximum 4 pages, double column format. Proposal for Special Sessions, Plenary Sessions, and half or full-day Short Courses may be submitted to the respective chair by January 30, 1999. Please contact them directly for further information. Check the symposium web site for up to date information: http://www.vlsi.ee.upatras.gr/~icecs99.

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1.6. The Ninth Off-Campus Library Services Conference

Portland, Oregon, USA, April 26–28, 2000.

Sponsored by: Central Michigan University Libraries and the CMU College of Extended Learning.

The Ninth Off-Campus Library Services Conference (OCLSC) will be held at the Portland Marriott Hotel in Portland, Oregon from Wednesday, April 26 to Friday, April 28, 2000. This international meeting will include featured speakers, as well as concurrent practical and research presentations, formal and informal discussion groups, and a resource exchange. A Conference Proceedings volume will be published in conjunction with the conference and contain papers presented at the meeting.

Broad conference topic areas

Conference presentations are sought in, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Program Planning and Development
- Program Administration
- Program Promotion
- Strategic Thinking/Strategic Planning
- Outcomes Assessment
- Accreditation/Licensure
- Staff/Personnel Issues
- "Off-Site Isolation"
- "Partnering"
- Student and Faculty Services
- Library User Education
- Teaching/Learning Strategies
- Document Delivery
- Copyright/Licensing Issues
- Electronic Reserves
- Distance Education and Telelearning
- Library Support for Asynchronous Learning
- Internet, World Wide, E-mail Services

– Home Pages for Remote Users
– Research and Evaluation
– Country Specific Developments

– Emerging Technologies
– Impact of Off-Campus Students on Other Libraries

Topic suggestions from the Program Advisory Board
Duplicating resources at off-campus sites; Straddling, multiple administrative relationships; "Valuing" and evaluating off-campus library services; Desk-top document delivery – scanning on the horizon; Hardware versus "peopleware"; Cost-effective "canned" presentations; Survey of for-profit distance education programs; Web-based BI with authoring tools; Effectively using chat or other conferencing software; Successful staffing structures; Electronic books for distance learners.

Presentation formats
Proposals are invited for a variety of presentation formats including:

– Papers
– Meet-the-Expert Forums
– Panel Discussions
– Workshops
– Oral presentations should be planned for a 55-minute session. Presenters may request consecutive 55-minute sessions.
– Topics may cover the uses of technology; organizational issues; research in progress, or any other of the listed conference topics.

Submission guidelines and evaluation
Send a typed, reproducible abstract (500 words maximum) on a separate sheet, describing your proposed presentation and *stating presentation format (paper, panel, etc.)*. Do not include institutional or personal identification in the abstract.

The OCLSC Program Advisory Board members will be provided with blind copies of the proposal abstracts. Speaker and institutional identification will not be supplied. Proposals will be evaluated based on their relevance to the interests of the attendees, contribution to the developing body of knowledge associated with the field, and clarity of expression. Conference program balance will also be considered in selection.

The deadline for proposed submission is March 12, 1999.

All presenters will be notified regarding their proposed status in June 1999. At that time, successful presenters will be sent an author's agreement and manuscript guideline for preparing their presentation format for inclusion in the *Ninth Off-Campus Library Service Conference Proceedings*.

For further information: Connie Hildebrand, OCLS Conference Program Coordinator, Park Library 313, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant Michigan 48859, USA. Tel. +1 517 77 6080; fax toll free: +1 877 329 6257; E-mail: connie. hildebrand@cmich.edu.

1.7. IASTED International Conference

Call for papers CGIM'99 Computer Graphics and Imaging

Sponsor: The International Association of Science and Technology for Development – IASTED.

Purpose: CGIM aims to become a major point of contact for research scientists, engineers and practitioners throughout the world in the field of computer graphics. Participants will share the latest research, developments and ideas in the wide arena of disciplines encompassed under the heading of Computer Graphics and Imaging. CGIM'99 is the second annual conference to be sponsored by IASTED in this area. The conference will include keynote addresses, contributed papers and tutorials on a wide range of topics.

Location: Computer Graphics and Imaging '99 will be held October 25–27, 1999 in Palm Springs, CA USA.

Scope: (submissions are not limited to those topics listed)

Rendering: Illumination models; Volume rendering; Rendering algorithms; and systems.

Modelling: CAD (Computer Aided Design); Modelling of natural phenomena; 3D object extraction; Surface reconstruction; Geometric algorithms; Computational geometry.

Animation: Motion control and kinematics; Particle systems; Simulation; Collision detection; Character animation; Plausible motion simulation; Facial animation; Human figure animation.

Image processing: Medical imaging; Image acquisition techniques; Image and pattern analysis; Image manipulation; Computer vision; Image compression; Image synthesis techniques.

Visualization: Visual information systems; Scientific and mathematical visualization; Virtual reality; Holographic imaging.

Interface issues: Human-computer interaction; VRML; Visualization and direct manipulation of virtual objects.

Applications.

Submission of papers: The International Program Committee and the Technical Committee on Computer Graphics and Imaging will make all decisions concerning the acceptance of papers. Three (3) copies of the FULL PAPER should be received at the IASTED Secretariat – CGIM'99, #80, 4500–16 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T3B OM6 by April 30, 1999.

The paper must be a maximum of 12 pages double-spaced including figures, tables, and references. Alternatively, papers may be submitted in PostScript format as an e-mail attachment to iasted@cadvision.com. A PostScript output of your paper may be created by choosing any PostScript capable printer driver, and then printing your paper to a file. Be sure 'CGIM'99 Submission' is the subject of your e-mail. All PostScript submissions must be formatted for 8.5" × 11" size paper.

Authors should provide a maximum of five keywords describing their work, and

must include a statement confirming that if their paper is accepted one of the authors will attend the conference to present it. Please include the full name, affiliation, full address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of the corresponding author. Notification will be mailed by June 30, 1999. Authors of accepted papers will be required to submit their camera-ready final papers and full registration by August 16, 1999. IASTED reserves the right to reject any final manuscript if its quality is not acceptable. If this should occur, the author(s) will be notified and the registration will be refunded.

Review criteria: The IPC and the TCCGI will review papers with a very critical eye to currency, quality, thoroughness and completeness of research and results. Submissions which are simply proposals for further research, that are based on conjectural or unsubstantiated conclusions, or that are based on substantially incomplete research and/or results will NOT be accepted. Papers which present excellent ideas and research, but do so in a sloppy or careless manner will not be accepted. Student papers are welcome, but will only be accepted if they are of exceptional quality.

Submission of tutorials: Individuals wishing to submit a tutorial (3 hours) should send a clear and concise proposal describing the tutorial, including the names and credentials of the presenters to the IASTED Secretariat by April 30, 1999. The tutorial proposal should indicate the background knowledge expected of the participants, the objectives, the time allocation for the major course topics, and a resume of the instructor(s). Submissions from research organizations are welcomed. Tutorial presenters have their registrations waived and are given a nominal honorarium for their contribution.

1.8. Local library – global community: the public library in the age of the Internet

16–21 May 1999, Birmingham, UK. Local library – global community: the public library in the age of the Internet.

In the emerging information age the world is growing smaller. Communications are faster, and are invisibly spanning all borders and boundaries, both ocean and land. In this information age each local public library around the world will become part of an international network providing people with an access point to the immeasurable resource of information, learning, and discovery; business and economic activity; and community communications. Building on its tradition of free and popular access to knowledge the local library will become an entry point for the citizen and the community.

The local library will:

combat the exclusion of the disadvantaged and those with least access to computer networks; be a place for discovering new sources of knowledge for lifelong learning; provide a supportive environment for searching and evaluating networked resources; be a hub for community communications; be a delivery point for government and commercial services.

Librarians will offer:

support and guidance, with both technology and content; help in capturing, exploiting

and testing resources; to create new content through the organization of original information, and the digitization of historic and unique collections.

The Library and Information Commission's report for the British Government sets out a vision of the public library in the networked society:

"Tomorrow's new library will ...

be a key agent in enabling people of all ages to prosper in the information society – helping them acquire new skills for employment, use information creatively and improve the quality of their lives; integrate components of a new national education system supporting literacy helping children and students access and interact with learning resources world-wide; remain open and accessible to all, without precondition, whether for material in printed form or the wealth of resources online ... the first recourse for meeting all information needs; continue to make information about every aspect of life available to people, and provide hugely valued leisure and culture opportunities; enable people to involve themselves more fully with the democratic process ... The library is an enormously powerful agent for change, accountable to and trusted by people, and integral to education, industry, government and the community."

However, this vision for the public library of the future will only be realized if the many challenges which face government, managers, and the library workforce are tackled with enthusiasm and imagination. Such challenges form the basis of this seminar, which will also offer a unique opportunity for participants to expand their vision through the sharing of experience and aspirations.

The aims of the Seminar

To engage participants in addressing the latest developments in public library networking, and the emerging role of local libraries in the global environment of networked communications and information management.

To highlight the potential for libraries to participate in cross-sector collaboration, supporting education, lifelong learning and cultural development, and economic prosperity.

To locate the library's networking strategy in the context of citizenship and government.

To explore the challenges of strategic and organizational change which lie ahead in the transition from the print era to the electronic era.

Seminar directors

John Dolan is Head of Central Library in Birmingham, the biggest public library in Europe. In 1997 he was seconded as Project Leader to the Library and Information Commission's working group on public library networking. The Commission's report, *New Library: The People's Network*, was subsequently presented to government, and published in October 1997. John is currently involved in planning the implementation of the public library networking plan for the UK.

Sarah Ormes is Research Officer, Public Library Networking at the University of

Bath. Since taking up this new post in 1996 she has undertaken a number of investigations into networking in UK public libraries. In collaboration with Lorcan Dempsey she has published *The Internet, Networking and the Public Library*. Sh instigated, and now supports, two important current research projects. Stories from the Web (looking at the creative potential of the Internet for children), and People Flows (on the cross use of libraries by students). Sarah also investigated the state of public library networking around the world as part of the Library and Information Commission's research for *New Library: The People's Network*.

Contributors are expected to include
Professor Peter Brophy, Chair in Information Management, Manchester Metropolitan University.

Lorcan Dempsey, Director, UKOLN (UK Office for Library and Information Networking).

Philippa Dobson, Head of Information Services, Leeds Library and Information Services

Professor Judith Elkin, Dean, Faculty of Computing and Information Studies, University of Central England, Birmingham

Matthew Evans, Chairman, Library and Information Commission

Ian Everall, Public Library Services Manager, Walsall Libraries and Information Services

Brian Gambles, Head of Information Management and Networking, City of Birmingham Library Services

Margaret Haines, Chief Executive, Library and Information Commission

Frances Hendrix, Director, LASER and EARL

Grace Kempster, Head of Libraries, Information, Heritage and Cultural Services, Essex County Council

Derek Law, Director of Information Services and Systems, King's College, London

Michael Lyons, Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council, And Honorary Professor of Public Policy, University of Birmingham

Professor Bruce Royan, Visiting Professor, Napier University, Edinburgh, Chief Executive, SCRAN (Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network)

Linda Tomos, Director, Wales Information Network, Project Director, C.W.L.I.S. (Consortium of Welsh Library and Information Services)

Dr Bob Usherwood, Reader in Librarianship and Information Studies, Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield, President of the Library Association, 1998

Chris Yapp, ICL Fellow

Provisional schedule
Sunday 16th May
pm   Delegates arrive at Aston Business School, Birmingham
evening Welcome reception for participants to meet Seminar Directors, British Council Staff and other participants

Monday 17th May
Chair – John Dolan

Session One
am   *The educational, social, cultural and economic roles of the public library in the information age*
            – Welcome and introduction to the seminar
            – Opening address – Bob Usherwood
            – Frances Hendrix

Session Two
pm   *Strategic management of library networking*
            – Lorcan Dempsey
            – Linda Tomos
            Break Out Groups (4 groups each one led by a speaker)
            Plenary Discussion
evening Opening dinner
            – Guest speaker

Tuesday 18th May – *Opportunities in Key Areas*
Chair – Derek Law

Session One
am   *Education and lifelong learning*
            – Chris Yapp
            – ... and presentations
            Business and economy
            – Speaker to be confirmed
            – ... and presentations

Session Two
pm   Visit to:
          "Stories From the Web", Birmingham Central Library
          Birmingham Centre for Manufacturing, Aston University
evening Dinner at Aston Business School followed by theatre visit.

Wednesday 19th May – *Opportunities in Key Areas*
Chair – Margaret Haines

Session One
am   *Information for citizenship, community and governance*
          – Michael Lyons
          – Philipps Dobson
          – Brian Gambles
          Digitized resources for culture and heritage
          – Professor Bruce Royan
          – ... and presentations

Session Two
pm   Delegates' presentations/
          Discussion of content services in own country and Internet Café at the
          School of Information Studies, University of Central England
evening Dinner at Aston Business School

Thursday 20th May – *Training Policies and Assessment*
Chair – Judith Klein

Session One
am   *Training*
          – Grace Kempster
          – ... and presentations
          Quality and impact
          – Peter Brophy
          – ... and presentations

Session Two
pm   *The Great Filtering Debate*
          – Chair – Ian Everall
          A lively but pertinent debate on the key policy questions of access,
          filtering and democracy. Tour of Birmingham Central Library, Europe's
          biggest and busiest public library
evening Seminar dinner
          – Guest speaker

Friday 21st May – *Opportunities in key areas*
Chair – Sarah Ormes

am   Seminar Evaluation
          Summary and plenary
          – Closing address – Matthew Evans
          – Plenary discussion with John Dolan, Margaret Haines, Judith Elkin,
          Sarah Ormes and Matthew Evans
pm   Departure or optional visit to Birmingham Art Gallery and Museum

Participants
The seminar will be of particular interest and benefit to library policy makers, senior
managers and librarians involved in change management, service development and
delivery strategies, as well as library and information management educators.

Numbers
There are places for 40 participants.

Fee
Fully residential fee: £1,390
    The fee will include:

–   the cost of accommodation in single rooms with private bathroom or shower
–   all meals
–   full academic programme
–   social programme (including opening dinner)
–   welcome and farewell packs (including programme, speakers' notes, local
    information, etc.)
–   seminar certificate and group photograph
–   experienced seminar manager in daily attendance
–   emergency medical insurance

    We regret that requests for reductions or refunds cannot be accepted.

Accommodation before and after the seminar
This is a residential seminar. We cannot accept non-residential participants and we
regret that no provision is made for accommodation before or after the seminar dates
shown.

Joining instructions
Participants will be sent joining instructions, including directions for reaching the
seminar centre, the postal address and telephone number of the centre and the latest
time of arrival.

Seminar dates

The seminar will commence on the evening of Sunday, 16 May with a reception and dinner, and will close after lunch on Friday, 21 May 1999.

International travel

Participants should make their own travel arrangements to and from the seminar centre. They are strongly advised to make return reservations before leaving their own country as it may be difficult to make them after arrival.

Insurance

Seminar participants are strongly advised to make arrangements for travel and other insurance before their departure.

Cancellation of the seminar

If obliged to cancel a seminar, the British Council reserves the right to do so without indemnity, subject to the return of any registration or enrolment fee already paid.

Applications

As the number of places are limited, early application is advised.

Expressions of interest may be notified by telephone, fax or e-mail to International Seminars in Oxford, but must be followed up with a completed application form to be assured of consideration.

Please send your completed application form to your local office of the British Council, or send it directly to: International Seminars, The British Council, 1 Beaumont Place, Oxford OX1 2PJ, United Kingdom.

Telephone: +44 (0) 1865 316636;

Fax: +44 (0) 1865 557368;

E-mail: international.seminars@britcoun.org.

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As part of its aim to encourage cultural, scientific, technological and educational co-operation between the United Kingdom and other countries, the British Council runs a successful programme of short seminars, directed by leading British specialists. The aim is to enable senior specialist, academics and professional people to learn about recent developments and new ideas in their fields through participation in international discussion at a high level. Participants, who must be proficient in written and spoken English, are drawn from people of all nationalities. A typical seminar will attract participants from 15–20 countries who will work together as members of a fully multinational group.

For more information: http://www.britcoun.org/seminars/. Nancy Granda, The British Council, 1000 de La Gauchetière ouest, Bureau 4200, Montréal (Québec) H3B 4W5, Canada. Tel.: +1 514 866 5863, ext. 223; Fax: +1 514 866 4322.

2. Library schools

2.1. University of North Carolina

Spring trip to Oxford, England, offers opportunity to study at world-renowned Bodleian Library

Participants are being sought for a seminar offering a chance to study the history of librarianship at England's world-renowned Bodleian Library, one of the greatest research centers of the world.

The program is sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science and the University of Oxford's Bodleian Library and its department for continuing education.

"Libraries and Librarianship: Past, Present and Future," is a two-week seminar that will trace Bodleian Library's past and chart the future of information and technology. Participants may earn three hours of graduate credit from UNC-CH School of Information and Library Science for attending the May 16–29 seminar.

In their seventh year of partnership on "Libraries and Librarianship," UNC-CH and Oxford – two of the oldest universities in their respective countries – will provide a comprehensive survey of librarianship in England. Participants learn about academic libraries and librarianship in Britain, as well as trends and developments in library automation in Britain and Europe. Areas such as preservation, conservation and collection development policies are presented from both the Oxford and British national viewpoints.

The seminar offers information and library science professionals and graduate students an opportunity to discuss trends in academic librarianship and to meet peers from around the world. Past participants have included corporate librarians, special collection librarians, graduate students and retired librarians.

The Bodleyan Library is one of the greatest libraries for advanced study and research in the world. The Bodleyan, one of the British libraries of legal deposit or copyright libraries, holds more than six million items and annually attracts thousands of researchers. The series will be supplemented by visits to Oxford College libraries, the British Library in London and to the headquarters of Oxford University Press and Blackwell's, the booksellers.

Registrations must be postmarked by March 31. Registration is limited, and early registration is encouraged. For more information, call +1 919-962-8366 or fax to +1 919-962-8071, send an e-mail to oxford@ils.unc.edu, or visit the World Wide Web site at *www.ils.unc.edu/ils/continuing_ed/oxford*

The UNC-CH School of Information and Library Science (www.ils.unc.edu) is home to 250 graduate students, 60 undergraduates and 19 full-time faculty members. It prepares students to work with computer information systems and networks or for careers in library administration, acquisitions, collection management, cataloging and other aspects of library work. The school offers master's degrees in information science and library science, a certificate of advanced study, a doctorate in information and library science and an undergraduate minor in information systems.

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2.2. University of Pittsburgh

Library and Information Science Chair at Pitt to Honor Buhl Foundation President Doreen Boyce

Pittsburgh, Dec. 2 – The University of Pittsburgh has received a $1.5 million gift from the Buhl Foundation to establish an endowed chair in Library and Information Science in Pitt's School of Information Sciences (SIS).

Named in honor of Doreen Boyce, the Buhl Foundation's president, the Doreen E. Boyce Chair in Library and Information Science is one of the very few chairs established specifically for library and information science in the nation, and believed to be the first endowed chair in the country funded by a foundation in honor of a professional staff member. It is also the first endowed chair established at the University of Pittsburgh by the Buhl Foundation, and the first chair in Pitt's School of Information Sciences.

The Foundation Board chose to have the chair named in honor of Doreen Boyce to recognize "the leadership she has shown in having the Buhl Foundation play a critical role in helping to support technological advanced that contribute to the quality of life."

"The School of Information Sciences has worked consistently to shape both the role of the library and that of all information professionals in an information driven global society," said SIS Dean Toni Carbo. "The Buhl Chair will be a catalyst for positive change in the discipline and the profession by bringing in a leading scholar to work with our faculty and students in developing a research program and integrating an academic curriculum that will best address the role of the library in our networked society."

"This new chair will also contribute significantly to the school's goal of being the best in the world in integrating people, technology and knowledge within a system context for problem solving, decision making and learning. Having this chair named for Dr. Boyce is an excellent way to recognize her visionary leadership."

The Buhl Foundation was founded in 1927, the first multipurpose foundation in Pittsburgh and then one of the ten largest in the country. From its inception, the Buhl Foundation has been especially concerned with the "well-being of the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh and the County of Allegheny." Current emphases include applications of information technology in the nonprofit sector, movement of disabled and disadvantaged persons toward self-sufficiency and economic independence, and civic projects which contribute to economic development.

The School's Department of Library and Information Science is one of the premier programs of its kind in the world. More than 5,000 librarians have obtained their master's or doctoral degrees in library and information science from the School.

According to Carbo, a search will likely begin in the spring to find a scholar to hold the chair.

2.3. National Taiwan University

The Department of Library and Information Science seeks 1 to 2 excellent candidates to join this faculty. A Ph.D. degree in Library and Information Science or related field and fluency in Chinese are required. The preferred candidates should have a research specialization and strong teaching competence in at least one of the following areas: information resources; information retrieval; foundations of information studies; representation and organization of information resources; collection development and evaluation. Research and teaching related to resources and collections will emphasize the variety of formats and media, and particularly digital materials. The candidates will be expected to teach required courses as well as electives. In addition to research and teaching, duties will include supervision of research at the Master's and Doctoral levels, and tutoring students. Applicants who pass the preliminary screening will be asked to interview and give a scholarly speech and should be responsible for traveling expenses. Salary and rank depend upon qualifications. The position is available on August 1, 1999.

Applicants should submit:
(1) a curriculum vitae;
(2) a copy of the Ph.D. diploma;
(3) a complete set of transcripts of graduate studies;
(4) proof of past/current employment;
(5) academic works (including the Ph.D. thesis) published within the last three years or which have been accepted for publication;
(6) the bibliography of publications; and
(7) titles and outlines of courses (including bibliographies) which have been taught or can be taught in the future.

Deadline for applications is April 30, 1999. Application materials should be sent to: Hsueh-hua Chen, Prof. and Chairman, Department of Library and Information Science, National Taiwan University, No. 1 Roosevelt Road, Sec. 4, Taipei, Taiwan 106, R.O.C, Telephone: +886 2 366 0503, ext. 11; Fax: +886 2 363 2859; E-mail: sherry@ccms.ntu.edu.tw. Further information about the Department is available at http://www.lis.ntu.edu.tw.

2.4. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

The School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), proudly announces the establishment of the new Center for Information Policy Research. With information infrastructures and technologies and the globalization of information evolving at a faster pace than our social, legal, and educational systems, it is imperative that information policy issues be examined systematically in an interdisciplinary environment.

The Center for Information Policy Research will facilitate and carry out research in social, ethical, economic, legal, and technical aspects of information and information technologies. The Center's work will focus on such key information policy issues as intellectual property (copyright, patents, etc.), privacy, equity of access to information, ethics of information use and service, censorship, cyberlaw, and government, corporate, and international information policies. According to SLIS Dean Mohammed M. Aman, the new Center "is the only such information policy research center in the Midwest, and one of the very few in the United States. It provides a wonderful opportunity for the State of Wisconsin to take the lead in interdisciplinary and even international collaboration in information policy analysis and research."

The Center will be co-directed by UWM SLIS Assistant Professor Tomas A. Lipinski, who holds law degrees (J.D. and LL.M.) as well as an M.L.I.S. and Ph.D. in Information Science, and UWM SLIS Associate Professor Thomas D. Walker, who holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Information Science. "The international expertise and research records of Drs. Lipinski and Walker will provide a base for attracting specialists from a variety of disciplines and constituencies in Wisconsin, in the U.S., and abroad," says Aman.

The Center's activities will include research projects to inform the public and academic communities; conferences designed to promote collaboration; a publication program including a research journal, a digest of information policy law, and a newsletter; and workshops for the public and private sectors.

For further information, contact Thomas Lipinski (tlipinsk@uwm.edu) or Thomas Walker (walker@uwm.edu).

3. Grants

3.1. Steven I. Goldspiel Research Grant

The Special Libraries Association is soliciting proposals for the 1999 Steven I. Goldspiel Research Grant. This grant is available annually for a research project in the area of special librarianship or information management. The amount of the 1999 grant will be approximately $20,000. Proposals should be postmarked by February 28, 1999 and the recipient will be announced in June of 1999. The Grant is announced internationally.

Grant proposals should address one of the areas specified in the SLA Research Agenda:

– Futures: how developments in society and technology will impact the special library;
– User Issues: information seeking and use, expert systems, human-computer interfaces, information behavior models;
– Measures of Productivity and Value: measuring value of information, use of measures by special librarians;

–   Client/User Satisfaction Measures: adapting satisfaction measures to special library/corporate settings; marketing techniques for assessing value of new services;
–   Staffing: assessing staffing requirements.

Proposals will be evaluated by SLA's Research Committee according to the research topic, methodology, qualifications of researchers, proposal presentation, budget and timetable.

Funded projects include the following:

1998   Understanding Users in Digital Environments: A Longitudinal Study of Genre Influences in Information Work, Andrew Dillon, School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University.

1997   Using Information in the Virtual Office: How Special Libraries are Serving Telecommuters, Claire R. McInerney, College of St. Catherine.

1996   Potential Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Expert System Technologies in the Special Library of the Future, F.W. Lancaster and Linda C. Smith, School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois.

1995   The Impact of Electronic Publishing on Special Libraries, Carol Tenopir, School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee, and Donald W. King, King Research.

1994   Users' Choice of Filtering Methods for Electronic Text, Raya Fidel, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Washington, and Michael Crandall, Boeing Technical Libraries.

1993   Measuring Customer Satisfaction and Quality of Service in Special Libraries, Marilyn White, Eileen Abels and Danuta Nitecki, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland.

1992   A Research Study of Productivity, Usefulness and Value of Special Libraries, Donald W. King, King Research and Jose-Marie Griffiths, School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee.

1991   The Impact of the Special Librarian on Corporate Decision Making, Joanne Marshall, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto.

Application materials are now available on the SLA website at www.sla.org/research/index.html, or via fax from SLA's toll-free fax-on-demand system at +1 888 411 2856 (items #1401–1406) or contact me. I will be happy to answer any questions. Ruth Arnold, Ph.D., Director of Research, Special Libraries Association, 1700 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, USA. Tel.: +1 202 234 4700, ext. 615; Fax: +1 202 265 9317; E-mail: Ruth@sla.org.

3.2. Graduate awards for interdisciplinary study in digital libraries

The Rutgers University Distributed Laboratory for Digital Libraries (RDLDL) is pleased to announce the availability of competitive graduate awards for interdisciplinary doctoral studies in digital libraries, including contributing technologies and relevant basic research.

Digital libraries is an exciting new domain for research, and for society at large, and the RDLDL is taking a leading role in establishing an explicitly interdisciplinary approach to the variety of problems in this burgeoning area. Current faculty members of the RDLDL come from the disciplines of cognitive science, computer science, library and information science and psychology, and students in the program are expected to participate in research and to take courses in two or more of the disciplines represented in the RDLDL.

Successful candidates will participate in digital library-oriented research projects with several faculty members of the RDLDL, as well as being enrolled in a Ph.D. program in one of the disciplines associated with the RDLDL. They will also take part in an interdisciplinary seminar involving the faculty and all of the other graduate students associated with the RDLDL.

The RDLDL Awards offer tuition remission and an annual stipend of $13,000, and the opportunity to achieve an interdisciplinary education for research in the interdisciplinary field of digital libraries. These awards are tenable for one year in the first instance, beginning in either January or September 1999, and are renewable.

For further information, including the specific interests of the RDLDL faculty, and application materials, please see the RDLDL WWW site, http://diglib.rutgers.edu/RDLDL or contact any one of the members of the RDLDL Steering Committee, listed below. Steering Committee of the Rutgers Distributed Laboratory for Digital Libraries: Nicholas J. Belkin, Department of Library and Information Science, New Brunswick Campus nick@belkin.rutgers.edu; Benjamin M. Bly, Department of Psychology, Newark Campus ben@psychology.rutgers.edu; Sven Dickinson, Department of Computer Science, New Brunswick Campus sven@ruccs.rutgers.edu; Stephen Hanson, Department of Psychology, Neward Campus jose@tractatus.rutgers.edu; Haym Hirsh, Department of Computer Science, New Brunswick Campus hirsh@cs.rutgers.edu; Paul Kantor, Department of Library and Information Science, New Brunswick Campus kantor@scils.rutgers.edu; Zenon Pylyshyn, Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science, New Brunswick Campus zenon@ruccs.rutgers.edu. To contact us by mail, please write to: Rutgers Distributed Laboratory for Digital Libraries, c/o School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers University, 4 Huntington Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1071, USA.

4. Publications

4.1. Urban Library Journal

Urban Library Journal, a refereed journal of research and discussion dealing with all aspects of urban libraries and librarianship, welcomes articles dealing with academic, research, public, school, and special libraries in an urban setting. *Urban Library Journal*, formerly known as *Urban Academic Librarian*, also invites submissions in broader areas such as public higher education, urban studies, multiculturalism, li-

brary and educational services to immigrants, preservation of public higher educa-
tion, and universal access to World Wide Web resources. Topics for columns and
special issues will also be entertained. *Urban Library Journal* will publish two issues
annually. Manuscripts, editorial correspondence, and comments should be addressed
to Dr. Michael Adams, Mina Rees Library, CUNY Graduate Center, 33 W. 42nd Str.,
New York, NY 10036-8003, USA or +1 212 642 2878 or madams@pobox.gsuc.
cuny.edu.

4.2. Scholarly Electronic Publishing Bibliography

Version 22 of the Scholarly Electronic Publishing Bibliography is now available.
This selective bibliography presents over 800 articles, books, electronic documents,
and other sources that are useful in understanding scholarly electronic publishing
efforts on the Internet and other networks.

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4.3. Information Research

Information Research: http://www.shef.ac.uk/~is/publications/infres/ircont.html welcomes working papers, which will not be refereed, as well as full papers for refereeing. We now have an international editorial team who will act as referees.

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