

NEWS

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1. AWARDS

1.1. Skolnik Award

Professor Michael F. Lynch of the University of Sheffield, England, Department of Information Studies has been named to receive the 1989 Skolnik Award. The Award from the American Chemical Society, Division of Chemical Information recognizes outstanding contributions to and achievements in the theory and practice of chemical information science.

Merle Eiss, Chair of the Awards Committee said that Professor Lynch's "pioneering research in the development of methods for the storage, manipulation and retrieval of chemical structures and reactions has improved and forever changed the handling of chemical information".

The Award will be presented at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Dallas on April 11, 1989.

1.2. Innovative Information Project

Professor Tom Wilson, currently on Study Leave from the Department, is being supported by Arthur Andersen & Co. in a study of information system strategies in UK companies.

Frances Wood visited India in December on behalf of the British Council. She participated in a seminar on computer applications in libraries held at the SNDT University of Bombay and gave talks at Bombay University and institutions in Baroda, Nagpur and Calcutta.

In December 1987, Dr. Peter Willett presented papers on "Calculation of inter-molecular structural similarity in 2-D and 3-D chemical structure databases" to a meeting of the Molecular Graphics Society in London and on "Effectiveness of retrieval in clustered document files" at the 11th International Online Information Meeting in London. Just before Christmas, he and Dr. David Ellis spent two days at the Royal School of Librarianship, Escola Universitaria J. Rubio i Balaguer, Barcelona presenting a series of lectures on computerised information retrieval.

1.3. Doctoral Awards

The International Center for Information Technologies (ICIT) offers up to five awards yearly for doctoral dissertations submitted and accepted that make original and substantive contributions to information technology and its management and application in organizations. Awards of \$5,000 are presented and ICIT Press will also publish and distribute the dissertation, with royalties accruing to the author. Further information on application requirements for these awards can be obtained from: Doctoral Awards Program, The International Center for Information Technologies, 2000 M Street N.W., Washington, DC 20036, USA.

2. PROFESSIONAL MATTERS

2.1. New ALISE Executive Secretary

Ilsa Moon will replace Janet C. Phillips as the Executive Secretary of the Association for Library and Information Science Education on July 1, 1988. Ms. Moon is a free lance writer and contributes regularly to *Current Biography* and the journal *Collection Building*. She is the former Director of Professional Development Studies and Lecturer in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Rutgers University. Ms. Moon's address is 5623 Palm Aire Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243, USA.

2.2. ALISE Special Interest Group

A Special Interest Group for library professionals in the area of services to young adults in either public libraries or in school libraries is being formed. This Special Interest Group will include librarians and media specialists, and library educators who want to emphasize the current issues surrounding training and education of those who serve children and young adults in public library systems and in school library media programs. Those interested in helping to develop this Group should contact Margaret M. Kimmel, University of Pittsburgh, School of Library and Information Science, 135 N. Bellefield Av., Pittsburgh, PA 15260, or Adele M. Fasick, University of Toronto, Faculty of Library & Information Science, 140 St. George Street, Toronto, Ont., M5S 1A1, Canada.

3. TRAINING AIDS

3.1. Computer-Based Training on OCLC

OCLC users can take advantage of Computer-Based Training (CBT). It's a tool that gives networks and libraries more flexibility for training purposes.

The premiere package teaches users the Interlibrary Loan Subsystem. Those that follow will explain how to use the New Online System.

Special equipment is not needed for CBT. The software runs on an M300, M300XT or IBM PC compatible with 256K of memory and DOS 2.0 or 2.1, and an M310 or IBM PC AT with 640 K of memory and DOS 3.0 or 3.1.

Here's how CBT works. Users interact with a microcomputer that is programmed with a study plan. The microcomputer guides them step-by-step through an online process in a private, self-paced learning environment. If a mistake is made, screen messages explain the error and help the user understand the proper procedure.

ILL-CBT teaches users how to:

- display locations information for monographs and serials;
- use the Message Waiting File and the ILL Transaction file;
- create and respond to requests; and
- renew or cancel requests.

CBT also offers convenience. Since it's a software package, it can be used anytime without disrupting work schedules or taking staff away from their jobs. It could be particularly valuable for training new staff in the library.

As the New Online System is phased into operation, CBT will be used to help meet training demands. The first courses will teach users the system's new searching and editing techniques along with cataloging and authorities functions.

"Every institution that uses OCLC will have to be trained on the New Online System", said Ms. Mushrush. "CBT courseware will undoubtedly help us and the networks accomplish this task efficiently and effectively".

3.2. DIALOG Training Videotape

Information educators will find "Introduction to Searching DIALOG," a videotape designed to train or review searching the DIALOG information retrieval system, to be a useful classroom tool. This 45-minute VHS video explains and demonstrates the basic techniques of online information retrieval using the DIALOG system, including basic commands and proximity operators, choosing databases using DIALOG's *Database Catalog* and Bluesheets, understanding structure of databases and records, and typing search results. This video training package includes: the videotape, instructions and practice exercises using DIALOG's ONTAP files, logon procedures for U.S. and non-U.S. telecommunications networks, *DIALOG Basics*, *Database Catalog*, and a two-page information summary which discusses modem and communication software requirements and specifications for determining equipment compatibility. The complete videotape training package is available at a cost of \$35.00 plus \$55.00 for handling and expedited shipping outside the U.S. to any current DIALOG customer. For further information, please contact: Publications Distribution Center, DIALOG Information Services, 3460 Hillview Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94304, USA.

3.3. Training Package for ERIC MICROsearch

The Instructor's Guide for Teaching Online Searching, curriculum guide to accompany the ERIC MICROsearch software package, is now available from Information Resources Publications. Goals and objectives for online searching, as well as selection of keywords, strategy preparation, and procedures for conducting an online search using ERIC MICROsearch are among the topics covered. The complete training package includes ERIC MICROsearch software, database demonstration disk, and user manual and costs \$49.00 for the IBM version (\$20.00 for the Apple version). The curriculum guide sells for \$5.00. For information or orders, please contact: Information Resources Publications, 034 Hintington Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-2340, USA.

3.4. EMA Database

An Engineered materials abstracts user manual has been published for users of the EMA database on ESA/IRS and Orbit. The manual explains how to search specific index fields contains separate sections for each of the host systems used.

Contact: Materials Information, Institute of Metals, 1 Carlton House Terrace, GB-London SW1Y 5DB, UK, Tel: + 44 1 839 4071

4. PUBLICATIONS

4.1. Directory of Library & Information Professionals

The Association for Library and Information Science Education is a participating association in the brand new *Directory of Library & Information Professionals*. The directory has just been published in January and contains 274 biographical listings of members of the Association for Library and Information Science Education.

With 21 library and information professional associations participating, the directory contains nearly 43,000 biographical profiles of active individuals in the profession. Profiles are arranged alphabetically in Volume 1 of the two-volume directory.

The second volume contains four indexes to the biographical data in Volume 1:

- *Specialty Index* A 1700 key word index to individuals' subject and function expertise.
- *Consulting / Freelance Index* 25 categories of almost 12,000 library and information consultants including experts in 78 languages.
- *Employer Index* colleagues in 10,000 different public, corporate and special libraries.
- *Geographical Index* all entries are indexed by State or Province, then city, then employer.

4.2. Training Manual for Adult Education Functionaries

As a result of the New 20-Point Programme of the Government of India, the University Grants Commission (New Delhi) has written a report and guidelines for those involved with adult education. Content, methodology and approach for the training of different levels of professionals as well as specific training guidelines, including role expectations, skills, and institutional resources, are found in this publication. It is available from: Smt. Kamalini H. Bhansali, Registrar, S.N.D.T. Women's University, on behalf of the University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Jafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002 INDIA.

4.3. Financing Education in Developing Countries

The guide, *Financing Education in Developing Countries, an Exploration of Policy Options*, will be helpful to educators particularly in areas of planning and management of financial resources. It examines the effects of policy alternatives and possible variations in securing and distributing public and private funds for education in developing nations, where other social and economic pressures create a high demand for limited monetary support. This publication is available from: World Bank Publications, 1818 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20433, USA.

4.4. Glossary of Educational Technology Terms

This glossary groups in one volume the terms related to educational technology which exist, in part, in various specialized vocabularies, lexicons or dictionaries. It should assist in facilitating understanding of these terms and thus promote and encourage communication at the international level.

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5. SOFTWARE

5.1. Microcomputer Indexing Program

Archivists, managers of special collections, and those who must index in-house publications may find this new micro-based indexing program especially useful, *Indexit* is a program for the IBM PC which is designed to assist in producing indexes for books, newspapers, archives, and many other types of materials. This menu-driven program allows the user to create indexes of 4,000 to 5,000 entries by

adding entries as one pages sequentially through text. The program then alphabetizes; interfiles and reformats data by collapsing all references to the same subject into one entry and puts multiple page references into ascending order. *Indexit* is accompanied by a wellwritten, easy to understand manual. This program requires an IBM PC with 128K memory and either two disk drives or a hard disk drive, and a word processing program that can handle ordinary text files. Cost: \$49.95. Further information is available from Graham-Conley Press, Box 2968, New Haven, CT 06561, USA.

6. PERMANENT COURSES

6.1. School of Library and Information Science in London

Overseas librarians who are financed and sponsored either by their governments, the British Council, UNESCO, or another international agency are eligible for enrollment in a full-time special programme of study and practical training in London. The program requires 4 terms or 3 years for completion. Graduate participants should have worked full-time in a library in their own countries for at least nine months. Special arrangements for intending overseas teachers of librarianship are included. Prospectus may be obtained from School of Librarianship and Information Studies, Ladbroke House, Highbury Grove, London N5 2AD UK.

6.2. Buckingham, England

The International Management Centre from Buckingham, and Aslib are launching an 18 month MBA in Information Management in October. All the study takes place at home except an initial two week residential session, and six 4-day workshops.

Contact: Dr Ash Kabi IMCB, Castle Street, GB-Buckingham MK18 1BS, UK, Tel: +44 280 817 222.

6.3. Ecole de Bibliothecaires, Geneva

L'Ecole de Bibliothecaires (School of Library Science) in Geneva, Switzerland, offers advanced degrees in librarianship which prepare students for professional work in all types of libraries. Coursework is presented in French and includes all types of media, computer applications, database utilization and research methods. Entrance requirements include two foreign languages and an entrance examination. Four refresher courses are also offered for librarians and documentalists each year. Further information may be obtained from: Ecole de Bibliothecaires, 28, rue Prevost-Martin, CH-1211 Geneva 4, SWITZERLAND.

6.4. Swedish School of Library and Information Science

Institutionen Bibliotekshogskolan at the University College of Boras offers both a Diploma Program in Librarianship and a Certificate Program in Documentation.

Entrance requirements include one foreign language (English) and either two years university education or two years relevant practical experience. Content of the Librarianship program includes all types of media, computer applications, database utilization, and research methods; its goal to prepare students for public, school, or academic professional work, including supervisory and administrative activities. The Documentation program includes information retrieval techniques; its objective to prepare students for specialized professional work in information services. For further information on these programs, please contact: Institutionen Bibliotekshogskolan, Hogskolan i Boras, Sodra Kyrkogatan, 36, P.O.B. 55067, 50005 Boras, SWEDEN.

6.5. Archive Preparation, Argentina

Centro Interamericano de Desarrollo de Archivos (CIDA) offers a six-month program each year in archive preparation. Directed to nationals from Latin American countries, this program involves archive theory, production and management of documents, classification and cataloging, conservation and restoration, and reproduction and microfilming. Candidates must have completed high school and have some archival experience. Tuition is free and the Organization of American States (OAS) offers some scholarships which cover living expenses, books and transportation. Each year application forms and further information can be obtain from: OAS Offices in each Latin American country.

6.6. Rosary College, Illinois

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, invites librarians and information scientists from other countries to apply for a visiting scholar program. The program, which can extend for one or two semesters, allows the scholar to attend any class in the Graduate School and to audit up to ten courses. Candidates must have a professional degree and be employed in a professional facility in his/her own country. The candidate should further have proficiency in English and be recommended by his institution or a professional organization in his country. Further information can be obtained from: Dr. Richard Tze-chung Li, Dean, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Rosary College, 7900 N. Division Street, River Forest, Illinois 60305 USA.

7. RESEARCH GRANTS

£7,800 EXTENSION TO STRATHCLYDE'S HYPERTEXT PROJECT

The Department of Information Science has been awarded a further £7,800 by the Training Commission to enhance its *Glasgow Online* hypertext database.

Glasgow Online is being created using Apple's *HyperCard* software in order to provide a novel information focus on the City in preparation for 1990 when Glasgow assumes the mantle *European City of Culture*.

Total funding for the project amounts to almost £130,000.

£20,000 FOR STRATHCLYDE'S *GLASGOW HERALD* PROJECT

The Department of Information Science has been commissioned by George Outram & Co. Ltd. to produce a computerised index to the *Glasgow Herald* for 1987.

This will be the final phase in a four year retrospective conversion programme spanning the years 1969–1987.

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