

International Association of Marine Science  
Libraries and Information Centers

# newsletter

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Judy Ashmore, editor

## From the President

In spring, a librarian's fancy turns to thoughts of the IAMSLIC annual meeting. We should arrive in Port Aransas about two weeks before the Whooping Cranes, unless a crane or two can hitch a ride with one of our Canadian members.

In the meantime, the Executive Board has appointed this year's Nominating Committee: Kay Hale, Rosenstiel School, University of Miami, Florida; Ann Bowman Hall, NMFS, Beaufort, North Carolina; and Sharon Thomson, Institute of Ocean Sciences, British Columbia. We will be electing a Vice President/President Elect and a Secretary. Remember we will now be electing the Secretary in the odd years and the Treasurer in the even years, each to serve for two years. Any one interested in running for office, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

The Board has scheduled its annual telephone conference for the week of June 6-10. One agenda item will be a discussion on designating one issue of the Newsletter as a promotional mailing to be sent to our total mailing list instead of to members only.

If your library receives Oceanus, check the June issue for the IAMSLIC ad announcing our annual meeting. In return for a copy of our mailing list

the editor gave the Association a free ad. I also filled in a questionnaire for the Encyclopedia of Associations so we should appear in the next edition.

It has been very helpful to have two Board members in the same town as the Newsletter Editor, so we have spent some time on a few housekeeping problems, such as the route new member information should follow, etc. Next year when these offices may be spread across the country again, we hope we will have made some of the procedures easier and plugged up a few gaps in communication.

### From the COMMITTEES

Special Projects Committee: Susan Starr, reports no activity. This is an appropriate moment to remind you all that this Committee is intended to foster research projects proposed by individual members, particularly those who have to live with tight budgets. If you would like to conduct a survey or an investigation of marine science library activities of literature resources, but cannot do so for lack of funds for postage, photocopying, online searches, etc. then consider asking for support from IAMSLIC. In order to qualify as a non-profit organization, the Association needs to

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CONFERENCE '83

THEME: "CREATIVE INFORMATION HANDLING IN THE EIGHTIES"

October 4-7, 1983  
University of Texas Marine Science Institute  
Port Aransas, Texas

Conference Host

Ruth Grundy, Librarian  
University of Texas  
Marine Science Institute  
Library  
Port Aransas, TX 78373  
(512) 749-6723

Conference Convenor

Kristen L. Metzger, Librarian  
Harbor Branch Foundation, Inc.  
R.R. 1, Box 196  
Ft. Pierce, Florida 33450  
(305) 465-2400 x201

FROM THE CONFERENCE CONVENOR

Kristen L. Metzger

Our theme for the '83 conference is purposely ambiguous in order to encompass a wide range of subjects. We hope that there will be some topics to interest and inform everyone who attends. Some concurrent sessions are planned to give attendees a choice of topics. For those who attended the early meetings of the organization in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, you will recall the informal atmosphere which fostered a great deal of discussion and idea exchange. We'll do our best to provide plenty of time for communication and questions. Due to the location of the meeting, we hope to attract not only our members but also potential members from the industrial libraries in Texas and the surrounding states.

The conference officially begins on Tuesday night, October 4th, with a cocktail buffet. The program will commence on Wednesday morning. Presentations are planned on the preservation of rare book collections, online card catalogues, salvage of water damaged library materials, library automation, grants available to marine science libraries, and a survey of the major expeditionary reports. Several poster sessions have been scheduled. Thus far, topics include geographic coordinates in descriptive cataloging, communicating with the department, and general reference books essential in the marine science library. There are tentative plans for 1/2 day concurrent workshops on Chemical Abstracts online training, the use of microcomputers in the marine science library, searching Biosis Previews for marine science information and training on the use of Zoological Record, both print and online versions.

The package registration fee was very popular last year and will be used again this year to cover lunches, the cocktail buffet Tuesday night, the banquet on Thursday night, liquor, transportation, speaker costs, program printing, etc. A variety of possible accommodations will be offered. Rooms have been reserved at the Best Western on the ocean - conference rate - \$36.00 per night. More elaborate rooms in the same hotel will be \$50 - \$60. Dormitory rooms will be another option at \$7.50 per night. Should you decide to make this a real vacation, condominiums can be rented at a nightly rate of \$75 - \$125. Transportation will be made available from the airport in Corpus Christi to Port Aransas, about an hour away. Car rental is another option.

Ruth promises that the weather in Port Aransas will be in the 80's, barring the whims of Mother Nature. The area will be a real treat for the birdwatchers in the group since it's a major flyway for migratory birds. If you're an avid birder, be sure to bring binoculars and a camera. One or two guided tours will be provided for those interested. In addition, there are tentative plans for a one day shopping excursion to Mexico on the Saturday following the conference.

Space may be reserved for exhibits or meetings of special interest groups by contacting Ruth Grundy. Program suggestions and contributed papers should be directed to me.

CALL FOR PAPERS: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PRESENTING A PAPER  
AT THE '83 CONFERENCE, YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SUBMIT AN  
ABSTRACT. CALL OR WRITE TODAY.

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Supplement for the IMASLIC Directory:

Hopkins Marine Station Library  
Stanford University  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Alan Baldrige, Librarian  
Susan Harris, Library  
Specialist

(408) 373-6658

Academic Special Library. Open: 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Users Policy: Use restricted to Stanford personnel. Visitor use is by prior arrangement and referral. Books and journals loaned to Stanford faculty and students. ILL of all but rare or fragile materials.

Services: Bibliographic, reference, DIALOG computerized searches, Xerox.

Description of Collection: 21,000 monographs and bound journals; 30,000 reprints; microforms; 450 current serial titles; local maps/charts and aerial photographs; 35mm slides of local biota; 30 sets of oceanographic expedition reports; special collections are F. M. MacFarland Library of Opisthobranchiate Molluscs and the G.M. Smith algae reprint collection. Strong in older materials and the North Pacific Region.

Subjects: Biological Sciences (biochemistry, development, ecology, invertebrate zoology, neurobiology, phycology, physiology) Less emphasis on oceanography.

Publications: List of HMS Contributions.

demonstrate its involvement in research, education or philanthropic activities. Several years ago, the Executive Board chose this method as the most effective way to use its limited funds. If you, as members, feel that this was a wrong choice and would prefer some other activity such as the establishment of a small educational fellowship or an award for excellence in the field, please write to the Executive Board.

Membership Committee: Alison Chesney, Chairperson, Ilene Zaleski and Marilyn Guin. The membership brochure has been revised and mailed to over 200 foreign marine science institutions. We hope to substantially strengthen our international representation through this effort.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Union List of Oceanographic Atlases: Norman Howden, Chairman, Susan Starr and Ralph Ehrenberg. The list has now been transferred from the word processor to an IBM computer and will be printed on microfiche for distribution. This means the list will be ready for additions, corrections and resorting by whatever fields the Committee finds appropriate.

An invitation to Special Libraries Association Members -- If you are attending the SLA annual meeting in New Orleans the first week in June, you are very close to some of our Gulf Coast members. They will be delighted to see you, show you their libraries and to introduce or direct you to other marine science libraries in the vicinity. To find out where, when or how, call Norman Howden, LSU, (504-388-2686 or 8625) or Katherine Wallace, Bay St. Louis, MS (601-688-4597).

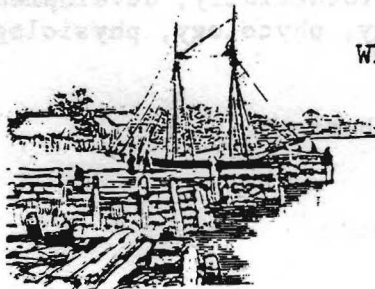
## TWO REPORTS FROM THE VIRGINIA INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE

From Janice Meadows

Here it is, May already, and we're still plugging away at the UNION LIST OF SERIALS IN MARINE SCIENCE LIBRARIES, henceforth to be known as MUSSEL. Diane is editing file after file of titles and holdings, the interlibrary loan material will soon go to Word Processing, and the folders and fiche holders are ready and waiting. (Aren't we all!) Everything will fall together sometime this summer and a copy of MUSSEL will be mailed to each participant. Nonparticipating institutions will be able to order a copy (at cost of production) from the Sea Grant office here at VIMS. An announcement will appear in the IAMSLIC Newsletter when copies become available.

From Susan Barrick  
Report of the Aquaculture Database Committee

The future of the Aquaculture Database (DIALOG file 112) looks a lot brighter than it did in October when I announced that NMFS would cease funding the project in December. Support for the database was aided by the decision of the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture to coordinate the aquaculture activities of USDA, Dept. of Commerce and Dept. of Interior. Wallace Olsen of the National Agricultural Library set up a "cooperative agreement" between NAL and NMFS to support the Aquaculture Database. NAL is funding the project from January through June 1983 and NMFS plans to continue the funding from July through December 1983.



Where are you, Tom Moritz?

Univ. of Washington is advertising for a librarian for Friday Harbor.

A NOTE ON THE NAMING OF IAMSLIC from Ken Morse, Pell Marine Science Library at the University of Rhode Island

The acronym by which we refer to our association (the one reason for reservations about it) was not achieved casually. The association was first known as the East Coast Marine Science Librarians in 1975 and 1976. In 1977, because the association's name was being misinterpreted by the uninformed to be that of a labor organization, it was decided to change the name and Marine Science Libraries Association came into use. It was at the business meeting of the Fourth Annual Meeting in Woods Hole, when the by-laws were being drawn up, that the name of the association was again discussed. On September 19, 1978, in the conference room of the Clark Laboratory at WHOI, the decision was made.

It was agreed that the new name of the association should emphasize libraries rather than librarians. Association of Marine Science Libraries was proposed. Candy Dunn of the URI Coastal Zone Information Center called for recognition of information services that were not libraries in the new name. The proposed name was amended to Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers. Ken Morse cautioned that the acronym from the name (AMSLIC) would be pronounced "Am Slick." The further request to add International to the name thereby including our Canadian and foreign members, brought us to the acronym "I Am Slick." The members present voted in favor of the new name. IAMSLIC was born! and almost immediately a small voice was heard to say, "I am sick."

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A REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER

Ilene Zaleski, Oceanographic Literature Review

The gut-level panic--what me, Treasurer!--that assailed me shortly

after returning to Woods Hole from our fall 1982 conference has dissipated and I have, thus far, enjoyed the job--handling money is always fun.

Keep those dues coming in. To date, only 22 out of 34 institutional members have renewed for 1982/83 and only 68 out of 114 personal members. I have encountered some problems in this area. Be sure to make your checks/money orders payable in U.S. dollars (otherwise we may lose money on the exchange rate). Also, take care to ensure that your checks/money orders indicate for whom the membership is intended: 2 cryptic checks arrived made out to IAMSLIC, neither of which carried any personal or institutional information.

In reviewing the materials forwarded to me from the previous treasurer, I discovered that although we are incorporated as a nonprofit organization in Oregon we are not exempt from that State's income/excise taxes. Therefore, I wrote to the Oregon Dept. of Revenue for information applying for an exemption. The forms and affidavits have arrived and I am in the process of filling them out. By the way, our Certificate of Incorporation has been framed and makes a very nice addition to the walls of the President's office.

Lastly, we appear to be making some progress toward federal tax-exempt status. Frustrated after 3 phone calls to the IRS's 800 number for the purpose of obtaining the proper forms, I telephoned the local IRS office. I was informed that I would be receiving 2 packages of documents in the mail shortly. I have received one massive package and am almost afraid to see what comes in the next one! When I feel particularly strong, I'll sit down with all the forms and instructions and, hopefully, secure tax-exempt status for IAMSLIC before I leave office.

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## TWO REQUESTS FROM YOUR EDITOR

Please volunteer. We need a regional editor for Canada and the UK. As you read in the last Newsletter, Audrey Conroy has resigned after a long and very productive editorship.

Your NEWSLETTER editor is also giving up her job after the August/September letter -- a wonderful opportunity for creative expression and you know the news before anyone else. If you would like to take on either of these responsibilities, please call me at (617) 548-3705 x436 or call or write any member of the Executive Board.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT RECEIVED FROM  
Mary Sullivan, Coastal Information  
Repository at Louisiana State  
University

The Wetlands Thesaurus, containing approximately 1500 entries on coastal wetlands and estuarine terminology, has been published by the Coastal Information Repository at Louisiana State University's Center for Wetland Resources. The vocabulary is used to index the local database of research materials, maps and machine-readable data files. It is also used by Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and Department of Public Works to index their databases, which are shared with the Center for Wetland Resources. Copies of the 155-page publication are available for \$10 by writing:

Wetlands Thesaurus, Coastal  
Information Repository  
LSU Center for Wetland Resources  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

### OTHER ITEMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

The Marine Biological Laboratory has sent out a combination order form and advertisement for their all new

serials list. If you haven't already ordered a copy, please do. Approximately 5,000 titles are included covering the collection of the Laboratory and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The price is \$10. Send your request (prepaid) to:  
Marine Biological Laboratory  
Library  
Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543.

The Directory of Marine Sciences Libraries and Information Centers is available from the Research Librarian at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543. The price is \$5.00 and checks may be made payable to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. If you haven't ordered one yet, it's really indispensable.



FROM THE SOUTH comes the following  
from Mary Katherine Politz at  
Louisiana Universities Marine  
Research and Education Center

The April 22nd ground breaking for Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium's (LUMCON) \$12 million laboratory did not go as planned. Instead of radiant smiles, uplifting speeches and clear skies, there were worried looks, quick comments and a deluge. The only ground dry enough to "break" at the Cocodrie site was that under the Army tent that protected the dignitaries and friends. Governor David C. Treen was the featured speaker; other breakers of ground included Congressman Billy Tauzin (who pushed the enabling legislation through the Louisiana Legislature when he was there in 1979), Commissioner of Education William Arceneaux and LUMCON Executive Director Donald F. Boesch. The facility when completed in two years, will house administrative offices, teaching and research labs, dorms, cafeteria and yes, a library. The structure is designed to resist

hurricanes, high water and deluges. Present facilities of the 3 year old agency include 5 used trailers on the marsh with administrative offices, living quarters for visiting scientists and makeshift microplankton lab and library.

Louisiana's economy and reputation has long rested on the resources of the coastal marsh, which is quickly eroding and deteriorating. It has taken several years to convince the state's legislators what the "locals" already knew--that the state needed a university-affiliated multidisciplinary marine science laboratory to study the marsh, the erosion and the organisms that are so affected by the changes. With this ground-breaking, a new and exciting (not to mention efficient, top-notch and comfortable) phase in marine science begins in Louisiana.

Seriousness aside, the ground-breaking continued on a much pleasanter note as the guests moved to the local marina for a typical Louisiana party: boiled crawfish and crabs, jambalaya and beer. The deluge was forgotten.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT from Alison Chesney, Membership Committee Convenor

The total number of personal members in IAMSLIC stands at 114 as of May 5. There are 34 institutional members, each representing one or more individuals on the newsletter mailing list. Thank you for the overwhelming number of people who have indicated that IAMSLIC is a worthwhile investment, even at double the cost over last year, by renewing their membership dues.

We are contacting hundreds of potential members overseas, with an information brochure that was sent to the printer the first week of May. Marilyn Guin was primarily responsible for compiling the mailing list for this effort, and thanks are extended to her.

You may receive a copy of the revised Bylaws and copies of old IAMSLIC Newsletters from:

Alison Chesney  
Skidaway Institute of Oceanography  
P.O. Box 13687  
Savannah, Georgia 31406.

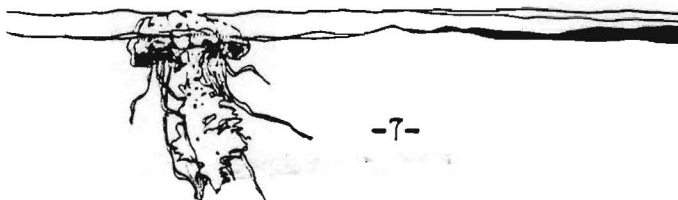


#### NEWS NOTES

Carol Winn has been invited to serve the American Geophysical Union as a member of the Subcommittee on Electronic Transmission and Publishing of Geophysical Sciences. This subcommittee of the Publications Committee will include members with experience in automatic text processing, computer graphics, journal editing functions and library science and is chaired by Elaine Oran of the Naval Research Laboratory. The scope of the subcommittee's work will be defined by its members and may include some experimental projects involving the members home institutions.

Excerpts from a letter received from William A. Stanley, Acting Chief, External Affairs Staff, National Ocean Service, NOAA.

On November 28, 1982 the National Ocean Survey (formerly the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey), was abolished. In its place is the Office of Charting and Geodetic Services, an element of the new National Ocean Service. This restructuring has altered the mission of the present Ocean Survey creating separate and equal reporting elements for several activities. Newly formed is the Office of Oceanography and Marine Services, which will include tidal determinations, Great Lakes water levels, and ocean investigation. The office of Marine



Operations will be responsible for the NOAA fleet along with the Atlantic Marine Center (Norfolk, Virginia), and the Pacific Marine Center (Seattle, Washington). These new offices along with the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management will answer to an Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management as the head of the new National Ocean Service. Please note the change of my address:

Office of the Assistant Administrator  
National Ocean Service, NOAA  
External Affairs Staff  
N/EA, Room 1009, WSC-5  
Rockville, MD 20852  
tel: (301) 443-8655

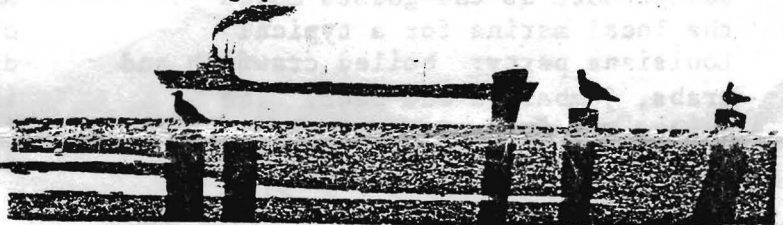
The functions of my former position as Chief of the Physical Science Services Branch will in part continue under the Distribution Branch (N/CG33) Office of Charting and Geodetic Services.

The Marine Biological Laboratory Library received from Bill Goff and Susan Starr at Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library, La Jolla, California 92093, a summary of the results of their survey of Reprint Collections in Marine Science Libraries. If you did not receive a summary and you are interested in the results, I am sure they would be happy to send a copy on to you; or drop a note to your editor and I'll xerox a copy of our copy.

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If you have news or information to share with the membership in the August/September Newsletter (post-conference), the deadline will be August 1. Call or write.....

PLEASE note the call for papers for Conference 83 in Port Aransas and start making plans to attend.



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