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Again this year, we have attempted to facilitate the recommendation from the *Report of the Second Council of Singers*, October 2001 that IAMS LIC members share their expertise with other members and with non-governmental organizations (NGOs). This newsletter focuses on sharing IAMS LIC expertise among members by describing some of our projects, research and publications. If you would like further information on any member's endeavors, use the email address provided to contact the person directly.

■ Database Development

Galveston Bay Information Center

TAMUG is continuing its Galveston Bay Information Center initiative, funded from two separate state sources: the Texas General Land Office, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. For TGLO, we host the Texas Coastal Erosion Data Network which has datasets concerning coastal erosion, including many scanned engineering documents from the past. For TCEQ, we maintain the Galveston Bay Bibliography and Archive. Galveston Bay Estuary Program is the local contact for TCEQ, so our focus for them is support to the Management Plan developed for Galveston Bay including past studies and ongoing monitoring and informational reports. Total annual funding from both contracts is about \$120,000. [Natalie Wiest, Director, Galveston Bay Information Center, email: wiestn@tamug.edu]

Archbold Biological Station Research Publications

<http://www.archbold-station.org/abs/library/STABIB/STABIBalpha.htm>
This is a variant of STABIB, the searchable version of the Station bibliography using Reference WebPoster (however, now that we have switched to "Windows 2000 Server" our version of WebPoster does not work with W2000Server). STABIB2002 alpha and STABIB2002 date are flat files but with links to free full-text sources. An update, including 2003

publications, is scheduled soon. [Fred Lohrer, Archbold, email: FLohrer@archbold-station.org]

■ Digitization Projects

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY INVENTORY for Archbold Biological Station Properties

<http://www.archbold-station.org/abs/data/aerialsdata/aerialsindex.htm>
Aerial-photography index. This was virtually a new project, including ordering many paper photographs from vendors. Images include all of the 1938-52 USDA aerials digitized as part of the *From the Air* project mentioned below. [Fred Lohrer, Archbold, email: FLohrer@archbold-station.org]

MBLWHOI Library Digital Herbarium

<http://herbarium.who.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>
The MBLWHOI Library Digital Herbarium project digitizes the Library's herbarium collection of 8,000 vascular and non-vascular plant specimens, along with species and specimen-related data. The collection is freely available on the Internet via a fully searchable database. Endeavor's Voyager and ImageServer software were used in this project. [Amy Stout, MBL/WHOI, email: astout@mbi.edu]

Scripps Institution of Oceanography LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

We are getting in-house staffed digitization/metadata/server processes nailed

down with our recently hired digital archives technician, so we have just started adding some new image content to our ContentDM image display system. This is a major milestone for us. What was on our ContentDM system until now was entirely through grant funded staffing who have departed. As you know from my IAMS LIC talk, we have now set up digitization with in house staffing. We recently acquired 91 transparencies from a retired Russian scientist depicting under-ice dive operations as part of the 11th Soviet Antarctic Expedition (1965-1966). He was an early diver under the Antarctic ice, so these are significant images for those interested in the history of scientific diving as we are in our library and archival collections. These images will be processed, and will be on our ContentDM system for display at some point.

<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/sio/archives/photos/index.html> [Peter Brueggeman, Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library email: pbrueggeman@ucsd.edu

Peter's addendum:

Checkout those two Quicktime VR panorama shots of SIO in the early days, too! This was something we did outside our digital library grant funded activities, paying a multimedia consultant to do the stitching and cleanup from a series of scans done by our now-retired reference assistant.

MBL/WHOI Digital archive

The MBL/WHOI Library is in the beginning phases of creating a digital archive. In the next few months, a pilot project will digitize a small portion of the WHOI Technical Reports.

The goals of the pilot project are to:

- identify an appropriate software platform to host the digital archive.
- identify an appropriate metadata scheme to describe the digital objects within the archive.
- design an appropriate workflow for intake and processing of the digital objects.
- recommend future projects.

We are optimistic that the pilot project will be successful and that we will learn what it is we need to know as we move ahead into production. The results of the pilot are expected to be known around July 1, 2004. [Ann Devenish, MBL/WHOI, email: adevenish@whoi.edu]

From the Air: the photographic record of Florida's lands

<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/digital/collections/FLAP/Idx.ex.htm>

The first phase of this project is completed with more than 40,600 black and white aerial photographs of Florida available over the Web.

These aerial photographs were taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture between 1937-1951. An ARCIMS map server permits users to search for tiles using a map interface. The second phase has been funded and will digitize 1952-1971. [Funded by Florida LSTA. Stephanie Haas and Erich Kesse, DLC, University of Florida, email: haas@mail.uflib.ufl.edu]

EPHEMERAL CITIES: A model for developing an historical digital atlas based on three Florida cities

Using the latest GIS (geographic information system) functionality, the project will develop digital city atlases using historic and modern map imaging technologies. City directories, newspapers, and other place-related data and objects found in libraries, archives, museums, and agencies will be linked to the maps providing an historic "sense of place." This model project will concentrate on three key Florida cities: Gainesville, the site of the largest state university; Tampa, the West coast hub of commerce and finance; and Key West, a winter haven for tourists. Two snapshots of each city will be developed: one from the mid-1800s and one for the early part of the 20th century. [Funded by IMLS, Stephanie Haas and Erich Kesse, DLC, University of Florida, email: haas@mail.uflib.ufl.edu]

■ Presentations

Getting the Word Out About Academic Libraries: PR and you. Presented at the Colorado Association of Libraries. Annual Meeting. Keystone, October 19, 2003. (with Larry Meredith) [Beth Avery, Gunnison State, email: bavery@western.edu]

Ecology or Feng Shui: Creating positive relationships between patrons and the library building. Presented at the Marmot Staff Development Workshop. Grand Junction. 17 September 2002 and at the Pathfinder Regional Library System Retreat, Crested Butte, CO. April 10-12, 2003. [Beth Avery, Gunnison State, email: bavery@western.edu]

■ Publishing and Reviews

"Darwin and MARC: a voyage of metadata discovery," by Stephanie C. Haas, Elaine Henjum, Mary Ann O'Daniel, Joe Aufmuth. *Library Collections, Acquisitions & Technical Services*, 27(2003) 291-304. Covers major metadata schemes in vogue related to natural history and discusses a project that enhanced MARC metadata to provide taxonomic and geospatial fields.

Barbara Butler has written the following video reviews for [Educational Media Reviews Online](http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/search.html) (<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/search.html>) [Barbara Butler, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, email: butler@darkwing.uoregon.edu]

[Empty Oceans Empty Nets](http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1356)

<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1356>

[Helping Children Understand DNA](http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1060)

<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1060>

[Last Legs: A Californian Frogs Decline](http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1187)

<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1187>

[Science of Marine Reserves](http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1357)

<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1357>

[The Dirt Vaccine](http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1059)

<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro/emroDetail.asp?Number=1059>

■ Facility Development

Oregon Institute of Marine Biology is poised to finish the second floor of the Loyd and Dorothy Rippey Library which will provide us with computer labs, offices for student collaboration and visiting faculty, a conference room and a high tech image processing facility. [Barbara Butler, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, email: butler@darkwing.uoregon.edu]

Monterey Bay Facility in planning

For the past two years, Steve Watkins has been part of the core planning and design team for a new, \$64 million library facility to be constructed at the California State University, Monterey Bay campus. The 4- and 5-floor building will be 200,000 square feet (approximately 18,600 square meters) in size, with a spectacular atrium bisecting the building and bringing natural light to the interior spaces on all floors. The building is designed with a wide variety of seating for 1,600 users and potential shelving capacity for 880,000 volumes. This will be the single largest building constructed at CSU Monterey Bay since the founding of the campus in 1994. The library will eventually serve 8,500 students on-campus, and several thousand off-campus distance learners, as well as residents of the region. When it opens in early 2007, the new library will serve as a central focus for the CSU Monterey Bay academic mission and will significantly influence the design of the overall campus.

As part of the design process, and since the size of the facility will largely exceed library

programmatic needs for some decades to come, careful consideration was given to identifying campus partners who will be housed in the building along with the library. From a recent press release: "The library design incorporates the academic core values of the University in its collaborative learning spaces, the juxtaposition of the library resources and our programs that support learning such as First Year Seminar, Writing, and Academic Support Services. Students will be drawn to the library for the state of art technology, the study spaces with spectacular views of the bay and the valley, and the extensive resources it will offer," said Dr. Diane Cordero de Noriega, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. [Steve Watkins, Monterey Bay Campus, email: watkins@library.csUMB.edu]

■ Web Sites

Friday Harbor Library's Virtual Reading Room

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/fhl/virtualreadingroom/journalist.html>

Created by Maureen Nolan, this resource was accepted into ACRL's "Effective Practices Clearinghouse."

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/effectiveprac/browse.htm>

Friday Harbor Library was the featured library in the ACRL-WA newsletter

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/acrl-wa/News/fall2003/f2003p7.html>

[Maureen Nolan, Friday Harbor, University of Washington, email: nolan@u.washington.edu]



News from Jan Haspeslagh

Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)
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The Euraslic Board serves for a 2-year term that ends in April 2004. The Nominating Committee (consisting of **Sarah Heath**, **Iga Zdanowska** and **Valja Khazova**) has worked very well to collect nominations for all posts to be filled. As there has been only one nomination for each post, an election was not needed. From 1 May 2004 on, the Euraslic Board is composed as follows:

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I would like to express my gratitude –also in the name of all Euraslic members- for the tremendous work that has been done by the previous Board, under the highly professional guidance of **Joan Baron Varley**, who has served as Euraslic President for the past 4 years. I believe that she has strengthened our organisation in an irreversible way. Euraslic has grown in these past years towards a high-profile interest group of European aquatic information workers, and

centres. This has been noticed on the international aquatic forum, where the 'big players' (IOC, European Union, FAO, et al.) consider us more and more as one of the important NGOs for aquatic issues.

You will find a detailed overview of the past realisations under the previous Board in the next Euraslic Newsletter. I will only briefly summarize the current projects and activities that are underway in our regional group.

- **BLICOP-project:** the **Black Sea regional library co-operation project** aims to create an online knowledge management system for literature on the Black Sea. Project leader is **Olga Akimova**, Ukraine (email: akimova@ibss.iuf.net). Several goals are defined, such as an online union catalogue for all Black Sea aquatic libraries, a cd-rom spin-off with annual updates of this catalogue, the establishment of a Black Sea international inputcentre for the ASFA-database, and retrospective input of Black Sea literature-records in the ASFA-database. Several sponsors will be approached for funding, such as the ASFA-Board, IOC, and Iamslic.

- **Euraslic Directory project:** this has already been presented at the Executive Meetings of the Iamslic Board during the Mystic Conference. The current status of the Project is that we have submitted a Grant Proposal to Iamslic for funding of this Directory update.

- **Union list of serials available at the libraries of the Euraslic ECET group:** this project aims at optimizing the Interlibrary Lending Service within the Association through improvement of the access to the information about serials available at the aquatic libraries of Central and Eastern Europe. Project leader here is **Maria Kalenchits**, Estonia (email: maria@phys.sea.ee). A first phase has just been completed where the list of serials published in ECET-countries and held by the participating ECET-libraries has been compiled and edited. This list is ready for inclusion in appropriate online databases. Discussion will follow within the Euraslic Board on how to proceed with this project.

- Lastly, we are very busy with the **redesign of the Euraslic website**. This task has been granted to the Flanders Marine Institute (Belgium), where the website is hosted now (and will continue to be hosted). I am leader of a small in-house 'task force' that is doing a lot of work now to implement new techniques and design features, within the framework of the agreed concept for the new site. Many thanks go to the Website Review Committee for writing and discussing this new

site-concept, a Committee composed of **Manolis Stefanakis** and **Sofia Goulala** (Greece), **Angelika Finke** and **Brigitte Lechner** (Germany), **Sofia Konjevic** (Croatia), **Enrique Wulff** (Spain), and **Olga Yudina** (Russia). The new site is not on air yet, but feel free to peek in the coming weeks at www.euraslic.org!

BRAIN DROPPINGS (with apologies to George Carlin) [As you are aware, Kris Metzger's humorous presentations receive standing ovations at IAMSLIC meetings. Recognizing that we aren't yet to the streaming video stage, we thought you might appreciate her memorandum (slightly abbreviated) on Internet instructions.]

HARBOR BRANCH OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Internet Users

FROM: Kris Metzger, Librarian

SUBJECT: 59 things you might want to know about the Internet

"The Internet is the most important technological advance for humanity since humanity figured out how to put cheese into an aerosol can." Dave Barry

I wrote a memo several years ago giving some tips on useful web sites. This is meant to replace it. I discovered that people are still passing around the old one and this is a really dumb idea since the information in it ceased to be useful, relevant or accurate about a nanosecond after I wrote it.

The online world is a lot like a shopping mall after an earthquake – you enter expecting total chaos and leave happy if you stumble across something worth looting. This is my personal compilation of some of the web sites I find most useful. There is a huge amount of information available on the Internet. I'd appreciate any web site tips you can provide me in return.

How do I calculate the pH of Hydrochloric Acid? What is my blood alcohol level after consuming 5 margaritas with beer chasers in 2 hours? How do I calculate the volume and liner size of a rectangular aquaculture pond? If I buy a Jaguar XJ Sedan, finance it for 27 years at 5%, will I be able to afford the monthly payment?

There is a calculator somewhere on the Internet to figure out the answer to just about any question

posed. The Calculators Online Center has links to more than 15,000 specialized calculators. The resource is divided into four parts. Part 1 is an alphabetical list, organized by topic. Part 2 features only mathematics and statistics calculators, Part 3 focuses on science, Part 4 is dedicated to engineering.

<http://www-sci.lib.uci.edu/HSG/RefCalculators.html>
<http://www.onlineconversion.com/> (another good site for calculations)

I want to buy a copy of Secretary of State Katherine Harris' new book about the 2000 presidential election, *Tell Al Gore I Said Recount Shmecount*. Will you get it for me??

In a word, no. You can easily order books (ones that actually exist) on the Internet. Compare prices at <http://www.addall.com> Just type in the title and it will search more than 40 of the online bookstores and display the price and shipping costs. I've had very good service from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Books a Million. Books a Million sells a "club membership" for only \$ 5.00 that further discounts books – well worth it – and Books a Million just about always beats the price of the other online book dealers.

<http://www.amazon.com>
<http://www.bn.com>
<http://www.bamm.com>

I got an alarming email that I'm going to forward to everyone in my address book. It said that the second cousin of my ex-husband's best friend's illegitimate child woke up in a bathtub only to discover that one of her kidneys had been harvested. What bad luck – she had already been exposed to HIV when stabbed with a needle hidden under the gas pump at the Exxon station, gotten breast cancer from her anti-perspirant and contracted the flesh eating bacteria from Costa Rican bananas. Then there was that unfortunate incident with the cyanide poison on the envelopes

she got at the automatic teller machine
Should I forward this email TO EVERYONE I KNOW??

Well, forwarding such emails may give you an opportunity to exhibit your charming naiveté, or might suggest a crippling lack of intelligence, depending on one's viewpoint. Before you forward any of these emails, check out the following sites that efficiently compile lists of all the ridiculous crap you're likely to get via email. Check here before you try to save any lives.

<http://urbanlegends.about.com>

<http://www.snopes.com>
<http://www.hoaxbusters.ciac.org>

You were perturbed when someone called you a pertinacious, pettish, pusillanimous prig. Unfortunately, or fortunately, you don't know the meaning of any of these words.

<http://www.onelook.com> (terrific site that looks up words in 790 web dictionaries simultaneously)
<http://www.yourdictionary.com/> (serves as a dictionary, thesaurus and foreign language translator with links to dozens of useful sites)

I want the cheapest airline ticket I can get.

Market surveys show that 78% of people would rather undergo amateur liposuction than fly coach; but, if you have to, you might as well enjoy the smug satisfaction of knowing that you're the biggest tightwad on the plane and that you have the ticket to prove it.

Start by searching for your route on the big three and compare prices:

<http://www.expedia.com>
<http://www.travelocity.com>
<http://www.orbitz.com>

A couple of good sites for comparison-shopping an itinerary are:

<http://www.sidestep.com> (excellent)
<http://www.qixo.com> (marginal)

Sometimes the individual airline sites will beat all other prices; some also lure you with the promise of 1000 bonus frequent flyer points for booking on their site. (Personally, I'd undergo a facelift without anesthesia for a decent number of frequent flyer points.) To go directly to the web pages of the individual airlines, link from this site:

<http://www.airlines.thelinks.com/>

Don't forget 3 good low cost airlines whose schedules and fares rarely (if ever) show up on the 3 major sites listed above. They are:

<http://www.southwest.com> (no seat assignments, bizarre boarding process distressingly similar to scenes of people leaving a burning building; however, best on-time record in the business. Also, a pioneer in the airline industry – the first airline to charge you for two seats if you have a big caboose.)

<http://www.spiritair.com> (flights from several south and central Florida airports to Atlantic City, Detroit, Chicago, Denver and other places you probably don't want to go.)

<http://www.jetblue.com> (great airline, solvent ownership, new planes, leather seats, satellite TV at all seats (women are even allowed to change

their own TV stations!), flight attendants who (GASP) offer to put your luggage in the overhead bin – flights from West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Orlando to the northeast)

If you don't mind operating totally in the dark when purchasing an airline ticket, try Priceline or Hotwire. You will not know what airline or what time you are flying until AFTER purchasing the ticket. So what if you're flying on Al-Qaeda Air with a change of planes in the Gaza Strip - these are the sites for skinflints with a sense of adventure:

<http://www.priceline.com>
<http://www.hotwire.com>

Okay, so now I've spent three and a half hours on the Internet buying a plane ticket and saving a grand total of \$11.79. What I really need is an inexpensive hotel and a cheap parking space near the airport.

Too many hotel sites want payment in advance and charge a penalty for cancellation. The sites I recommend below don't charge any fees, in advance or otherwise. They are easy to use and reliable with a good selection of hotels.

<http://www.quikbook.com> (Covers most of the cities in the U.S worth traveling to and a few that are not. They have plans to expand internationally. My favorite hotel discounter.)
<http://www.dchotels.com> (Washington DC hotels only.)
<http://www.express-res.com> (Hotels in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.)

Priceline and Hotwire also offer hotel bookings. Just like their airline tickets, you don't get the name of the hotel until after you've paid for it. You simply select a city and narrow your hotel choices to a certain part of town and type of hotel. I recently needed a hotel room for 1 night within spitting distance of the Seattle airport. I got a room at the Wyndham Hotel for \$48. The lowest price that hotel was offering at their reservations' number was \$119.00.

Off-site airport parking lots can be located using these sites. They generally offer lower rates than the parking garages at the airport and if you're schlepping a pile of luggage, they'll load it up and drop you off at the curbside check-in area. Sometimes the parking lot will offer a special online booking discount coupon that you just print out on your printer. (Spell check didn't flag 'schlepping', so it must be a real word.)

<http://www.airportparkinglots.com>
<http://www.airportdiscountparking.com/>

If you have to pick up someone at the airport and want to know if the flight is arriving on time, use

flight tracker. This only tracks flights currently in the air.
http://www.trip.com/trs/trip/flighttracker/flight_track_er_home.xsl

Is *Pholis gunnellus* the correct scientific name for the fish commonly known as the Crinkly Dick? (I am not making this up.) Is the *Mercenaria campechiensis* found near Cedar Key? I need a complete species profile of the Stone Crab.

<http://www.fishbase.org/search.cfm> (A global database of fishes)
<http://www.calacademy.org/research/ichthyology/catalog/fishcatsearch.html> (Catalog of Fishes)
<http://coa.acnatsci.org/conchnet/sp-lists.html> (Molluscs species lists)
<http://www.nwrc.gov/publications/specindex.htm> (Species profiles of fishes and invertebrates)
http://www.fao.org/fi/sidp/products/pub_cata.htm (Species catalogues from the FAO, many in full text .pdf format)

What is the correct abbreviation for the *Journal de Microscopie et de Biologie Cellulaire*? What is the acronym for the *Sam Houston Institute of Technology*?

Journal titles and abbreviations:
http://www.webofscience.com/help/A_abrvjt.html
<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~CYBERSTACKS/JAS.htm>

Acronyms and abbreviations:
<http://www.ucc.ie/info/net/acronyms/index.html>
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/stasa/> (scientific & technical)
<http://www.pharma-lexicon.com/> (pharmaceutical & medical abbreviations)

I need a pithy quotation to lead off my lecture. Also, I want to find out who said "If it's got tires or testicles, you're going to have trouble with it."

<http://www.bartleby.com/quotations/> (Bartlett's, Columbia, Simpsons quotations)
<http://www.quotationspage.com/> searchable database of 15,000 quotations
<http://naturalscience.com/dsqhome.html> scientific quotations

Maybe you want to include a funny quotation or a science related joke in your presentation (enough already with all that data, charts, graphs, etc. – trust me, give it a rest.)
<http://www.corsinet.com/braincandy/advise.html> celebrity quotations

<http://www.aardvarkarchie.com/quotes/> humorous quotations – a good site – ignore the advertisements (trust me on this, also - really).
<http://www.xs4all.nl/~jcdverha/scijokes/> science related jokes

Foolishly turning down a higher-paying job delivering pizza, my child has decided to pursue a career as a marine biologist.

More information than you could ever want on marine related careers is linked to this site:
<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/sio/guide/career.html>
<http://www.id.ucsb.edu/lovelab/biologist.html> (humorously covers the WORST reasons for becoming a marine biologist)

What time is sunrise on October 17, 2004 in Hobart, Tasmania? What time is it right now in Moscow? At what times will high tide occur in Key Largo on April 2, 2005? (Honest, people actually ask questions like this.)

<http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/> (sunrise, sunset, moon phases, eclipses, equinoxes, solstices, whether or not the moon is in the 7th house and Jupiter is aligned with Mars)
<http://www.worldtimeserver.com> (local times around the world)
<http://scilib.ucsd.edu/sio/tide/> (more sites than you could ever want on tides and tide prediction)

I need pictures of trochophore larvae, the Pacific oyster, *Crassostrea gigas* and Snowball, the giant mutant cat.

Images are easily found using three of the better search engines, Google, Altavista and AllTheWeb. Click on IMAGE above the search box (called PICTURES on AllTheWeb), enter your key words and click on the SEARCH button.
<http://www.google.com>
<http://av.com>
<http://www.alltheweb.com>

Snowball, the giant mutant cat can be found here:
<http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blgiantcat2.htm>

I'm trying to locate three of my old college buddies – Moe Lester, Adam Meway and Boyd Schidt.

Links to the many, very useful white page directories like Switchboard, AnyWho and WhoWhere can be found at:
<http://www.libraryspot.com/whitepages.htm>

Okay, so now I have all these great sites saved in my favorites / bookmarks. However, I'm out of town working on my laptop and my favorites are stored on my computer at work.

Numerous sites will import and store your bookmarks at no charge so that they're readily accessible no matter where you are. These two sites link to the many bookmark storing sites. I've used both Murl.com and MyBookmarks.com – both are very easy to use.

<http://useful.webwizards.net/wbbm.htm>

[http://dmoz.org/Computers/Internet/On the Web/Web Applications/Bookmark_Managers/](http://dmoz.org/Computers/Internet/On_the_Web/Web_Applications/Bookmark_Managers/)

ON THE BLEEDING EDGE OF CHANGE ALEPH IMPLEMENTATION, by Kathy Heil

The University of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) has just completed year one of coming up on Aleph, our third generation Library Information Management System. Does implementation become easier or less time consuming? No! Should you participate in National meetings? Yes!

The USMAI has a rather unique consortial set-up within Aleph. Our unique set-up enabled us to retain Patron Placed Holds (PPH) the most popular feature of our last system. PPH demands two unique set-ups within Aleph. A Global Patron and a Global Record. On the Patron side:

- 1) We have local campus borrowers – that each campus set up with their individual parameters. For example: CES patrons are: Faculty/ Staff with semester borrowing privileges; Grads (which covers our Masters and PhD Students) with semester borrowing privileges; UG (undergrads) with 28 day borrowing privileges and Special Borrowers with 28 days; . All other campuses have many more borrower types than we do and they all have different lending policies.
- 2) We also have a Global borrower status – this is tied to the local patron status and this is what allows PPH and circulation of materials from other libraries directly to patrons. All loans to Global patrons follow the loan period of the lending library. So although I give faculty a semester loan, if they request a book on hold/recall from UMBC they would actually get it for a year because that's how long UMBC faculty get for a loan period . If they placed a book on hold/recall from HS/HSL they would only get 28 days because all materials from the Health Sciences Library circulate for only 28 days no matter who the borrower is.

The other unique part of our implementation is a shared bibliographic record. This is also necessary to implement PPH so that the Patron gets the first available copy and doesn't have to look in the 16 different catalogs in order to choose the "best" copy.

- 1) We have a main bibliographic record that

stores all core information (Bib). We then have a holdings record that stores specific local tags and data (Bob- our shorthand for discussion purposes). This allows the system to check all holdings for a title and then choose one that is available or choose which one to recall. It also allows us to be in control of local data, and know that if we ever wanted to go our separate ways, that no data would be lost.

- 2) To balance hold/recalls equitably all requests go to the smallest holding library first and then works it's way up to the largest. So for fisheries, ecology books a request would come to one of my sites first if we held a copy. If our copy/copies was/were not available but another Campus held a copy it would go to the next smallest holding library generally Salisbury or Frostburg and from there to UMBC and finally UMCP.

We have only started to work on statistics on use of PPH in the new system. In the Old system we generally had in the range of 200 – 400 items per day placed on PPH. Judging by the current circulation statistics it looks like this amount has increased. Generally, my sites have a total of 1-7 books to pull each day during the week. The two largest libraries may have close to a hundred or more books to pull.

Why would we want to put more work onto already busy circulation staff? We did so for a number of reasons.

- 1) The Governor at the time wanted to reduce duplication of efforts within the University System and this was a way to demonstrate Library cooperation and get funding for a new system (our second generation system)
- 2) We wanted to reduce OCLC interlibrary loan costs. We do not have to use ILL for most books requests now.
- 3) We wanted to empower the Patrons, who were always asking: Why can't I get xxx book from another library in the System.
- 4) Patrons are happier because they get more than the 14 day loan that comes with most ILL's.

Since this is our eleventh year of allowing PPH, we have decided to evaluate our old loan policies. Since PPH has become so popular a number of campuses are looking at making at least Faculty loans either all the same or perhaps with only two or three loan periods to keep track of, which groups of campuses choosing one set date or loan period. We have a number of faculty who consistently borrow from a large number of institutions and who have large volumes of books in circulation at any one time (over a hundred items in circ for many of the faculty) and who are having a difficult time keeping track of their due dates.

IAMSLIC e-mail discussion list changes,
contributed by Ruth Gustafson & Lenora
Ofstedahl, list owners

As of January 29, 2004 there are currently 313 subscribers to the IAMSLIC e-mail discussion list. Since May 2001, more than 3,860 messages have been sent to this discussion list. To view the openly-accessible online archive of these IAMSLIC e-mail discussion list messages, go to <http://listproc.ucdavis.edu/archives/iamslic/>

At the October 2003 Executive Board meetings in Mystic, Connecticut, the IAMSLIC list owners, Ruth Gustafson and Lenora Ofstedahl, presented a proposal for removing selected subscribers from the IAMSLIC e-mail discussion list. There have been several subscriber e-mail addresses which have not been working and thus not receiving IAMSLIC e-mail for several months. The following proposal was approved by the IAMSLIC Executive Board: All subscribers whose e-mail addresses do NOT work or do NOT receive e-mail for over a *month* will be removed from the IAMSLIC e-mail discussion list.

If you believe you have subscribed to the IAMSLIC e-mail list and have not been receiving IAMSLIC e-mail list messages in a while, please contact Ruth Gustafson (ragustafson@ucdavis.edu) to determine what problems have been occurring with your subscription. PLEASE NOTE: As more and more institutions implement policies to screen/block SPAM mail, we are finding that several subscribers have network administrators who are blocking IAMSLIC e-mail.

HOLD THE ATTACHMENTS: This is a good time to remind everyone that one of the most common e-mails blocked from being received by very security-conscious e-mail system administrators are e-mails with attachments. PLEASE: as a courtesy to your IAMSLIC fellow e-mail subscribers, do NOT append attachments to your e-mails. Many subscribers do not have the software applications to read attachments. In addition, we would like to minimize the risk of transmitting viruses to list subscribers. If you would like your e-mail to be sent to the greatest number of recipients, in the safest manner possible, please incorporate your entire message into the body of the e-mail or direct people to a webpage where the item may be found!

**COLLEAGUE CONNECTION, collected
by Joan Parker**

Janet Webster has been awarded a sabbatical from Oregon State University. She will travel to Rome in March to begin work on a project with the Fisheries Library of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Joan Parker was invited to a Pelagic Fisheries Research Program workshop on data rescue held at the University of Hawaii in December. She spoke about the collection acquired from the California Department of Fish and Game. There is a significant interest in longline fishing operations in the eastern Pacific Ocean from the 1950's where the CDFG's research vessel, the N.B. Scofield, occasionally travelled. Researchers are also interested in pre-WWII data on tuna populations.

(From Barbara Schmidt, Head Librarian, IFM-GEOMAR e-mail: bschmidt@ifm.uni-kiel.de
URL: <http://www.ifm.uni-kiel.de/ze/zb/biblio.html>)

The Institute of Marine Research and the Geomar Research Center for Marine Geosciences in Kiel have merged with the beginning of 2004 to the new "Leibniz-Institut fuer Meereswissenschaften" (IfM-Geomar). The new organization will have four main departments:

- Ocean circulation and climate dynamics
 - Marine Biogeochemistry
 - Marine Ecology
 - Dynamic of the Earth's Crust and Earth's Mantle
- (These names of the departments are not the official names, because we are still waiting for the official translation)

For the next few years we will remain in our old buildings so the address will be more or less the same.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



**Cyamus 2004 meeting
will be in Vancouver, BC.**

The general theme of the CYAMUS 2004 meeting to be held in Vancouver, British

Columbia from 3-6 March 2004 is "Neighbouring Waters". Co-hosts are Gordon Miller and Marcia Croy Vanwely (Fisheries & Oceans Canada), Treva Ricou (Vancouver Aquarium), Teri Tarita (Pacific Salmon Commission), and Sally Taylor (University of British Columbia). The current Cyamus representative, Gordon Miller is the program planner and moderator.
<http://www.library.ubc.ca/life/cyamus/conference2004/spring04.html>



SAIL 2004 will be held May 11-14 at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, Port Aransas, TX. Hosts: Liz DeHart and Denise Landry-Hyde, from Texas A&M, Corpus Christi, The theme of the meeting is

"Getting More with Less, How to be 'Lean and Mean' Machines in Sustainable Seas."

<http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/2004frameset.html>



On to "**Voyages of Discovery: Parting the Seas of Information Technology**"

30th Annual International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Library and Information Centers

(IAMSLIC) Conference Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, 5-9 September 2004

CALL FOR PAPERS: Due April 1, 2004

VISITING LIBRARIAN PROGRAM AT

MBL/WHOI Submission deadline is March 1, annually; Info at: <http://www.mblwhoilibrary.org/>

This is a call for proposals under the Mary Sears Endowed Visitor Program. Awards will provide up to \$5,000 for travel, living expenses, laboratory space, and equipment use for scientists, technicians, and librarians visiting WHOI. Please see website for details:

http://www.whoi.edu/administration/dirres/funding/whoi_funding/MarySears.html

MBLWHOI Library seeks proposals from applicants for the 2005 grant year.

If you are interested in such an opportunity, please prepare a one-page description of the project you propose to undertake with our library staff.

--What skills will you bring to the project?

--What skills might you hope to gain from the project?

--What are the best dates for this internship? (dates must be September 2005 through May 2006; no internships possible during June, July, August).

--Proposed budget (note that the award may be applied to your travel, housing, meals & incidentals--you will be responsible for all additional costs associated with your internship).

--Please include a copy of your curriculum vitae.

We must receive your proposal no later than 1 October 2004 so we can review proposals and select one to prepare into a final proposal to submit prior to the 1 March 2005 deadline.

The successful recipient will be expected to submit a written report to MBLWHOI Library and to present a paper about the experience at an IAMSLIC annual conference or IAMSLIC regional group meeting.



[Ed. note: If you haven't visited INIDEP's web site, you should. Click on the logo to get there and turn on your sound.]

FROM ARGENTINA

2003 PROJECTS

Accomplished and underway, reported by Guillermina Cosulich, INIDEP Library and Documentation Service, Mar del Plata, Argentina email: biblio@inidep.edu.ar

International Cooperation

*** IAMSLIC cooperation: A grant was request and accepted for María Gabriela Silvoni to participate at the IAMSLIC Annual Conference, held in Mystic, Conn., October 2003 and two weeks trainship in two marine libraries in the US thanks to the support of the librarians from the MBL/WHOI Library and at the NOAA, Miami Library

*** ASFA-FAO Cooperation

--A grant was request and accepted for Guillermina Cosulich, to attend the ASFA Board Meeting held in La Habana, Cuba, 15-18 July.

--Project approval at the ASFA Board Meeting, Cuba: Marine bibliographic information from the Latin American and Caribbean Region processed for the ASFA Database, 25 years of scientific research 1955-1980). First stage: Argentina and Chile.

--Institutional online ASFA access to all INIDEP scientists and preliminary users training on basic search operations.

Regional Cooperation

*** ODINCARSA paid 2 year IAMSILIC memberships for the libraries from the Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales Bernardino Rivadavia, Buenos Aires and CADIC, Ushuaia, Province of Tierra del Fuego.

National Cooperation:

*** REDIPES (The National Fisheries Information Network) Project. Among aprox. 30 Information Units (IU) along the country -IAMSILIC promotion: libraries were invited to become IAMSILIC members and a Spanish leaflet was prepared and "handed out" through Internet

-a survey made in 2002 to South American libraries, was send in December 2003 to national natural science and marine related Information Units

-support and expertise was given to several specialized libraries along the country,

Librarianship Research

*** Scientific production from the INIDEP scientists during the period 1995-2000: a bibliometric analysis. Poster prepared by Silvoni, María Gabriela at the V National Marine Science Congress, Mar del Plata, Argentina, 8-12 December 2003.

*** Trends in users and services at a fisheries library in South America. Poster prepared by Silvoni, María Gabriela at the 29th Annual IAMSILIC Conference: Evolving User Services in Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries, Mystic, Connecticut, USA, 5-10 October 2003

On line INIDEP Data Base

*** Our Reference Databases accessed through the Agricultural MegaDatabase SIDALC (Agricultural Information System for the Americas) were updated and a new Thesis Database was launched (<http://orton.catie.ac.cr>)

SOME PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2004

Open access to marine science and fisheries scientific literature

*** To allow our own institutional bibliographic databases to be accessed online through the INIDEP website (delayed),

*** Free access to full text scientific world journals: The INIDEP was accepted to be included since January to access Science Direct and the SECYT Science PORTAL organized by the Argentine Secretary of

Science and Technology for public national universities and scientific institutes.

*** To work together with Argentina agricultural libraries in order to request FAO to be included among the countries with AGORA access.

Improvement and updating of technological equipment

*** Grant requested to Antorchas Foundation, Buenos Aires.

ASFIS Aquatic Science and Fisheries Info. System

*** The ASFA Bd. Meet. will be hosted by INIDEP, June 29th-July 2nd.

REDIPES (The National Fisheries Information Network Project).

*** Interinstitutional renewal of cooperation agreements

*** Analysis of the survey sent to national science Info. units

*** Training course for cooperating institutions with new software www-ISIS-ASFA to increase national input

Latin American Fisheries Information Group

*** To participate in the new Regional IAMSILIC Group and to continue promoting exchange and dissemination of marine information.



THE GROUNDHOG TRADITION

I was delighted to find members who also know Phil the groundhog.

Susan Stover, Mote Marine Lab Library wrote:

"I grew up in Punxsutawney!! Phil is also a personal friend of mine. He's even been to my class reunions.

I went to school with the guy (Bill Deeley) who you see Handling Phil on TV.

Did you know Phil lives at the Punxsutawney Memorial Library!! They have an indoor/outdoor display in the children's section.

Trivia for the day:

Do you know why groundhogs are also called whistle pigs??

If you know, please send the answer to the listserv so we can all find out!

Jim Markham also reported in on the Groundhog issue as the Proceedings are about to go to the printer:

"It would be nice to send it to the printer on Groundhog Day, because that is also a special day for me. Remind me to tell you sometime about how I got my whole grade school class digging groundhog burrows in the schoolyard on Groundhog Day, without the teachers noticing. I have celebrated Groundhog Day ever since."

Two fascinating groundhog sites are:
[Official Groundhog Day Celebration site](#)
[The Groundhog Oscillation: Evidence of Global Change](#)



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