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CONGRATULATIONS IAMSLIC

Congratulations IAMSLIC on the 100th issue of your very valuable newsletter, and a great big thank you to all the newsletter editors for their inspiration, endurance, and tenacity over the years.

Cheers to you on the 100th newsletter

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PAST IAMSLIC NEWSLETTER EDITORS, EVENTS AND ISSUES

Issues 1 – 7

Feb 1979 – August 1981

Karin Negoro (Woods Hole, MA)

Issue 8

Aug 1981

Karin Negoro and Judy Ashmore (MBL, Woods Hole, MA)

Issues 9 – 14

Dec 1981 – Aug 1983

Judy Ashmore (Woods Hole, MA)

Issues 15 – 17

Mar 1984 – Sep 1984

Mary Parks (Mote Marine, Sarasota, FL)

Issues 18 – 33

Dec 1984 – Dec 1989

Kristen Metzger (Harbor Branch Fdn, Ft Pierce, FL)

Issues 34 – 47

Mar 1990 – Sept 1993

Kristen Metzger and Peter Brueggman (contributing editor) (Scripps, La Jolla, CA)

Issues 48 – 56

Dec 1993 – Sept 1995

Richard Eissinger (Texas A&M, College Station, TX) and Peter Brueggman (contributing editor) (Scripps, La Jolla, CA)

Issues 57 – 61

Dec 1995 – Dec 1996 (#57-61)

Richard Eissinger (Southern Utah Univ, Cedar City, UT) and Peter Brueggman (contributing editor) (Scripps, La Jolla, CA)

The treasury had \$14, 626, and the Guin fund had \$5,260. Kathy Heil was busy collecting recipes for an IAMSLIC cookbook. Membership had grown from 208 in 1990 to 276 in 1995. Natalie Wiest attended the IODE meeting as the first invited IAMSLIC member.

IAMSLIC got its first Web presence.

Issues 62 – 84

Nov 1997- Aug 2002

Roger Kelly (University of New York at Stony Brook) and Beth Avery Fuseler (Lamar University, Beaumont, TX) with Peter Brueggman (contributing editor) (Scripps, La Jolla, CA)

Following a presentation by Cathy Norton of Woods Hole at the Southampton Conference, IAMSLIC sent a letter to several publishers protesting their current pricing model. Metadata was the hot topic. There was a joint meeting with the Polar Colloquy in Iceland. Roger and Beth pack the Electronic Library column in the newsletter with wondrous web sites with the help of 20 international contributors; one issue exceeds 60 pages. There is a consortial purchase of ARIAL software.

The First and Second Council of Singers are formed to help provide future direction to IAMSLIC. In 1999 membership reaches 307. In 2000, the Z39.50 project is born with the help of Anne Ball at the NOAA Coastal Information Library. Earlier Proceedings and Newsletters are scanned and made available through the VIMS website. In 2001, the Newsletter goes electronic.

Issues 85 – 92

Nov 2002 - Aug 2004

Stephanie Haas (Digital Library Center, University of Florida)

Steve Watkins takes over the Z39.50 project from NOAA and turns it into a mainstay of resource sharing among marine/aquatic libraries. The African Regional group forms in 2003. The first IAMSLIC meeting in the southern hemisphere is held in Matzatlan with more than 90 people from 18 countries in attendance. A Latin American regional IAMSLIC group is formed. A 2003 issue was devoted to recent articles, research, and activities of the membership. A Memorandum of Understanding is signed between IOC and IAMSLIC to further collaborative project development.

Issues 93 –

Nov 2004 –

Megan Gee (National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research, New Zealand) and Jackie Wolstenholme (Queensland University of Technology)

Memorandum of Understanding between IAMSLIC and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was approved by both parties in March 2005. Cuban and Latin American IAMSLIC librarians meet at "From Papyrus to Virtual Libraries," a conference in Cuba organized by Casa de Las Americas. The 2005 Rome conference had 89 participants from 38 countries. 'Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities' is signed on behalf of

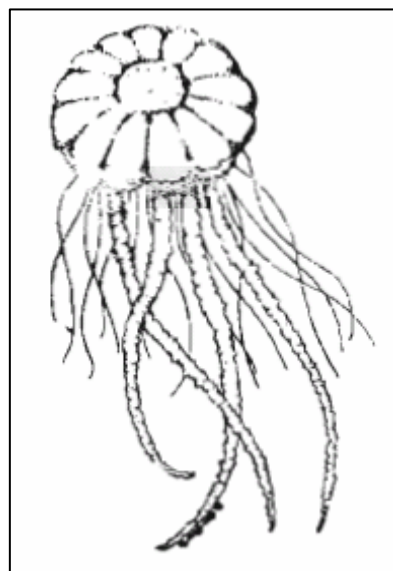
IAMSLIC. A proposal for Redefining IAMSLIC Regional Group Membership Status and for Restructuring Funding Distribution and Organizational Processes is brought to the membership for discussion. A proposal for creating an Aquatic Commons is presented by Stephanie Haas and Pauline Simpson. AFRIAMSLIC 2nd Conference is held in Accra, Ghana from 13th-15th September 2005. The Z39.50 Distributed Library now contains nearly 23,000 holdings from 47 IAMSLIC libraries for approximately 13,000 unique serial titles.

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SELECTED ISSUES FROM THE ARCHIVE...

Issue 1 – February 1979: Editor Karin Negoro (Woods Hole, Massachusetts)

- Call for papers for the 1979 conference held at the Marine Resources Research Institute, Charleston, South Carolina.
- Discussions of resource sharing and ‘how various libraries handle the collected reprints problem’ from interlibrary loans at the 1978 meeting of the Marine Science Libraries Association.
- Announcement of MICROLOG: a new system for document deliver, indexing, and full MARC cataloguing of Canadian literature.
- Allen Varley of the UK Marine Science Libraries Association promotes involvement between his organisation and IAMSLIC.

Excerpts from the Bylaws Discussion, quoted in the newsletter from the minutes of 20 September, 1978:

“It was suggested that because of the negative connotation of the word “library”, the word “information” should appear in the name of the organization. It was also suggested that the word “international” be included because of the Canadian contingent. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed that Article I be changed to read “The name of this organization shall be the International Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC)”.

“... the following were accepted by vote of the membership present, with changes as specified:

Article III, Section I. The acronym MSLA [ed. Marine Science Libraries Association] was changed to IAMSLIC, the words “professional, scientific or technical” deleted ...”

Issue 25 – May 1987: Editor Kristen Metzger (Harbor Branch Fdn, Ft Pierce, Florida)

- Announcement of conference in Halifax [ed. 13th IAMSLIC conference] and request for more papers, specifically for sessions on ‘Classification systems for marine science libraries’, ‘CD-ROM and ASFA CD-ROM’ and the ‘History of oceanography – documenting marine science’.
- Electronic mail was a big topic in this newsletter with Allen Varley of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom asking “is it too much to hope that one day they will interconnect?”
- The need for a working group was suggested to advise on the different forms of electronic mail e.g. DIALMAIL, USENET and suggestion of “SCIENCEnet as the official IAMSLIC electronic mail system”.
- Eirikur Einarsson, an Icelandic member setup a Bulletin Board called ‘Iamslic’.
- An information brochure requesting expressions of interest in the new IAMSLIC duplicate exchange program was sent to the entire membership.

Issue 39 – June 1991: Editor Kristen Metzger (Harbor Branch Fdn, Ft Pierce, Florida)

- The president, Kay Hale (Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences Library, University of Miami, Florida) announces the name change of IAMSLIC to ‘International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers’. The IAMSLIC Bylaw Committee, comprising Sharon Thompson (Chair), Andrea Coffman and Pam Mofjeld state that they hope the inclusion of the word “Aquatic” in our name will encourage many new members.

- Under the new bylaws, regional aquatic/marine information groups can apply for formal regional status within IAMSLIC if a majority of local IAMSLIC members agree.
- Eleanor Uhlinger (Bodega Marine Laboratory) reported on the 3rd US West Coast Regional IAMSLIC Workshop. Discussion included whether to form a regional IAMSLIC group, “Joe Wible (Stanford University) described an exciting project where he’s giving patrons direct access to BIOSIS and other remote or campus databases” and Tom Moritz (California Academy of Sciences) raised “issues about document delivery and the idea of ‘weighted service centers’”, leading to discussions about fax technology and scanners.
- Report from the 3rd EURASLIC meeting stated that the development of EURASLIC was providing an impetus to the development of Aquatic Library Groups and Networks. The creation of Regional Groups were discussed with IAMSLIC members voting to request IAMSLIC approve the creation of a European Regional Group.
- Linda Pikula (NOAA Regional Library at AOML) reported that the US Southern Regional IAMSLIC Group met and voted to become a regional affiliate of IAMSLIC.
- CD-ROMS were big news with a list provided of the CD_ROMS in a range of IAMSLIC libraries and several other items about CD-ROMS, including an article in which CD-ROM players were reviewed.

Issue 50 March 1994: Editor Richard Eissinger (Texas A&M, College Station, Texas and Peter Brueggeman (contributing editor) (Scripps, La Jolla, California)

Information resources using a range of technologies were reported in this issue:

- Announcement of the IAMSLIC listserv, IAMSLIC@UCSD Conference including how to subscribe and notice of the FAQ feature.
- The goals and purpose of the West Africa Regional Group, ASIPA.
- More listings of CD-ROMS
- Information about accessing the CYAMUS Union List of Serials and login options via telnet
- Listings of Internet resources e.g. Environmental Internet Guide and Aquaculture Reference on Internet and Sea Grant Abstracts Online
- Gopher and WWW: Deepsea and Hydrothermal Vent Gopher and NEODAT Fish Biodiversity Gopher
- New Listservers: Descriptions and instructions on how to subscribe e.g. International Marine Ornithologists’ Listserv, Antarctic Listserver

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INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF IAMSLIC

IAMSLIC and WHOAS, a unique partnership

WHOAS is the Woods Hole Open Access Server, an institutional repository hosting content from the Woods Hole, MA science community. Its value is enhanced by an ongoing IAMSLIC project ... hosting the conference proceedings of IAMSLIC since 1984, the first year of published proceedings, and issues of the IAMSLIC newsletter dating to 1995.

To date, 240 metadata records and their associated digital objects have been entered by a team consisting of Sally Taylor, Michael Gomez, and Dan Belich. The real power of the web is realized when you realize that this team represents three countries on two continents!

Visit WHOAS and the IAMSLIC contributions at

<https://darchive.mblwhoilib.org/handle/1912/164>

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Additions to Union List of Serials

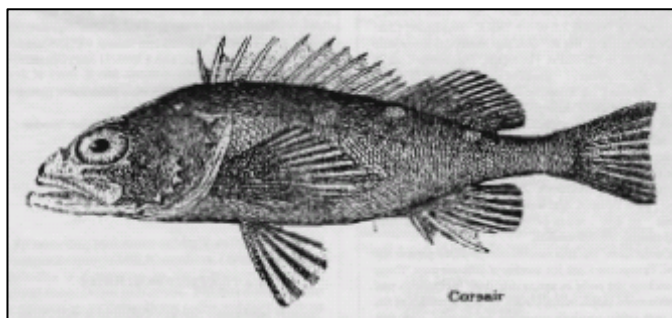
I am pleased to announce that the journal holdings of the GEOMAR Ostufer collection of the IFM-GEOMAR Library of the Leibnitz-Institut fuer Meereskunde have been added to the Union List of Marine and Aquatic Serials and are also included in the Z39.50 search of the Union List. The 245 new records bring the combined total for the IFM-GEOMAR Library to 1549 titles.

In addition, the record structure of the Union List of Serials has been updated so that it now supports URL links to full-text electronic journals. Many thanks to Craig Emerson at CSA who supplied a listing of 148 open-access journals related to the aquatic sciences that are also now accessible via the Union List and the Z39.50 Distributed Library.

IAMSLIC Z39.50 Distributed Library:
<http://library.csUMB.edu/iamslic/ill/>

Union List of Marine and Aquatic Serials:
<http://library.csUMB.edu/iamslic/unionlist/>

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Improving Access to IAMSLIC Conference Proceedings

Here's a trivia question for you. *When did IAMSLIC begin publishing the proceedings of the annual conference?*

In 1985, "at the request of persons unable to attend the meetings", IAMSLIC published its first proceedings of the 10th Annual Conference held in 1984 in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA. If you missed that meeting but want to see how technology has changed in the past 20 years, you'll especially enjoy the articles about microcomputers and libraries!

In the same spirit of sharing, many of the proceedings were digitized several years ago and have been available via the IAMSLIC web site, making it easier for members unable to attend the meetings to benefit from the conference presentations. Digitization was done for the years 1984-1997 and 2002 by the VIMS Library (Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences) with funding from IAMSLIC.

Now it's time to fill in the gaps.

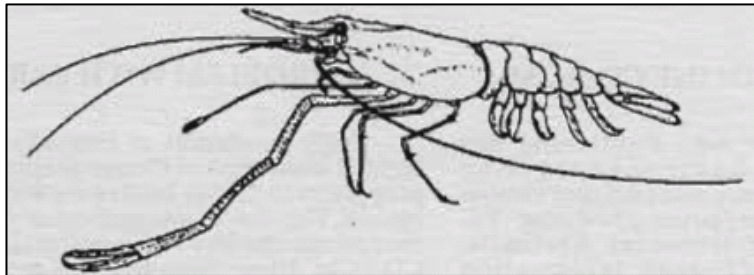
IAMSLIC has embarked on a project to digitize the remaining proceedings (1998-

2001, 2003 -) and make them accessible via the web site. Special thanks go to Stephanie Haas who has generously agreed to lead the digitization effort and to Jim Markham and Andrea Duda (former proceedings editors) for ensuring that Stephanie has the files!

Where will the digital proceedings live?

In the last newsletter, I mentioned WHOAS or Woods Hole Open Access Server, the digital repository for IAMSLIC's electronic publications (e.g. newsletters, proceedings and presentations). Michael Gomez and Daniel Belich are working furiously to deposit the PDF articles from the existing digital proceedings into WHOAS. As the remaining proceedings are digitized, these too will be submitted to WHOAS for long-term access and preservation. Like the newsletters, the proceedings will live in WHOAS but you'll be able to access them from the IAMSLIC web site.

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IAMSLIC's history

In honor of our 32 years and 100th newsletter I'll be making a presentation at the conference (see <http://www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=124> for details on the conference).

Title: The life of IAMSLIC; from our painless birth, through a sometimes tumultuous adolescence to the mature, substantive, occasionally dysfunctional, family we are today.

Abstract: An unflinching look at the 32 year evolution of our organization, warts and all.

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Ballot Results

Composition of the IAMSLIC

Nominating Committee

An electronic ballot was conducted which has resulted in an amendment to the Bylaw which defines IAMSLIC's nominating committee. The committee will now have representatives from each regional group. Article XI, Section 2 of the IAMSLIC Bylaws was amended by vote of the membership to read:

ARTICLE XI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 2: Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board, **with input from the Regional Groups**, no later than three (3) months prior to the Association's Annual Business Meeting. This Committee shall be composed of **one member from each Regional Group and one at-large member**, no one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Board will ensure that at least one member of the committee be a former officer or member of the previous Nominating Committee.

The composition of the Nominating Committee had previously been specified as:

Section 2: Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board no later than three (3) months prior to the Association's Annual Business Meeting. This Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, no one of whom shall be a member of the Board, but one (1) of whom shall be a former officer or member of the previous Nominating Committee.

The ballot received an affirmative vote as follows:

Amendment to the Bylaws regarding the composition of the Nominating Committee:
108 votes: Yes
4 votes: No

Proposal on IAMSLIC Regional Groups and Distribution of Funding

A second electronic ballot was conducted which has endorsed a regional group proposal, in concept. The proposal is titled: "Proposal for Redefining IAMSLIC Regional Group Membership Status, and for Restructuring Funding Distribution and Organizational Processes" Background information to the proposal is presented in the previous issue of the newsletter (Issue 99) and the full documents are on the IAMSLIC website

(<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=122>).

The ballot received an affirmative vote as follows:

Endorse in concept the proposal on Regional Groups and enable the Implementation Task Force to proceed:
106 votes: Yes
14 votes: No

The members of the Implementation Task Force are Marcel Brannemann, Barbara Butler, Jan Haspeslagh, Barbara Schmidt and Steve Watkins. Given the endorsement of the IAMSLIC membership, the Task Force will continue to work on the development of the proposal.

These results are adapted from information provided by Steve Watkins.

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Resource Sharing

IAMSLIC: New Book Lists

Have you purchased any new books lately? Consider sharing this information with other IAMSLIC members to assist them with collection development and resource sharing.

On the IAMSLIC web site, a number of members have added links to their new book lists. See:

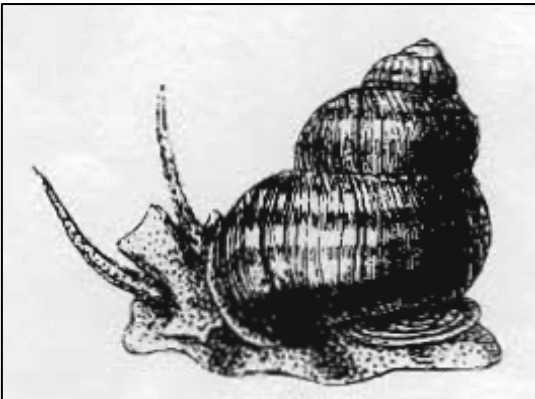
<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=34>

You can too!

If you would like to see your new book list linked from the IAMSLIC web site, please follow the instructions below, or send the information (institution name, location and web link) to Sally Taylor at sally.taylor@ubc.ca

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDING NEW BOOK LISTS TO THE IAMSLIC WEB SITE

- 1) Sign on to the IAMSLIC web site using the member ID
- 2) Click on New Book Lists (under Publications)



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- 3) Click on the icon to add a Container Module (the icon looks like a square with a gold star in the corner)
- 4) Change the Module field from Address Book to Text Module.
- 5) Fill in the Title field with the name of your library or institution.
- 6) Click the Save button.
- 7) Now find your text module on the new book list page, and click on the pencil icon to edit.
- 8) In the text box, add the location of your institution and the web address for your new book list (to create a link, click on the chain link icon and insert the URL).
- 9) If you like things alphabetized, use the down & up arrows to move your text module to the correct place on the page.

Please contact Sally if you encounter any problems.

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Aquatic Commons Implementation Taskforce (ACIT)

The ACIT has been appointed. The members are:

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Jean Collins
Pauline Simpson
Peter Pissierssens
Simon Wilkinson
Snowdy Dodson
Stephanie Haas (chair)
Steve Watkins

Please contact ACIT Chair, Stephanie Haas, with any issues you wish considered by the Taskforce at haas@uflib.ufl.edu.

Cooperative Initiatives in Marine Information Management – Exciting New Developments

Over the past 31 years, IAMSLIC has played a pivotal role in furthering marine information management and supporting marine science librarians around the world. Whilst thinking of an appropriate topic for possible inclusion in this very special 100th edition of the IAMSLIC Newsletter, we thought it worthwhile to highlight recent developments from the International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange (IODE) of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), which have both benefited from IAMSLIC's involvement and provided support to the IAMSLIC membership. The Group of Experts on Marine Information Management (GEMIM) has provided guidance and advice to the IODE on marine information management aspects of these initiatives.

Since 1998, the IODE has set up several Ocean Data and Information Network (ODIN) initiatives. These initiatives offer substantial opportunities for capacity building and resource sharing and networking in a world regional context (ODINAFRICA (Africa), ODINCARSA (Latin America), ODINCINDIO (Indian Ocean), ODINECET (European Countries in Economic Transition)). The cooperating countries manage the ODIN projects and IODE, through its Secretariat, provide guidance and logistics/administrative support and seek donors. OceanTeacher2, OceanPortal and OceanExpert were developed as aides to the ODIN strategy, with GEMIM having a large involvement with the information management aspects. This approach, together with the enthusiasm and commitment of the trainees, has been hugely successful in building capacity and skills. More detail about each of these networks can be found on their web pages.

The ODINs have achieved much for the participating countries, and for individual marine librarians. Those librarians are now actively communicating and sharing resources amongst themselves and with the international marine librarian community through IAMSLIC. Significant general outcomes include: empowerment of marine science librarians/information managers via capacity building and training; improved technological infrastructure; and significant lifting of the status of marine information management in developing countries. The initiatives have also led to the establishment of stronger links between the IOC and IAMSLIC with IAMSLIC regional groups being formed (such as AFRIAMSLIC, Latin American Regional Group IAMSLIC, Indian Ocean Regional Group IAMSLIC). EURASLIC has played a major supporting role in the establishment of the newest ODIN, ODINECET. Other specific outcomes include: development of union catalogues, electronic document repositories, regional directories of experts, and regional inter-library resource sharing networks.

GEMIM is currently having discussions with the recently re-established Pacific Regional Group of IAMSLIC about the possibility of developing a similar network for the Pacific Islands. All involved are keen to build on existing networks and capabilities. A meeting was held recently in Noumea, hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community to further discuss this idea and other issues, such as the 2008 IAMSLIC Conference being planned for Suva, Fiji. The meeting was productive and we are making significant progress – it was a good example of building on the existing strong links between IAMSLIC and GEMIM, to the benefit of all.

Another significant achievement has been the recent establishment of the position of IODE National Coordinator for Marine Information Management for each IOC member state. This position complements the existing position of IODE National

Coordinator for Marine Data Management, which has existed for many years. The people nominated to the new positions should be senior or significant marine science librarians in their own country. This new position is expected to greatly improve the balance between data and information management within IODE. They act as national coordinators for marine information management, and can liaise directly with GEMIM. GEMIM is currently investigating how we can best use this new pool of marine information management expertise for specific projects, and establish strong ties between the Coordinators, GEMIM and IAMSLIC. They will also play important roles within the ODINs, acting as a project focal point and assisting with the further development of the networks. So far 31 countries have identified national coordinators, many of whom are IAMSLIC members – we hope that number will grow substantially over the next 12 months.

As the missions of the IOC (via its IODE GEMIM) and IAMSLIC coincide in a number of areas, a formal Memorandum of Understanding was developed and signed in 2004. The 2 groups continue to co-operate on many projects. This benefits marine librarianship and provides strong support for individual information managers/librarians around the world. Hopefully, marine librarians in developing countries will continue to benefit from the combined knowledge, skills, and generosity demonstrated by the IAMSLIC membership. At this significant milestone, the IODE GEMIM congratulates IAMSLIC on its achievements to date. We look forward to a continuation of our strong friendship and mutual cooperation and support, for the benefit of both marine information management and marine science librarians around the world.

Web Links

GEMIM:

http://www.iode.org/categories.php?category_no=20

IODE National Coordinators for Marine Information Management:

http://www.iode.org/categories.php?category_no=150

OceanExpert: <http://www.oceanexpert.net/>

OceanPortal: <http://www.oceanportal.org>

OceanTeacher:

<http://ioc.unesco.org/oceanteacher/> and

<http://ioc.unesco.org/oceanteacher/OceanTeacher2/index.htm>

ODINAFRICA: <http://www.odinafrica.net/>

ODINCARSA:

<http://www.iode.org/odincarsa>

ODINECET:

<http://www.iode.org/odinecet/>

ODINCINDIO:

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CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP NEWS

Invitation to Portland, 2006 IAMSLIC Annual Conference

It's not too early to start planning to attend the 2006 IAMSLIC Annual Conference which will be held October 8th-12th in Portland, Oregon, USA. *IAMSLIC: Every Continent, Every Ocean* will be the theme of the 32nd annual conference and you can expect presentations on some interesting topics: *IAMSLIC in Action; Indigenous Fisheries Information- Collection and Dissemination; A "Fresh" Look at Aquatic Information; and Librarians as Catalysts in Narrowing the Digital Gap*. The conference will be headquartered at the Marriott City Center hotel in downtown Portland. The hotel is in the heart of downtown Portland and just a block from the MAX light rail line, so getting to the hotel from the airport is a snap (and costs less than \$2.00). Our conference field trip will be an afternoon lunch cruise aboard the *Portland Spirit*, so you'll get to see a bit of Portland from the perspective of the Willamette River. Our Wednesday evening banquet will be just a short walk from the hotel in the Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center, the first historic building restoration in the nation to be awarded gold-level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the US Green Building Council. So, mark your calendars, bring your dancing shoes if you are so inclined, and plan on joining your marine and aquatic colleagues for what is sure to be an enjoyable and rewarding conference.

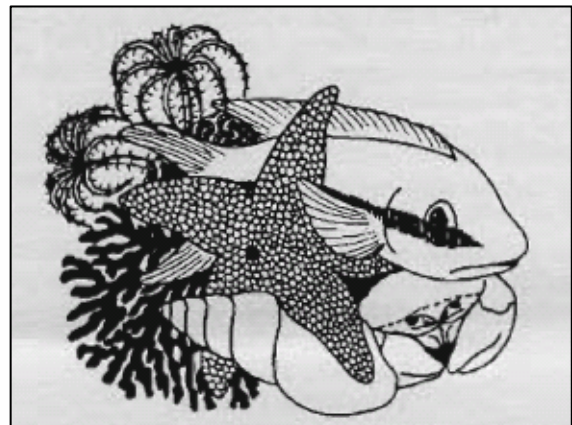
For those of you who aren't familiar with Portland, here is a bit of inside information. Situated on the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, Portland is a River City. There are 11 bridges that cross the rivers to link the city and all its diversity of neighborhoods. Each of the drawbridges in downtown Portland is a different style.

Portland is also listed as one of the most walk-able cities in the U.S. The downtown area boasts green spaces and wide sidewalks to enhance your walking pleasure. There are several walking tours of public art—choose from murals to sculptures to landscape art. The Pearl District, located just a few blocks from the conference hotel, is a wonderful neighborhood offering quirky galleries, boutiques and cafes to delight the senses. The Pearl District is also home to Powell's City of Books. Occupying an entire city block with a four-story building, Powell's is the world's largest independent bookstore. Not far away is Everyday Music which offers a wide selection of new and used music at great prices. There is even more information on Portland coming soon to the 2006 Conference Website:

<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=124>

Now that we have your attention we hope to see you in Portland!

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Janet Webster (Oregon State University)
Lenora Oftedahl (Columbia River
Intertribal Fish Commission)
Todd Hannon (Oregon Health and
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Cyamus Workshop

<http://www.cibnor.mx/anuncios/cyamus2006/>

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Regional Group of IAMSLIC

Hosted by CIBMOR, La Paz, Baja

California Sur, Mexico

The Cyamus Workshop is an informal spring gathering of the marine/aquatic science librarians of the Northeast Pacific (Baja to Alaska). We move the workshop up and down the coast meeting at different marine laboratories. The group ranges from 20-40 people. This year, we met in La Paz at CIBNOR, the Northwest Biological Research Center of Mexico's equivalent of CONACyT (National Council for Science and Technology <http://www.cibnor.mx/icibnor.php>). We were also hosted by IPN-CICIMAR (the technical college) and PIASA (a local shrimp meal producer). This may sound strange, but our members come from all types of institutions including industry, academics, government, and aquariums. Twenty five registrants came from Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Sinaloa, Sonora and Yucatan. The group was pretty evenly split between Mexicans and Americans. The meeting was conducted in English and we had the convenience of a CIBNOR staff person to do simultaneous translation as needed.

The workshop was organized around various discussion points that people have submitted. Some generated much discussion (digital repositories) and some could be dealt with quickly (the future of the US Fish & Wildlife Service Reference Service database). I'll mention a few of the highlights and interesting points.

March 1

Getting to La Paz is an all day adventure leaving Portland at 8 in the morning and arriving in time for the reception about 8 in the evening. La Paz is a 2.5 hour drive from the airport in San Jose Los Cabos,

and became 3 hours as it got dark and we had to watch for grazing cows.

March 2

The local university anticipated a strike that was called off at the last minute, but the librarian there had to cancel our planned visit because of the situation. So instead, we boarded the CIBNOR bus and went to PIASA for a tour of the factory and talk on shrimp feed. It was actually very interesting. Then on to CIBNOR and a morning of discussion. Instruction, what works and what doesn't, resonated with all regardless of the setting. This was not true several years ago, but now many of the Mexican libraries are interested in sharing good methods and examples.

Of particular interest to me, was a brief discussion on obtaining bilingual/Spanish language science material for K-12. (HMSC has a program for Spanish-speaking children and the material, for the most part, must be created from scratch.) CIBNOR is one partner in a unique outreach and education program in Baja Sur named PACE. Given the interest of the group, our host recruited a couple of the PACE staff to come in the next day and explain the program and its resources to us. The use of graduate students for outreach is similar to an NSF funded program and it would be interesting to compare the efficacy of each. I grabbed the CD of the programs for kids and am meeting with our staff person at HMSC to pass on the information.

The afternoon was spent talking about the possibilities of podcasts, blogs, wikis and instant messaging. Horacio at CIBNOR is experimenting with podcasting lectures and tutorials, but they use lots of space if not compressed. We also hooked up with a colleague in Chiapas via video conference – a norm for them.

March 3

Back on the bus for a tour of CICIMAR and a research seminar on the red shrimp fishery in Campeche Sound. We often integrate a science talk and discussion with local scientists into the meeting. It gives a different perspective.

Digital repositories came up in discussion consistently, from local projects to international proposals. Concerns with platform choice, redundancy of effort, inter-operability and copyright were expressed. There's interest in DSpace as the Intergovernmental Oceanic Commission has funded a project called ODINCarsa to establish a network of marine institutions and provide support for a repository. IOC has a similar project in Africa. Without going into international politics, suffice to say that IAMSLIC is working hard to make sure the libraries are at the forefront of the ODINCarsa effort. We discussed an IAMSLIC proposal with FAO to build a repository for those without access one locally. One overriding thought from the eclectic discussion is how to leverage efforts without duplication. For example, CONACyT has funded an e-thesis project for its member institutions while CICIMAR has built its own e-theses program. Politics prevents the two from merging, but not from talking to each other.

Finally, CSA gave an annual review of what's going on with ASFA and CSA, as well as hearing our latest questions and concerns. We are a cheap focus group. In terms of ASFA, full text links to the NOAA titles Fish Bulletin and Marine Fisheries Review is complete as are links to the ICES CM reports for 2001-2002 (we asked about earlier ones as well as the later ones). FAO linking is still not working (not a surprise to me). On the general CSA side, they have a project with GoogleScholar to link into their databases for partial citations that would then allow an authorized user to search the complete databases; we were skeptical of the utility of the project. CSA

purchased Community of Science and Community of Scholars. They are currently trying to figure what to do with the databases. Another recent purchase is Papers Invited – a database of upcoming conferences. CAS also has new linking features that reflect embargoes from various aggregators. Again, there's lots of give and take with the CSA representative who does take our questions and concerns back to central.

We also dealt with organization issues such as dues structure, conference planning for the IAMSLIC 2006 meeting in Portland this fall and possible collaborative projects.

Final Thoughts

In 1997, we met in Pa Paz because we knew there were librarians there, but could not figure out how to connect. Meeting almost ten years later made me realize how far our collaboration with our Mexican colleagues has evolved. We now regularly send articles back and forth, and the Mexicans lend among themselves in a way that was unheard of before. The networks, both professional and digital, have grown. The Latin American Regional Group of IAMSLIC uses chat to meet monthly. They embrace technology from necessity and do not have legacy systems to contend with. La Paz has grown as have the two institutes. Funding for science and education appears to have increased. It was a pleasure to renew our connections and cooperation.

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Congress and Workshop: The Society of the Information and the Human Development

The International Congress and International Workshop on Management Intelligence and Administration of Knowledge were held in Havana, Cuba from 17-21 April. See www.idict.cu for more information.

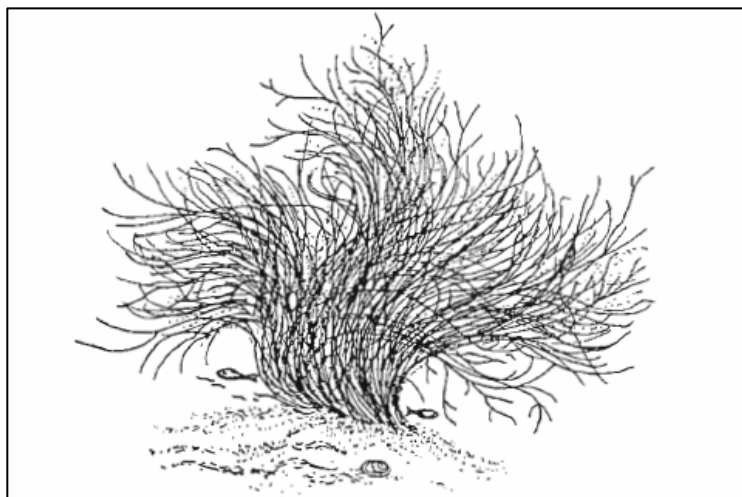


As part of the meeting, the products of commercial houses and companies linked to the Congress and Workshop themes were promoted at an exhibition fair. The marine libraries of Cuba had a stand in this Congress where they exposed all the related services of information, access to scientific publications, portals, web, international associations, regional groups and projects on handling of marine information.



The pictures are of Enma Luisa Fonseca, Head Librarian of the Center of Information (CIP) and María de los Angeles Ginori, Head librarian of the National Aquarius of Cuba.

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History of the Pacific Islands Regional Group

The Group was established in 1992, when the Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System (PIMRIS) was well established as the formal marine/aquatic sciences information networking setup to serve the Pacific islands region. At that stage IAMSLIC was in the process of establishing regional groups. Hence, for practical purposes it was logical at that time to take PIMRIS structure on board as the Pacific Islands Regional Group (PIRG).

The Chair and reps were as follows:

Ganeshan Rao (PIMRIS) - 1992 to 1998.
Sunita Prasad (SOPAC) - 1999 to 2001
Ganeshan Rao - 2002 to 2004

The primary clients receiving assistance are the Pacific Island countries and the regional institutions. It mainly functioned from the pre-existing structure of Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System (PIMRIS) with its Coordination Unit at The University of the South Pacific. The participating regional organizations included: Secretariat of Pacific Community (SPC), South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), and University of the South Pacific (USP). USP also acted as the contact point through the Regional Group's representative to facilitate IAMSLIC matters in the region. The PIMRIS Steering Committee formally addressed any IAMSLIC matters during its Biennial Regional Group Meeting. It has also established information-sharing links with numerous institutions outside the region in view of accessing information from worldwide sources.

2003 The Biennial Meeting presented the following for consideration by the IAMSLIC Board

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sciences information network setup to serve the Pacific islands region. At that stage IAMSLIC was in the process of establishing regional groups. Hence, for practical purposes it was logical at that time to take the PIMRIS structure on board as the Pacific Is Regional Gp. It has been evident that this arrangement has been primarily focused around PIMRIS activities and as a result it seems the wider Pacific region's involvement is something the Board may wish to discuss.

In view of the forth coming PIMRIS Meeting (Nov 2003) during which IAMSLIC and Regional Group issue will be on the agenda, the IAMSLIC Board is requested to consider the following suggestions and provide some direction:

1. That the name be changed from 'Pacific Islands Regional Group' to 'IAMSLIC - Pacific Regional Group'. This will enable the inclusion wider Pacific IAMSLIC members such as from Australia and NZ in addition to the PIMRIS partners.
2. A function/operational system be setup involving the current IAMSLIC members from the Pacific Region so that it can function solely on IAMSLIC matters rather than "piggy back" on PIMRIS structure but cooperatively work with PIMRIS by requesting to be an observer during its Steering Committee Meetings.
3. PIMRIS had for some years (during healthy budget times) sponsored library personnel from some Pacific Island countries by paying for their membership fee. Most of these members have ceased since the absence of sponsorship. PIMRIS network be requested to facilitate the revival of these and/or solicit more members either through the countries' own fees or twinning or other means.
4. Efforts made to encourage many people from the Pacific to attend the 2004 IAMSLIC Conference.

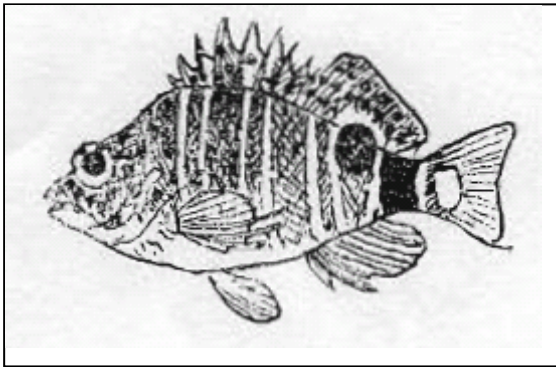
September 2004

Pacific Islands Regional Group met during the IAMSLIC Conference in September 2004 in Hobart Australia. In essence, it

was agreed to keep the same and the area will cover Pacific Islands, Hawaii, Australia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand.

Iamslic members re-grouped during 2005 and appointed Clare AME (Papua New Guinea) as the Chair. In a short time due to her personal circumstances she could not continue with this role. Satui Bentin (Samoa) was then appointed by the Group to assume this role in early 2006.

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First PIRG of IAMSLIC meeting report Fisheries Information Management in the Pacific: Sharing Resources

6-7 April 2006

SPC, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
Nouméa, New Caledonia

Meeting hosted jointly by SPC and by
PIMRIS, with financial support from
IAMSLIC.

Present:

Suzy Davies, (SD) Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority Library
Clare Ame, (CA) NFA, PNG (National
Fisheries Authority)
Daisy Dalisay, (DD) WorldFish Centre,
Philippines

Isabelle Perin, (IP) IRD (Institut de
recherche et développement)
Anne Gibert, (AG) SPC
Chris Nelson, (CN) PIMRIS (Pacific
Island Marine Resource Information
System)
Satui Bentin, (SB) SPREP (South Pacific
Regional Environment Programme)
Rachele Oriente, (RO) SPC

IAMSLIC Grant monies:

A grant of US\$1200.00 was awarded to PIRG to be used exclusively for bringing members, whose travel expenses and/or per diems are not funded through their institutions, to the conference location. Calls for requests to all PIRG members were made, and the grant money was awarded in two equal allotments of \$600.00 to Clare Ame, of the PNG National Fisheries Authority, and to Daisy Dalisay of WorldFish, Philippines. Both the recipients and PIRG as a group are appreciative of the monies that allowed the useful and beneficial participation of these two PIRG members. IOC generously funded Suzy Davies to attend, and this funding is also appreciated.

Introduction

This meeting was the first of PIRG held independent of the PIMRIS Steering Committee meetings and was specifically organised to revitalize the Pacific Islands Regional Group of IAMSLIC. It was held on the last two days of the Heads of Fisheries Meeting, which is a forum of the government marine and fisheries ministerial representatives of the 22 Pacific Island countries and territories, hosted and organized by SPC.

The objectives of the PIRG meeting were:

1. To rejuvenate the PIRG group—to discuss common issues, concerns and goals.
2. To develop means by which primary fisheries information can be more accessible to, and so better inform, those persons making fisheries policies and decisions in fisheries management.

3. To discuss whether an ODIN (Ocean Data and Information Network) is viable for the Pacific region.
4. To promote and strengthen the use of regional and international information networks for resource sharing (PIMRIS, IAMSLIC and PEIN :Pacific Environmental Information Network) of tools and resources such as ASFA, Ocean Portal.
5. To promote IAMSLIC activities.
6. To begin the preliminary planning for the IAMSLIC 2008 meeting to be held in Suva, Fiji and hosted by PIMRIS.

Outcomes

To meet objective 1, to rejuvenate PIRG, the meeting began with introductions and explanations of the libraries represented, the challenges and aims of the libraries and current networking. The benefits of IAMSLIC, the Z39.50 and Union Catalogue, the list-serv and professional development such as in the conferences, were explained and discussed. SB was introduced as PIRG Chair.

The group arrived at the following decisions for action:

1. To reiterate the decision taken at the annual IAMSLIC conference in Hobart in 2004 that PIRG be expanded to include all Pacific Islands, Australia and New Zealand;
2. That members consider acronyms beside PIRG as given in the minutes of the meeting;
3. To reiterate a call for PIRG membership with a letter from the Chair;
4. That all PIRG members should encourage their national governments to join the IOC;
5. That PIRG ask IAMSLIC to host a PIRG list-serv in order to facilitate communication

To meet objective 2, to improve resource sharing and to determine the viability of an ODIN (Ocean Data and Information Network), an in-depth roundtable

discussion was held. SD explained the organizational structure of ODINs, their various and diverse functions, and history. The possible overlap and duplication with PIMRIS and PEIN were discussed with the resolution that a Pacific ODIN could enhance and extend PIMRIS, and it would be hosted by or managed under the auspices of PIMRIS. It was agreed that PIRG will proceed with a Pacific ODIN.

To meet objectives 3 and 4 of promoting and strengthening the use of regional and international information networks for resource sharing and to promote IAMSLIC activities, several PIRG attendees made presentations to the Heads of Fisheries delegates. The information session was held on Thursday 6 April and was titled, "Regional cooperation in marine resources information capacity building." PIRG members integrate their talks, demonstrating the cooperation already occurring between them and how this could be expanded in future. The presentations were conducted in French or English and were simultaneously translated into the other language by SPC interpreters. The presentations were as follows:

1. Rachele ORIENTE, SPC Librarian (Introduction to the SPC Library)
2. Anne GIBERT, SPC Library Assistant (Presentation of the Marine Resources Bibliography)
3. Chris NELSON, PIMRIS Coordinator (PIMRIS Steering Cttee Meeting Report)
4. Suzie DAVIS, GBRMPA Librarian (Group of Experts on Marine Information Management)
5. Satui BENTIN, SPREP Information Center Manager (PEIN)

The second day, 7 April, was spent in detailed discussion of the 2008 Suva, Fiji meeting, thus meeting the 5th and final objective of the meeting. After consideration, it was agreed that a theme would be proposed to the Conference Committee on the topic of "Sharing

Traditional Knowledge in a world of digital divides”. Believing that the Pacific region has unique challenges, but also that this theme will have global appeal to anyone working in indigenous or traditional knowledge management in other environments, the PIRG group strongly recommends this theme. Specific sub-themes focus on:

- * How Information is gathered and disseminated and utilized for Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and in community-based MPAs;

- * Information on traditional fishing: sources, access, grassroots formats, networks, customary value of certain

species (Claire Garrigue and Eric Clua from CRISP are potential speakers).

- * Role of Library services in Marine training institutions
- * Information Resources for Subsistence fisheries (eg the ACP Fish2 project and women in fisheries)
- * Role of regional networks in disseminating traditional knowledge.
- * Presentations by regional groups.

The meeting discussed logistical details such as lodging, and field trips and tours.

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Back row, left to right: Satui, Rachele, Anne, Isabelle
Front row, left to right: Suzie, Clare, myself, Daisy

PIALA 2006

Conference Announcement and call for presentations
15th Annual Conference and General Meeting
Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA)
November 13 - 17, 2006
Koror, Republic of Palau

The 2006 conference theme is "Libraries, Archives, and Museums: Building Knowledge Networks for Vibrant Communities". PIALA 2006 will feature a two day pre-conference workshop on Library Advocacy, organized by Arlene Cohen and funded by IFLA. Conference organizers are soliciting proposals from interested persons to present papers, conduct workshops, and give poster presentations during the conference. We welcome a wide variety of presentations, workshops, and poster sessions that relate to the conference theme or that are of interest to the Pacific library community. Formats can include research presentations, hands-on workshops, panel discussions, information sharing sessions, and others. Possible presentation topics include but are not limited to:

- * Promoting Literacy in Our Communities
- * Role of Libraries, Archives, and Museums in Collecting and Disseminating Knowledge

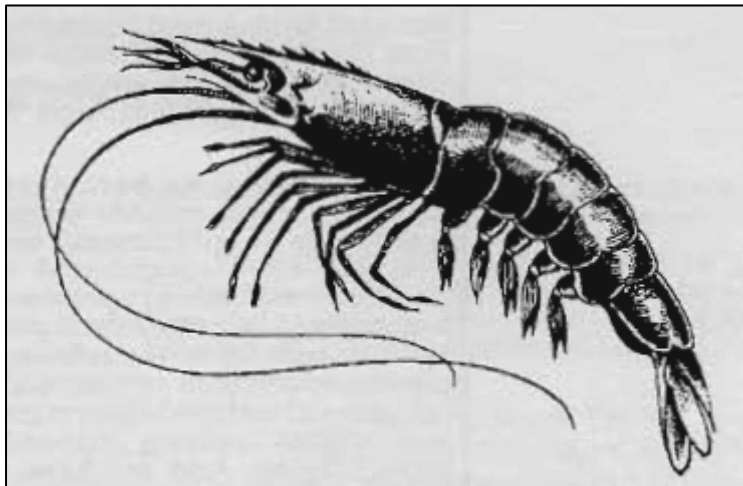
- * Information Literacy Instruction
- * Sources of Funding for Pacific Libraries
- * Best Practices in Library Services
- * Collection Development for Small Libraries
- * Continuing Education & Professional Development
- * Information Resources
- * Distance Learning Opportunities for Professional Development

All interested persons should submit a brief abstract of their presentation to the Conference Organizing Committee at the addresses below by July 1, 2006. Final selection and notification to presenters will be sent by August 1, 2006. Due to limited funding, presenters are responsible for their expenses.

Please submit abstracts and presentation information to both addresses:

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MEMBER NEWS

Membership

A quick search of the Membership Directory gives the following breakdown of the current 333 members of IAMS LIC by Regional Group:

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| Afriamslic | 40 |
| Cyamus | 52 |
| Euraslic | 59 |
| Latin America | 37 |
| Pacific Islands | 13 |
| Sail | 43 |
| No regional group affil. | 89 |

The Membership Committee would like to welcome the following new members to IAMS LIC:

Mark Baine
Motupore Island Research Centre
UPNG
Papua New Guinea

Quddusi B. Kazmi
Marine Reference Collection and Resource
Centre
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Magdalena Marenga
University of Namibia
Agriculture and Natural Resources Library
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Yang Ningsheng
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Agriculture, and Marine Sciences
Pakistan

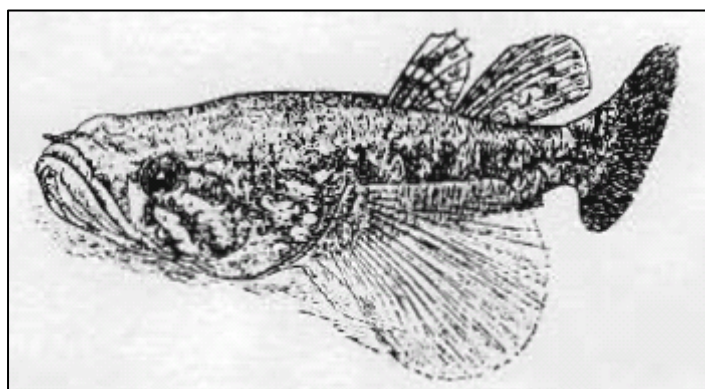
Aloun Phonvisay
Living Aquatic Resources Research Center
Lao PDR

Carne Reverte
Unitat d'Ecosistemes Aquatics
IRTA Centro de Documentacion
Spain

Nooroa Soko Roi
Ministry of Marine Resources
Cook Islands

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Thank you from Cecily Thiery

I would like to thank you all as well as the Membership Committee for granting me with the IAMSLIC Honorary Membership. The superb diploma was delivered to me by my IUCN colleagues few days ago and it was wonderful surprise. I am very pleased and proud, and I know that I am in good company.

I consider myself as being very lucky to have discovered so many years ago (in 1982, I think), by accident, the existence of IAMSLIC when it was primarily a North American organization and to have been able to become a member and participate frequently to its meetings. This participation and the connection with the members have really contributed to

enriching my professional life, but also to increase the number of my friends from so many different countries. This was extremely precious to me. And this is why receiving the IAMSLIC honorary membership is really a wonderful gift for me.

I hope that I will be able to attend few other meetings in some of these exotic places where meetings occasionally take place and I wish that IAMSLIC will continue to be this active, full of exciting initiatives organization as it has always been.

Best regards to all.

Cécile Thiéry

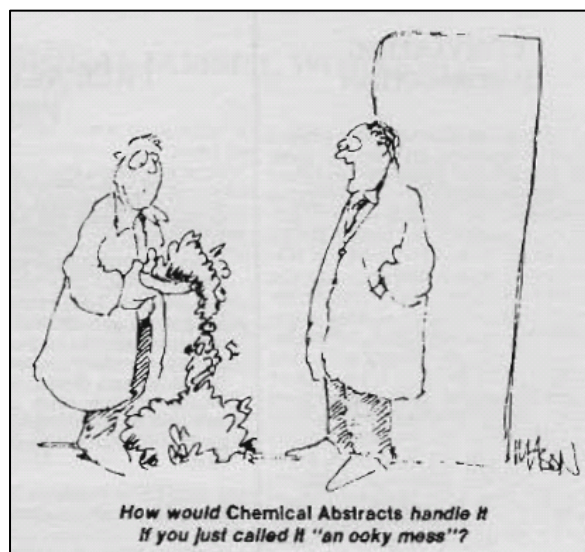
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Award for Evelyn Poole-Kober

Evelyn has been nominated and selected to receive the 2006 School of Information and Library Science Distinguished Alumna award at the graduation ceremony on May 14 at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The press release is at <http://sils.unc.edu/news/releases/2006/04/distinguishedalum.htm>

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Neudamm Agricultural College Library

Neudamm means new dam in German and it was named after the very first largest dam that was built in this location of Namibia. The College itself is situated about 35 km east of Windhoek and extends over 10,187 Hectares. It has an altitude of about 1800m above sea level and an average annual rainfall of 360mm. The climate is very pleasant, although it gets very cold in winter. In the early 1920s, a start was made with the breeding of different cattle varieties, for example, Afrikaners, Herefords, Redpolls, Shorthorns, Simmentalers and Aberdeen Angus. But eventually, most breeds had to be sold since there was very little demand for them. Later on, there was a growing demand and in 1949, the Afrikaner Studs were once more purchased. Up to now, they are being farmed. The farm Neudamm maintains karakul, dorper and damara sheep. The karakul studs are well known in South Africa and Namibia. Neudamm also farms with small herds of goats (boer goats and Angoras) and approximately 34 Friesian (dairy) cattle are kept. In addition to these, there are also pigs and indigenous chickens on this campus. There is thus a good supply of high quality animals for student training. The farm is also well-cultivated and students can be trained both practically and theoretically in grazing science.

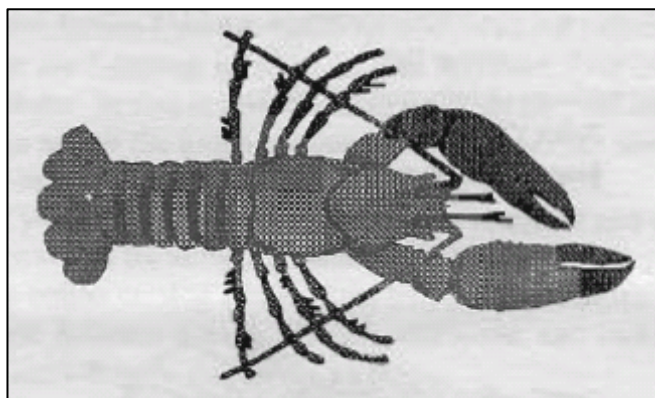
The Neudamm Library (Agriculture and Natural Resources Library Service) falls

within the framework of the University of Namibia Library System and service points are at Neudamm (35 km from Windhoek) and Ogongo (about 850 km from Windhoek). The Library Services cater for the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Extension; Animal Science; Crop Science; Fisheries and Marine Sciences (Natural Resources and Conservation); and Food Science and Technology. Neudamm has ample reading space, a computer room with 16 internet-connected computers, materials development and multi-media facilities, a growing collection of books and periodicals and a wide variety of CD-ROM databases.

Library staff are involved in research and consultancy in information services development and capacity building. Access to the University of Namibia Library Catalogue is available over the internet at <http://www.library.unam.na>.

I became a sponsored member in March 2006 and am looking forward to being an active member of IAMSLIC.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

My first book has been published

My book is now available at Amazon.com. It is called: Building a Successful Archival Programme: A Practical Approach.

The book is co-authored with Alma C. Ortega, a fellow librarian at the University of San Diego. It is about establishing an archival program on a limited budget, which I believe is something more common than not in our business. You can see the book at

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1843341751/sr=1-3/qid=1145400040/ref=sr_1_3/002-0990477-1630469?%5Fencoding=UTF8&s=books

The book is also available directly from the publisher, Chandos Publishing (http://www.chandospublishing.com/catalogue/record_detail.php?recordID=99).

If you think this is a book that your library can benefit from, a recommendation for purchasing a copy will be greatly appreciated.

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Latest PIMRIS newsletter

The latest PIMRIS Newsletter (March 2006) is now available on the web at <http://www.usp.ac.fj/library/pimris/pimrispublications.htm>. The page also has some new additions of other regional publications from PIMRIS participants.

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February 2006 listing of new Sea Grant publications is now available

The February listing of new Sea Grant publications produced by National Sea Grant College Program can be found at <http://nsgl.gso.uri.edu/recent.html>. Copies are usually available from the originating Sea Grant Program <http://nsgl.gso.uri.edu/ordering.html>. They may also be borrowed from the National Sea Grant Library <http://nsgl.gso.uri.edu/loan.html>. If we can be of assistance please let us know.

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Latest publications from Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin, India

Mangrove Ecosystems: A Manual for the Assessment of Biodiversity. Special Publication No. 83

The above publication will be sent to Exchange partners.

Methodology for the estimation of marine fish landings in India. Special Publication No. 86

Copies have already been sent to exchange partners.

Marine fish landings in India 1985-2004: estimates and trends. Special Publication Bo. 89

Released by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan

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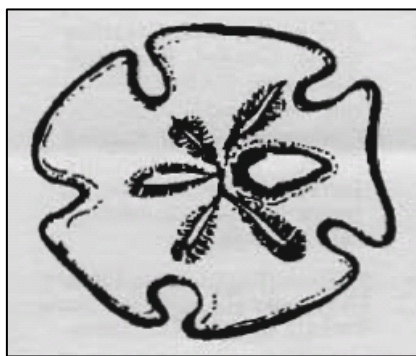
Deep Sea 2003: Conference on the Governance and Management of Deep-sea Fisheries. Part 2: Conference poster papers and workshop papers. Queenstown, New-Zealand, 1-5 December 2003. Dunedin, New-Zealand, 27-29 November Edited by: Ross Shotton FAO Fisheries Proceedings No. 3/2 Rome, 2006, 500 pp.

Report of the FAO Regional Workshop on the Elaboration of National Plans of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing - Certain Countries of the Near East Region. Cairo, Egypt, 11-15 December 2005 FAO Fisheries Report No. 793 Rome, 2006.

Hakes of the World (Family Merluccidae). An annotated and illustrated catalogue of hake species known to date By: D. Lloris, J. Matallanas, P. Oliver. FAO Species Catalogue for Fisheries Purposes No. 2. Rome, 2005.

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NAME CHANGE

Institute for Forestry and Game Management becomes Research Institute for Nature and Forest

The Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO) is a scientific institute of the Flemish Community in Belgium. INBO has resulted from the merger of the Institute for Forestry and Game Management and the Institute of Nature Conservation on January, 1st 2006 and started officially on April 1st, 2006.

The INBO carries out research that is essential to governmental policy and provides scientific support for conservation, development, management and sustainable use of biodiversity and its environment. It publishes the two-yearly Nature Reports, which present the state of nature and relevant policy efforts in Flanders.

The INBO aims to play an important role in scientific research relevant to policy and society in Flanders as well as on an international level. 270 enthusiastic, expert employees are at the service of the public administration, of specific sectors such as nature conservation, game management, fishery and forestry, and of society as a whole.

The INBO head offices are located in Brussels. Other INBO sites are in Geraardsbergen, Groenendaal, Linkebeek and Merelbeke. INBO personnel have extensive facilities at their disposal, including laboratories, greenhouses, tree nurseries, a centre for aquaculture and a library.”

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PORTALS AND DATABASES

Redesigned Water Quality Information Center Web site drenches users in refreshing layout and fluid access

The Water Quality Information Center (WQIC) at the National Agricultural Library (NAL) has launched a redesigned Web site (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/>) featuring an enhanced interface allowing better access to its information products on water and agriculture.

Users of the redesigned site can browse information by topic, from Agricultural Environmental Management to Water Quality. The web site features a range of bibliographies, conference listings, and annotated subject guides created by WQIC staff members. The material is designed to inform all audiences.

Web site highlights include:

- WQIC database with 1,800 freely-available documents on water and agriculture;
- Enviro-News, an Internet distribution list, providing subscribers with timely access to news and announcements on agriculturally-related environmental issues;
- Dynamic bibliographies using predefined search strategies against a bibliographic database to bring users up-to-date results every time; and - Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) bibliographies offering more than 2,700 citations tracking research on the environmental effects of federal conservation programs and practices.

The center was established in 1990 to support USDA efforts to address water quality issues. As the focal point of NAL's water quality activities, the center collects, organizes, and communicates the scientific findings, educational methodologies, and public policy issues related to water and agriculture.

WQIC is supported by the Agricultural Research Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency. The redesign of the WQIC web site implements USDA web standards and meets U.S. Office of Management and Budget guidelines for focusing on customer needs.

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2006 release of the ASFIS species list

As a potential user of the ASFIS species list, I would like to inform you that a new version of the list (downloadable at <http://www.fao.org/fi/statist/fisoft/asfis/asfis.asp>) has been released after the closure of the FAO fishery statistics databases updated to 2004 data.

Each species item stored in a record has an ISSCAAP code, a taxonomic code, a 3-alpha code, a scientific name, taxonomic classification at family and at a higher taxonomic level.

About 77% percent of the records have an English name, 40% a French name and 35% a Spanish name; only those species items for which there are production statistics can be considered as official FAO names. Information is also provided about the availability of fishery production statistics on the species items in the FAO databases.

For anyone who uses the list in other systems, there is also an Excel file which includes the records modified (added, deleted or changed) in comparison with the previous version released in March 2005. Please let us know if you want the excel file.

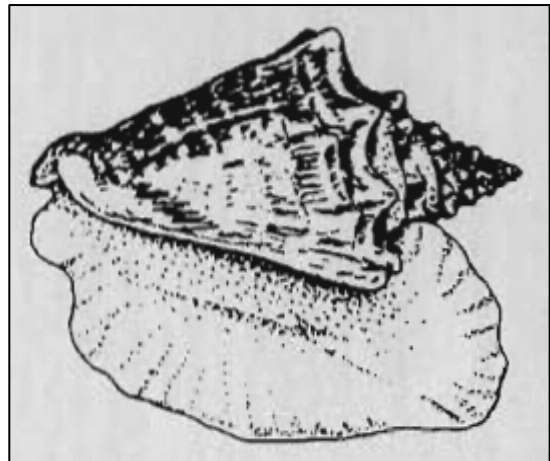
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New websites on artisanal fisheries

New from the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) and partners:

- Fishing Communities and Sustainable Development in Eastern and Southern Africa: The Role of Small-scale Fisheries. The website <http://www.icsf.net/jsp/conference/eastAfrica/> provides the following information:
 - News and photographs from the region
 - Programmes and presentation of the workshop
 - Country profiles of the participating countries
 - Resources page providing interesting and useful documents including regional instruments for the region.
 - El Foro Latinoamericano de Pesca Artesanal <http://www.cedepesca.org.ar/foroclara/>
 - Proceedings of Regional Workshop on Post-tsunami Rehabilitation in Fishing Communities and Fisheries-based Livelihoods, Chennai, 18-19 Jan, 2006.
 - <http://www.icsf.net/jsp/english/pubPages/proceedings/pros08.jsp>

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Resource Donation Program

For information about the Donation Program for books, journals and media at the Health Sciences Library, State University of New York at Buffalo, see <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/hsl/donationprograms.html>.

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NIH policy update: NLM Board of Regents recommends strengthening the NIH policy

The [NLM Board of Regents](#) (BOR) met on February 7-8 to discuss the November 2005 [recommendations](#) from the [Public Access Working Group](#) for strengthening the [NIH public-access policy](#). The BOR sent a letter to NIH Director Elias Zerhouni on February 8, summarizing its own recommendations. Excerpt:

The report of the November 15 Working Group meeting reveals that the current rate of participation in the voluntary Policy is very low (less than 4%). Since there is evidence that the submission system is relatively easy to use and that the majority of NIH-funded researchers appear to know about the policy, technical difficulties or lack of awareness do not appear to be primary reasons for non-compliance.

Based on this information and the opinions expressed by the Working Group members, the Board has concluded that the NIH Policy cannot achieve its stated goals unless deposit of manuscripts in PubMed Central becomes mandatory. We favor public release of NIH-funded articles in PubMed Central no later than 6 months after publication, although some flexibility may be needed for journals published less frequently than bimonthly. We were pleased that most of the publishers on the Working Group indicated an interest in depositing the final published version of articles in PubMed Central on behalf of NIH-funded authors. The Board agrees that this would be highly desirable. The Board encourages NIH and NLM to develop a careful plan for transitioning to a mandatory policy. It will be important to provide clear guidance and a reasonable timetable, to minimize burden on NIH-funded researchers and grantee institutions, and also to continue to work with publishers to make it easy for them to submit articles on behalf of their NIH-

supported authors. The next Working Group's next meeting is scheduled for April 10. I (BOR chair, Thomas Detre) would be happy to engage the Group in assisting with transition planning, if that would be helpful.

Comment. This is important. When Congress asked NIH to develop an OA policy (July 2004), it asked the agency to mandate OA and limit embargoes to six months. When NIH chose instead (Sept 2004, May 2005) to request OA without requiring it, and to permit embargoes up to 12 months, it found that it couldn't get even 4% of its grantees to comply with the request. Examining the compliance data, the Public Access Working group recommended (Nov 2005) strengthening the policy and now the NLM Board of Regents joins the recommendation (Feb 2006). Both recommendations are merely advisory, but the burden has clearly shifted to NIH either to strengthen the policy or justify continuing with a weakened policy that doesn't meet its own goals. We're one step closer to an OA mandate for the world's largest funder of medical research.

Peter Suber,
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New Yahoo Group Devoted to Open Access Journals

I have established a new Yahoo group, which deals with issues and announcements related to open access journals. These are freely available scholarly journals on the Internet. To subscribe, please visit this web page: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Open_Access_Journals/

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Open Access Publishing - A Developing Country View

An article in LIBRI, Vol. 56, No. 1, March 2006 questions the value of OA to developing country scientists. Here is the abstract of the article, followed by a response by Subbiah Arunachalam.

"The Other Side of the Coin for Open Access Publishing - A Developing Country View" by JENNIFER PAPIN-
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Abstract

This article presents the Open Access publishing experience of researchers in an academic research institution, in a developing country, Trinidad and Tobago, namely at the University of the West Indies (UWI) St. Augustine Campus. It considers UWI researchers' knowledge of Open Access, their access to the scholarly literature, Open Access Archives/Repositories at UWI and related issues of Research and Library funding and Information Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure/ Internet connectivity. The article concludes that whilst Open Access publishing yields some obvious and well-documented benefits for developing country researchers, including free access to research articles and increased impact and visibility of "published" Open Access articles, there are some disincentives that militate against developing country researchers fully contributing to the global body of knowledge via Open Access. It finds that Open Access Journals are beneficial for scholars who consume information but are of little benefit for developing country scholars wanting to publish in these journals because of the high cost of page charges. Inadequate and unreliable ICT infrastructure and Internet connectivity also often limit access to information. It concludes that because of technical, financial, human and infrastructural limitations, Open Access via the Green

Road of self-archiving is also often not an option for developing country researchers. These researchers are therefore unable to reap the real benefits, of making their research Open Access, that of increased impact and visibility. This study is to develop and evaluate methods and instruments for assessing the usability of digital libraries. It discusses the dimensions of usability, what methods have been applied in evaluating usability of digital libraries, their applicability, and criteria. It is found in the study that there exists an interlocking relationship among effectiveness, efficiency, and satisfaction. It provides operational criteria for effectiveness, efficiency, satisfaction, and learnability. It discovers users' criteria on "ease of use," "organization of information," "terminology and labeling," "visual attractiveness," and "mistake recovery." Common causes of "user lostness" were found. "Click cost" was examined.

Arun's response.

1. Not all OA journals charge author side publication fees. PLoS and BMC do charge author fees. But the majority of OA journals do not charge authors. Not a single Indian OA journal charges authors, for example. In most cases, even those journals which charge authors exempt authors from developing countries if the authors make a request to waive the fees.

2. There are technical problems - such as low bandwidths and high costs, I agree. But things are improving. Moore's law is making it possible to bring down the costs of both computers and connectivity. We have seen dramatic improvements in India in the past two decades. When I was in the university, people had to wait for years to get a telephone connection and even pay bribes! But Mr Sam Pitroda made it possible for us to have STD telephone booths in every town and most villages. The advent of many private players in the

telecom sector and the independent telecom regulatory authority made it possible to bring down the costs of telephone calls. Many higher educational institutions and research labs have reasonable Internet access. Surely there is scope for improvement, but the situation is not bad.

3. What we need are people who will not throw up their hands when faced with even minor challenges. People who will work hard to achieve what they think is good for them. If OA is inherently good for science, scholarship and education in the developing world, then we should all work towards achieving it. We need people who can talk to their Ministers and policymakers about the need to adopt OA in a big way and explain why. We need people who can impress upon their governments the need to provide high bandwidth Internet access to higher education and research institutes. We need teachers and librarians who can take advantage of all that is good and available free on the Net such as the Open Course Ware (of MIT and other universities) and all the OAI-compliant archives. We need people who can motivate scientists and doctoral students to adopt the culture of OA in a big way.

About a century ago USA was a large territory with no notable scientific achievement. By the Second World War the USA became a formidable powerhouse of scientific research. If USA can do it, the rest of us can do it too. Let us try.

Arun
[Subbiah Arunachalam]

Archimer

To support Open Access, the Ifremer research organisation has developed Archimer (<http://www.ifremer.fr/docelec/>). This Institutional Repository provides freely available documents online (publications, theses, conference proceedings, etc) in all fields related to oceans (oceanography, aquaculture, fisheries, etc). The site is available in French and English and most of the documents are available in English.

Could you please help us to promote this new Archive by adding a link to Archimer (<http://www.ifremer.fr/docelec/>) on your Web site?

Of course, if you wish, we will be pleased to add a back link to your own Internet site on our Web pages.

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JOURNALS NEWS AND RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

News from Texas

Hiney, Jim. "The Little Lab That Grew." Texas Shores, vol. 39, no. 1, Spring 2006, pages 2-24

A brief history of the University of Texas at Austin, Marine Science Institute and observing its 60th anniversary.

Powell, Cindie. "The (Turtle) Grass is Always Greener... ." Texas Shores, vol. 39, no. 1, Spring 2006, pages 25-29.

Measuring the health of Texas' seagrass meadows (Drs. Dunton and DeYoe)

Eventually, this latest issue of Texas Shores will be available at:

<http://texas-sea-grant.tamu.edu/pubs/txshores/txshores.php>

The University of Texas at Austin, 2006 Feature Story:

Regaining Ground: In aftermath of Katrina and Rita, scientists make case for coastal recovery balancing ecology with economy. 17 April - 24 April 2006

<http://www.utexas.edu/features/2006/coastal/index.html>

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ISI Top ten ranking

ISI has a "Top 10" ranking of Marine & Freshwater Biology Journals at http://in-cites.com/research/2005/december_19_2005-2.html.

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Google Scholar vs. Metasearch Systems

Article: Sadeh, Tamar. "Google Scholar Versus Metasearch Systems." High Energy Physics Libraries Webzine, issue 12, March 2006

<http://library.cern.ch/HEPLW/12/papers/1/>

SCIRUS

Website: SCIRUS for scientific information only

<http://www.scirus.com/srsapp/>. Scirus is a comprehensive science-specific search engine that searches over 250 million science-specific Web pages. I haven't done a thorough review, but it looks fairly impressive.

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Tools to help evaluate colleagues and their research

These tools have been developed as a result of the lack of access to basic data used to produce the "impact factor" measurements created by Thomson ISI.

The Faculty of 1000:

<http://www.facultyof1000.com>

BioMed Central's Most Viewed Articles:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/mostviewed>

The McMaster Online Rating of Evidence:

<http://hiru.mcmaster.ca/more>

Jorge E. Hirsch's paper on the h-index:

http://www.arxiv.org/PS_cache/physics/pdf/0508/0508025.pdf

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Overview of the variety of fee and free citation searching services

Dana L. Roth. (2005) The emergence of competitors to the Science Citation Index and the Web of Science. Current Science 89(9):1531-6

<http://www.ias.ac.in/currsci/nov102005/1531.pdf>. This contribution was part of a "Special Section on 50 Years of Citation Indexing". Current Science <http://www.ias.ac.in/currsci/>, just as all of the other publications of the Indian Academy of Sciences <http://www.ias.ac.in/publications.html>, is an Open Access journal.

My vote for great web sites are...

The Watershed Information Network
<http://www.epa.gov/win/>

Aquatic Fish Environments, especially the Funky Fish Link
<http://www.aquatic.uoguelph.ca/fish/index.htm>

US Fish & Wildlife Service, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation
<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/>

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Frappr

I thought it might be fun to test this website with a map of IAMSLIC members. Supposedly, it will support worldwide mapping...<http://www.frappr.com/iamslic>

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Conservation oriented, free e-journal

"Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy" has new publications that can be accessed at

<http://ejournal.nbii.org/progress/index.html>

A couple of articles of note...

Gandel, PB. 2005. Libraries: standing at the wrong platform, waiting for the wrong train?

Educause 40:10-11.

<http://www.educause.edu/er/erm05/erm05610.asp?bhcp=1>

Sherman, C. 2006. Microsoft launches windows live academic search.

SearchEngineWatch, April 12, 2006.

<http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3598376>

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