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SCI-TECH DIVISION WEBSITE
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The Sci-Tech division of SLA has had an unofficial website since September of 1996. It is our goal to provide access to the best sci-tech information resources on the Internet for librarians and other information professionals. It should be of interest to all sci-tech librarians regardless of the divisions to which they belong.

The website is currently at: **http://mason.gmu.edu/~jkraus3/sla-st**
As we all know, there are many scientific and technical resources on the Internet, but it is difficult to figure out which ones are worth looking at. In order to make navigation of the scientific web landscape a little bit easier, the website has been broken down into several sections.

Contents

* SLA Home
  This takes you to the Special Libraries Association home page. They have information concerning the division, conferences, bibliographies, the salary survey, and a whole lot more.
* About Sci-Tech
  This has information about the officers of the division.
* What's New
  Chronological listing of new pages put into the website.
* Library Companies
  This is a list of companies that provide products or services to the library community. It is a relatively short list at the moment.
* Societies
  Includes home pages for scientific and engineering associations and societies. many of the major science journals such as *Nature* and *Scientific American*. There are links to some journals specifically for librarians, and there are many links to lists of scientific and technical journals.
* Publishers
  This is a list of the most prominent publishers in various scientific and technical disciplines. For example, if you are trying to find the publications catalog for Springer-Verlag, but you do not remember their web address, this is the place to go.
* News
  There are direct pointers to some of the sci-tech sections of newspapers like the *Los Angeles Times* or the *San Jose Mercury News*. There are also connections to other various scientific news gathering organizations, such as CNN or the AAAS.
* Indexes
  Provides links to indexing and abstracting services. Some of the publishers have tables of contents available for their journals. There is a connection to the UnCover Index from the CARL Corporation and MathSciNet from the American Mathematical Society. There are links to several places that index technical reports.

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* Journals/Magazines
  Points to many of the major science journals, such as *Nature* and *Scientific American*. There are listings to some journals specifically for librarians, and there are many links to lists of scientific and technical journals.
* Search Engines
  This has pointers to the best search engines on the web, such as AltaVista, Hotbot, and Yahoo. There is also a link to a list of many other search engines from the Library of Congress.
* Virtual Libraries
  Rather than scrolling through the list of 100+ Virtual Libraries, here is a list of the better scientific and technical ones. The list includes:
  Astronomy, Bio-science, Chemistry, Computing, Engineering, Geophysics, Mathematics, Physics, Remote Sensing, Standards, and Telecommunications.
* Other Resources
  This is a place for miscellaneous web resources. It currently points to websites that have information on books and book reviews, meta sci-tech web resources such as the "ICE pick" from Cornell (ICE = Internet Connections for Engineering) or the InfoMine in Physical Sciences, Computing, Engineering and Mathematics at UC-Riverside.

Future Plans

The Sci-Tech Division website is a work in progress. Over time, I would like to make other changes and additions to the website. I would like to add in a section that gives a review of newly available resources. For example, one month we could have a review of a new NASA technical report server. The next month, we could review a website that advances the state of librarianship.

I would also like to add in more resources that will promote sci-tech librarianship. There are plenty of resources available to find sci-tech information, but there are not as many places to go to learn more about libraries and information science.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for making the website provide more useful information, I would be pleased to hear from you.

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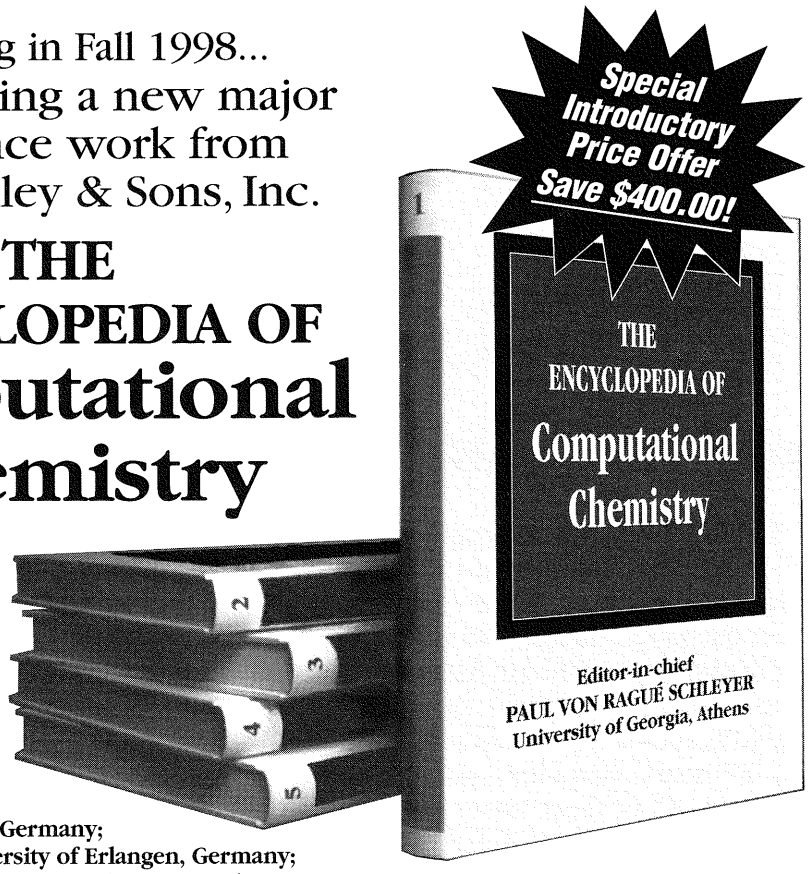

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