

## NEWS

### **International co-operation**

The “Adopt a Twin” programme sponsored by the International Committee of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) has enrolled nine North American library schools as of June, 1985. Each participating school will “adopt” a library school in a less-developed country.

North American schools participating in this programme include: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Brigham Young University, University of Western Ontario, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Oklahoma, Louisiana State University, Atlanta University, Simmons College, and Dalhousie University. “Adopted” schools are located in Morocco, Kenya, Ghana, Senegal, Nigeria, Pakistan, India, People’s Republic of China, Jamaica, Uganda, Sudan, and Yugoslavia.

### **Conservation concern**

The U.K. Library Association Sub-committee on Conservation recently drew the attention of the Association of British Library and Information Science Schools (ABLISS) to the apparent neglect of conservation in the curricula of library schools, and ABLISS will almost certainly consider this at one of its next meetings. The Sub-committee has also agreed to invite Madame Dureau (charged with revising IFLA’s “Principles of conservation and restoration”) to lecture to members of the Association and representatives of ABLISS when next she visits the U.K.

The Sub-committee also recommended that the Professional Development and Education Committee of the Library Association should take early note of the recommendations (para 12.10.2, nos. 1 and 2) on p. 69 of Preservation policies and conservation in British libraries (British Library, 1984), the report of the Cambridge University Library Conservation Project, which reads that “Libraries should: (1) press for the inclusion of education in conservation within the curricula of library schools through the appropriate professional associations; (2) promote training for binders and conservators in appropriate educational institutions and seek adequate career structures with progressive salary scales for binders and conservators commensurate with their status and importance... .”

### **Research grants**

#### *Council on Library Resources*

CRL grants and contracts have been awarded as follows:

- *Association of Research Libraries*, \$16,395 to develop a coordinated North American retrospective conversion programme.

- *OCLC Online Computer Library Center*, \$254,000 for partial support of work at OCLC to develop the Linked Systems Project communications interface and the software for the authorities application.
- *Information Systems Consultants Inc.*, \$311 for expenses related to a study of videodisk and optical digital disk technologies.
- *Priscilla Yu*, \$3,000 to study collection development of western language materials in Chinese libraries.
- *University of California, Los Angeles*, \$8,000 to enable John Richardson, Jr. to compile a bibliography on the history of library education.
- *The American Geographical Society*, \$15,000 to plan and secure funding for a new *Columbia Gazetteer of the World*.
- *Association of Research Libraries*, \$45,857 to conduct a second Institute for Library Educators.
- *University of Michigan*, \$35,000 to establish a cooperative academic/internship programme between the University Library and the Library School.
- *University of Chicago*, \$66,285 for a multi-institutional professional development programme.
- *University of Georgia*, \$80,000 for an internship programme.
- *University of Chicago*, \$81,500 to implement plans for a special concentration in library automation and information systems within the Graduate Library School.

CLR has provided grants to Indiana University and North Carolina Central University to plan new library education programmes. Indiana will use its award of \$1,980 to plan a pilot programme for the continuing education of librarians on issues of central importance to research libraries and their users. A co-operative effort between the School of Library Science and the university library, the programme consists of a current issues forum for librarians and library educators. An advisory committee will suggest topics to be included in the forum discussions. North Carolina Central University will plan an interdisciplinary master's degree programme in information science. Objectives are to introduce students and faculty to the information industry and related professions, and to prepare students for entry-level positions in computer-based information systems and communication networks. The amount of the grant is \$5,000.

For information contact:

Council on Library Resources Inc.,  
1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW,  
Washington, DC 20036,  
U.S.A.

#### *University of Strathclyde*

What encourages innovation in the information services sector? What distinguishes the innovative from the run-of-the-mill organization? Professor Blaise Cronin of Strathclyde Business School's Department of Information Science has

been awarded a grant of £14,000 by the British Library Research & Development Department to come up with the answers.

The study will seek to identify the conditions which support and inhibit innovation – in both public and private sector information services organizations. The project will run for twelve months and will be preceded by a study of the links between information and productivity, also funded (£2,000) by the British Library R&D Department.

For further information please contact:

Professor Blaise Cronin or Mrs Mairi Gudim,  
Department of Information Science,  
Strathclyde Business School,  
University of Strathclyde,  
Livingstone Tower,  
26 Richmond Street,  
Glasgow G1 1XH, Scotland,  
U.K.

#### *MISLIP*

The School of Information Studies of the Robert Gordon Institute of Technology, Aberdeen has been awarded a grant of £29,400 for Phase Two of MISLIP (The microcomputer in the school library project). Phase one of the project is based at Bankhead Academy, Aberdeen, Phase Two will continue work with Bankhead and other Grampian Region schools but will be mainly concerned with work in six schools in the Central Belt in Scotland and will last until August 1987.

MISLIP aims to link information skills and information technology in secondary schools by developing the use of the microcomputer in the school library in the context of information skills in the school curriculum. Further information on the project can be obtained from:

James Herring or Dorothy Williams,  
Robert Gordon Institute of Technology,  
Hilton Place,  
Aberdeen AB9 1FP, Scotland,  
U.K.

#### *College of Librarianship Wales (CLW)*

CLW has been awarded a six-month research grant by the British Library Research and Development Department to investigate the criteria applied by employers in the library/information sector when appointing staff. The relative value of undergraduate qualifications in librarianship or information science compared with postgraduate qualification in these subject areas is of special interest in this

research project. Work began in August 1985 under the direction of Dr. J.A. Large; C.J. Armstrong is full-time research officer on the project.

Further details from:

Dr. J.A. Large,  
College of Librarianship Wales,  
Llanbadarn Fawr,  
Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 3AS, Wales,  
U.K.

## **Courses**

### *University of Pittsburgh*

The University of Pittsburgh plans a major expansion of teaching and research in telecommunications in response to the need for information professionals who can analyze, plan, design, evaluate and manage integrated voice, data and image communications networks. The first courses were scheduled for September 1985.

### *New degree programme*

A new Master of Science in Telecommunications (MST) degree programme, based in the University's Interdisciplinary Department of Information Science (IDIS), will draw heavily on resources of the Departments of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Communications, and the Graduate School of Business.

The MST degree programme, flexibly designed for both beginning and experienced information professionals, will be unique in providing for specialization in either network design or in network management. Overview courses in computer science, electrical engineering and communications will be augmented by advanced work in network concepts, communication devices, protocols and interfacing, project management and control, legal and regulatory issues.

### *Research*

An expanded research programme in telecommunications will build on existing faculty strengths in simulation and networking, expert systems, cognitive effectiveness of multi-sensory electronic media, and cost-effectiveness of information transfer systems. An industrial liaison office will link the telecommunications research programme to the research and development interests of the business community.

For additional information contact:

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University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260,  
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*University of Wisconsin*

The certificate of professional development in information services brokering is offered by the University of Wisconsin Extension Programs Unit. The curriculum comprises:

- *Core (required) courses:* Starting and Running a Small Business for Information Brokers; Marketing Information Services; Fundamentals of Information Services Brokering.
- *Electives:* Effective Communication for Information Professionals; Grantsmanship and Proposal Writing in the Information Professions; Implementing Change for Effective Decision-making; Career Planning for Information Professionals; Tools of Information Services Brokering; Planning Successful Information Services; Practical Research for Practising Librarians; Time Management for Information Professionals; Online Searching in Information Agencies.

Further details from:

University of Wisconsin—Extension,  
Lowell Hall,  
610 Langdon Street,  
Madison, WI 53706,  
U.S.A.

*Summer study in Britain 1986*

The fourteenth annual International Graduate Summer School in Librarianship and Information Science will take place at the College of Librarianship Wales (CLW) from 30th June to 23rd August 1986. During this period, a range of different courses will be offered to professionals and graduate students wishing to enlarge or update their knowledge. All courses carry graduate academic credits, and appropriately qualified students may use the courses as part of their MLS or advance programmes in most Graduate Schools in Canada and the U.S.A.

The Summer School is organized by CLW, the University of Wales School of Librarianship and Information Studies, in association with the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Sciences. The majority of the faculty will be drawn from CLW's own staff, but they will be joined by visiting experts and other internationally experienced teachers. The programme regularly attracts students of 30 to 40 different nationalities.

The 8-week Summer School includes a 9-day study tour by chartered bus. The tour will visit places of major professional and cultural interest in Britain, including Oxford, York, Stratford-upon-Avon and London.

The comprehensive fee, which includes tuition, accommodation and the study tour, will be around £1,300. The study tour, from 26th July to 3rd August, may be taken independently at a cost of around £250. In the past, students have obtained grants from the British Council, United Nations agencies and private foundations, as well as their own libraries or government organizations.

Brochures, including details of courses, and a guide to sources of funding (if needed) may be obtained from:

Director of Liaison and Training Services,  
College of Librarianship Wales,  
Aberystwyth SY23 3AS, Wales,  
U.K.

*The European Institute for Information Management*

The European Institute for Information Management has appointed Peter Popper, formerly Director of Library and Information Services at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria, as Director of Studies. In taking up his new duties Mr Popper, in full agreement with the Board of the Institute, has announced the intention of holding a series of three- to five-day seminars covering various aspects of information management in the autumn of 1985 and spring of 1986.

Topics to be addressed will include information policy and legal aspects of information management and handling. Since it is intended for these seminars to be credited to participants of future extended courses to be held by the Institute, a limited number of studentships is available. Further details and application forms for participation are available from the European Institute for Information Management to whom all further enquiries should be addressed:

Institut Européen pour la Gestion de l'Information,  
Établissement d'utilité Publique,  
13, Rue de Bragance,  
1255 Luxembourg.

**Training in patents information**

The Science Reference Library in London has announced that a "training room" is now open for the use of individual and small groups wishing to learn how to use British patent publications as a source of information. The training room is stocked with material including specifications, abstracts, and indexes. A package of practical work is available and tape/slide educational material describing patent literature can be used.

Further information on the use of this room is available from:

External Relations and Liaison Section,  
Science Reference Library,  
25 Southampton Buildings,  
Chancery Lane,  
London WC2A 1AW,  
U.K.

### Library technical standards

The Education Committee of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) has recently completed an "Information Packet on Library Technical Standards", which is now available from the LITA office.

The package was developed to provide information about standards to educators in library and information science, staff development personnel, and individuals interested in learning about or developing awareness of standards.

A selected annotated bibliography of recent articles on standards from the professional literature, brochures and fact sheets about bodies and organizations making standards, and a list of standards of interest to librarians are included.

Copies are \$2.5 each from ALA/LITA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, U.S.A. (Make checks payable to the American Library Association.)

### Conferences

The 43rd Congress of the International Federation for Documentation (FID) will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montréal, Canada, on September 14–18, 1986. The Congress is sponsored by FID's National Member for Canada, the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) of the National Research Council of Canada (NRCC). The theme of the Congress, *Information, Communications and Technology Transfer*, will interest information professionals, data processing and computer specialists, engineers and others involved in documentation, communications and technology transfer.

#### *Preliminary programme*

##### Session 1. *Inaugural session*

- Item 1. Welcome Address, E.V. Smith (Chairman, Canada, National Committee for FID) and Michael Hill (FID President Governmental Representative);
- Item 2. Keynote Address focussing on theme, Senior Canadian official in the field of high technology.

##### Session 2. *Advances in Communications Technology*

Satellite technology, standardization, integrated systems (voice, data and video in one system), videotext and teletext, intelligent networking, electronic messaging systems.

##### Session 3. *Electronic Publishing*

State of the art, copyright implications, barriers to acceptance.

##### Session 4. *Electronic Document Delivery Systems*

State of the art, copyright implications, improved telefascimile, full text retrieval online.

Session 5. *Advances in Computer Systems*

Fifth generation computer systems, artificial intelligence, applications in industry, computer-aided translation, advanced computer graphics techniques, use of mini- and micro-computers.

Session 6. *Technology Transfer*

International, Intranational, Government to industry, university to industry, from advanced to developing countries, between developing countries, from developing countries to advanced countries, national security aspects, patent implications.

Session 7. *Review and Concluding Remarks*

Authors are invited to submit papers for presentation at any of the technical sessions listed above. English and French are the official languages of the Congress. Authors are requested to submit two copies of previously unpublished material in either language. It is suggested that papers be limited to ten double-spaced pages. The full proceedings will be published by FID following the Congress. Please submit papers to:

Elmer V. Smith, Director,  
Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information.  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
Canada K1A 0S2.

**The Frederick A. Thorpe Travelling Fellowship, 1986.**

Applications are invited for the third Frederick A. Thorpe Travelling Fellowship, an award worth up to £5,000. The value of this Travelling Fellowship has been increased to £5,000 in order to take into consideration the high cost of travel and also to maintain the high standard of applicants.

This Fellowship, presented biennially by the Trustees of the Ulverscroft Foundation, is in recognition of the work undertaken during the last 21 years by Dr. F.A. Thorpe, O.B.E., in pioneering the publishing of large-print books for the visually impaired.

The aim of the Fellowship is to give librarians, teachers, lecturers or others working in related fields the opportunity to develop their knowledge and commitment. This could be done by undertaking an approved piece of work, study, demonstration, innovation, research or experiment in the supply of books and other reading material, or information and other media to handicapped and needy people.

The latest recipient of the award was Professor K.C. Wright of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for his proposed development of a course of instruction on "serving the unserved" (the disabled, the institutionalized, the newly literate and the poor) of the 16 islands served by the Department of Library Studies, University of the West Indies.

The Foundation may divide the total amount available and award more than one Fellowship in any year at its discretion. It also reserves the right not to make awards

at any time should it consider that there are insufficient applicants or that the applications received do not comply adequately with the criteria outlined or otherwise lack merit.

Application forms (to be submitted by the 30th April 1986) can be obtained from:

The Chairman of the F.A. Thorpe Fellowship Panel,  
c/o The Ulverscroft Foundation,  
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Bradgate Road,  
Anstey, Leicester LE7 7FU,  
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