

NEWS

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General

Electronic Bulletin Board

To announce meetings, conferences, and workshops in the fields of information technology, telecommunications, and information science, the European Institute for Information Management is creating an Electronic Bulletin Board. The project is part of the ESPRIT Information Exchange System (IES). It will serve users within the ESPRIT Community and the European Information Technology Sector in general.

For further information about this project, contact:

Mr. Norbert Rischette,
President, European Institute for Information Management,
13, rue de Bragance,
L-1255 Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

The Frederick A. Thorpe Travelling Fellowship, 1986

The third Frederick A. Thorpe Travelling Fellowship has been awarded to:

Miss M.J. Lewis, M.B.E.,
Senior Lecturer (retired),
School of Librarianship and Information Studies,
The Polytechnic of North London,
London, U.K.

for research into the provision of services of large print books, videos, recorded material and pictures to hospital patients and to the housebound, disabled and elderly in Scandinavia. Her knowledge and experience lead her to firmly believe that there are recent and current developments in these Scandinavian libraries which are, in many respects, in advance of other countries and which are translatable and deserve publicity.

As previously announced the Trustees had decided to increase the Travelling Fellowship Award up to £5,000 in order to take into consideration the high cost of travel and also to maintain the high standard of applicants.

The panel of Trustees felt that Miss Lewis's project was most worthy and merited the full award of £5,000 being granted.

The Trustees of the Ulverscroft Foundation make the Travelling Fellowship available biannually in appreciation of the work undertaken by Dr. Frederick Thorpe, O.B.E., in pioneering large print books around the English speaking world. Dr. Thorpe is delighted with the result of the 1986 Award and the standard of the applicants generally. The Trustees of the Foundation wish to thank all the applicants and look forward to making the Award available again in 1988.

Consultant services

In order to comply with the many requests from Member States to assist them in the organization and management of their information systems and services, including libraries and archives, the Division of the General Information Programme (PGI) is seeking the help of specialists in the implementation of PGI programme activities. This assistance, for periods of varying lengths, consists mainly of on-the-site missions and preparation of studies, guidelines and teaching materials.

Specific areas where expertise is needed include the following: application of information-handling standards relating to bibliographic control and terminological activities; application of standardized machine-readable exchange formats to specific purposes (e.g., to subject fields), and their implementation in selected software packages; preparation of interfaces between software packages; adaptation of software packages to handle non-Roman scripts; setting-up of data bases; networking and on-line access to data bases; expert systems; application of information technologies to all aspects of documentation and library work including document delivery; numerical data handling; information analysis and consolidation; preservation of archives and library materials; library building and interior planning; training of technical staff to manage the full range of information systems and services; preparation of training aids and teaching packages for information science courses and user orientation; information policy and planning.

Persons interested in such assignments are kindly requested to address their curriculum vitae to:

Jacques Tocatlian,
Director, Division of the General Information Programme,
UNESCO,
7, Place de Fontenoy,
75700 Paris, France.

Forthcoming conferences and meetings

New information technology

The First Pacific Conference on New Information Technology For Library and Information Professionals is to be held in Bangkok on 16–18 June, 1987.

The conference is being organized to bring some of the newest information systems, equipment, services and technology currently available to the librarians and information professionals in the Pacific Region. The conference will comprise sessions consisting of invited and contributed papers; product reviews introducing new products, systems and services; a comprehensive exhibition; satellite events with seminars and/or tutorials; as well as an opportunity to meet colleagues to discuss common problems and to find possible solutions.

The following are some suggested topics, but other ideas are encouraged:

- information systems and services;
- database creation, structure and searching;
- marketing and promotion of information services;
- integrated library systems;
- information delivery systems—videotex, cable, satellite;
- videodisks, optical disks and CD ROMs;
- microcomputer applications in libraries;
- networks—national, local area, ISDNs;
- end-user and intermediary aspects.

The conference language will be English. Papers will be particularly welcome if they include critiques, evaluations and user or operational experience.

People wishing to submit papers should write to the Programme Chairman as soon as possible giving your name and address as well as the title of your proposed paper and an abstract (in English). If the paper is accepted, the typescript of the complete paper should be prepared by 30 December, 1986. Accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

More information from:

Dr. Ching-chih-Chen,
c/o Pacific Conference on New Information Technology,
1400, Commonwealth Avenue,
West Newton, MA 02165, U.S.A.

or

Dr. David Raitt,
Frankenslag 179,
2582 HL Den Haag, The Netherlands.

Information technology in agriculture

The International Conference on "Emerging Technology in Agriculture: Information Technology" will be held June 22–24, 1987. Sponsored by the Albert R. Mann Library, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, this innovative conference includes topics on large and small scale databases in agriculture, artificial intelligence and knowledge engineering and information exchange in technology transfer. For information, contact:

Bill Coons,
Cornell University, Albert R. Mann Library,
Ithaca, NY 14853-4301, U.S.A.
Tel. (607)255-7731.

Latin American agricultural information

The meeting of agricultural librarians and documentalists "Reunion Interamericana de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Agricolas (RIBDA)" will be held in August 1987, in Guatemala. "La Information Frente al Desafio del Ano 2000 (Information and Challenge in the Year 2000)" will provide an opportunity to members and other interested individuals to review trends and progress in the field of information science; analyze and discuss aspects influencing the availability and use of information in agriculture and related fields; exchange ideas and experiences of professional interests; and exploit new mechanisms of co-operation and support. For information, contact:

Asociacion Interamericana de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Agricolas,
Codigo 7170,
Turrialba, Costa Rica.

Library automation update

The Parker Moore Conference on "Library Automation Update" will take place August 8-15, 1987 in Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. Intended for senior librarians and policy-makers involved in the field, the conference is to provide an opportunity to review and compare the principal integrated library automation systems which are currently available from the major suppliers. The fee of £880 (plus Value Added Tax 15%) includes 8 days of lectures, discussion sessions, demonstrations, presentations and lunch. For application forms and information, contact:

Parker Moore Ltd.,
10 Circus News,
Bath BA1 2PW, U.K.,
Tel. (0225)319586,
Telex 449212 LANTEL G.

Strathclyde / Zagreb collaboration

The Department of Information Science (University of Strathclyde) and the Referral Centre (University of Zagreb) are combining forces to run an annual international conference at Dubrovnik. "Information Resources Management—Concepts, Strategies and Applications" will launch the series in June 1987 and feature an impressively international cast of speakers.

The conference will take place from June 1-5 at the Inter-University Centre in the enchanting walled-city of Dubrovnik. English will be the official language and the fee U.S. \$150. Further details:

Prof. Blaise Cronin, Conference Co-director,
Department of Information Science,
Strathclyde Business School,
University of Strathclyde,
Livingstone Tower,
26 Richmond Street, Glasgow G1, U.K.

British Council

The British Council is organizing a course on "The Organisation and Management of Smaller Specialised Libraries" (Janet Shuter, Course 753). It is scheduled to be held from 23 August–4 September 1987 in London.

Copies of the prospectus and application forms are available from your local British Council representative, or

The British Council,
Director Courses Department,
65 Davies Street,
London W1Y 2AA, U.K.

Courses, seminars*Computer applications and library management*

The Department of Library Studies at the University of Ibadan offers one workshop per year on library management, library cooperation, computer applications, and statistical analysis. Language is English. Interested librarians, documentalists, archivists, record managers, and non-professional assistants should contact:

Department of Library Studies,
University of Ibadan,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

Library and information services, Asia

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Library and Regional Documentation Centre occasionally offers courses on "Library and Information Services" for librarians, information managers and computer technologists. Topics include basic principles, new techniques of information handling, and hands-on experience with mainframe and microcomputers and with library application software packages. For information on future or similar courses, contact:

Director Library and Regional Documentation Centre,
Asian Institute of Technology,
P.O. Box 2754,
Bangkok 10501, Thailand,
Tel. 5290100-13,
Telex 84276 TH.

British Standards Institution

The British Standards Institution is offering a series of free, one-day, STANDARDLINE training courses at Milton Keynes for people with prior online

experience. Further details are available from:

Joe McLelland,
British Standards Institution,
Linford Wood,
Milton Keynes MK14 6LE, U.K.
Tel. (0903)330033 ext. 2035

Permanent courses

Postgraduate librarianship programme in Brasil

Na Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Escuela de Bibliotecologia offers a postgraduate programme on the level of a Master's degree in librarianship. Required and elective courses include user behaviour and user education; planning, administration, and management of libraries; special libraries; and comparative librarianship. Duration of the programme varies from a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 48 months. For information, contact:

Curso de Postgrado en Biblioteconomia,
Secretaria, Escuela de Biblioteconomia de UFMG,
Campus Universitario de Pampulha,
Caixa Postal 1906,
CEP 30000—Belo Horizonte, M.G., Brasil

Research

Comparative study in library education

A study of the comparative aspects of education for librarianship is being conducted by Dr. John Richardson, Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of California, Los Angeles. The study, sponsored by the Council on Library Resources, Inc. (U.S.A.), was carried out at the College of Librarianship Wales in Aberystwyth during the summer of 1986. Information should be requested from:

Prof. J. Richardson, Jr.,
Graduate School of Library and Information Science,
UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024, U.S.A.

Teaching aids

Information technology for the novice user

IT

“IT” is a software package which provides assistance to the inexperienced user of online information services. Originally developed in a research project headed by Dr. Philip Williams at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, it guides the user in the formulation of the search, contacts the host system automatically and carries out the search dialogue without any intervention from the user. Currently, versions exist for the Superbrain and IBM PC microcomputer but transfer to other popular machines is planned. Further details are available from:

Userlink Systems Ltd.,
Mansion House Chambers,
High Street,
Stockport, Cheshire SK1 EG, U.K.
Tel. (061)429-8232.

On / Online

“On/Online” is an introductory guide to understanding and using online information. It is available free from:

Data Courier Inc.,
620 South Fifth Street,
Louisville, KY 40202-9986, U.S.A.

Publications

Library education in Venezuela

In order to establish a foundation for the planning and design of graduate programmes in library education, “Graduate Education for Librarianship in Venezuela: A Theoretical Framework”, by Rosario Gassol de Horowitz (University of California, Berkeley, 1984, 221 pp.) explores the role of the library professional in relation to contemporary Third-World development. Conclusions are drawn concerning the future of education for librarianship. Price information outside of U.S.A. available from:

University Microfilms International,
300 North Zeeb Road,
P.O. Box 1764,
Ann Arbor, MI 48106, U.S.A.
Tel. (313)761-4700,
Order No. DA8524556.

Ohio / Media Spectrum

The *Ohio Media Spectrum* journal published by the Ohio Educational Library/Media Association of Ohio in the U.S.A. is seeking manuscript submissions from library/media professionals around the world. Their upcoming Summer 1987 issue theme is: "Libraries Around the World". Deadline for submissions for this refereed journal: June 1, 1987. Submissions must be in English, 5–10 pages long, double-spaced and typed, and *two* copies are required. Photos of the author are preferred along with photos appropriate to the article (will be returned upon request). For additional information or to request a copy of Manuscript Guidelines, contact:

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Ohio Media Spectrum,
OELMA Office-40 S. Third St.-Suite 230,
Columbus, OH 43215, U.S.A.

Institute of Information Scientists

In the bookseries *The foundations of information science* (series editor: Professor Blaise Cronin, University of Strathclyde) two volumes have been published: Vol. 1, *The origins of information science* (edited by A.J. Meadows) and Vol. 2, *The economics of online* (edited by Peter Bysouth).

The aim of this series is quite simple: to provide the reader with a clear understanding of the disciplinary base of information science—to lay bare the foundations, the cornerstones and other key elements of the literature which together define and characterize this fast-developing and increasingly interdisciplinary field of study. The writings gathered here, amplified by the linking commentary of our editors, are intended to present a coherent account of the evolution, maturation, and future growth of information science. We hope that by making them available within the collective covers of a single series we shall encourage a deeper appreciation of the ways in which the theory and practice of information science can be applied to a wide range of contemporary issues and problems.

Each volume in the *Foundations of information science* series will contain a substantial collection of key writings drawn from a wide range of published sources, which few libraries would possess in their entirety. The selections are made by recognized experts in their fields, and include their critical commentary on the selected items.

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150 Regent Street, London W1R 5FA, U.K.

Expertise

Expertise is a newsletter aimed at information scientists, information managers, and other who have an interest in the application of expert systems to information

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