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Collaborative Approaches to Information Literacy in the Sciences" (see page 2 for details). The session was well attended and the presenters passed along highly useful practices. The presentations and abstracts for the poster

session that followed are available on the STS website.

We also appreciate the work of the discussion groups and committees that organized the other successful and pertinent STS discussion groups at the conference. And, as always, we thank the Institute of Physics for their delightful reception and the other vendors who supported our conference program, poster session and reception.

In the upcoming year, the STS membership will be involved in several activities. The Information Literacy Standards for Science and Technology will be published this fall in *College & Research Libraries News*, and the membership will be asked to endorse the standards on the ACRL ballot in the spring. ALA and ACRL have

developed a new strategic plan for the organization, which

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.htm>. STS will need to integrate our strategic plan (linked from <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.htm>) with the new ACRL plan. Discussions on the new plan and how it impacts STS will likely begin at Midwinter 2005. To make sure your thoughts are incorporated into our planning, please pass your ideas on to any section officer or council member. We want STS to work for you, and the best way for this to happen is to let us know what you think!

I look forward to seeing new and returning colleagues at ALA Midwinter in Boston in January.

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**From the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, Julia Gelfand**

Thank you all for your support, and I hope that you join me in looking forward to celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Science & Technology Section in 2006. Some of you have indicated an interest in serving on a STS committee and later in the year, I will be making many appointments. I look forward to including as many members who want to participate in our committee work, section governance and program planning. I welcome your interest in networking, and collaborating with other science librarians. There are many opportunities and I welcome your input and ideas.

*Julia Gelfand*

**MORE NEWS FROM ORLANDO**

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**Science and Technology Information  
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Committee members Amy Prendergast and Randall Halverson will serve as committee co-chairs for 2004/2005.

*Information supplied by Randall Halverson*

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### **Membership and Recruitment Committee**

The STS Membership & Recruitment Committee hosted a very successful New Member's Orientation/Reception at Annual on Saturday June 26, 2004 at the Embassy Suites/Jamaican Court. Despite the less than desirable location of the event – several miles from the Convention Center – the program was well attended. Sixteen new or potential STS members were present along with many of the Committee members, and several STS Officers. While enjoying a tempting array of food and beverage offerings, attendees were introduced to current STS members who offered advice on successfully navigating through an ALA Annual, and also on sci/tech librarianship as a profession. The Membership Committee unveiled the new STS brochure at Annual – culminating almost 15 months of preparation. Response to the new design and content was extremely positive. This new brochure will be used in STS membership mailings and recruitment activities, and will also be available at the ACRL booth at all conferences. The Membership Committee is currently working on various recruitment activities, including outreach to library school students and non-STS attendees of STS conference programs, and the development of an informational webpage on sci/tech librarianship and the benefits of membership in the Section.

*Information supplied by Lori Critz*

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### **Organization and Planning Committee**

The Organization and Planning Committee plans to review the STS Manual and make revision recommendations to Council. All of the committees in the section will need to assist in this work. Lea Wade attended the Council meeting on Monday evening in Orlando and solicited input from all committee chairs about which sections of the Manual should be revised first. Each chair will need to review the sections of the Manual that pertain to their committee and send suggested revisions to Lea ([lwadetorres@hotmail.com](mailto:lwadetorres@hotmail.com)) or Jo Ann Calzonetti ([jc44@uakron.edu](mailto:jc44@uakron.edu)), the committee

co-chairs. The Organization and Planning Committee plans to begin this work prior to Midwinter. Committee chairs can expect to be contacted by email!

*Information supplied by Jo Ann Calzonetti*



### **Publications Committee**

In the all-important numbers game, it was reported that membership on STS-L is up to 1,220, while there are 3,725 subscribers to ISTL. On the down side, usage statistics are no longer available for the STS website. Andrea Duda noted that the Library Instruction Round Table named issue #37 of ISTL as one of LIRT's Top Twenty for 2003 (see page 8.) Congratulations were in order to Andrea for her editorship and to webmaster Jennie Duvernay for additions to our website, especially those related to conference programs.

New responsibilities were assumed by Peter Spyers-Duran (co-moderator for STS-L) and Caroline Gilson (co-editor of Signal). Peter and Margaret Mellinger will be working to migrate STS-L to ALA this year.

There was further discussion of sending an electronic version of Signal to the STS membership; a proposal may be developed for Council consideration in the future. Committee members agreed that they would like to substitute a virtual meeting for one at Midwinter in Boston, and this was approved at Council II.

*Information supplied by Barbara MacAlpine*

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### **Subject & Bibliographic Access to Science Materials Committee and General Discussion Group**

The Subject & Bibliographic Access to Science Materials Committee jointly sponsored a successful program with the General Discussion Group at Annual. The panel program was entitled “**Subject Analysis of**

2002 study, the results of which were later published by Wolverton and his co-author Lona Hoover. Their article, called “Cataloging and Treatment of Theses, Dissertations, and ETDs,” appeared in *Technical Services Quarterly*, v.20 no.4 (2003), p.3-57.

“Points and Counterpoints from a technical services perspective” followed. Cathy Gerhart (U. of Washington) discussed her library’s practice of assigning subject headings to theses and their participation in SACO. Leslie O’Brien (Virginia Tech) explained why her library decided to stop assigning subject headings to theses.

“Points and Counterpoints from a public services perspective” featured Cindy Levine (North Carolina State U.) who argued in favor of adding subject headings. Susan Case (U. of Kansas), drawing upon her own experiences as a scientist and science librarian, countered that this practice was unnecessary and wasteful.

Diane Vizine-Goetz of OCLC discussed future trends. A brief question/answer session involving audience participation followed. A fuller accounting of the contents of the program is available from the web pages of both sponsoring committees.

*Information supplied by Bryna Coonin, Sophie Bogdanski, Bao-Chu Chang, Katharine Clark, and Julia Kelley*

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## **2005 Program Planning Committee**

The 2005 STS Program Planning Committee met on June 26 in Orlando. The committee plans to have a program at the annual conference in Chicago (June 2005) under the title, “The new crossroads: science librarians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.” The members discussed various issues related to the program planning and arrived at a tentative program outline. The committee has received confirmation from two speakers—Mary Case and Mel Desart—and is also looking for additional speaker(s).



### **STS Electronic Communications Update**

#### **STS-L Listserv**

STS-L is a moderated discussion group, open to all interested persons. It is sponsored by the Science & Technology Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

To join STS-L, send the following message to: [LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UTK.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UTK.EDU) (do not include a period after EDU):

SUBSCRIBE STS-L First Name Last Name

The SUBJECT line should be left blank; if your e-mail software does not allow leaving this line blank, try typing only a period (.) in the SUBJECT line.

Moderators: Margaret Mellinger and Peter Spyers-Duran

#### **Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship (ISTL)**

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