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## College Science Librarians Discussion Group

The STS College Science Librarians Discussion group met June 28. Twenty-two librarians gathered to talk about designing or adapting buildings to achieve flexibility, especially for technological change.

Discussion was led by Rocco Piccinino of Smith College, whose Science branch library opened in 1991, Suzi Cole of Colby College, in charge of a Science library just over a year old, and Madeline Cohen of New York Public's Science, Technology & Business branch.

All three stressed the importance of being fully involved in the planning process. Suzi mentioned that time spent reviewing plans and electrical drawings was well worth it. If the library is part of a larger building, one must keep up with plans for the rest of the project that could affect the library (such as the placement of water pipes on the floor above the library stacks). Madeline mentioned that the design of staff work areas must be given sufficient attention as staffing patterns are bound to change over the life of the building.

There are a few key items that must be done correctly, such as, making sure the assignable square footage is sufficient, ceiling heights are right, floor loading allows for heavy stacks, and restrooms and stairwells are placed where they won't interfere with future adaptations of the building. Rocco noted that these may be nearly impossible to change after the plans are finalized. In contrast, furnishings and equipment are easier to add or modify after the building is completed.

All three librarians noted that the placement of electrical outlets and data ports is extremely important, and suggested that more is better. The same is true for wiring within the building. At the NYP branch, wiring was put under a raised floor; at Colby, every study space and



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STS Collegial Counsel Program.

Committee on the Comparison of
Science & Technology Libraries

Each member of the committee reported on
the 5th Survey responses from the institutions
that they were liaison to; the Chair reported
for the absent members. The relatively large
number of outstanding but promised surveys
prompted the committee to extend the
deadline to July 31, 1998. Barton Lessin is
developing a template for data input into
Excel. Several committee members took
responsibility for analysis of different sections
of the data. Some non-identifying data will
go on the web as soon as it is compiled.
Mitchell Brown will be responsible for the
web page.

Strong questions were raised, prompted in part
by comments from respondents, about the
length and format of the 5th Survey. These
questions were addressed prior to the
administration of the survey and the consensus
at that time was to keep the survey similar in
format and content to those of the previous
surveys. On the basis of the experience and
insight gained during this process, though,
the committee plans to recommend significant
changes for consideration before another
survey is undertaken.

Information supplied by Judith R. J. Johnson

1999 Conference Program Planning
Committee

The STS Conference Program Planning
Committee met in Washington, DC, to
organize the Section's Annual Conference
program for 1999. The Committee members
brainstormed names of potential speakers for
the program's topic: "Changing Expectations
for Today's Sci-Tech Librarian -- Is Digital
Information Mandating Fundamental Changes
to the Way We Work?" Possible names for
the program title were discussed, and the final
choice will be announced in the coming
months.

The Conference Program Planning Committee
is also responsible for the Section's reception.
After discussion and vote, the location for
the reception decided: the Louisiana
Children's Museum, which features hands-on
exhibits and science experiments. The
Museum is located within walking distance
of the Convention Center.

Information supplied by Laura L. Greene

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## **Continuing Education Committee**

The committee discussed ways to increase the STS Membership Continuing Education Survey response. Some ideas include:

- putting the survey in STS Signal
- post survey to STS-L more than once
- asking the preferred means of receipt

The committee then discussed why survey results were low and the problem of a time lag between identifying a continuing education need and meeting that need with a program. The committee discussed providing continual continuing education on a Web site. Marcia was not at the meeting due to airline difficulties, but the chair will contact her about implementing this idea.

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## Oberly Award Committee

The Oberly Award Committee met to prepare for the 1999 Oberly Award. During the meeting we edited the "call for nominations," discussed publicity and procedures for routing submissions, and reviewed the evaluation criteria. Topics of discussion included:

Responsibility for sending out the "call for nominations" was divided among the committee members.

An address file will be built to hand on to later committees.

The evaluation form was adapted to include non-print submissions.

An acknowledgment letter will be sent out for each submission.

*Information supplied by Amy W. Shannon*

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## Organization and Planning Committee

Organization and Planning Committee activities at ALA Annual included the revision of the STS Manual and review of the roles of other ALA Organization and/or Planning Committees. Future activities of the committee will include a review of the Section Bylaws, development of a proposal to the STS Executive Committee concerning our role in STS planning activities, determination of the future STS Manual distribution policy and manual updates required by the revision of the *Association of College and Research Libraries: Guide to Policies and Procedures*.

*Information supplied by Ruth Nellis*

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## Publications Committee

Janet Hughes attended the ACRL Publications Committee meeting

### Call for Sci/Tech Abstracts

The ALA/ACRL Forum for Science and Technology Library Research Committee is planning its annual research presentations program for the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans in June 1999.

The Forum provides an excellent opportunity to share recent research or works in progress that address significant issues to science and technology librarianship in its broadest sense with your colleagues. Proposals will be selected through a blind review process on the basis of timeliness, evidence of scholarship, and relevance to science and technology librarianship.

**ABSTRACT:** An abstract not exceeding 250 words should convey the title and purpose of the project, its scope, methodology, conclusions, and relevance to science and technology librarianship. Priority will be provided to papers that indicate research analyses, either quantitative or qualitative.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:** December 1, 1998. Papers will be selected at ALA Midwinter 1999.

**PAPERS:** Acceptance of proposals reflects a commitment of the authors to provide presentations of no longer than 30 minutes at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Presenters may choose to have their papers published electronically through ACRL/STS.

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