1998 Meeting Summary

Friday

Introductions

In general, a theme of this year's roundtable was moving and construction. Lots of upcoming activity. We interrupted this lively session for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Salmon Genetics facility led by Paul Siri, BML Associate Director.

International Issues

Cyamus received a grant from IAMSLIC to set up ariel stations in Baja, California and to bring librarians to a Cyamus meeting. Amelia Chavez Comparan (CICESE) and Horacio Sanchez Mendoza (CIBNOR) were funded for this year's meeting. The necessary hardware and software to establish a send/receive site and a receive only site were distributed.

Andrea Coffman produced a draft on a bilingual interlibrary loan/document request form. The group suggested minor changes. Andrea will put this document on a file server at her instituion with a pointer to it from the Cyamus site. Many thanks to Andrea, Susan Gilmore, Amelia Chavez and Teresa Barriga for their work on this project.

We also discussed other ways Cyamus could help libraries and librarians in Baja. Since we often receive inquiries about journal donations it was suggested that a list of "needs" from CIBNOR and CICIMAR would be helpful. Horacio will post a list to the Cyamus listserv. Amelia will contact Teresa Barriga at CICIMAR and ask her to do the same.

The group will also compile a list of spanish-speaking members and circulate it through the listserv or the web site. Amelia volunteerec to translate our Cyamus web pages into Spanish. We all agreed that our outreach activities to Baja California have been extremely rewarding and fun, but there is still much to do. The group sees this as a long-term activity.

Union List

Steve Watkins reported on some problems arising from the posting of the union list on the web site. At last year's meeting we decided on a new approach. Steve took the ASFA serials list from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts and used it as a template for Cyamus members to list holdings. Unfortunately, Steve began receiving a number of messages requesting document delivery from journals listed. Oops! Steve added a statement to the top level page clarifying the purpose of the list and also added a login script. Debra Losey has been added holdings and serial titles to the list. Joan Parker has the core list of MLML journals loaded.

Saturday

Other Issues

Discussions of PromptCat, printing and electronic journal subscriptions began the morning. The current Cyamus representative's term of office expires in October. Barb Butler, the previous rep will send out a call for nominations and conduct the election.

Iceland and the 1999 Cyamus Meeting

Logistics for the upcoming IAMSLIC meeting in Iceland and the location of next year's meeting finished out the morning. The group felt that it was time to move north and a logical location for 1999 would be the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Oregon.