

## **SAIL Report to IAMSLIC Board On SAIL Activities for 2004**

This was a busy and productive year for SAIL (Southeast Affiliate of IAMSLIC). The major activity was the annual meeting. Year-long activities included using the discussion list for resource sharing among members, recruiting conference meeting hosts, recruiting new members, and updating the SAIL directory.

SAIL has 56 individual and 11 corporate members listed in the SAIL Directory found on the SAIL web page <http://www.mrl.cofc.edu/>. During the business meeting at SAIL 2003, members discussed expanding the geographic area for SAIL and voted to expand and include the northeast Atlantic states. As a result, we are recruiting members from that expanded area.

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### **SAIL 2004 Conference**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SAIL Conference was held May 11-14, 2004, at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, Port Aransas, and at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Liz DeHart at UTMSI and Densis Landry-Hyde at TAMU-CC were the hosts. The conference theme was *Getting More with Less, How to be Lean and Mean Machines in Sustainable Seas*. SAIL was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the IAMSLIC Executive Board to help defray the cost of hosting the regional conference. SAIL would like to extend thanks again for receiving the grant.

### **Expenditures of grant money:**

\$600.00	Travel grants (2) in the amount of \$300 each to Kathy Heil of the University of Maryland, and Susi Ridenour of the National Aquarium of Baltimore
49.63	Conference packet materials, including reams of paper and folders
45.21	Purchase of gifts for the keynote speaker, other speakers, and SAIL webmaster
305.16	Welcome Reception food, beverages, decorations, and serving wares
<b>\$1000.00</b>	<b>Total Grant Money</b>

The MSI van was not needed to transport attendees from Port Aransas to Corpus Christi on the last day of the conference because there was a sufficient number of personal vehicles available. The monies that would have been spent on using the van were used for the above-mentioned expenses.

The conference packets included a program, featuring a variety of topics and speakers from the two campuses and from attendees, covering deep-sea divers in the Gulf of Mexico, grey literature about migrant labor in the seafood industry, growing fish in captivity, virtual reference, and e-journal management. The keynote speaker was the well known deep-sea researcher, Dr. Sylvia Earl, who had the attendees spell bound during the course of her talk on deep-dives in the Gulf. There were five science presentations, eight library presentations or round table/panel

discussions, and a G.I.S. hands-on workshop that was geared toward science and library-related issues. Unfortunately, the field trip was cancelled because of a horrendous accident on the freeway. However, the attendees were treated to a sail aboard the R/V Katy. The program can be found at <http://www.mrl.cofc.edu/>

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### **SAIL 2004 Evaluation Summary**

(Compiled by Liz DeHart 06/07/04)

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SAIL Conference was a great success, with participation beyond what was originally expected. We had 17 paid registrants and 6 other participants (registration not required) who were either speakers attending the whole conference, library staff or hosts.

Evaluation forms were provided in 31 conference packets. There were 10 respondents who filled out a form, mainly from SAIL members and not speakers. Overall comments about the conference program were either excellent or very good, including those comments heard throughout the meeting. Participants continued to enjoy the balanced mix of science and library topics.

In writing this summary report, there are a few important conclusions to note:

- Have forms made available to everyone, not just provided in the packets;
- Announce throughout the conference that evaluation forms are available and to please fill them out;
- Do not ask members to fill out evaluations on the last day (many conference attendees did not participate on the last day).

The original SAIL 2004 evaluations will be sent to the next SAIL host, Susi Ridenour at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland. Final comments and suggestions for future topics are always important for planning the next conference.

Once again, SAIL 2004 would like to extend its sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude to the IAMSLIC Executive Board for sponsoring and contributing to the annual conference, thereby helping to make it a rewarding and successful experience.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **SAIL 2005**

Next year, Susi Ridenhour, will host the conference at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland. Conference information will be posted to the SAIL web page at <http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/index.html>

Wishing you blue skies, and hoping to see you next year in Baltimore,

Respectfully submitted,  
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