

## **SAIL Regional Group**

**1999 - 2000**

### **SAIL DISCUSSION LIST:**

On October 29, 1999, the SAIL Regional Group discussion list became operational. The electronic mailing list was not only created to provide a forum for regional marine and aquatic librarians and information specialists to discuss issues of importance to the management of information in the fields of marine and aquatic sciences, but also to address the need for enhancing resource sharing within the geographic boundaries of the group. Subjects discussed have included:

- Interlibrary Loans and resource sharing
- Annual Meeting
- Job Announcements
- Reference Questions
- Duplicate Exchange
- Reprints, Gifts and Exchanges

To Subscribe to the list send e-mail to [majordomo@coral.aoml.noaa.gov](mailto:majordomo@coral.aoml.noaa.gov), with the message "subscribe sail" in the body of the text. To post a message to the list, address your comments or announcements to [sail@coral.aoml.noaa.gov](mailto:sail@coral.aoml.noaa.gov). The discussion list currently has over 80 subscribers located throughout the region: including Mexico, Jamaica, the US Virgin Islands, and Canada and Australia.

### **IAMSLIC GRANT PROPOSAL:**

In February 2000, Evelyn Poole-Kober and Patti M. Marraro, submitted a grant request to the IAMSLIC Executive Board for financial support of the 10th Annual Meeting which was to be held 5-7 April 2000, at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina. The major goals of SAIL over the past several years have been continued education for the regional members in the areas of library science and marine science issues and enhancement of resource sharing partnerships with our colleagues from the Caribbean region. Eight hundred dollars (\$800) was requested to assist in paying for Drs. Marshall, Daniel, Sonnenwald, and Wildemuth to speak; Dr. Gasaway to present a 2-hour workshop on copyright; and to off-set travel expenses of any attendees from the Caribbean.

Although the meeting was attended by one member from Bermuda, no Caribbean members were present. In addition, prior to the grant proposal several of the speakers agreed to waive their typical fees if SAIL agreed to make a donation to the University of North Carolina-School of Information and Library Science. However, one speaker did later submit a request for payment.

Therefore, on 2 May 2000, we submitted a request for the re-allocation of funds (\$100) from the Caribbean Travel Assistance money to assist in paying the speaker. The request

was approved on 30 May 2000 and the remaining \$200, previously allocated for Caribbean Travel Assistance, was returned to the IAMSLIC Treasury.

## **ANNUAL MEETING:**

Evelyn Poole-Kober, Librarian for the Atmospheric Sciences Modeling Division, Air Resources Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, hosted the SAIL 2000 Conference, April 5-7, 2000, at the Environmental Research Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in Research Triangle Park. The theme of the conference was Harness the Power of Information.

The three-day meeting was attended by over 20 regional members from Maryland, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Bermuda; along with 6-12 day visitors and several area library science graduate students.

Each of the invited speakers - who are faculty members at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), School of Information and Library Science, and School of Law - discussed issues relating to the theme. Dr. Joanne Marshall, <http://ils.unc.edu/~marshall/>, Dean and Professor, opened the conference with, Competencies for Special Librarians of the 21st Century, which is available at <http://ils.unc.edu/~marshall/presentations/sla/title.htm>. Dean Marshall defined the interplay of knowledge, understanding, skills, and attitudes required to be a competent special librarians in the 21st Century. Dr. Evelyn Daniel, <http://ils.unc.edu/daniel/homepage.html>, followed with, To Learn, to Know, To Market, To Market!, in which she discussed the implication for special librarians of two conflicting trends in the workforce today: growth of a career resilient, self-focused work force and the embrace of the knowledge management concept. Both of these talks were inspiring to the audience.

On April 6, Dr. Laura Gasaway, <http://www.unc.edu/~uncclng/gasaway.htm>, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, gave a two-hour address, Copyright for the New Millennium. Dr. Gasaway kept the audience's attention as she gave an overview of the status of the U.S. copyright law and its impact on library services. She covered recent changes in law in term extension with amendments from the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, particularly changes to § 108 (the library section) that expanded preservation rights, plus online service provider liability. A chart on when work passes into the public domain is available at <http://www.unc.edu/~uncclng/public-d.htm>. She also included copyright when creating webpages.

On April 7, Dr. Diane Sonnenwald, <http://ils.unc.edu/sonnenwald/>, assistant professor, in her address, Collaboration across Boundaries: Benefits, Challenges, and Future Directions, emphasized that collaboration, and increasingly multi-disciplinary collaboration across distances and organizations, is emerging as a fundamental and strategic component of work processes. She discussed the benefits and challenges of collaboration across boundaries, disciplines, and settings. Dr. Barbara Wildemuth followed with an interactive talk, Ethics at the

(Virtual) Reference Desk, in which she discussed general guidance and principles while using the ethics codes of such professional organizations as the American Library Association, American Society for Information Science, and the Medical Library Association. This session was a forum for discussing particular cases and arriving at possible ethical responses.

Two renowned scientists, Dr. Hans W. Paerl, William R. Kenan Professor, UNC-CH Institute of Marine Sciences, and Dr. Robin L. Dennis\*, senior program manager with ASMD, addressed scientific issues. Professor Paerl discussed, Short-term Impacts of Hurricanes Dennis, Floyd, and Irene on Water Quality and Fisheries Habitat in Pamlico Sound. Dr. Dennis discussed Atmospheric Deposition of Nutrients to Coastal Waters of the East and Gulf Coast: Where Does it Originate-Sources and Airsheds. Drs. Paerl and Dennis' talks tied nicely together.

Other presentations were made by SAIL members. Bryna Coonin, Coastal Resources Management Librarian at East Carolina University (ECU) Joyner Library, in Greenville, North Carolina, discussed the newly created Coastal Resources Management doctoral program at ECU in her presentation, A New Coastal Resources Management Program Comes Aboard. Kathy Maxson, Librarian, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, used her presentation, Procuring a Minimal Security System for a Small Library, to discuss a problem she faced. Two presentations were made by vendors by Kathy Manning, Acting Program Manager for Island Press, Pittsboro, North Carolina, and Mark Donnelly, Sales Representative for The Dialog Corporation, Cary, North Carolina.

The attendees also toured the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Visualization Laboratory and the special North Carolina Exhibit at the UNC-CH Wilson Library in Chapel Hill.

\*On assignment to the National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Susan Stover, Arthur Vining Davis Library, Mote Marine Laboratory, has offered to host the 11th Annual SAIL Meeting, scheduled for May 1-4, 2001, in Sarasota, Florida.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

SAIL membership currently stands at 82 individual and 11 corporate members (based on the current directory located on the SAIL Regional Webpage (<http://www.nova.edu/~maxson/SAILDirectory.html>)).

As a result of the SAIL group meeting in the Research Triangle Park area, IAMSLIC membership information was made available to Dave Robertson, Library Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Bryna Coonin, Coastal Resources Management Librarian at East Carolina University (ECU) Joyner Library, in Greenville, North Carolina; and Elisabeth Shay, a UNC-SILS graduate student with an interest in the

marine sciences. All persons attended the SAIL 2000 meeting and were extremely interested in participating in future activities of both SAIL and IAMSLIC.