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From the Editor

Hello everyone, as the incoming newsletter editor of *Newsletter/Nouvelles*, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to the membership what I look forward to achieving in this position. First and foremost, I envision the newsletter as being a vehicle for everyone in all the regions to express their views and concerns, as well as their own personal creative abilities. And, I see the newsletter as an information tool, as well as an educational tool to be used by the membership. I would like to see each region fully represented. I look forward to working with all of you to see this participation fully utilized.

Once again, included in this issue of the newsletter is a member profile of Marsha Hunt, a distinguished member from the Halton/Peel region. Hopefully, with your participation, this will be an ongoing feature of the newsletter with each region contributing a distinguished member. Along with this issue, we have inserted the long awaited Salary Survey done by

our new president Susan Bourdeau. As well, there is Susan's information update of the new OALT/ABO Membership Form. At this time, I would like to congratulate everyone who took part in *Interconnections 95*. It was a great hit from all accounts. In this issue are some memorable highlights and observations. Our feature article this issue shows just how much resource sharing is done in Canadian libraries.

Finally, the challenge of keeping the quality of the newsletter will no doubt keep me on my toes for the next couple of years. Following Brady Leyser's contribution as editor of *Newsletter/Nouvelles* will be no easy task. Thank you Brady for doing such a great job. I along with all the membership wish you the best as you pursue other endeavors.

I hope you will enjoy *Newsletter/Nouvelles*. I look forward to your responses and contributions. Thank you for this opportunity and pleasant reading.

Brahm Gilman, Editor

Information to Contributors

The editor welcomes any articles or news items of interest to the Library Technicians of Ontario. Contributions can be sent by post, fax, or e-mail. Please include your full name, telephone number, and regional affiliation. French translation of official executive business is provided. Otherwise, publication will be in the language of submission.

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President's Message

Welcome to the 23rd year of being part of this great association. I would like to introduce myself as the new president and a pro-active member of this association with my involvement at the Provincial and Regional levels.

As we begin to enter the 21st century it is time to start looking at what new directions the Association should be aiming towards and how to go about doing it. Your participation and input towards this objective is essential for a positive, active and full provincial representation of Library Technicians — Our future, career is in your hands!

The first part of my mandate will be to complete outstanding issues and in-house management such as the Constitution, review and update of the Board Policies/Duties. After this internal review, I will plunge, with the help of the Executive and Board of Directors, into the rejuvenation of our Association.

I will keep you informed of all our activities via our newsletter and I hope that you will support our mission and use the newsletter as a communication tool for your opinions and comments. Your voice counts!!!

Susan Bourdeau

Bienvenue à la 23ième année au sein d'une superbe association. Je me présente - nouveau président et un membre pro-actif de cette association avec plusieurs années d'expérience au niveau provincial et régional.

Avec le début du 21ième siècle, il est temps de faire un tour d'horizon et de trouver de nouvelles directions et buts pour l'Association et surtout comment parachever ces derniers. Votre participation ainsi que votre input est nécessaire pour réaliser ces buts afin d'obtenir une vision positive, active et représentative des bibliothécaires de cette province. Notre futur, notre carrière est entre vos mains!

Pour débiter mon mandat, je souhaite compléter les affaires entrepris l'an dernier qui sont inachevées ainsi que les items de gestion interne de l'Association tels que la Constitution, révision et mise à jour des fonctions du Comité des directeurs. Suite à cette étude, je me jeterai à pieds joints, avec le soutien de l'Exécutif et du Comité des directeurs, à raviver notre Association.

Je vous tiendrais au courant de toutes nos activités par l'entremise du bulletin de nouvelles et j'espère que vous serez en accord avec notre but, et que vous utiliserez le bulletin de nouvelles comme outil de communication pour vos idées et commentaires. Votre participation compte!!!!

Susan Bourdeau

1995 OALT/ABO Executive Committee

Susan Bourdeau, President

Susan is a graduate from Algonquin College and is employed by the National Library of Canada in the Collection Management Division. She is part of a team which oversees the newspaper collection held by the library. She also works with the Canadian Government document collection and the Foreign and International document collections. Susan is long time member of OALT/ABO and has held several positions on the Ottawa regional executive board. (*Ottawa*)

Penni Lee, Vice-President

Penni Lee is a graduate of Seneca College, and is the Sr. Library Technician at the Ministry of Finance, Library Services - Oshawa. Penni has been Secretary of OALT/ABO for two years, and is now ready to take on the duties of Vice-President. (*TALTA*)

Margaret Bushell, Secretary

Following her graduation from Fanshawe College in 1973 Marg joined the staff at Huron County Library in Goderich. After working at HCL headquarters in Interloam and Children's Services for four years, she became Supervisor of the Goderich Branch Library and is presently enjoying her work in this position. Marg has been an OALT/ABO member since 1973 and held various regional executive positions and was Newsletter/Nouvelles editor in 1982-84. (*Lohania*)

Siobhain Doyle, Treasurer

Siobhain received a Library Technician Diploma from Seneca College in 1984. She has worked at University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus and is presently with Aird & Berlis, a law firm in Toronto. As well as being involved in her church's activities, Siobhain collects antiques and does cross stitch in her spare time. (*TALTA*)

Mary Grace Stewart, Public Relations Co-ordinator

Mary is a graduate of Sheridan College. She is currently working as a Library Technician at the Canadian Standards Association Information Centre in Rexdale. Her responsibilities include cataloguing, serials and reference work. Mary has been an active member of various committees in the Swansea Village Co-op, where she currently resides. Her interests include cross-stitch, reading, movies, and cats! (*Halton-Peel*)

Letters to the Editor

Dear OALT/ABO Newsletter Editor:

I enjoyed Mary Grace Stewart's article "OALT/ABO Member Profile - Liz Aldrey" (re: Vol. 19, No. 3, Spring 1995) but must point out the same spelling error that occurs six times.

The word was spelled 'Niagra' but the correct spelling should be Niagara. I have never seen it misspelled in any advertising for the Niagara Region that is famous for its fruit and Niagara Falls. Also what a disgrace for the local college, Niagara to be misspelled. How would you feel if you caught a spelling mistake but didn't do anything about fixing it?

It's nice that Liz, one of our founding members and a member of my branch Lohania has been recognized. Articles should be written about the other founding members.

Sincerely, (Miss) Joanna Zalewa,
Niagara Falls

(Editors' note: Three different people read the article in question and ultimately missed a crucial spelling error.)

Member Profile • Marsha Hunt

by Donna Martin (Halton-Peel)

The OALT/ABO Presidential Award is presented annually to a member "to recognize outstanding contributions or major achievements of an OALT/ABO member in promoting and/or developing the Association." The 1995 recipient, Marsha Hunt exemplifies the goals of the OALT/ABO in her commitment to library work and the association.

Although as a child Marsha enjoyed and used libraries, she did not think of them in terms of a career until she attended a workshop on what to do with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in English. Once she had decided that this was the career for her she continued her education at Sheridan College to get her Library Technician's Certificate as well as a Records Management Certificate from Mohawk College. The choice must have been right for as a student she was awarded the Mississauga Public Library (CUPE Local 1989) Award in 1988 and the OALT/ABO Merit Plaque and the Halton-Peel Regional Award in 1989. Marsha's formal education did not stop with her college certificates, she did her Masters of Library Science from the State University of New York and is currently working on a Human Resources Management certificate at McMaster University.

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commitment to library work and the association***

While still a student at Sheridan College, Marsha took a summer job with the Peel Board of Education Media Services to help with the conversion from card catalogues to a computer system. Through this placement she heard about an opening for a Information Resources Technician in the Professional Library. She got the position and has been there since 1989. Marsha's career aspirations are to become a Personnel Librarian. She would like to deal with the selection, recruitment, and continuous training of library personnel.

Marsha has shared her experience in library work by giving workshops and seminars on customer service. She has developed this into Library Works, a business that provides customized library workshops and training. Marsha will go to a library and design the workshop according to their individual needs.

Since Marsha's graduation from Sheridan College in 1989, she has been an active member of the OALT/ABO. She took on the position on the Provincial Executive of Public Relations Coordinator in 1989 and held that position for three years. Among the many things she did as Public Relations Officer was to help develop the Problem Patron Kit, which is still being marketed. Marsha has also contributed to the OALT/ABO at a regional level. She chaired the Conference Committee when Halton-Peel hosted the conference in 1994.

Marsha's generosity is shown through her tireless work for charities. Within the OALT/ABO many members remember hauling pounds of used greeting cards to Ottawa. These cards were given to the Cancer Society as part of their craft program. Marsha was also instrumental in a donation to the United Way by collecting pennies and holding auctions at the 1994 conference. Outside of the OALT/ABO Marsha also donates time as a volunteer for the Arthritis Society. She recently participated in a bike-a-thon for M.S. and cycled 65 kilometers through the Caledon Hills area.

Marsha lives with her husband in the City of Thorold where she has been publicly appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee. She enjoys walking, reading, travel, tennis and cycling on a tandem bicycle for two with her husband Robert. Marsha also collects Christmas ornaments and admits she missed the OALT/ABO banquet in Thunder Bay where the Presidential Award would have been presented to her because she went to Frankenmuth MI, home of the world's largest Christmas store. However, upon hearing about the award she was absolutely overwhelmed. She gives credit for her achievements to the "wonderful and hard working individuals (she) has had the pleasure to work with".

The OALT/ABO is proud to have Marsha as a member of our association and we congratulate her on receiving the 1995 Presidential Award. We look forward to her continued commitment in promoting library technicians.

The Membership Form

The OALT/ABO membership form has in the past twenty some odd years gone through a few changes. Most members will be familiar with the triplicate form (white, yellow, pink), as this is the one we have been using for more than fifteen years. It was upgraded from time to time, but in order to do so, we had to wait until there were almost no copies left before the form could be changed and re-ordered. This lent to a number of problems, such as, deciding on what to keep and what to leave off, as well as translation never being totally accurate.

With the purchase by the association of Inmagic, it was suggested that pre-printed forms could be made and then sent out for each member to review and then renew without having to continually write down the same information. Also, with it on diskette, we could print off blank membership forms ourselves and copy as many as a person needed. This would eliminate anymore printers' bills. Unfortunately, we have not been able to do this yet, and may not be able for some time.

What has been done, is that each region represented by their PR person has received a diskette with a blank form and a list of each member from that region. Now each region can do as they please. There is no waiting time, because whenever the region needs a copy of the membership form, they can simply print one off. Also, each region can have their own membership/fiscal year and each region can add to the form if they want any additional information for their particular needs.

***A French version is being
translated and will be given
to each region.***

As for who keeps the form, the association needs the signed form returned. Members are welcome to make a copy for themselves. Upon receiving the signed form and receipt from the regional treasurer, the Provincial treasurer will send each member their membership card and receipt, which can be used for income tax purposes. It is hoped that by changing the way we do the forms, we will be able to keep up-to-date faster and in the process kill a few less trees.

by Susan Bordeau

Interconnections '95 - Conference Review

Helen Heerema & Judy Sennett, Co-Convenors

Whew! With the help and support from many people in our Region, we made it to the end of another conference. We have heard many positive comments about this year's conference and the surveys that were returned were highly complimentary of our efforts in Thunder Bay. We began the Conference with a Wine & Cheese with the Exhibitors and even though we only had a handful of exhibitors there was a great deal of enthusiasm expressed for the products. Our thanks go to Carr McLean, CanebSCO, CISTI, Foxtec Computer Systems, and M.E. Phipps & Associates for their participation at our conference. The food and the wine was great as well!

Thursday was the first full day of workshops for everyone, which included an enjoyable lunch with the exhibitors, and at the end of the day it was time to prepare ourselves for dinner at Old Fort William. The excellent meal was followed with entertainment by "Les Frivolantes du Nord Ouest" (Old Fort Volunteers dance group) and the Kam Valley Fiddlers. Everyone enjoyed participating in the round dances with the dancers, which date from more than a century ago.

The Annual Business Meeting filled Friday morning, which included some friction over the French translation of the constitution. The translation went back to committee for review and the rest of the agenda, including elections, was completed before lunch. Friday afternoon we were all back in workshops after enjoying "lunch with colleagues". This was our attempt to group people from various types of libraries together, such as law, medical, public, academic, private, etc. We hoped this would encourage more interaction between conference participants and help strangers become friends.

The banquet on Friday evening, attended by fifty people, was highlighted by our guest speaker, Linda Stitt. After an excellent buffet, she eloquently entertained us by reciting selections of her published poetry that ran up and down the emotional scale and caused much laughter for everyone!

Saturday was another full day of workshops for everyone and marked the end of the conference. By lunchtime on Saturday, Judy and I were running on empty, we were exhausted from all the planning, all the activity, and the paperwork, but we made it to the end of the day. As we had arranged for discount airfares with Air Canada that did not demand an overnight stay on Saturday, we did not believe we would have many participants staying over. Also, not knowing in advance how many were staying over on Saturday made it difficult to plan anything for that evening. In retrospect, since we had about twenty-seven people at breakfast on Sunday morning, we could have arranged an event. Our apologies to those individuals.

Overall, Judy and I feel that Interconnections '95 was extremely successful, with a wide variety of useful workshops and enjoyable evening events. The cost of the workshops was kept down to the previous year's cost, at \$60.00 per workshop, or 5 workshops for \$240.00 (member's rate). In total we had 102 delegates, with 50 of them being full conference participants and 52 being partial participants. We offered 23 workshops, one of them offered in English and in French, which enjoyed anywhere from 5 to 34 participants each. One workshop, Electronic Publishing, was offered off campus at Confederation College and when I went to pick up the participants, they were all absolutely estactic about this workshop. This would certainly be a workshop suggestion for next

year! Our only cancellation was the French version of the National Library & ILL workshop. The bright blue nightshirts sold by the Thunder Bay Regional Branch were popular with conference participants, as there are only about five nightshirts left out of the fifty ordered. Mine is almost a nightgown, as it is well past my knees! Also, our coffee mugs, which we have had for a number of years, were big sellers. The Avila Residence at Lakehead University proved to be much more suitable for accommodation than the main residence and most participants were satisfied. The university is to be commended for providing terrific meals, as well as offering good service throughout the Conference.

The Conference was made possible by the efforts of many people. Our appreciation is extended to committee heads; Kathy Deguns, Cathy Walsh, Helen Hyvarinen, Carolyn Enns and Valerie Welsch. As well, we had the support and help of our co-workers, both members and non-members in ensuring that specific tasks were completed in time.

We extend special thanks to: Fred McIntosh - Chief Librarian, Lakehead University Library; Margaret MacLean - Chairman, Library & Information Studies Program, Lakehead University; Karen Harrison - Chief Librarian, Thunder Bay Public Library; and Laraine Tapak - Director, Challis Resource Centre, Confederation College; for their generous support of OALT/ABO and the Thunder Bay Regional Branch.

EXTRA special thanks to our employers, Confederation College Challis Resource Centre and V. B. Cook Co. Limited, for their support, encouragement and understanding. Our undying gratitude to V. B. Cook for their financial assistance during the planning stages of our conference. We couldn't have done it without their support!

La soirée du 25 mai au "Old Fort William" fut un vif succès! Le groupe choisi pour cet événement fut: "Les Frivolants du Nord-Ouest." Ils nous divertirent avec plusieurs danses folkloriques. Nous nous sommes joint à eux pour quelques pas de danse. Pendant cette soirée plusieurs bibliotechniciens purent également visiter la bibliothèque d' "Old Fort William". Ce tour fut donné par Shawn J. Allaire, bibliotechnicienne travaillant à cette bibliothèque. Elle nous donna un bref résumé de la collection. Nos sincères félicitations à tout les membres participants de la région hôtesse pour la planification d'une si magnifique conférence.

Jean-Paul Lorrain, OALT/ABO, ORB/SRO



The evening held May 25th at the Old Fort William was a real success! The group chosen for this event was: "Les Frivolants du Nord-Ouest." We joined them for a few steps and dances. During this evening several library technicians were also able to tour the Old Fort William Resource Library. This tour was given by Shawn J. Allaire, library technician. She gave us a brief summary of the collection. Our sincere congratulations goes to all the participating members of the host region for organizing such a magnificent conference!

Jean-Paul Lorrain, OALT/ABO, ORB/SRO

"The Greening of the Rookie"

by Muriel Davidson

At last we are having one on "home territory"

There have been Conferences advertised and reported on, but it has always been too expensive to travel to and attend one. At last we are having one on "home territory", so there will only be the "sessions" to pay for! It is quite worrisome to wonder what it will be like to meet "professional" people from other areas. Will they be high and mighty will they be more technology than library, will I feel ashamedly ignorant in their presence, will the rust of my skills (?) show? Bound to! After all, since I graduated with my Diploma there has been a great dearth of job openings, so I have had occasional supply days and a little part-time work. Nothing to keep me honed and sharpened. Some of the sessions seem similar - so what difference is there in them and which of the similarities will contain the parts I most need to benefit me most? Choices, choices, and how to make them!

Finally the first sessions arrives and what is this? So many of my colleagues for whom I supply are in the same session! Oh, well maybe one choice was a good one and applicable to my type of library! How wonderful, look who's here, Liz from Atikokan. I met her at Summer courses when we were students and talked to her on the phone to get news for the Newsletter when I was the local editor. There are others also who I know from classes and the local Association Branch. This is more like a gathering of old chums than a super intellectual conference! So we settle down and pay our respects to the lecturer - time goes so fast it is coffee break already and look, here is another friend - what are you taking?

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and the local Association Branch.***

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"Violence in the workplace! "? - Awesome! Brave! The rest of the coffee break was spent making new friends from other branches - everyone is so friendly and chatty! Even in the session new ideas begin to blossom from other people's comments. Then before you know it everyone is heading down to lunch and my first session is over. To think, I was needlessly worrying so much about that session that I had completely forgotten the Opening Ceremony and Wine and Cheese evening last night.

My second session was much more sparsely peopled than the first. "New Stuff" is what I had hoped for and here it was, technicalities and "tech" talk all wrapped up in an excellently presented and interesting session. Friday morning I attended the A. B. M. This was to be a new experience also. Each provincial Area was isolated from the next and the method of protocol followed made it a slow and sometimes tedious task. (It made me glad that our General Meetings go smoother and with a greater sense of humour.)

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Census '91 Workshop

*submitted by Susan Bithrey,
Confederation College Challis Resource Centre*

The workshop which I attended was called "The '91 Census CD-ROM and More". The presenter was Sylvie Chartrand-Rafi, the Ontario regional representative from Statistics Canada. She was filling in for Liz Lovis, who was unable to present due to a scheduling conflict.

The 5 participants in the workshop were given a complete overview of the '91 census disc, with numerous examples of searches. Ms. Chartrand-Rafi explained that the database is divided into 2 sections. The first contains information taken from the short census forms which are filled out by 100% of households nationally, while the second section is comprised of data taken from the long form which is given to every 5th household.

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Once the searcher decides which section will yield the kind of information he needs, he defines the geographical area to be covered in the search, using the menus. Searches can be done which cover anything from the smallest unit (Federal Electoral Districts) to the whole country. The searcher must either become familiar with the various units into which the country can be divided, or keep the Stats Canada manual at hand.

Once the geography decisions are made, the searcher asks the computer for the various data. The page entitled "Census Variables" in the handout package outlines concisely the data which can be accessed in the program. (e.g. population figures). A table, produced automatically, lists the data in columns for comparison purposes. The data can be manipulated by creating simple equations; this procedure is explained in the Stats Canada manual. The tables can also be downloaded to Lotus or DBase so that more sophisticated operations can be performed.

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from the database without much fuss.***

The data on this CD will be useful until 1997, when a new disc will be issued containing updated info. It was a relief to learn that the training I was receiving would not become obsolete (which I had feared, since a new census will be done soon). I found the demonstration helpful, and now feel confident that I will be able to extract information from the database without much fuss. The presenter made the point almost immediately that the Census CD-ROM is easy to use ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWN HOW, and that is certainly true. I would be pleased to show my co-workers what I have learned so that they too will feel comfortable using the disk.

Union Catalogues and Resource Sharing in Canada

by Carrol D. Lunau, reprint courtesy of the *National Library News*, July-August 1995, vol. 27, nos. 7-8.

Union catalogues form the cornerstone of resource sharing among libraries in Canada. They provide information on materials in the collections of Canadian libraries, and these collections together form the basis for a national resource-sharing collection. Without this bibliographic, location and holdings information it would be impossible to meet equitably the information needs of Canadians.

During the past 45 years the number of Canadian union catalogues and specialized lists has increased significantly. Three of the earliest catalogues, all of which still exist, were in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and the Canadian Bibliographic Centre in Ottawa. Over the years, card files and printed lists have been replaced by online databases, microforms and CD-ROMs, although cards and printed lists still exist.

The *Canadian Inventory of Resource Sharing* lists a total of 56 union catalogues or lists, as shown: Amongst these are 17 general union catalogues, including both monographs and serials, as well as 16 union lists of serials. The most comprehensive serials union list is Romulus, a CD-ROM product of the National Library and the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI). Others contain the holdings of special groups such as law or medical libraries, or represent the holdings of a specific region. Four catalogues list materials in alternative formats for the print-handicapped, and two list audiovisual materials and newspapers. There are also individual union catalogues for artists, fire insurance plans, microform masters, translations, maps, training, multilingual collections, and archives collections.

This number and diversity of catalogues has served Canadian libraries well in the past. A 1992 study indicated that over 80 percent of requests for loans and photocopies were filled within Canada. This high level of national self-sufficiency meets the guidelines of the Universal Availability of Publications Programme of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Nonetheless, Canadian librarians continue to cite difficulties in indentifying location information as an area where improvement is required. The need to streamline interlibrary loan (ILL) operations to meet steady client demand means that many librarians would rather search one large database, ideally with a requesting module included, than search many files to find a location.

The two largest union catalogues are the AMICUS database of the National Library of Canada and the RefCatss database of ISM Library Information Services. AMICUS, as of January 1995, contained:

- 5,343,231 records with holdings;
- 15,775,493 holdings, or an average of 2.9 holdings per record;
- 824,902 records with five or more holdings; and
- 325,651 records with 10 or more holdings.

This represents the holdings of more than 400 Canadian libraries, of whom 145 are currently reporting monographs and 278 are currently reporting serials.

The ISM database contains approximately 60,000,000 records but it is not possible to estimate how many are unique records with holdings. There are currently 153 contributors to this database.













Libraries and individual clients will continue to require access to information about which institutions hold which items.

However, recent technological advances are opening up new opportunities for libraries to provide service to their clients. As well, electronic documents are becoming more prevalent. Electronic document registries and locator systems could be viewed as the next generation of the union catalogue: they are tools that identify and point to information, which is the ultimate purpose and function of a union catalogue.

The union catalogue of the future will be multifaceted. It could contain online bibliographic databases, CD-ROM databases, major individual library catalogues, directories and electronic document locators. These various resources will have to be generally accessible via the Internet. Standards to provide a common search interface, such as Z39.50, must be implemented by library systems and the various union catalogue nodes. This transition from the current reliance on a few central files to a multifaceted distributed union catalogue will be a long-term process; however, the technology is becoming available now, and libraries must begin to discuss the many policy, procedural, technical and service issues that need to be resolved in this changing environment.

The National Library has prepared a discussion document, *A Canadian National Union Catalogue: Analysis, Questions and Discussion*, which is available through the Library's gopher server. Comments and reactions should be sent to Carrol D. Lunau.

Geographic Distribution of Union Catalogues

National		= 18
Newfoundland		= 1
Nova Scotia		= 3
New Brunswick		= 1
Quebec		= 5
Ontario		= 12
Manitoba		= 2
Saskatchewan		= 1
Alberta		= 4
British Columbia		= 5
Yukon		= 3
NW Territories		= 1

Regional News

OALT/ABO Regional Executive for Thunder Bay, 1995/96

Annual Dinner Meeting (March 1995), left to right are; Valerie Barten, Treasurer; Margot Ponder & Kathy Crewdson, Newsletter Editors; Carol Young, Secretary; Karen Cocks, Public Relations; Valerie Welsch, President. Absent, Jill Otto, Regional Director.



OALT/ABO Thunder Bay Presidential Award Winner

Nancy Mazure-Hall from the School of Library and Information Studies program at Lakehead University, presented by Thunder Bay Region President, Valerie Welsch at the Annual Dinner Meeting.



Don't be left out. Submit your Award Winners to Newsletter/Nouvelles!

Around The Regions

(Editor's Note: This column is intended to inform OALT/ABO members of what is going on in other regions. Since the publication schedule of the newsletter is only three times per year, often dates of events have passed.)

Halton-Peel

Sept. 21, 1995 - Shop Talk - Dinner and chat at the Mandarin Restaurant.

Oct. 25, 1995 - October Meeting at Sheridan College - WWW Demo

Dec. 5, 1995 - Wine and Cheese

Regional Director: Donna Martin
(905) 791-2400 (w), (905) 846-9228 (h)

Huronia

Sept. 30, 1995 - 1996 Conference Planning Meeting to be held at the Cranberry Resort in Collingwood, all are welcome.

Regional Director: Christina Carmichael
(519) 376-6623 (w), (519) 794-4464 (h)

Lohania

Sept. 30, 1995 - The Art of Storytelling Workshop - Entitled "A weaver of music ... a teller of talks" presented by Marion Doucette, Information Services Co-ordinator at Huron County Library.

TBA - Workshop to be held in Hamilton in November "Buying a computer".

Regional Director: Pat Brinkhof
(519) 421-3607 (h)

Ottawa

Sept. 7, 1995 - Annual Business Meeting - for elections of new executives.

Regional President: Ann Censner
(613) 995-7369 (w), (613) 230-3192 (h)

Sudbury

Sept. 27, 1995 - Wine and Cheese get together at Tommyknockers, 7pm. Workshops are to be announced.

Regional Director: Brenda Vaillancourt
(705) 673-5661 ext. 207 (w), (705) 671-9928 (h)

Thunder Bay

Oct. 24 or 26, 1995 - General Meeting - At Hammarskjold Highschool Library with a tour hosted by Frank Bemers (teacher-librarian) and Penny Bower, Library Tech.

Mid Nov., 1995 - General Meeting - At the Thunder Bay Public Library with local author Charles Wilkins as guest speaker.

Mid Dec., 1995 - General Meeting - Wine and Cheese Social.

Regional Director: Jill Otto
(807) 344-3585 (w), (807) 622-1781 (h)

TALTA

Sept. 26, 1995 - "What's useful on the Internet for libraries" - at Toronto East General Hospital. Guest speaker Genny Reiswis, Manager of The Health Sciences Library, Toronto East General Hospital.

Regional Director: Donna Ladouceur
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OALT/ABO Halton-Peel Regional Branch Award Winners



Alyson Henry, Vice-President, OALT/ABO Halton-Peel Regional Branch (right) presented the Halton-Peel OALT/ABO Award of Merit to H. Anne Johnston at the June Banquet 1995.



Alyson Henry, Vice-President, OALT/ABO Halton-Peel Regional Branch (right) presented the Halton-Peel OALT/ABO Regional Recognition Award to Martha Gallup at the June Banquet 1995.

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Abstracting for Information Retrieval: Theory and Practice

Friday, October 27, 1995,
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The document abstract is a rich and reliable source of descriptive information about the subject of a document. This workshop opens with a review of the functions of an abstract within a variety of contemporary settings for information distribution and exchange. During the course of the day, participants will be provided with an overview of theoretical and practical issues surrounding abstracting in the 1990's.

Fundamentals of Record Management

Friday, November 3, 1995,
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The seminar's objective is to develop an understanding of the various applications and procedures involved in establishing a records management programme in your organization. This is a practical seminar where you will find out how to set up a records management programme from scratch. The seminar is directed to personnel who are responsible for, or who would like to learn how to manage, the internal records of their organizations.

No Fear Internet: Internet Basics for the Terrified Beginner

Tuesday, November 28, 1995,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The workshop will introduce participants to the windows desktop: it will cover mouse operation, help you understand what the Internet is and how it works, and walk you through hands-on sessions on the most important Internet applications.

Notes and News

The 1996 OALT/ABO Conference, A Delicate Balance/Un Equilibre Harmonieux will be held May 10th-12th at the Cranberry Resort in Collingwood. Joan A. Pajunen, Canada's Faith Popcorn, has been selected as the pre-conference speaker. More details of the conference will be published as they are made available.

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Conference Review

"The Greening of the Rookie" *continued from page 7*

Lunch with Colleagues is the order today, and, yes, as I had hoped here was Judith from Fort Francis, who had introduced herself to me yesterday. We had spoken on the phone and she had written an article for our local newsletter for me. What a pleasure to meet her, and today what terrific promotional brochures she has brought, as have so many others. But me? Oh dear! I have none to share. I had even forgotten about it, so I had not even pestered the technicians I supply for! Oh, woe is me! How stupid of me! ! But wait a minute. Oh, good. I'm not the only one to forget this part, even some full time people are without. Phew! That helps a little!

Now home. Later I receive a phone call to see if I can go to the dinner for somebody who cannot use her ticket. What an enjoyable evening it turns out to be. Lovely food. Good company. I actually sit next to Maggie Weaver and she actually talks to me! I remember how over-awed I was by her when she gave a workshop when I was still a student and was completely out of my depth. Her dynamic personality was still very impressed on my mind after all these years. Imagine the unimaginable - she too had become a casualty of the cut-backs - but she has bounced higher than me and has now a new venture beckoning. Now I have an added bonus - I can attend a third session. I re-read the brochure about the others I had on my list and make a final choice. Surely, this is going to be really, really helpful - if I had interpreted the description properly. And it is a good workshop with work-out for the participants. That is all over now. I look back and what do I remember most? The warm comradeship is the biggest and best memory. It was good to see old and make new friends! Well, my rust didn't show - least I don't think so. Am I really still well honed and sharp and bright and intellectually alert and a pretty good technician - up there with those "professionals"? Now that my palate for conventions has been so delicately tickled, I shall not be in fear or trepidation at attending another. But most importantly, I learnt that we are none of us without worth and above all the "Interconnections" between human are human are much more valuable than between man, machine and the written word.