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From the Editor

And the good news is... *Newsletter/Nouvelles* will retain its name. This newsletter belongs to all OALT/ABO members and the majority of you have clearly voiced your opinion.

In this issue of *Newsletter/Nouvelles* a complete update on Revolution/Evolution '94 is provided. I sincerely hope you all can attend. It is absolutely essential that Library Technicians continue to update their skills and adopt to the rapid changes in our profession. Be it the "Information Superhighway" or the "500 Channel Universe", we must be prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

Our feature article entitled "Central Intelligence in the Virtual Agency" focuses on one library confronting these challenges head on. Velda Ruddock, Director of Information Resources at Chiat/Day in Los Angeles provides us with an insightful look at one agency's vision. Regardless, if

you are employed in advertising or any other industry, this article makes for interesting reading. I want to thank Velda for allowing us to reprint her article and the Special Libraries Association, Advertising Marketing Division for their co-operation.

Also, in this issue Brahm Gilman returns with "Review Corner", we bring you-to-date on regional events, job liaison contacts, professional development, and other notable news.

The next newsletter will be published in the Fall of 1994. Keep in mind, if you would like to get involved, give me a call. We are always looking for budding writers, aspiring photographers, or anybody else who just wants to help out.

Well, that wraps it up for this publishing year, I have enjoyed it, hope you have too! Have a wonderful summer.

Brady Leyser, Editor

Information to Contributors

The editor welcomes any articles or news items of interest to the Library Technicians of Ontario. Contributions should be sent on disk when possible, (Mac or DOS, please indicate which format, program and version number your article was created in) and a hardcopy printout should also be provided. 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.

Newsletter/Nouvelles, Editor, Brady Leyser, 29 Flanders Rd., Toronto, ON M6C 3K5



President's Message

The 1993/94 year was one of changes. The changes were made so that the Association would run more efficiently and effectively. Our database of members is now loaded into In-Magic instead of dBase III. Theresa Kennedy has put a lot of time and energy into the conversion. We all certainly appreciate her effort.

The change our members will have noticed most is the new design and size of *Newsletter/Nouvelles*. Comments have all been positive. Brady Leyser had wanted to change the name, however there was only one suggestion submitted and some members were resistant to the idea.

Judy Koenig and Susan Morley have put many hours into revising the constitution. As this organization has grown and changed, the constitution has not kept pace. Now it is a more clear reflection of what is currently happening within the Association.

One thing I have seen clearly this year is the high number of unemployed library technicians. I hope that all Regions will take a look at how they can make it possible for these people to remain members. It may mean devising a plan in conjunction with the Provincial Board of Director's to lower rates, or it could be done entirely at the

Regional level by charging the student rate to these individuals on an understanding that when they become employed again they return to the full rate. In the long run everyone will win from developing a plan like this. People who are unemployed need access to networking more than others, and the Regions benefit by not losing members.

The best thing you can do for yourselves, as library technicians, is to update your skills. Whether through your employer, the Annual Conference, or taking a continuing education course at a university or college, try to obtain as much professional development as possible. Technology in libraries is moving faster than almost any field, and you must make every effort to keep up.

My main concern as I hand over the gavel to the next President is what the future holds for this Association. Membership is down, participation by existing members is even lower. Two Regions threatened to fold this year if their members didn't start attending meetings and getting involved. As a group we have come a long way towards making people aware of the profession. We just can't let it all slip away now.

Suzanne Orlando, President



1993/94 OALT/ABO Executive

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Suzanne is a graduate of Sheridan College. She works for the Peel Board of Education as a Library Automation Technician troubleshooting UTLAS database and software problems, automating new school libraries, training library staff for automation, and organizing professional development for library technicians within the board. Suzanne is also busy with an active family, has a sewing business, is a collector of "neat" stuff, and reads in her spare time.

Vice-President, *position vacant*.

Penni Lee, Secretary

Penni is a graduate of Seneca College. She is currently the Senior Library Technician with the Ontario Ministry of Finance Library in Oshawa. Penni has been an active community volunteer and is now ready to turn her attention to OALT/ABO.

Theresa Kennedy, Treasurer

Theresa holds a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and a Library Technician diploma from Lakehead University. She is currently the Assistant Librarian at Weir and Folds, a Toronto law firm. Theresa also does community volunteer work and is an active member of the Toronto Association of Law Librarians (TALL).

Mike Mortimer, Public Relations Co-ordinator

Mike is a recent graduate of Sheridan College. He is the volunteer Public Relations Co-ordinator for the Umberto Ricci Art Foundation in Hamilton. Mike's back-ground is in print and broadcast journalism.

◀ Folks in Photos

TALTA Elects New Executive;

(Top row, left to right) John Smith - Newsletter Editor, Bonnie Gibson - Treasurer/Membership, George Zandona & Anna-Liisa Frantila - Publicity Co-ordinators, Susan Scholz - Secretary, Donna Ladouceur - Regional Director, Jacqueline Peacock - President, Joanne O'Driscoll - Vice-President, Marilyn Meyer - Job Liaison.

Co-Presidents of Halton/Peel Region;

Bridget Tremmel and Judy Pinkpank during a break at a recent workshop.

Cover; LaRea Moody and Lenora Aedy were recently guest speakers at a meeting of the Thunder Bay Region.

Feature Article: Central Intelligence in the Virtual Agency

by **Velda Ruddock**, Director of Information Resources, Chiat/Day Inc. Advertising, Los Angeles.

[Reprinted from *AM Bulletin*, v. 49, no.2 (Winter 1994): p.1, 9. Published by the Special Libraries Association, Advertising Marketing Division.]

Background

Last year a visitor to Chiat/Day Inc. Advertising could easily remark that although the agency was obviously bustling, there were many empty cubicles. This was because employees were in meetings, at their client's offices, or working elsewhere on a project.

Chiat/Day employees might have been able to work more effectively while away from their desks but, like many office workers, they lacked the necessary tools and technology. Their computers contained files no one else had access to and their file drawers were cluttered with old, misfiled, unknown material, and documents duplicated throughout the account teams. Resources might or might not be available. It wasn't the best way to work.

Consequently, we assigned a task force to determine viable structures for advertising agencies in the next decade. This group examined the way people work, consulted with organizational experts, looked at the needs of clients, and explored the tools needed to be effective and creative. What emerged was a revolutionary new organizational strategy that some have called the "virtual corporation". We have called it Team Architecture. This new concept, dedicated to collaborative workspace, collective intelligence and state-of-the-art technology, is expected to help shape the way other advertising agencies will work in the future.

Team Architecture

Chiat/Day implemented the first phase of Team Architecture on January 3, 1994 with dramatically changed work space, telephone and computer systems.

With some exceptions, individual workspace is eliminated and replaced with project rooms, work carrels, living rooms, and a large new central library. Personal items are now kept in a locker room.

Chiat/Day employees have always had their own transferable phone numbers. These numbers are now tied to a sophisticated cellular communications system, which makes it easy for clients to reach their agency counterpart. Some clients have told us we are now more accessible than ever before.

The agency vastly upgraded the computer system in terms of hardware, software and connectivity. A powerful network provides employees with easy access to their files regardless of where they may be logged in. More important, the file servers make it possible for teams to share resources and responsibilities.

Employees work on documents in their private electronic folders. They route their work for editing or approval by dropping them into electronic "inboxes." Once completed, the work is stored in the team's client or department folder where it can be read, copied or printed, but not altered by anyone also on the team.

Central Intelligence

At the heart of the new Chiat/Day structure is a central intelligence network which includes: a central library; several cluster libraries; a research lab; an offsite records management facility; and an electronic information center accessible to all employees on the file server.

The central Chiat/Day library is a spacious wing equipped with 16 stationary Macintosh workstations, six additional Powerbook hook-ups, an optical scanning workstation, and an enormous work table that seats 14 comfortably (and which will also be Powerbook wired). There is a smallish file room for current studies, media kits, product information, etc., and a separate room for periodicals and circulating books. The reference collection and a current periodicals section are in the main room as is a reference counter. There is also a comfortable reading room, complete with couches, easy chairs and ottomans! Not surprisingly, the library is usually packed.

The library has a growing collection of advertising/marketing, industry specific and general reference works. The periodical list is over 900 - over 500 titles have current issues housed on-site. The library also has several CD-ROM products and expects to grow and network this collection so that employees can access the same database simultaneously regardless of where they may be. Online services are available too, but only through professionally trained staff and with a job number.



In addition to the central library, the agency has several cluster libraries including a human resources collection, broadcast library, creative library, and a research lab. This last facility encompasses syndicated media services and it is where the quantitative research, direct response and sales data sets are centralized for several of our clients.

Beginning in July, 1993 Chiat/Day staff has had the daunting task of purging their files and bookshelves. The person most familiar with each item is responsible for cataloging it. The item is then barcoded and taken to a nearby offsite records

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Revolution/Evolution '94 Conference Update

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- The Annual Business Meeting will take place on **Friday morning**.
- Incoming and outgoing Regional and Provincial Administrations are invited to special breakfast meetings **Saturday** at 7:30am.
- The Annual Provincial Brainstorming session and exchange of books will be on **Sunday**, prior to brunch. All interested OALT/ABO members are welcome.
- *La Réunion d'affaires annuelle uara lieu le vendredi matin.*
- *Les administrations régionales et provinciales nouvellement élues et sortantes sont invitées à un déjeuner d'affaires spécial à 7h30 le samedi matin.*
- *La session de remue-méninges provinciale annuelle et l'échange de livres aura lieu dimanche, avant le dîner d'adieu. Tous les membres intéressés de le OALT/ABO sont les bienvenus.*

Conference Registration

Conference registration will take place daily at Colman Place (#5 on the Erindale map included in your program). The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 25	5pm to 10pm
Thursday, May 26	8am to 9am Noon to 1pm
Friday, May 27	8am to 9am Noon to 1pm
Saturday, May 28	8am to 9am Noon to 1pm

United Way Campaign

At this year's conference the OALT/ABO is trying to raise monies for the United Way. The United Way operates year round to raise money and allocate it to health and social service agencies serving community needs. Our goal is to raise \$500 and to present a cheque to a United Way representative at the Banquet on Saturday evening. Donation boxes will be conveniently located at the registration desk and in the hospitality suite. OALT/ABO members are invited to donate as a region or individually.



The success of the United Way campaign depends on you, so please give generously! Thank you!



OALT/ABO

Conference Trivia

(Bring your answers to the conference)

1. When and where was the first OALT/ABO Conference held?

2. When was the last time Halton/Peel Region hosted the Conference?

3. Which Region has hosted the most Conferences?

4. What was the "theme" of the 1991 Conference?

5. Which Region hosted the 1986 Conference?

6. Who was elected OALT/ABO President at the 1987 Conference?

7. Which Region is hosting the 1995 Conference?



OALT/ABO

Presidential Award 1994

The Presidential Award is intended to recognize the outstanding contributions of an OALT/ABO member in promoting and/or developing the Association.

The 1994 award will be presented on May 28 at the Annual Banquet of "Revolution/Evolution '94".

Criteria:

Any member in good standing of OALT/ABO is eligible for the award.

Contributions or achievements may consist of:

- innovative approaches in promoting and developing the Association
- significant participation in the structure and development of the Association
- initiating and implementing projects or programs that will raise the profile of Library Technicians and/or the Association
- The Nominee should display active participation in the Association through attendance at Regional meetings and/or committee work.
- The Nominee should demonstrate a responsible attitude towards the profession and OALT/ABO.



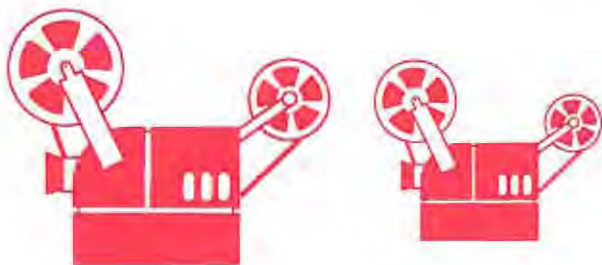
Previous Presidential Award Recipients

1984	Danielle Amat (Ottawa)
1985	Liz Aldrey (Lohanian)
1986	Sue Weaver (Halton-Peel)
1987	Paulette Burton (Sudbury)
1988	LaRea Moody (Thunder Bay)
1989	Pat Graham (Ottawa)
1990	Bette Gore (Sudbury)
1991	Janet Illes (Huronian)
1992	Linda Davis (Sudbury)
1993	no recipient

Brahm Gilman is Assistant Manager of Information Resources at Young & Rubicam Toronto.

Hoppe, David. "Paradise Lost? A Brief History of Alternative Media in Public Libraries." *Wilson Library Bulletin* 68, no. 7 (Mar. 1994): 26-30, 139.

This article immediately takes one back to the beginnings of the public library audio/visual collection and what sub-sequently has developed in this area of librarianship. Mr. Hoppe describes how 16 mm independent films took shape, and how, in the beginning, they developed as the back-bone for many A/V collections. "As early as 1921, librarian Walter Briscoe wrote that the popularity of cinematograph palaces must surely affect public libraries." Obviously, someone was listening as a number of studies occurred during that time concentrating on what the public wanted from their library and how best the library could serve their needs. Mr. Hoppe went on to say that one such study in Cleveland was very beneficial as it helped bring recognition to the bond between novels and films. He added that because of this, librarians found they could perform added functions by encouraging reading and at the same time foster an appreciation for quality films. A "Read the Book - See the Movie" approach started, which meant librarians were encouraged to set aside a special section with adapted book, movie guides, stills and reviews. According to Mr. Hoppe, librarians failed to consider what the generic differences were between film and print material in so far as the sociopsychological impact that might occur. Film represented a new form of communication, perception and understanding, and this was not recognized. Another important change occurred during W.W. II, when instructional film was first introduced. Mr. Hoppe points out that, "such films were a natural for libraries because they might not otherwise find a general public. By taking up the banner of the nontheatrical film, libraries definitely performed a service." What transpired next involved librarians in three ways. Questions of selection, cataloguing and intellectual freedom arose. As libraries acquired films, they faced certain difficulties peculiar to the medium. Once again, an even greater change occurred with the arrival of video.



Mr Hoppe writes, "The idea was that video would make people more visually literate, the more movies they watched the more sophisticated their tastes would become... Thus, independent film would get out of the educational programming ghetto and, via video, make the leap to home use." This never did materialize the way it was perceived. What was different, even radical, about the arrival of video, was that so many people immediately wanted it. There would be no turning back as availability, cost and patron demands has made Hollywood feature films on video one of the most sought after items in the public library system today.

Rowley, Jennifer. "Revolution in Current Awareness Services." *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science* 26, no. 1 (Mar. 1994): 7-14.

Ms. Rowley's article starts by reviewing the existing external current awareness marketplace. Currency, the reader discovers, is a major concern. Many users find that external services are lacking in this. The other limitation the author expresses is that of cost. She goes on to say, "Any new externally produced service must compete with those in existence, and this includes both internally and externally produced services." In addition, many users appreciate a current awareness service that integrates in-house and external information. External current awareness services are available from two main sources: the online hosts and the database producers. Ms. Rowley provides examples by describing three current awareness services. She evaluates them using tables specifically made for this purpose. She begins with *Inside Information*, a service by the British National Library



Document Centre. She describes the file and provides a short listing of the key features concerning each article. Next, she points out two very important considerations. First, new journal issues are received shortly after publication. Announcements are added to the file within 48 to 72 hours. The other important issue is availability. This service is online on both North America and Europe through a number of vendors. The second service Ms. Rowley describes is *SwetScan*, a new current awareness service from Swets Subscription Service. This database covers 7,000 journal titles which includes an average monthly total of 111,073 articles. She adds, "*SwetScan* can be searched in two different ways: on a diskette for a PC or online via Dataswets." For this particular service, price is based upon the number of titles that are used by the library. The objective is to deliver articles within 48 hours of the request. Currency, is governed by when the journal is received, which normally is within a day or two of publication. The third current awareness service described by Ms. Rowley is *UnCover*. It is a collaborative venture between Blackwells and CARL. *UnCover* offers access to a multi-disciplinary database based on the holdings of the participating libraries. The file includes 14,000 journal titles. A major focus is speed of document delivery. Journal contents are keyed into the file by participating libraries before the items are processed for inclusion in library collections. *UnCover* is available via the Internet and JANET. Pricing varies according to four options available.

Revolution/Evolution '94 Conference Update

Stage/Screen Legend

Mickey Rooney Is

Coming to Stage West!

The Stage West Dinner Theatre event has been changed for the Conference. It will not be "Lend Me a Tenor," but instead will be "The Mind with a Dirty (Naughty) Man" starring Mickey Rooney. This is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity developed due to the keen negotiation tactics of Executive Producer Howard Peche, who has been able to sign Mr. Rooney to appear in Mississauga while Mr. Rooney has a brief break in his busy schedule.

For Stage West, Mr. Rooney will recreate the role of Mr. Stone in the comedy "The Mind with a Dirty (Naughty) Man" written by Jules Tasca. Small town leader Wayne Stone is head of the local film review board. He and his prudish colleagues strive to keep smutty movies out of their small town. Hilarity ensues when Stone's underground filmmaker son returns home to take over the local movie house to exhibit his X-Rated movies. His son also plans to marry the porno queen star of his film on opening night! An outrageous turnabout ensues a laugh packed-ending, which makes a point about the hypocrisy of conventional morals! The play broke all box office records at the Mark Taper forum in Los Angeles.

Tickets are still available so be sure to sign up for it in your registration package. If you have already registered and now wish to attend this event please contact Marsha Hunt at (905) 890-1099 ext. 2583.

"One Of The Most Outrageous Funny

Comedies of The Past Several

Years....Hilarious Satire"

Hollywood Reporter

"Dozens Of Frightfully Funny

Lines....A Winner!"

Chicago Tribune

Elections

At the Annual Business Meeting (May 27), five Provincial Executive positions will be up for election. The Provincial Executive and Board of Directors urge you to seriously consider contributing your skills to our professional association. Each elected Executive is required to attend all scheduled OALT/ABO meetings (four plus one Brainstorming session). A brief job description is listed below. Complete job descriptions are available from your Regional Director.

President

- The President is the official representative for OALT/ABO.
- Upholds the ideals and purposes of OALT/ABO.
- Chairs the Board of Directors/Provincial Executive meetings and the Annual Business Meeting.
- Prepares any correspondence deemed necessary at the Board of Directors/Provincial Executive meetings.
- Writes "President's Message" for *Newsletter/Nouvelles* three times a year.
- Sets up a budget with the Treasurer.

Vice-President

- In the absence of the President or at the request of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the power of the President.
- Shall verify congruence of motions with Board Policies, Constitution, and Conference Procedures Manual at Board meetings before motions are passed.
- Handles distribution of orders and/or subscriptions, and the sale or rental of all OALT/ABO materials.
- Responsible for making all ISSN assignments on behalf of OALT/ABO.

Secretary

- Maintains minutes of all joint Executive and Board of Directors meetings.
- Maintains at all times an up-to-date copy of the Constitution in English and French.
- Maintains Board Policies and updates them as necessary.
- Responsible for mailing all OALT/ABO agendas, minutes, reports, etc., before scheduled meetings.

Treasurer

- Responsible for keeping all financial records and carrying out all financial transactions of OALT/ABO.
- Presents a written financial statement at each Board of Directors/Provincial Executive meetings and at the ABM.
- Monitors all travel expenses incurred by the Board of Directors and Provincial Executive.
- Issues receipt and membership cards to members.
- Arranges for the books to be audited by a certified accountant.

Public Relations Co-ordinator

- Prepares all OALT/ABO publicity.
- Acts as liaison between OALT/ABO and other library associations, library technician courses, library education courses, OALT/ABO members, and libraries.
- Ensures that all legal deposits requirements are met for OALT/ABO publications.
- Co-ordinates visits to library schools in Ontario through Regional representatives.

Why run for a position?

- You get an inside look at all the thought and discussion that goes into the direction of the Association.
- You have the opportunity to influence the direction of the Executive and Association.
- You have a chance to expand your horizons and become more aware of the "big" library picture in the province.
- Your library skills will improve through your participation at workshops, conferences and other presentations.

Virtual Agency

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management facility where it could be called back within an hour if necessary. Books, binders, and files were not the only things cataloged. Art sacks, job sacks, mechanicals, reprints, positioning magazines, even props and paintings were cataloged, barcoded and taken away.

In each case, the catalog sheet is checked for accuracy and content by an information professional and then entered into a database. It is the level of detail provided in the catalog which moves this activity from "records storage," to shared intelligence. Material is continually sent to and requested from "Offsite," not only by those who submitted the item but by those working on a similar project.

Chiat/Day employees access what is offsite or in the library by searching the electronic "card catalog." This is in a folder on the file server labeled "Central Intelligence." Also in the Central Intelligence folder are:

- A periodicals database which bullets any "special section" focus
- A current awareness digest
- Shared reports and briefs
- Agency information and policies
- Tips on how to use the technology
- A public domain clip art collection

In the next few months the agency's Information Resources department will use optical scanning systems to catalog and store materials such as press kits, electronic job jackets, client-supplied documents, and possibly client clip reports. We are also looking at online stock photo and footage services, and exploring real-time data services.



As already mentioned, we believe the CD-ROM information services usage will be so high that we will need to network these on the server. And, while the agencies resources will be networked to all our offices, we plan to open a satellite library in New York.

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The Future

What is clear is that as advertising agencies enter the 21st century, they will need assistance in finding the best on-ramps to the information highway. Agencies that wish to remain successful in this new environment will need information professionals with the tools and where-with-all to locate accurate information and process it into usable intelligence. The opportunity for our profession is obvious — what we need to do is make sure we are there from the inception.

Around The Regions

■ Halton-Peel

April 12, 1994

The **Annual Business Meeting** was held.
Regional Director: Donna Martin
(905) 791-2400, ext. 214 (w)

■ Huronia

March 26, 1994

The **Annual Business Meeting** was held.
Regional Director: Judy Koenig
(705) 444-1076 (h), (705) 445-1571 (w)

■ Lohania

March 27, 1994

The **Annual Business Meeting** was held.
Regional Director: Vicki Lisowyk
(519) 268-2160 (h), (519) 451-2500, ext. 2172 (w)

■ Ottawa

Sept. 1994 (TBA)

The **Annual Business Meeting** will be held.
Regional Director: Susan Bourdeau
(613) 596-5798 (h), (613) 943-8940 (w)

■ Sudbury

March 26, 1994

The **Annual Business Meeting** was held.
Regional Director: Christine Davy
(705) 673-8767 (h), (705) 524-7333 (w)

■ Thunder Bay

March 30, 1994

The **Annual Business Meeting** was held.
Regional Director: Helen Hyvarinen
(807) 767-3679 (h), (807) 343-4351 (w)

■ TALTA

March 2, 1994

The **Annual Business Meeting** was held.
Regional Director: Donna Ludoucer
(416) 393-7192 (w)

Job Liaison Contacts

■ Halton-Peel:

Gisela Smithson (905) 279-9973

■ Huronia:

Judy Koenig (705) 444-1076

■ Lohania:

Donna Fossum (519) 668-7823

■ Ottawa:

Ian Leslie (613) 225-9504

■ Sudbury:

Linda Davis (705) 566-9374

■ Thunder Bay:

Jill Otto (807) 343-8110

■ TALTA:

Marilyn Meyer (416) 675-1411,
ext. 2406

Professional Development

The Saskatchewan Association of Library Technicians (SALT) will hold their Annual Conference April 21-24, in Regina. For more information about *Libraries: Plugging into the Power*, contact Sophie Malinoski at (306) 373-5513.

The Association for Population/Family Planning Libraries & Information Centers - International (APLIC) will hold their Annual Conference May 2-4, in Miami. For more information about *Population, Migration, & Diversity*, contact Abigail Hourwich at (212) 995-8800.

The Association of Research Librarians (ARL) will hold their Training Institute May 9-10, in Washington. For more information about *Planning for Resource Sharing*, contact Gloria Haws at (202) 296-8656.

The Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS) will hold their Annual General Meeting on May 10, in Toronto. Sam Sternberg of Data Access will be speaking on *Internet -- Its Rapid Evolution, and the Future of Libraries and Librarians*. For more information contact, Joanne Collingwood at (416) 592-8061.

The 15th National Online Meeting will be held May 10-12, in New York. For more information, contact Tom Hogan at (609) 654-6266.

The Meckler Conference will be held May 10-12, in London, England. For more information about *Internet World International*, contact Meckler at (800) 632-5537 or (071) 976-0405.

The Alberta Association of Library Technicians (AALT) will hold their Annual Conference May 12-15, in Banff, Alberta. For more information about *Remember the Past - Challenge the Future*, contact Terry-Lyn Martin at (403) 298-9685.

The Canadian Association of Law Librarians (CALL) will hold their Annual Conference May 15-18, in Montreal. For more information about *Rendezvous Montreal 1994*, contact Judith Bird at (514) 870-6550.

The Toronto Chapter of the Special Librarians Association (SLA) will hold their Annual General Meeting on May 19, in Toronto. For more information, contact Leslie Peel at (416) 536-0876 (leave message).

The Manitoba Library Associations will hold their Annual Conference May 26-28, in Winnipeg. This is a joint conference of the Manitoba Library Association (MLA), Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT), Manitoba Health Libraries Association (MHLA), Manitoba School Library Association (MSLA), Manitoba Library Trustees Association (MLTA), and the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS) - Manitoba Chapter. For more information, contact the MLA at (204) 474-6846.

The Special Librarians Association (SLA) will hold their Annual Conference June 11-16, in Atlanta. For more information about *Information Vision*, contact Jim Mears call (202) 234-4700.

The Canadian Library Association (CLA) will hold their Annual Conference June 14-18 in Vancouver. For more information about *Delivering Quality in Tough Times*, contact the CLA at (613) 232-9625.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) will hold their Annual Conference August 21-28, in Havana, Cuba. For more information, contact Ernie Robinson at (202) 234-4700.

Notes and News

Happy Anniversary Alberta

The Alberta Association of Library Technicians will be celebrating their 20th anniversary (1974-1994) with a birthday party on May 14 at their Annual Conference in Banff.

Vancouver Conference

The Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services will host its first **Special Libraries Day** on June 16 during the **Canadian Library Association Conference in Vancouver**. A series of workshops and lectures will explore the theme, *Special Librarians; The Quality Partners*. For more information, contact David Pepper at (604) 664-4311.

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