

ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST — EURASLIC/IAMSLIC

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Linda Pikula, IAMSLIC President-Elect gave an excerpted account of IAMSLIC President Stephanie Haas' State of IAMSLIC, and then spoke on 'Issues of Common Interest'.

From President Stephanie Haas:

A month into the new millennium

- Two thoughts come to mind as IAMSLIC moves into the 21st century:
- Remember to ask of any new endeavor "Why is this an interesting question?"
- Visionary tasks dreamt in solitude, die in solitude.

From Woods Hole came many interesting questions, which are now posed as visionary tasks to IAMSLIC members throughout the world. We are in a time of considered thinking for the questions are not easy, but the outcomes will be of great interest.

Eight Committees to study the paths IAMSLIC may take in the 21st century have been formed:

1. First Council of Singers
2. IAMSLIC Task Force on Special Interest Groups
3. ILL/IAMSLIC Web Interface
4. Electronic Resources
5. Archives
6. Subject Analysis
7. Training Committee
8. Web Committee

I will discuss three of these committees and their tasks: The First Council of Singers, ILL/IAMSLIC Web Interface and the Training Committee.

The First Council of Singers is charged with recommending three primary initiatives for IAMSLIC in the next two to three years. They will consider IAMSLIC involvement in cooperative programs to support marine/freshwater information exchange in developing countries. They will also consider information products that IAMSLIC should be creating.

After the Executive Board Reviews these recommendations, they will be submitted for discussion to the membership and action consensus.

The ILL/IAMSLIC Web Interface Committee is charged with determining an infrastructure to support a web-based interlibrary loan/document delivery system for IAMSLIC and to make recommendations to the Executive Board concerning the most efficient and cost effective means for filling requests. A four tier system has been proposed: Partnering, Regional Groups, Last Resort Contracted Library, IAMSLIC listserv.

The Training Committee is charged with determining training needs of members, including the need for paper-based or computer-based learning within the IAMSILIC community, particularly for developing countries. They are tasked to complete a web based survey on training needs, and to develop training programs to deliver at the annual or regional conferences. They are also tasked with compiling a directory of training opportunities.

Thank you for inviting me here to the EURASLIC Conference in this lovely, friendly city of Aberdeen. How many of you are also IAMSILIC members? (show of hands, over half of the delegates).

I believe EURASLIC and IAMSILIC have many issues of common interest, and I want to invite you to cooperate on these issues. I put the question to you and your Board as to how we can cooperate on products and services. How can we consolidate our strengths and develop our skills and services?

You are all invited to attend the IAMSILIC 2000 Conference "Tides of Technology" September 30th through October 5, 2000. Hosted by the Institute of Ocean Science, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Sidney, BC, Canada. Conference headquarters will be the Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, BC, Canada.

URL <http://siolibrary.ucsd.edu/iamslic/2000home.html>

Workshops will be held Saturday and Sunday in Document Imaging, and a Digital Licensing Seminar is planned. Our Training Committee will be conducting concurrent workshops on Wednesday afternoon. Topics are currently under discussion, but will include a workshop for the Solo Librarian and a training program on Mastering the Art of Presentation.

I hope to see many of you there!