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RBMS COMMITTEES AT WORK

Please note: Participation in RBMS committees is encouraged; contact committee chairs and/or attend Midwinter/Annual Conference meetings if you want to be more involved. Another excellent place to learn about the section's activities is at *Executive Committee* meetings at Midwinter/Annual Conference; these are open to all who are interested.

At Annual Conference this past summer, the *Executive Committee* passed new charges for the *Exhibition Catalogue Awards Committee* (Chair: Pat Bozeman, University of Houston) and the *Information Exchange Committee* (Chair: Donald Farren, University of Maryland/College Park.) The *Executive Committee* also passed a motion endorsing independent plans for the formation of a consortium made up of organizations and groups concerned with rare books/special collections/archives for the purpose of publishing a directory of persons with professional or scholarly concerns related to rare books, manuscripts, and related materials. The *Publications Committee* (Chair: Sam Streit, Brown University) is exploring the establishment of an award for outstanding *RBML* articles; it is also working on a plan for the coordinated dissemination of all RBMS publications to interested persons. The *Ad-hoc Committee on Literary Rights* (Chair: Cathy Henderson, Humanities Research Center) has been discharged, having fulfilled its charge of producing a literary rights brochure; Cathy Henderson is shepherding this brochure through the publication process. The *Orientation Manual Committee* (Chair: Donald Farren) was also discharged, having fulfilled its charge; responsibility for updating the new manual will in the future rest with the Past Chair; the manual will be distributed to committee chairs, who, in turn, can distribute them to interested committee members. The *Records Retention Committee* (Chair: Lisa Browar, New York Public Library) was discharged having fulfilled its charge; John Neal Hoover of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association has volunteered to serve at RBMS's Archivist/Record Manager; the RBMS archives will reside at University of Illinois at Champagne-Urbana together with other ACRL archives. Rosemary Cullen (Brown University) is the new Chair of the *Education and Professional Development Committee*. Sidney Berger (UC, Riverside) is the new Chair of the *Curators and Conservators Discussion Group*. Tim Murray (University of

Delaware/Newark) is the new Chair of the *Manuscripts and Other Formats Discussion Group*. Laura Stalker (ESTC/NA) is the new chair of the *Bibliographic Standards Committee*. Plans are well underway for the 1991 Preconference in Chapel Hill, where the topic will be "Keeping the Facts in Artifacts: Conserving the Physical Evidence of Special Collections Materials and Its Impact on Research." The chair for the *Preconference Planning Committee* is David Zeidberg (UCLA). The dates for the conference are 25-28 June 1991; the Carolina Inn will be the conference hotel, with dorm rooms and other hotels offered as alternatives. The meetings will be at UNC Wed. and Fri., and at Duke on Thurs. Charles McNamara is chair of local arrangements. His e-mail, if you want further details about local arrangements, is CM007420@UNCVX1.BITNET. Also in the planning stages is RBMS's Program at Annual Conference (June 30, 1991) entitled "Scholarly Editions and Libraries: A Natural Affinity" chaired by Elizabeth Witherell, Editor-in-Chief, Writings of Henry Thoreau, the Library, University of California, Santa Barbara.

BDRB • Progress to date

by Jackie Dooley

The RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee and the Library of Congress are steadily moving toward publication of the second edition of *Bibliographic Description of Rare Books*, the rare book cataloguing rules. After productive committee meetings in Chicago last June, the second revised draft was distributed in August, with the proviso that comments be received before 30 September. Numerous comments were received by the deadline and a small group of Committee members will meet with LC staff in early November to make final editorial decisions. Barring unforeseen delays, the revised edition should be available at Midwinter. It will be titled *Descriptive Cataloguing of Rare Books*.

RBMS/SAA

The RBMS *Committee for the Joint Guidelines Revision* is in the final stage of its work and is seeking input for its draft, "Joint Statement on Access to Original Research Materials in Libraries, Archives and Manuscript Repositories. American Library Association/Society of American Archivists." Copies may be obtained from the Committee Chair, Robert E. Blesse at the following address: Special Collections Department, University of Nevada, Reno Library/322, Reno, NV 89557-0044 ☐ (702)784-6538 Fax: (702)784-4529; Internet:

blesse@unssun.nevada.edu; Bitnet: blesse@unsvax.bitnet

RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT

The RBMS/GODORT/MAGERT *Committee on Rare Government Documents* is working on addressing the problems associated with identifying and protecting rare and costly government publications. Members of RBMS who are interested in participating in the work of the Committee should send their names and addresses, along with their suggestions, to Jim Walsh, Government Documents, Thomas P. O'Neill Library, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. The Committee will meet at the ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago and interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Chicago • RBMS - 12-14 Jan (*tentative*)

Saturday, Jan 12

9-11 am:

Bibliographic Standards I
Security
Guidelines on Archives/ Mss Review
Exhibition Catalogues Awards I (closed)

11:30-12:30:

Conference Prgm Planning (Atlanta, 1991)
Curators and Conservators Disc. Grp.
Guidelines on Interlibrary Loan

2:00-4:00 pm:

Bibliographic Standards II
Curators/ Conservators Discussion Grp.
Education and Prof. Development
Ethical Standards Review I
RBML Editorial Board

4:30-5:30 pm:

Manuscripts and Other Formats Discussion Grp.
Internships (ad hoc)

Sunday, Jan 13

9-11 am:

Bibliographic Standards III
Conference Prgm Planning (ad hoc)
Exhibition Catalogues Awards II (closed)
Publications
1991 Preconference Planning

11:30-12:30

Ethical Standards Review II
RBMS/GODORT/MARERT Joint Committee
1992 Preconference Prgm Planning

2-4:00 pm:

Executive Committee I

8-10 pm:

Information Exchange

Monday, Jan 14

9:30-12:30:

Executive Committee II

NEW RBMS OFFICERS ELECTED; 1991 SLATE ANNOUNCED

ACRL has announced the results of the 1990 elections, with these RBMS members elected to the Executive Committee for terms that began after this past summer's Annual Conference: Vice Chair/Chair Elect, **Cathy Henderson** (Humanities Research Center); Member-at-Large, 1990-1993 term: **Robert S. Martin** (Louisiana State University/Baton Rouge)

Other members of the 1990-91 Executive Committee are: Chair: **Daniel Traister** (University of Pennsylvania); Past Chair: **Peter M. Van Wingen** (Library of Congress); Member-at-Large, 1988-1991 term: **Rosemary L. Cullen** (Brown University); Member-at-Large, 1989-1992 term: **Pat Bozeman** (University of Houston); Secretary: **Jackie Dooley** (University of California/San Diego)

The following members are nominees for the 1991 spring elections:

For Chair: **Gary Menges** (University of Washington), **Michael Ryan** (Stanford University)

Member-at-Large: **Nancy Burkett** (American Antiquarian Society), **Kathryn Morgan** (University of Virginia)

Secretary: **Janice Mathiessen** (UCLA), **Elizabeth Johnson** (Lilly Library)

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARDS FOR RBMS MEMBERS

Peter Graham (Associate Vice President for Information Services, Rutgers) has set up an electronic bulletin board for RBMS members called ExLibris. If you are interested in joining such a network, please send your E-mail address to Peter Graham at graham@zodiac.rutgers.edu. ExLibris is an unmoderated news and discussion group for the purpose of discussing matters related to rare book and manuscript librarianship, including special collections and related issues. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to subscribe. The contents are archived and will be printed off at a future date for hard-copy donation to an appropriate collection. At present the bulletin board has about 75 subscribers. Topics of late: theft, Rare Book School, news of NOTRBCAT, short obituaries, computer developments of relevance to special collections: image storage, Text Encoding Initiative; etc. The full membership list will be circulated from time to time unless objections are heard. This notice will be circulated regularly for the reminder of old members and the edification of new. Please direct questions to Peter at graham@zodiac.rutgers.edu. Added note from Peter Graham: This discussion group has been set up and is maintained through the good offices of staff members of the Center for Computer and Information Services

at Rutgers -- The State University of New Jersey. Rutgers reserves the right to discontinue or modify this service for any reason.

NOTRBCAT • Forum for rare books catalogers.

NOTRBCAT is a new online forum for catalogers of rare books and special collections, available through Bitnet or Internet. It is open and unedited. As the name indicates, it was founded as a discussion group for RBSC catalogers working in the NOTIS system. There are currently about 50 members, not all catalogers. So far, topics raised include diacritics, field lengths (particularly with regard to title transcription), and additional access points needed for rare materials. If you are interested in joining, contact Kathryn Wright, Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana 47809. ☎ 812-237-3373; Email: LIBKAT@INDST

KNOWING THE SCORE: PRESERVING COLLECTIONS OF MUSIC

The Preservation of Library Materials Section (PLMS) of ALA is sponsoring a program at Annual Conference in Atlanta that will address the problems and challenges of preserving music in both print and non-print formats entitled "Knowing the Score: Preserving Collections of Music." RBMS, the Public Library Association (PLA), and the Music Library Association (MLA) will be co-sponsoring this program. Its purpose is to educate librarians and library administrators about the wide range of materials found in music libraries, their inherent preservation problems, and how preservation strategies can be designed to deal with these problems. Introductory remarks will outline preservation issues common to most libraries, frame these issues within the music library context, and suggest how preservation problems in music libraries differ from those found in non-music libraries. A question and answer period in the form of a panel will conclude the program. The program will be held on Sunday, June 30, 1991, from 2:00-4:30 PM.

ALA Policy on Preservation

by Bob Martin

The ALA President's Committee on Preservation Policies and Strategies met on Friday, Oct. 12 in Washington and revised the draft policy that will be submitted to council at Midwinter. The Committee will hold an open hearing on the policy at Midwinter, Sunday, 11:30 - 12:30. The draft will be distributed to Divisions and Round Tables and some sections (including RBMS). Reactions and suggestions are welcome. The committee anticipates taking what feedback it gets by March and revising the draft accordingly and submitting a final draft to Council for Annual Conference.

The Policy is a broad general statement, intended to cover the

widest range of ALA interests. It does include a statement that libraries have the responsibility to preserve materials "in their original format when appropriate."

PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for borrowing special collections materials for exhibition, prepared by the RBMS Ad-hoc Committee for Developing Guidelines for Borrowing Special Collections Materials for Exhibition (Ellen Dunlap, Chair) were published in the May 1990 *C & RL News*.

Two additional thesauri created by the Bibliographic Standards Committee are now available: *Type Evidence: A Thesaurus for Rare Books and Special Collections Cataloguing* (52 p.; ISBN 083897428) and *Paper Terms: A Thesaurus for Rare Book and Special Collections Cataloguing* (19 p.; ISBN 083897427-9) both cost 7.95 (6.50 for ACRL members) and are available from ACRL, Attn: Order Services/Publications, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; ☎ 800-545-2433;

Among the articles in the forthcoming issue of *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship* (early 1991) are: Howard Pasternack on "Online Catalogs and the Retrospective Conversion of Special Collections;" Greer Allen on "The Design and Printing of Library Exhibition Catalogs;" a list of 1990 Exhibition Catalogue Awards submissions with a survey of 5 years of the Leab Awards (list by John Neal Hoover, survey by Pat Bozeman.)

The Exhibition Catalogue Committee (Chair: Pat Bozeman, University of Houston) has produced *A Compilation of Exhibition Catalogues, 1986-1990* printed by Meriden-Stinehour, which is a five-year anniversary keepsake for the catalogues submitted for the Katharine Keys Leab and Daniel J. Leab Exhibition Catalogues Award. The keepsake is available for free, while copies last, from Pat Bozeman, c/o Special Collections, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-2091.

Forged Documents: Proceedings of the 1989 Houston Conference (168 pp.), edited by Pat Bozeman, has been published. It contains thirteen papers and four floor discussions covering all aspects of forgery and its impact on collectors, librarians, and booksellers. There is important information on the Texas forgeries, detecting forgeries, methods of handling appraisals and donations, tax and legal implications of forgery, etc. Papers are by specialists in the field, librarians, and lawyers. Available for \$25.00 from Oak Knoll Books, 414 Delaware St., New Castle, Delaware 19720; ☎ 302-328-7232; FAX 302-328-7274.

Preservation Organization and Staffing, by Jutta Reed-Scott

(135 pp., January 1990) has been published as SPEC Kit #160 by the ARL Office of Management Studies. Included are organization charts and position descriptions developed by ARL libraries with active preservation programs, and planning documents from seven institutions. \$30.00 (\$20.00 for ARL members) prepayment required from: SPEC, ARL/OMS, 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Fakes and Frauds: Varieties of Deception in Print and Manuscript, edited by Robin Myers and Michael Harris (152 pp., Nov. 1989), is a collection of essays on bibliographic fraud, papers given at the tenth annual conference in Britain on book trade history. Contributors include Lotte Hellinga, Michael Treadwell, Joseph M. Levine, and Nicholas Barker. Available for £27.50 from St. Paul's Bibliographies, The Dovecote, 6 Turville Barns, Eastleach, Cirencester, Glos, Great Britain GL7 3QB. ISBN 0-906795-77-X.

Preserving Library Resources: A Guide for Staff is an introduction to preservation for library staff who may not otherwise receive specific training in preservation. Cost varies with quantity ordered: 1-10 copies, \$9.00 each; 11-30 copies, \$8.10 each; 31 or more, \$7.65 each. Prepaid requests should be sent to the Oakland Library Consortium, Hunt Library, Room 302, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890.

"On the Preservation of Books and Documents in Original Form" - also the subject of the 1991 RBMS Preconference - by Barclay Ogden was published in the July 1990 *Abbey Newsletter*.

"Rare Government Documents: Identification and Protection" by Barbara Campbell was published in the *Conservation Administration News*, No. 42, July 1990.

Research Collections in the Information Age: the Library of Congress Looks to the Future is an 18 page booklet sponsored by the Center of the Book and edited by John Y. Cole, the center's director. Available for \$7.45 from the Publishing Office, Box J, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Managing Archives and Archival Institutions, edited by James G. Bradsher. Available from the Society of American Archivists for \$40. for members and \$45. for non-members (SAA, 600 Federal St., Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605). Includes preservation strategies.

ESTC • 1990 Fiche edition and News of other Progress

by Laura Stalker

The second microfiche edition of the Eighteenth-Century Short

Title Catalogue will be published by the British Library this fall. Whereas the 1983 edition contained only records of the collections of the British Library, the new edition will include all new records and locations added to the online database through July 31, 1990. Thus, ESTC 1990 will contain about 284,000 bibliographic records and over one million locations based on contributions from more than one thousand libraries around the world. The records for eighteenth-century items created by the North American Imprints Program at the American Antiquarian Society are included, as well as notes which indicate the existence of microfilmed texts. For more details or ordering information please contact the ESTC/North America editorial office (address given below) or write directly to: The British Library, Publications Sales Unit, Boston Spa, Wetherby LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom. The price is £750 (+ VAT in the UK only, £15 postage and handling for overseas customers). A CD-ROM version is being planned for 1991.

The canvasses of British repositories undertaken by ESTC/NA have made substantial progress. About 15,000 printed items which fall within the scope of the ESTC have been retrieved from the Public Record Office and all of the Oxford college libraries with relevant material will soon be completed, as well as the major college libraries at Cambridge. As a part of the same effort, several important Oxford collections have also been surveyed for their earlier holdings, and the data will be incorporated into the English Short Title Catalogue (1475-1800).

ESTC/NA's parent department, the Center for Bibliographical Studies at UC-Riverside, has opened discussions with the national libraries of several European countries, including Sweden, Spain, and Portugal, with the intention of bringing their machine-readable databases of early books, which are now in progress, to North America, and arranging for their distribution through one or more of the national utilities.

As a result of the establishment of the Center for Bibliographical Studies, ESTC/NA has a new address. Please send all correspondence and reports of holdings to: ESTC/NA, Center for Bibliographical Studies, Rivera Library - 016, University of California-Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521-0154. Our phone number is still (714) 787- 5841; fax, (714) 787-3285. We can be reached by RLIN electronic mail at BM.ESL@RLG

ISTC

The following article is a release dated London, The British Library, August 1990, and signed Lotte Hellinga, Martin Davies, John Goldfinch, and Marcella Leembruggen

The British Library's automated database of incunabula has shown a steady rate of growth over the last few years. There

have been some recent developments which we should like to bring to your attention since they open up new applications of the file. The prime concern of the editors is to make the material available to others. While the file has been on-line to BLAISE-LINE customers since 1984, other forms of access may be preferable for long distance users. We expect that the ISTC material will shortly be available on RLIN in the USA, and the Dutch PICA network is planning to mount ISTC as a separate file. The modification of file for use on a microcomputer, as adopted by the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, provides a relatively simple interactive system, which gives hope that this form of communication may be used as a model for other large institutions which wish to make use of and contribute to ISTC. There are plans for publishing a provisional CD-ROM which will give users the full benefit of automated retrieval. Meanwhile, as a compromise, we are happy to provide printouts on paper of selections from the file, and occasionally we make copies of full-file printouts available to selected Institutions; there is also a complete reference copy in the North Library of the British Library.

The file, which grows by some 1000 to 1500 records each year, stands now at almost 24,000 editions. Perhaps even more important is that coverage has greatly widened, and that the records of locations of copies have grown very fast indeed. Most areas of printing in the fifteenth century (with the exception of parts of France) are now well covered as far as British collections are concerned, while thanks to the support of colleagues in other countries, and the appointment of an editor responsible for the USA, the international side of ISTC has developed in a manner that is cause for much gratitude and satisfaction. Apart from the countries which have contributed directly, we also make extensive use of published catalogues of major and minor collections. There is therefore significant (but not yet comprehensive) coverage of incunabula in e.g. Denmark, France, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. The records of incunabula in Belgium had been verified and sent to us by the late Mr Frank Vandeweghe. This work, sadly interrupted by his sudden death in 1987, has now been completed with the help of his colleagues in the Royal Library, Brussels. Mr van Thienen of the Royal Library, The Hague, continues to send us additions and corrections to the records of incunabula printed in the Low Countries and those in public collections in the Netherlands, based on current work, but essentially the record of these two categories is complete. This shows that the database is open-ended and can accommodate amendment and expansion, preferably with the help from experts outside the team at the British Library.

There are several areas in which we can report specific progress:

United Kingdom. Work has continued on incorporating locations from the major collections of incunabula in the United Kingdom into ISTC, as well as information gathered over the years for the "British Goff" project. A list of public

collections known or believed to possess incunabula has been compiled, and those for which information is not obtainable from printed sources are gradually being contacted with a view to inclusion. The last year or so has seen the bulk of Cambridge college and English cathedral collections added to the file, together with a number of smaller accumulations held by universities. We should like to take this opportunity to thank particularly the librarians of Salisbury Cathedral, Leicester and Dundee Universities, and St John's College, Cambridge, for help received over the past year, as well as the John Rylands University Library, Manchester, and the Bodleian Library for continuing support for the project.

USA. ISTC was based originally on F.R. Goff's *Incunabula in American Libraries: A Third Census*, and his nearly thirteen thousand records were keyboarded in the first phase of the project in the early 1980s. It has been increasingly apparent that while the database has almost doubled in size with accessions from elsewhere, the American records themselves have remained largely static and are becoming out of date as a census of current holdings and editions. With the aid of a benefaction from an anonymous donor, administered by the Bibliographical Society of America, active measures are now being taken to update the information on incunables housed in the US and Canada. A start was made with the appointment in May 1989 of a North American editor, Martin Davies, previously a research fellow in Renaissance intellectual history at Oxford. Dr. Davies will now be paying regular visits to North America to have discussions with rare book librarians and other interested parties, and to explore methods of co-operation between the BL and the American libraries contributing to ISTC. The first such trip took place in October 1989, and covered most of the great libraries of the North-East United States, at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C., among other places. A second visit, to California in April 1990, included the Huntington Library in San Marino as well as public and university libraries in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas. At many libraries on-line demonstrations of the file were arranged by way of a computer and a modem link to the mainframe in England, and public lectures were delivered in New York and Los Angeles. These contacts have called forth, as intended, a considerable number of new records and amendments, and some of the largest incunabula collections of the US are now fully recorded in ISTC, while warm relations have been established with institutions important for the continued development of ISTC. A further move which will greatly broaden access to our records in America was the signing in 1989 of an agreement with the Research Libraries Group Inc. for the mounting of ISTC in the Books file of their RLIN network. The incorporation of the whole database is expected to be completed in the course of 1990, after which monthly tapes from London will keep the network up to date.

West Germany. In December 1989 a copy of ISTC was installed on an IBM-compatible personal computer at the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Munich (using software adapted at the British Library) to provide a basis for the Census of Incunabula in the Federal Republic of Germany, a project funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. The PC-based system enables the staff at Munich to match ISTC entries against records supplied from German libraries and to add location details quickly to the ISTC record. Files of new additions (over five thousand locations so far) are sent regularly to London to update the main ISTC file, and diskettes containing new and amended records are sent in turn to Munich. The system being used forms a prototype for possible PC-based collaboration between ISTC and other libraries or cataloguing projects in the future, and is possible chiefly owing to the increasing amounts of processing power available from comparatively inexpensive machines, and to the widespread use of IBM-compatible computers and software.

Italy. ISTC's interest in Italian collections harks back to an early phase of the project, when all editions recorded in the *Indice generale degli incunaboli delle biblioteche d'Italia* were added to those already derived from Goff's Census, by kind permission of ICCU in Rome. The many changes that have taken place since the compilation of IGI made it wise to omit for the time being the register of locations in Italy. Following the insertion in ISTC of the large English collections of Italian incunabula, we have now turned to the input of locations in Italy itself, as earlier contacts with Italian libraries have developed into working partnerships and as ISTC has become more widely known there through the article in *La Bibliofilia*, 1989. With the entering of the collections of the Biblioteca Ariostea (Ferrara) and the Biblioteca Estense (Modena) and with input expected from the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale in Florence, a new field reserved for Italian locations has been created in the database. We are indebted in particular for much assistance to Dr. Annalisa Battini of the Estense and Dr. Alessandra Chiappini of the Ariostea. Further contacts with Italian libraries are now under way. ISTC will also take over records from recently-published catalogues such as those of the Durazzo collection in Genoa, the Biblioteca Marucelliana in Florence and the communal library of Arezzo.

Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana. We have had the good news this year that Father William Sheehan is putting the finishing touches to his catalogue of the extensive Vatican holdings of incunabula. Over 8000 editions, a fair number of which are not found elsewhere, have now been registered on a database designed along ISTC lines, with the result that the Vatican locations will be easier to integrate with the records in London. It is hoped to make a start on this process in the autumn of 1990 with the direct input of data from disks.

Japan. The extended visit in 1989-90 of Mr Koichi Yukishima

of the School of Literature Library, Waseda University, Tokyo, who is compiling a new census of incunabula in Japan, has given us the opportunity to add Japanese locations to ISTC. Recent acquisitions of incunabula (the Maruzen Co.'s purchase of the Doheny copy of the Gutenberg Bible is only the most spectacular) had rendered the 1964 census increasingly out-of-date (it recorded 71 copies as against a current estimate of 250), and over a hundred locations have now been reported to us. Collections recorded so far include Waseda University, the Tenri Library and Kyoto University of Foreign Studies.

Other Countries. ISTC has also had recent contact with a number of other overseas libraries with a view to exchanging data, including the national libraries of Switzerland, Portugal and Denmark, and has continued to receive contributions from the Early Imprints Programme in Australia and New Zealand. We naturally also have constant informal contact with colleagues at the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris and other major European libraries, and with the authorities of the *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* in Berlin.

Publications. The following publications deal with general or particular aspects of ISTC:

- *Bibliography and the Study of 15th-Century Civilisation*, edited by Lotte Hellinga and John Goldfinch, London: The British Library, 1987.
- L. Hellinga, 'Incunabelstudie en automatisering: de ISTC database van de British Library' (with English summary), in *Het oude en het nieuwe boek. De oude en de nieuwe bibliotheek* [Festschrift for H.D.L. Vervliet], Kapellen: De Nederlandsche Boekhandel, 1988, 33-43.
- L. Hellinga and M. Leembruggen, 'La "base dati" internazionale degli incunaboli (ISTC) alla British Library', *La Bibliofilia*, XCI (1989), 89-94
- M.C. Davies, 'The Incunable Short Title Catalogue (ISTC)', *Bulletin of the Society for Renaissance Studies*, VII.2 (May 1990), 1-7
- L. Hellinga and J. Goldfinch, 'Ten years of ISTC', *Bulletin du bibliophile*, 1990, No.1, 125-32
- Notices on ISTC have also appeared in the 1989 issue of the *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* (83.3, pp. 371-72) and in the April 1990 *RBMS Newsletter* (USA).

Calendar of Events

- January 12-17, 1991 - ALA Midwinter. Chicago.
- January 26, 1991 - American Printing History Association Annual Meeting and Awards presentation, New York, NY. The individual award recipient is Eleanor Garvey; the institutional recipient is the Bibliographic Society of America. (Contact: APHA, P.O. Box 4922, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163)

- February 28 - March 1, 1991 - Course on environmental conditions for libraries and archives, Washington, DC. Designed for individuals, teams of librarians/ archivists, and/or plant managers. Co-sponsored by Commission on Preservation Access (CPA) and the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (APPA). (Contact: Kathy Smith, Director of Educational Programs, APPA, 1446 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314-3492)
- June 25-28, 1991 RBMS Preconference. "Keeping the Facts in Artifacts: Conserving the Physical Evidence of Special Collections Materials and Its Impact on Research" at Chapel Hill/Durham; the Carolina Inn will be the conference hotel, with dorm rooms and other hotels offered as alternatives. (Contact: ALA/ACRL, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611)
- June 29 - July 4 - ALA Annual Conference, Atlanta (Contact: ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611)
- June 30, 1991 - PLMS program "Knowing the Score" at ALA Annual Conference, Atlanta (see above for details)
- July 8 to August 2, 1991 - Rare Book School - Columbia University. 24 courses expected to be offered plus "a number of end-of-an-era surprises." (For course descriptions & applications write: Rare Book School, School of Library Service, Columbia University, Butler Library, New York, NY 10027; ☎ 212-854-4734).
- Summer 1991 - Preservation Management seminar for library staff who have part-time preservation responsibilities, Atlanta. Sponsored by SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network) and CPA. Details will be available from SOLINET in January 1991. (Contact: SOLINET, Plaza Level, 400 Colony Sq., 1201 Peachtree St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30361; 404-892-0943)
- August 18-24, 1991 - International Federation of Library Associations Annual Meeting, Moscow. (Contact: IFLA, POB 95312, 2509 CH, The Hague, Netherlands).
- September 25-29, 1991 - Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Contact: SAA, 600 Federal St., Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605; 312-922-0140)

TRANSITIONS

Material for this column is gleaned from ALA periodicals and other available newsletters. People with knowledge of relevant transitions are encouraged to contact the editor.

Susan Miriam Alon is now rare books librarian of special collections at the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri. **Ann Anninger** is the new Philip Hofer

Curator of Printing and Graphic Arts at Harvard University's Houghton Library. **George Arnold** has been named head of special collections and university archivist at the American University, Washington, D.C. **Sidney Berger** is the new Head of Special Collections at the University of California, Riverside. **John Bidwell** (Clark Library, UCLA) is taking two years' leave from UCLA to go to Oxford to read bibliography under Donald McKenzie. **Michele Cloonan** has joined the faculty of the UCLA Graduate School of Library and Information Science. **J. Fraser Cocks III** has been appointed curator for special collections at the University of Oregon, Eugene. **Earle Coleman** has retired from his post as Archivist of Princeton University. **Maria Fredericks** has joined the Winterthur library staff in the newly created position of associate conservator for library collections. **Joan Friedman** has announced her resignation as Curator of Rare Books, Yale Center for British Art, so that she can go back to graduate school in business administration /accounting. **Connell B. Gallagher** has been appointed assistant director for special collections at the University of Vermont, Burlington. **Isaac Gewirtz** has been named rare book and manuscript librarian at the Bridwell Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. **Paul Hensley** has been named assistant director of the Winterthur Library; he will continue to serve as the Winterthur archivist, a position he has held since 1983. **Victoria Jones** is the new manuscript curator in special collections at the University of Oregon, Eugene. **Anna M. Koch** has been appointed assistant archivist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. **Gunnar Knutson** has joined the cataloging staff of the Newberry Library, Chicago. **James Lane** is now preservation librarian at the New York State Library, Albany. **Georgina Lewis** has been appointed as coordinator of preservation for the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. **Kenneth Lohf**, rare book and manuscript librarian at Columbia University, has been elected president of the Grolier Club. **William A. Moffett**, Azariah Root director of libraries at Oberlin College since 1979, has been appointed librarian of the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California, effective September 1; Moffett will be only the sixth person to hold the position since Henry Edwards Huntington appointed his first librarian in 1915 to oversee his rapidly growing collections of rare books and manuscripts. **Susan Nash Munroe** has assumed the duties of Wallpaper Conservator at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts. **Donn C. Neal** has been appointed External Officer of the National Archives, effective October 7. **Christine Nelson** is now Assistant Curator of Modern Autograph Manuscripts at the Pierpont Morgan Library. **Richard Noble** has been appointed rare book cataloguer at the John Hay Library, Brown University. **Felix Oyens** has moved to London to to open up the European branch of Christie's rare book department. **Barbara Paulson** is now program officer for the access category at the National Endowment for the Humanities'

Division of Research Programs. **Madeleine Perez** has been appointed archivist/manuscript curator at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. **Grete E. Reppen** has been appointed to a part-time position in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the University at Albany, State University of New York. **William E. Ross** is now head of special collections at the University of New Hampshire, Durham. **Barbara Sgraves** has been appointed preservation librarian at Northwestern University Libraries, Evanston, Illinois. **Jill K. Shannon** has been appointed special collections catalog librarian at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. **Carolyn Sheehy** has been appointed Director of Oesterle Library at North Central College in Naperville, Illinois; prior to coming to UIC, she was Administrative Curator of Special Collections at the Newberry Library. **Monica Simpson** is now curatorial cataloger at the Strong Museum, Rochester, New York. **John W. Smith** has been appointed archivist at the Art Institute of Chicago. **Virginia Smyers** has been appointed special collections librarian at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. **Nina Stawski** has been appointed preservation librarian at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. **Joan Ten Hoor** is the new preservation librarian at the Newberry Library, Chicago. **Robert F. Van Benthusen** recently retired as special collections librarian at Guggenheim Memorial Library, Monmouth College, West Long Beach, New Jersey. **Susan F. Walker** is now assistant special collections librarian at the Oklahoma State University Libraries, Oklahoma City. **Bradey D. Westbrook** has been appointed associate curator of special collections at Kent State University, Ohio. **Nanci A. Young** has been appointed Assistant University Archivist at Princeton University.

Hardy Greeb, Bernard Breslauer's longtime assistant (and before that, Jacques Vellekoop's of EP Goldschmidt) died in London in July of stomach cancer and complications following peritonitis. **O.B. Hardison Jr.**, director of the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., from 1969 to 1983, died in Washington on August 5, 1990. **Robert Nikirk**, librarian of the Grolier Club died in New York on September 5, 1990.

Getting involved

Both RBMS and ACRL encourage individuals who are interested to get involved actively in committees. ACRL regularly publishes a call for volunteers (most recently in the October 1989 *C&RL News*) which includes a list of all committees, editorial boards, people to contact, and a Committee Volunteer Form. Moreover, ACRL publishes a pamphlet of useful suggestions and addresses, "How to Participate in ACRL," which is available from the ACRL Office (The Association of College and Research Libraries, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795).

In addition, committee interns can be a useful mechanism for involving new (and long-standing!) members in Section activities as well as developing members expertise for complex committee work. RBMS, in accordance with ALA regulations, is encouraging the appointment of one or two interns for each of its committees. As mentioned elsewhere in the *Newsletter*, please approach committee chairs if you are interested in getting involved. The availability of these intern openings will be announced in future issues of the *Newsletter*.

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