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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Adonna Fleming

The last two months I have been finalizing committee and representative appointments. I would like to thank those who volunteered; I appreciate your willingness to serve and was happy to see the mid-year reports submitted in a timely manner.

When contacting our new members to serve on committees, I would ask about their librarianship background, why they joined GSIS and what they wanted out of the society. Frequently I heard that the geoscience component was only part of their job, and that they looked to GSIS to provide information to help them develop, manage and provide reference for their geoscience collections. In addition, some of them could not attend our annual meeting, and wanted to know if they would get much out of the society otherwise. My answer, of course, was yes!

The GeoNet listserv and this newsletter are excellent ways to communicate and gather information without attending the annual meeting. In addition, much of the committee work is done through email which allows members to contribute to the society and get to know their colleagues without the expense of travel. If the member is active in another society, being a GSIS representative is a great opportunity. Representatives are appointed for three-year terms, and all that is required is that they submit one report a year to the newsletter summarizing information from their society's meeting that would be of interest to a geosciences librarian. We have several vacancies, if you are interested, please contact me.

I too wear several hats, and often have a hard time getting all my work done. I'm the map and GIS librarian as well as managing the geology library here at the University

of Nebraska-Lincoln. I would love to have input from someone in a similar situation. In fact, I think a monthly column about geoscience librarianship would be a great way to discuss some of these issues facing librarians in this day and age. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Patricia Yocum

It's June and time to think ahead to our annual meeting in Philadelphia October 21-25. Planning has been underway since the winter and is shaping up nicely. The overall agenda is similar to our winning formula from past conferences and is listed here to aid your personal planning. Dates and times are those I've proposed/requested with GSA. Final schedules will appear later this summer and may include some changes.

Saturday October 21

Geoscience 101 (morning and early afternoon)
E- Resources Forum (mid-afternoon)

Sunday, October 22

GSIS Technical Papers Session: "Geoscience Information: Keys to Discovery" (morning)
GSIS Executive Board Meeting (afternoon)
Exhibits Opening and Welcoming Reception (evening)

Monday, October 23

GSIS Business Meeting (morning)
GSIS Poster Session: "Geoscience Information: Keys to Discovery" (afternoon)
Alumni Receptions (evening)

Tuesday, October 24

GSIS Preservation Forum (morning)
GSIS Luncheon and Awards (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.)
GSIS Collection Development Forum (afternoon)
GSIS Reception and Silent Auction (evening)

Wednesday, October 25

GSIS fieldtrip: ISI Cherry Hill, New Jersey (morning)
GSIS Professional Issues Forum & Wrap-Up (mid-afternoon)
GSIS Executive Board Meeting (evening)

Looking forward!

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GSIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Material for the August, 2006 issue should be received no later than July 28, 2006. Please send materials by e-mail to cjm@thurston.com

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call For Abstract Proposals For Philadelphia

Have you digitized journals, books, or maps? Created a digital library, archive, or institutional repository? Preserved geological literature? How are you adapting your instruction to the inquiry based curriculum? What do your users want by way of information? Do you have successful marketing techniques for promoting new library resources?

No doubt about it. The digital environment has a major impact on the flow of geoscience information even while conventional modes retain value. The topical paper and poster sessions proposed by GSIS focus on the efforts of individuals (librarians, archivists, faculty, students) and institutions (libraries, universities, government agencies, professional and trade organizations) to promote the flow of information in the interest of advancing discovery in the geosciences. I hope you will consider submitting an abstract to present your work either in oral or poster format.

The GSA proposal submission site is now live at: <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2006/sessions/topical.asp>

Look for our session, T59. Geoscience Information: Keys to Discovery

The submission process is straightforward. The submission deadline is **July 11**. There is a non-refundable submission fee (\$30 for members, \$18 for students) which can be shared by co-authors. Decisions on proposals will be made by mid-August.

Looking forward to learning about your efforts!

– Patricia Yocum



GeoRef News, by Sharon Tahirkheli, American Geological Institute

GeoRef Adds Abstracts to Existing References

In cooperation with several major geoscience publishers, GeoRef has added thousands of abstracts to the pre-existing journal references in GeoRef. The Geological Society of America (GSA), SEPM Society for Sedimentary Geology, the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, and the Society of Economic Geologists have assisted in the addition of their journal abstracts to earlier references. GeoRef references to the following journals are being enhanced: *Economic Geology*, *Geology*, *Geophysics*, *GSA Bulletin*, *Journal of Sedimentary Research* (formerly *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*), *The Leading Edge*, and *Palaos*. More than 29,000 abstracts now appear in GeoRef for these journals with at least 10,000 added in recent months. The abstracts will appear in the various versions of GeoRef as corrections are added and already appear in the OCLC, Ebsco, and GeoScienceWorld versions of GeoRef. CSA and Ovid/SilverPlatter will soon follow as GeoRef is reloaded. These additions were made possible as each publisher digitizes more and more journal content. The most recent addition of abstracts for *Economic Geology* was made possible as the

Society of Economic Geologists prepared its Hugo Dummett Memorial Economic Geology Archive DVD (now available from the Society at <http://www.segweb.org/>). Similar additions are in the works for other key journals.

Updated GeoRef Priority Journals List Available

GeoRef's list of Priority Journals has been revised and updated to reflect changes and additions to the journals that GeoRef treats with priority. These journals are indexed and included in GeoRef as quickly as possible and are given priority over all other journals for coverage. 98 journals appear in the current list. The original list was developed by the GeoRef User's Group, a committee of GSIS and has been revised several times since its introduction in the early 90s. The new list is available at <http://www.agiweb.org/georef/about/journals.html>

List of Open-Access Journals Covered by GeoRef Now Available Online

A list of open-access journals and series included in GeoRef is now available at <http://www.agiweb.org/georef/about/openaccess.html>

To be included in this list journals and series must appear to provide stable free access to current issues, have multiple issues available for use, and plan to continue to be available in an open manner. Journals that require subscriptions to current issues are not included here. The list is divided into five sections: geoscience journals, journals in general science and related disciplines, newsletters (must contain formal articles to be included in GeoRef), national/state government report series, and meeting proceedings /abstracts.

This list is updated frequently as availability of openly accessible publications grows. Suggestions for additions and deletions should be forwarded to Monika Long, ml@agiweb.org

"Building a Map Humidifier – How to **FLATTEN** Your Maps!" by Linda Musser and Anne Behler. WAML Information Bulletin, v. 37, no.2 (March 2006), p. 64-68.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

REPRESENTATIVES

American Library Association

Although the ALA Annual Conference is pending, I thought I would pass on a couple of program notes put forth by STS and ACRL for the newsletter.

A number of Caucuses and Sections have invited their respective memberships to share and participate in a day of volunteerism to aid in the Katrina recovery. ACRL-STS has as its program theme "kaleidoscope of scientific literacy: fusing new connections". The ACRL President's Program theme is "The power of personal persuasion: advancing the academic library agenda from the front"

Respectfully submitted,
John Hunter

GeoRef Advisory Committee

The GeoRef Advisory Committee met on October 14, 2005 at the GSA Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. In attendance were Harvey Cohen, Shaun Hardy, Afifa Kechrid, Suzanne Larsen, Jim O'Donnell, John Steinmetz, Sharon Tahirkheli, and Dennis Trombatore (presiding). Connie Manson joined for part of the meeting to present a special report.

Discontinuation of BIG. All remaining subscribers to the print *Bibliography and Index of Geology* were notified over the summer that publication will cease at the end of 2005. The substantial advantages offered by online access (to GeoRef) were pointed out.

Staff changes. Kay Yost— a well-known name to all GeoRef customers— has left AGI after 26 years of service. Monika Long is Kay's successor as GeoRef administrative assistant and chief point-of-contact for customer service.

GeoScienceWorld. All journals included in GSW have been placed on GeoRef's priority list for rapid indexing. Metadata is received directly from HighWire Press and loaded in the GeoRef Preview database as soon as the journals are posted.

State survey publications. Efforts to improve GeoRef coverage of state geological survey publications are ongoing; 20% of the states have been reworked exhaustively. Online publications are the most problematic, as many state surveys are not tracking their own electronic publications adequately nor announcing when new ones are posted online. Improving communication with the surveys and apprising them of the need for regular notification of new e-pubs and datasets is crucial. To this end, the Committee recommended that a GeoRef staff member (Connie Manson) speak at the next American Association of State Geologists annual meeting and that an individual contact person be identified at each survey office. Trombatore expressed concern about the need for metadata standards. While recognizing that enforcement of such standards is difficult, the Committee discussed strategies for encouraging current producers of geoscience information to adopt them.

USGS Library. The Committee was briefed on the current situation at the U.S. Geological Survey Library. Of chief concern to GeoRef is the further curtailment of the Library's exchange program. Only a single print series, the USGS Professional Papers, is now being offered on exchange. The number of active exchanges has dropped substantially. GeoRef indexers have traditionally relied heavily on the Survey Library's resources, in particular the hundreds of foreign journals and monographic series received on exchange. The loss of access to these materials presents significant challenges to maintaining GeoRef's comprehensiveness. Increased reliance on regionally-based indexers or partner library arrangements is a likely consequence. A title-by-title review will be undertaken by GeoRef staff to identify alternative sources for each serial.

Database corrections and reloads. Tahirkheli reported on the frequencies with which database corrections (including the addition of abstracts, URLs, and DOIs to existing records) are loaded by GeoRef's various vendors. These range from weekly (e.g., GeoScienceWorld) to annually — or in some cases, only when the entire database is reloaded. The frequency with which new records are added also varies, but most vendors maintain a weekly or bi-weekly schedule. Subscribers are advised to contact their vendors for specific information. For a list of all authorized GeoRef providers, see <http://www.agiweb.org/georef/index.html>.

Specialized bibliographies. AGI has received a 6-year grant for continuation of the Cold Regions Project, which includes production of the *Antarctic Bibliography* and the *Bibliography on Cold Regions Science and Technology*. *AusGeoRef*, an Australian-focused subset of the main GeoRef database, continues to grow subscribers. GeoRef staff are now doing all indexing for the *Earth Science World Image Bank* — an online archive of high-quality images made available to the geoscience community and the general public via the AGI website. Nearly 5000 images have been catalogued to date. [As of May 25, 2006 the total has climbed to almost 7000.] Larsen suggested that metadata for the images be included in GeoRef and linked to the *Image Bank* files. Tahirkheli will investigate the feasibility.

Glossary of Geology. The 5th edition of the *Glossary*, edited by Klaus Neuendorf, Jim Mehl, and Julia Jackson, has just been printed and may be ordered from AGI.

Theses and dissertations. Manson presented findings from her study of GeoRef's coverage of theses and dissertations and approaches for capturing missing ones. Through use of *Dissertation Abstracts* and self-reporting by university geoscience departments, GeoRef captures data on most relevant Ph.D. dissertations from the United States. Master's theses remain more elusive, particularly those scattered among non-geoscience departments (e.g., agronomy, environmental engineering, zoology, forestry), as these do not regularly report to GeoRef. Manson observed that master's theses in the geosciences are particularly important for field mapping, and usually never published. Tahirkheli indicated

that efforts will be made to obtain photocopies of the thesis abstracts from graduate schools; when unavailable, indexing may have to be done from library catalog records or title lists.

Hardy raised the question of coverage of geoscience theses and dissertations from outside the US. Some countries (e.g., Russia and Australia) are well represented, others (e.g., South Africa) less so. Hardy proposed that priority be given to capturing English-language doctoral dissertations world-wide, and then to foreign-language dissertations from universities with particularly strong geoscience programs. Tahirkheli noted that one of GeoRef's great strengths has always been its coverage of gray literature.

The Committee's next meeting will be on May 22, 2006 at AGI headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
Shaun J. Hardy

Western Association of Map Libraries

The Western Association of Map Libraries' Fall Conference will be held at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, Sept. 13-16, 2006. Janet Collins, Todd Welch, and Richard Quartaroli are co-hosts for the meeting. Janet is planning a fieldtrip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. WAML's Spring meeting is a joint meeting with the California Map Society, February 16-18, 2007 at the Huntington Library, near Pasadena, California. Jim O'Donnell will co-host the meeting.

For GSIS Members who would like to attend both WAML and GSIS conferences in one week: monitor the WAML conference website for the 2007 Fall meeting, which is currently being planned by Chris Thiry for the Denver Public Library, October 24-27, 2007.

Access the WAML Scanning Projects Clearinghouse from the WAML homepage at <http://www.waml.org/>. Search the Clearinghouse or submit a scanning project. The Clearinghouse is an effort to create a union list of WAML's map digitization projects.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendie Helms

COMMITTEES

Archives Committee

At the request of the Archivist, the Archival Committee was re-instated and now consists of a chair and two other members. A large box of GSIS material was delivered to the UIUC archives to be added to the GSIS collection.

As a reminder, the GSIS Archives holdings can be accessed at: <http://web.library.uiuc.edu/ahx/uaccard/UAControlCard.asp?RG=35&SG=3&RS=60&highlight=geoscience%20information%20society>. This link can also be found on the GSIS web page under Governance & Historical Info.

The chair of the Archives Committee requested a vita and photo from all GSIS (GIS) retirees, to be added to the archives. This information is of historical importance, and

can also be used for such things as documentation for service award nominations. A few vitae have been submitted, and more are promised.

There has been a paucity of material submitted to the archives in recent years; therefore, I have attached the GSIS Archival Guidelines as a reminder to officers and appointees of this important function. (*Editor's note: see p. 7.*)

Respectfully submitted,
Lura Joseph, Chair

Best Paper Award

A Call for Nominations for Best Paper Award was sent out on the Geonet listserv on May 11. The Committee has begun its review of GSIS Proceedings Volume 35 to identify candidates for the award. In the next few weeks we will be conducting the search process to identify additional potential candidate papers. The nominations stage of our work will be done by mid-June. The Committee will be rating the nominated papers in June and early July. We anticipate that the announcement of the winner will be made in mid-July.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty Kimball, chair

Collection Development Issues Committee

The Committee hosted the Collection Development Issues Forum at the Annual Meeting which was well attended and successful in generating extensive discussion and information sharing on many topics (see the full report in the December 2005 Newsletter, pp. 7-9).

Appointments of members to the Committee for 2006/2007 have been made. Development of a theme or themes for the 2006 Forum will begin soon. Suggestions from GSIS membership regarding topics for the Forum or other issues that the Committee should address are encouraged; please e-mail ideas to Chestalene Pintozzi at pintozzic@u.library.arizona.edu, call at (520) 621-6392, or send by surface mail to University of Arizona Science-Engineering Library, Bldg. 54, Room 216, Tucson, AZ 85721-0054.

Respectfully submitted,
Chestalene Pintozzi, Chair

Electronic Resources Committee

I was recently asked to assume the position of Chair of the Electronic Resources Committee, replacing Diane Balcawski at Michigan State University. At the same time, I am starting to work on the geoscience portions of Indiana University's Institutional Repository (IR), locally known as IU ScholarWorks. Last week I met with members of the IUB Faculty and discussed the concept of an IR, what it could offer, and the types of materials that should be included in the IR. Both the faculty and geological survey were very interested in setting up a community for the local IR.

In addition to the IR, I have been experimenting with locating geology in several humanities databases (yes, that is right, Humanities). Look for a talk on this at the upcoming GSIS meeting in Philadelphia. Finally, I will be helping host a meeting of the Indiana government information librarians

later this week. We will be discussing loss of information since 9/11 and GIS (geographic information systems) and GIS data.

At the electronic resources forum, we may have a representative from ESRI, a GIS software company. I would also like to discuss Institutional Repositories and get an idea of what you are making available in your repositories. The committee would also welcome suggestions for other discussion topics.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Zellmer

Exhibits Committee

“Open Access” will again be the theme of the GSIS exhibit booth at the GSA meeting in Philadelphia from October 22-25, 2006. We plan to feature numerous examples of “Open Access” in the geosciences. We will also display the GSIS Best Paper, Best Guidebook, Best Website and Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Book award. In addition, we will highlight the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award as well as provide copies of our proceedings volume and newsletters. We will be looking for librarians to help staff the booth during the exhibit hours. Our booth is # 312.

Respectfully submitted,
Darin Buri, Chair

Guidebooks Committee

Having fewer committee members has forced us to prioritize our work. The Guidebook Award review is our most important activity, and several committee members are starting that process. I also hope to resume the guideline distribution and other activities, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise S. Zipp, Chair

International Initiatives Committee

The International Initiatives Committee activities will commence in July, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Heagy, Chair

Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee

The Mary B. Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee nominates and evaluates reference material to determine the winner of the award, which is presented at the Annual Meeting. Titles for nomination must have been published within the three years preceding the GSA Annual Meeting (October, 2006). The committee is currently compiling the title nomination list and evaluations will begin in May. This year's committee includes the following members: Renee Davis, Old Dominion University, Norfolk (2006-2007); Janice Jaguszewski, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (2005-2006); Linda Newman, University of Nevada, Reno (2006-2007); Sally Scott, University of Wyoming, Laramie (2005-2006); Thomas Zogg, University of Minnesota, Duluth (2006-2007); and, Janice Norris, Chair, Penn State University, DuBois (2005-2006).

Respectfully submitted, Janice Norris, Chair

Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award

The Geoscience Information Society is pleased to announce the second annual Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award to recognize a person who has made significant contributions to the profession of geoscience information. The nominee does not have to be a member of the Geoscience Information Society

The nomination should include the nominee's name, title and contact information, resume or curriculum vita, and a statement not to exceed 700 words indicating why the candidate is deserving of this award. Additional letters from other individuals may be submitted along with the nomination.

Please send the digital nomination, preferably in Word, to Committee Chair Claren Kidd, at ckidd@ou.edu, before June 10, 2006

Respectfully submitted,
Claren Kidd, Chair; Michael Noga, Janice Sorensen

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee will focus on recruiting new members from academic, company, and government institutions, as well as welcome new members.

Members for 2006 are Karen Bolm, Lisa Fish, Wendie Helms, John Hunter, Miriam Kennard (Chair), Paul Kirk, Connie Manson, Judie Triplehorn, and Sarah Ziegler. We have divided up areas of North America where each of us are concentrating our recruitment efforts. Additionally, we are targeting library schools, especially from the Northeast, to promote both GSIS student membership and to encourage attendance at the Geoscience Librarianship 101 workshop. So far in 2006, six new members have joined GSIS from California, Idaho, Wyoming, Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam L. Kennard, Chair

Preservation Committee

The Preservation Committee has requested time for a forum at the annual meeting and is discussing whether to hold a disaster planning/recovery workshop or to visit the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia (<<http://www.ccaha.org>><http://www.ccaha.org/>). The CCAHA is the premier conservation center for the Mid-Atlantic region and is within walking distance of our meeting site. Additionally, the committee is discussing other activities it can undertake on behalf of the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Musser

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of candidates for Vice President and Secretary. The nominees for VP are Chestalene Pintozzi and Suzanne Larsen; nominees for Secretary are Andrea Twiss-Brooks and Elaine Adams. Ballots will be sent to members in May with a return date of mid-June. In other committee business, Richard Keen joined the committee for 2006-07, replacing Andrea

Twiss-Brooks who resigned in order to run for office.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Musser, Chair

Website Advisory Committee

This year, the Website Committee consists of Carolyn Laffoon and Beth Roberts, co-chair, Lee Regan, Beth Thompson and Suzanne Larsen. We are in the process of

taking Best Website Award nominations. Please send nominations to: carolyn@purdue.edu as soon as possible. The selection process should be completed by July 1, after which we will announce the winner. We are hoping the recipient will attend our GSIS Luncheon to accept the award in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Laffoon, co-chair

GSIS ARCHIVAL GUIDELINES

Revised 2005

The Geoscience Information Society Archives are housed in the University of Illinois University Archives. The GSIS Archives Committee has prepared these guidelines to aid officers, committee chairs, and representatives in preparing and submitting materials to the Archives Committee. For additional information, please see the attached "Transfer Guidelines from the University of Illinois University Archives."

Submission of Materials

All GSIS officers, representatives, and committee chairs must submit materials related to the business of the Society to the Archives. The schedules below indicate the basic materials to be submitted.

Because it may be convenient to have your predecessor's papers, the recommended time to submit materials varies. See the schedules below.

Preparation of Materials

Weed from your papers duplicates and items that are only understandable to you. Put papers in the order you would use them, or in order chronologically from most recent to oldest.

Files should be packed so that items will not slide out of folders while shipping.

Records on computer disk are not accepted by the University Archives. For this reason, all records should be submitted in paper format.

Schedules

All Officers and Appointees:

- Current procedures and duties
- Midyear and annual reports
- Significant correspondence

President:

- Budget
- Agendas for meetings
- Calendars
- List of officers, appointees, representatives and committees
- Conference call agendas and summaries
- Project, activity and function files

Policies, decisions, etc.

Current committee charges

Submission—Submit your working materials to the incoming President. Submit your predecessor's materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term as President.

Vice-President:

Budget

Annual meeting planning files and information

Field trip guidebook (if prepared)

Publicity, announcements, schedules, handouts, etc.

Submission—Submit your working files to the incoming Vice-President. Submit your predecessor's materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term as Vice-President.

Secretary:

Minutes of the Executive Board and Society business meetings

Meeting notices

Membership records

Submission—Submit your working files to the incoming Secretary. Submit your predecessor's materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term as Secretary.

Treasurer:

Annual audit report

Annual income and expenses spreadsheets

Updated procedures and guidelines

Significant correspondence (over 5 years old)

Submission—Keep **the last 5 years** of the following materials rather than submitting them:

Annual audit report

Annual income and expenses spreadsheets

Updated procedures and guidelines, including tax and other records

Significant correspondence regarding financial issues (as opposed to other Executive Board issues)

All bank statements and other bank records such as deposit slips

All records of expenses, including each invoice and associated cancelled check

All records of income EXCEPT membership check records (which are kept by the Secretary).

Do not include specific financial and membership transactions in the materials submitted to the Archives. DESTROY any records that do not go to either the incoming Treasurer or the Archives.

Publications Manager:

- Membership Directory
- Society Proceedings
- GSIS brochures
- GSIS publications list
- GSIS publications inventory
- Other Society publications for sale by GSIS

Submission—Submit one copy of each publication as they become available. Submit your working files to the incoming Publications Manager. Submit your predecessor’s materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term as Publications Manager.

Publicity Officer:

- GSIS publicity items and news releases

Submission—Submit your working files to the incoming Publicity Officer. Submit your predecessor’s materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term.

Newsletter Editor:

One copy of each issue of the GSIS Newsletter.

Submission—Submit the Newsletter as it is published to the Archives. Submit your working files to the incoming Newsletter Editor. Submit your predecessor’s materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term as Newsletter Editor.

Committee Chairs:

Handouts, schedules, photographs, and programs from annual meetings; brochures, committee documents, and publicity materials; copies of awards certificates, announcements and citations; sample ballots and candidate statements, reports of election results.

Submission—Submit your working files to the incoming chair. Submit your predecessor’s materials to the Archives no later than by the end of your term as chair.

Representatives:

- Agendas for meetings attended

Submission—Submit materials to the Archives at the end of your term.

GEOSCIENCE JOURNAL PRICES

compiled by
Michael Noga

Collection Development Issues Committee

The following price list is a supplement to the table published in the December 2005 *GSIS Newsletter*. Prices come from invoices, serial vendor databases, publisher’s Web sites, and journal issues. Prices vary depending on the subscription sources and payment date, especially for journals which are not priced in US dollars. Each journal price history comes from a consistent source as much as possible.

Prices generally refer to print subscriptions. Some prices include electronic access with no separate charge.

Journals were included in this list if they meet two criteria: 1) the subject fits broadly in the geosciences; and 2) sufficient price data were available. The latest title of each

journal was used.

The 2006 subscription price and the % price change for 54 journals are included in the table. The average price change per title includes the 211 titles that were listed in the December 2005 *GSIS Newsletter*. The price change for the total pool of 265 journals follows. The pool price change represents the increase in funds needed to retain this particular set of journals.

Overall print geoscience journal prices did not change as much in 2005. However, the variable cost of online journals depending on the size of the library and its license terms has made price comparisons harder to standardize.

Journal	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Change	
						2004/2005	2005/2006
Acta Oceanologica Sinica	420	420	420	420	420	0%	0%
Alcheringa	70	76	98	99	112	1%	13%
American Scientist	50	65	65	65	65	0%	0%
Annales Societe Geologique du Nord	33	68	77	89	77	16%	-13%
Arctic	100	125	130	138	138	6%	0%
Atlantic Geology	60	60	70	80	90	14%	12%
Boletin Geologico y Minero (ITGME)	32	39	46	50	44	8%	-12%
Bulletin of Geosciences (Vestnik CGU)	n/a	n/a	99	103	106	4%	3%
Bulletin of Marine Science	230	230	260	285	310	10%	9%

Earth Planets and Space	370	390	490	490	530	0%	8%
Earth Sciences History	70	70	72	72	72	0%	0%
Eiszeitalter und Gegenwart	n/a	59	71	74	66	4%	-12%
Eurasian Soil Science	2605	2839	3052	3266	3476	7%	6%
European Journal of Mineralogy	282	306	365	393	392	8%	0%
Geochemical Journal	190	190	280	280	280	0%	0%
Geochronique	47	51	60	69	58	15%	-16%
Geodiversitas	132	150	176	190	184	8%	-3%
Geofluids	297	448	530	650	677	23%	4%
Geologia 0138-0974	n/a	n/a	45	51	50	13%	-2%
Geologica Acta	27	32	41	44	43	7%	-3%
Geology of Ore Deposits	1165	1270	1359	1454	1538	7%	6%
Geophysics	350	375	405	435	470	9%	8%
Geostandards and Geoanalytical Res	n/a	n/a	210	231	215	10%	-7%
GFF	60	65	64	82	103	28%	26%
Journal of Mineralog & Petrolog Sci	50	50	50	50	50	0%	0%
Journal of the Czech Geological Soc	n/a	n/a	131	137	139	5%	1%
Kwartalnik Geologiczny	n/a	n/a	42	47	85	11%	81%
Landslides	n/a	n/a	314	318	300	1%	-6%
Limnology & Oceanography package	350	378	405	445	975	10%	105%
Marine and Freshwater Research	n/a	n/a	665	715	825	8%	15%
Meyniana	14	16	20	22	18	10%	-18%
Mineralogical Magazine	366	395	432	562	659	31%	17%
Molluscan Research	n/a	n/a	100	100	100	0%	0%
Netherlands Journal of Geosciences	265	271	321	342	350	7%	2%
Neues Jahrb Geol Palaeo Monatshefte	467	576	711	792	355	11%	-55%
New Zealand J of Mar & Freshwater Res	225	305	305	320	320	5%	0%
Norsk Geologisk Tidsskrift	180	180	289	254	302	12%	19%
Northern Miner	87	89	84	84	89	0%	6%
Oil & Gas Journal	84	84	79	79	79	0%	0%
Oil-Industry History	35	35	35	40	40	14%	0%
Palaeontology	204	204	255	266	290	4%	9%
Palaontologische Zeitschrift	32	38	46	72	63	57%	-12%
Petroleum Chemistry	3379	3679	3955	4232	4503	7%	6%
Planetary Report	30	30	30	30	30	0%	0%
Polar Research	56	67	70	78	75	11%	-4%
Przegląd Geofizyczny	n/a	n/a	60	47	42	-22%	-11%
Przegląd Geologiczny	n/a	n/a	90	95	89	6%	-6%
Revista Geologica de Chile	50	50	50	50	50	0%	0%
Revista Mineralogica Italiana	60	60	60	60	60	0%	0%
Rivista Italiana di Paleontologia e Strat	92	171	242	263	242	9%	-8%
Schweiz Miner und Petrol Mitteilungen	151	194	187	211	190	13%	-10%
Tellus	257	185	337	410	396	22%	-3%
Zeit fur Deutschen Gesell fur Geowissen	155	172	208	224	215	8%	4%
Zeitschrift fur Geomorphologie	157	176	214	230	241	7%	5%
AVERAGE PRICE CHANGE for Dec and June lists (per title)						8%	6%
AVERAGE PRICE CHANGE for Dec and June lists (for overall pool of titles)						7%	6%

GSIS SURVEY ON ELECTRONIC JOURNAL PACKAGES

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In March 2006, a survey about e-journal packages was posted on GSIS-L.

Content

The e-journals come from:

- American Geophysical Union
- Springer
- Elsevier
- Wiley
- Blackwell
- GeoScienceWorld

Respondents

Twenty-three libraries responded to at least part of the survey.

- 14 Public academic institutions
- 6 Private academic institutions
- 1 Geological survey
- 1 Research institution
- 1 Company

The libraries are located in 13 states and 1 province.

Results

1. Do you have access to this package?

Elsevier

Yes - 19

Selected titles - 2

A high-administrative decision was made at one institution not to buy the journal package. Two institutions maintain zero-based budgeting for this publisher.

Wiley

Yes - 18

Selected titles - 1

No - 1

Springer

Yes - 14

Selected titles - 5

No - 1

AGU (not a package, responses just reflect e-access)

Yes - 14

Selected titles - 1

No - 4

One respondent indicated that the library did not need most of the titles and that the online service model was not appreciated.

Blackwell

Yes - 12

Selected titles - 1

No - 6

One respondent noted that the Blackwell collection has little geoscience content, but its library system still required funding for the package. Another respondent mentioned that the package was cancelled at the end of a 3-year contract. A third respondent wrote that the package was been considered for purchase.

GeoScienceWorld

Yes - 8

No - 11

One respondent noted that the library had 90% coverage of the journals in print. Several of the libraries that do not subscribe to GSW noted that they only needed e-access to some of the titles and did not want to fund the rest.

2. Did you cancel all the print versions of the journals in this package?

In general, print journals in big commercial journal packages tended to be cancelled, particularly if the packages are purchased by consortia.

Elsevier

13 libraries cancelled print subscriptions. 2 libraries cancelled selected titles. At least three libraries cancelled print as part of their contracts.

Wiley

9 libraries cancelled print subscriptions. One library cancelled selective print titles. One library suggested that it would probably cancel the print titles at some point.

AGU

9 libraries cancelled print. Cancelling print enabled some libraries to afford the online access, at least at the minimum seat level. One library is considering print cancellations.

Springer

8 libraries cancelled print. One library cancelled selected titles.

Blackwell

7 libraries cancelled print. 6 did not, but one of these libraries only acquires electronic access for new titles.

GeoScienceWorld

2 libraries cancelled selected print titles. Three libraries remarked that they did not want to cancel print versions of core geoscience titles at this time. One remarked that it wanted to see what faculty think of the product.

3. Were you involved in the decision-making or was it a higher-level administrative decision?

The majority of the respondents were involved in the decision-making process. All the libraries that acquired GeoScienceWorld and the AGU e-journals made the decision about the packages. The large commercial packages had varying amounts of input from the geoscience libraries. Some could choose which titles to retain in print. Other libraries were part of consortia which kept a single or few print archives. One library did not get to participate in the consortial decision on the commercial journal packages at all.

4. If you kept print journals, what were the criteria?

These criteria were mentioned: Importance to research and teaching program. Core titles. Amount of online and/or in-house usage. Availability from other libraries. Quality and reliability of the online version. Cost savings for the geoscience library. Cost savings for the library system. Space savings for the geoscience library. Availability of reliable archival arrangements. Availability of online backfiles. Lack of penalty for keeping print.

The credibility of preserving the archive of an e-journal package is particularly important for at least three libraries in making decisions to cancel print.

5. How does your institution fund the journal packages? For example, do you use a common fund, pool funds from interested libraries or even academic departments, or perhaps use funds at your discretion?

Commercial journal packages (Elsevier, Wiley, and Springer) are often funded by consortial arrangements and central library funds. One library mentioned that its funding is very much determined by consortia. Two libraries noted that their funding for electronic journals comes off the top of their serials budgets. One library mentioned that it was taxed for a package which had no content of interest to its users.

One library has a competitive central fund for electronic resources. Individual libraries propose packages. A committee decides which packages will be funded.

Libraries that are not part of academic institutions fund these packages through their annual budgets. Several academic geoscience libraries have also used local funding for journal packages. At least four libraries have funded specialized e-journals by pooling funds with other units on campus. There were at least two instances of pooling to fund commercial journal packages, but most of the local arrangements involved funding for AGU e-journals and GeoScienceWorld (GSW). However, two libraries were able fund GSW through consortial arrangements.

One library used endowment funds for purchasing electronic access. At least one library has not been allowed to do that.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Laurence S. Youngblood Chair for Energy Librarian, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

The University of Oklahoma Libraries (<http://libraries.ou.edu>) seeks a Geology Librarian to manage operations of the L.S. Youngblood Energy (Geology) Library; duties include reviewing, developing and implementing library programs and services; hiring, training, supervising, and evaluating library staff and students; providing reference services and library instruction for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff as well as professional practicing geologists and geophysicists; coordinating collection development; and overseeing the physical facilities of the Geology Library. The ideal candidate will provide leadership and vision to build and maintain the Youngblood Library as one of the premier earth sciences libraries.

Required Qualifications: MLS from an ALA accredited program; experience in reference, collection development and library instruction; minimum two years of library experience; excellent interpersonal, teaching and communication skills; experience with traditional and electronic reference sources; managerial and supervisory experience.

Desirable Qualifications: Experience working with the subject literature of, or having an undergraduate or advanced degree in, geosciences, earth sciences or a science discipline and/or related field; experience with maps in traditional and digital form; evidence of research or creative achievement.

For a complete listing of the duties and responsibilities

for this position go to <http://libraries.ou.edu/about/employment/>. First screening date will be June 15, 2006. The search will remain open until filled. Salary is commensurate with experience.

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Send letter of application with resume, a list of publications and the names of three references including current supervisor to: Rhonda Cannon, Director of Administrative Services, University Libraries, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019.

Director, Science Libraries, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

The University of Michigan is seeking innovative candidates for the position of Director of the Science Libraries in the University Library. The Science Libraries include the Shapiro Science Library supporting Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Resources and the Environment, Physics, and Statistics; the Biological Station Library; and the Museums Library supporting the Museums of Anthropology, Paleontology, Zoology, and the University Herbarium.

The Director leads and directs these three units and has

overall responsibility for budgeting, staffing, and coordination of public and technical services. The Director also manages an annual budget of approximately \$3 million in partnership with a dedicated, experienced staff of 16 FTEs and is a member of the senior management team and the Public Services Council of the University Library. The position reports to the Associate University Librarian for Public Services.

The Director assumes leadership at a transformative period in the University's transition to digitally-defined libraries and has a unique opportunity to participate in the creation of visionary programs and services. Major responsibilities of the Director will be to build and strengthen relationships with the U-M science community, participate in library-wide initiatives, engage with colleagues nationally, and provide leadership in the development of innovative services including revising the space in the Shapiro Library building. The University's recently launched Michigan Digitization Program (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/mdp/>) and Deep Blue, the U-M institutional repository, (<http://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/index.jsp>) also provide excellent opportunities for shaping new directions for libraries.

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Required Qualifications:

- * ALA accredited Master's degree, or an equivalent com-

ination of relevant experience and advanced degree

- * Demonstrated successful leadership and administrative accomplishments in science libraries or related environments
- * Knowledge of research and scholarship in the sciences
- * Familiarity with issues and trends relevant to scientific publishing
- * Knowledge of emerging information technologies and digital library initiatives
- * Strong user-centered commitment to public service
- * Ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students of culturally diverse backgrounds
- * Excellent organizational, analytical, and communication skills.

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To Apply: Send cover letter and copy of resume to Robert Campe, Library Human Resources; 404 Hatcher Graduate Library North; University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1205 or apply by email to: libhumres@umich.edu. Contact (734) 764-2546 for further information.

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