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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The President wishes to report that she is in the process (long and laborious) of moving to Colorado. She will be the new Director of the Arthur Lakes Library at the Colorado School of Mines. Please contact her there after August 1.

(And that's all you'll get from the President THIS month!)

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last year the abstracts for the GIS Technical Session were published in the August Newsletter. Because the deadline for abstracts is so much later this year, it is not possible to publish any for our sessions in this Newsletter. At this writing, the abstracts for our symposium, "Frontiers in Geoscience Information," are being reviewed. Because of the later abstract deadline, GSA's Joint Technical Program Committee (JTPC) meeting is being held at the University of Colorado Conference Center in Boulder August 18 & 19 rather than mid-July as it was last year. Consequently, I have no more details for the meeting schedule to announce beyond what I reported in the June issue. JTPC members meet in Boulder in the summer to make final decisions on scheduling and on the content of the open symposia and technical sessions. JTPC is concerned mainly with uninvited or volunteered papers as opposed to invited symposia papers) that must be sorted, in some cases horsetraded, and finally scheduled by the approximately 40 representatives of GSA divisions and associated societies. No doubt after I attend JTPC as your representative I'll have reams to report in the October Newsletter. So stay tuned.

This year a big effort is being made to have the August GSA News and Information mailed to GIS members sooner than it has been in recent years. This way, hopefully, you will stand a much better chance of getting reservations at the hotel of your choice. This accelerated mailing will cost GIS some extra bucks, but it should be worth it.

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GIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Research articles and technical reports should be submitted to the Editorial Board for review and possible publication. Information reports, officer and committee reports, publication notices, job announcements, and other news items should be submitted to the News Gathering Editor.

Material for the October, 1989 issue of the GIS Newsletter should be received by the editors no later than September 20, 1989. If possible please send materials on IBM-compatible disc (Word Perfect, Wordstar or ASCII format).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERIALS FINANCIAL CRISIS OVER IN THE GEOSCIENCES?

As keeper of the GIS Database of Cancelled Serial Titles it looks to me that geology libraries have stopped cancelling serial titles. Is this possible? Or have librarians forgotten to send a list of the titles they've cancelled this year to the GIS Newsletter?

The GIS Database of Cancelled Serial Titles can help us identify any trends in cancellation which may endanger access to certain types of earth science literature. Please don't keep your cancelled titles a secret! All libraries are making hard decisions with regard to which titles are the most necessary for their patrons. But we also expect to get the cancelled titles on interlibrary loan if we need them. Access will not be assured unless we track individual titles and sub-disciplines within geology and make sure that "last copies" and certain subject areas are not being unduly damaged.

If we've had a good year, that's great! But if some of you are still struggling with cancellations, please send a list of the titles you've cancelled to Connie Manson.

Susan Klimley

REGGIE BROWN IS GOING TO RED LODGE

Reggie Brown, a past President of GIS, has been selected to attend the Red Lodge Conference, August 6-19, organized by the American Geological Institute. The 25 Red Lodge participants (who were chosen by an impartial jury) will write the earth science model curriculum for grades, K-12.

It is indeed an honor to have been chosen from a large pool of applicants. GIS is very proud of Reggie and happy that she is able to represent our organization.

The New York State Museum has published a list of staff geologists and biologists who can offer expert opinions and who are available for interviews with editors and reporters. For a copy of the list and further information, please contact the Museums Operations Office at 518-474-5842.

MEETINGS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

The University of Missouri-Rolla will host the 2nd International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics, March 11-15, 1991, in St. Louis, Missouri. Papers are now invited for this conference. Deadline for submitting a 500-word abstract is November 1, 1989. For further details, please contact:

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The 4th International Conference on Geoscience Information will be held in Ottawa, Canada, June 24-29, 1990, at the Conference Center in downtown Ottawa. People wishing to submit papers should contact David Reade before the end of September 1989. More details on the conference will be available at the end of 1989. For more information contact:

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

JOANNE LERUD, our current GIS President, has been appointed as the new Director of the Arthur Lakes Library at the Colorado School of Mines. Congratulations, Joannie!

CONNIE MANSON and BARBARA HANER are the authors of an article, "Research reports vary in availability," in the June issue of Geotimes. This article grew from research presented at last year's GIS Ad Hoc Committee on Geoscience Information Prices meeting, and from discussions with fellow GIS members.

PHIL STOFFER has moved to New York (to be close to Columbia University, where he'll start on his PhD in the fall). He can be reached at: 9707 4th Avenue #7G, Brooklyn, NY 11209; 718/238-7540.

PUBLICATIONS and PRODUCTS

The 5th edition of the GeoRef Thesaurus and Guide to Indexing is now available from AGI for \$75 paper, or \$25 fiche. It can be charged to Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Order from:

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McLean, VA 22102

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The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has announced that Current Contents on Diskette/ Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences (CCD/PC&ES) will be available this summer. Like the print edition, this diskette version will include the contents pages from over 800 leading journals and will be published weekly. It will be available both on 5.25" diskettes for IBM and compatibles and 3.5" diskettes for Macintosh and NEC9800 series. (It needs at least 512K RAM and a hard disk. Subscriptions include search and retrieval software developed by ISI.)

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For additional information, write to ISI Customer Services, 3501 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, or contact Jacqueline Trolley, Marketing Manager at 800/523-1850.

John P. Coll Books of Berkeley, California, has issued an Earth Sciences List (List 13) for their series of Out-Of-Print Scientific, Medical & Technical Books. For copies of the list, or to receive future issues or further information, please contact:

John P. Coll, Books
P.O. Box 5626
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Requirements: MLS and undergraduate degree
in natural or chemical sciences.
Minimum salary: \$27,300.

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names of 3 references to:

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