



Message from the Chair

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Special points of interest:

- Hotel and registration for the 2007 Annual SLA Conference is now open
- PAM now has 243 members—see the newest member profiles
- PAM award nominations are due March 1

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Hello from snowy Colorado!

Parker Ladwig (your new Chair-Elect) and I recently returned from Reno, NV where we attended the Leadership Summit, January 24-27. We wrapped up planning for the SLA Conference here in Denver, and Parker started planning for the 2008 Annual SLA Conference in Seattle. We went to a number of interesting sessions. We heard an author, Chip Heath, speak about his book, "Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die". I also went to a meeting that was about how to conduct effective meetings. That was actually a good session, and I learned some new tips.

We also worked on creating an "elevator speech" so we could quickly communicate to a "higher-up" in our organization what we do. We heard Ken Haycock (from San Jose State University) give a presentation on "Leadership and You: Tackling the Dragon". We attended Chapter and Division cabinet meetings, and at the very end of the conference, we wrapped up with an interesting session on strategic realignment and an overview of the conference.

Enough about Reno.

The preliminary program for PAM sessions at the 2007 Annual Conference is on the PAM website. (<http://units.sla.org/division/dpam/conferences/2007/>)

Note that the conference begins in full force on Sunday evening, June 3rd when Vice President Al Gore opens up the conference with his Keynote Speech. Once the session is done, we will have our "Early Bird" dinner at a restaurant yet to be determined.

Hotel and conference registration is now open via <http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/> and the Personal Planner should be available by the time you get this PAM Bulletin.

Laurel Kristick started a great new session last year – the book discussion group. We will have a second annual book discussion group session this year on Tuesday evening, June 5th. Please give me (jokraus@du.edu) some titles in physics, math, cs or astronomy that you have found interesting.

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Members Corner

Molly White (mwhite@mail.utexas.edu)

Tom McIlrath, treasurer of the American Physical Society and longtime PAM supporter has retired after ten years in his position. Tom had great admiration for librarians, which he expressed well and often. During Tom's tenure he introduced tiered pricing and traveled around the country to present the new structure to librarians. He was open about the finances of the Society and it's publishing operation, and for that we are extremely grateful. Tom is an emeritus professor of physics from the University of Maryland.

William Jacobs, newly minted librarian, has been appointed to the position of Science and Engineering Librarian at the University of Miami. Welcome to the fold!

Dana Roth is the co-author with Kimberly Douglas of "Looming Threats to Society Journals." *Chemical and Engineering News*, November 20, 2006,

84, p.82-84. See <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/science/84/8447sci4.html>

Maxine Moser retired from IDA Center for Communications Research - La Jolla. She established their library in 1989. Her career began in 1964 at the UCSD Biomedical Library as a cataloger. After a 12 year retirement, she worked as an assistant librarian at Teledyne Ryan in San Diego for a brief time before assuming management of the Cubic Corporation Technical Library in San Diego for 9 years. **Kim Bevis**, formerly Librarian at the Salk Institute for Biological Sciences, has assumed the responsibilities at CCR-LJ as of January 8, 2007.

Message from the Editor

Sara Russell Gonzalez (sargonz@uflib.ufl.edu)

I'm taking over from Jane Kinkus as Editor and I want to thank Jane for an excellent job these last two years putting the bulletin together. Becoming involved with the bulletin was my first introduction to PAM and I really appreciate Jane's friendliness and assistance in getting me up to speed.

Janette Carver will be joining the crew as Assistant Editor and we welcome any suggestions or ideas for new features or changes you would like to see implemented in the Bulletin. I look forward to working and hearing from many of you!

The PAM Division gratefully acknowledges the financial support for the current Bulletin issue provided by the American Institute of Physics (www.aip.org).



Membership News

Cindy Mader (maderc@lib.muohio.edu)

Greetings everyone! With the new year, Jennifer Harter has transitioned to a new role and passed the torch of Membership Chair along. I'd like to thank Jennifer for her past service and wonderful assistance with the transition. Additionally, Donna Thompson has agreed to serve on the committee, so you may see communications from either Donna or me about membership in the future.

PAM currently has 243 members. If you find your information has changed due to a change in position, marital status, etc., please jot me an e-mail (maderc@lib.muohio.edu) as well as updating your records with SLA headquarters.

Please join me in welcoming the following new PAM members (since December 2006)

Jeffrey D Bond, Ref and Inst Librarian at Emporia State University, jbond@emporia.edu

Susanne L Ridenour

Innocent Afuh Awasom, Science Librarian at Texas Tech University Libraries, awasom.afuh@ttu.edu

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Alan Tourtlotte, Director/Associate Publisher at Optical Society of America

Isabel Cunha-Vasconcelos, Principal/Owner at Sci-Tech Info, Inc., isabelcv@sci-techinfo.com

Michael R Blake, Electronic Resources Librarian at Center for Astrophysics at HU, mblake@cfa.harvard.edu

Gerrye M McEntire, Scholars' Marketplace Rep at Amigos Library Services, mcentire@amigos.org

Eileen P Chandhoke, Physical Sciences Librarian at George Mason Univ, echandho@gmu.edu

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Lisa R Johnston, Graduate Assistant at Indiana University, ljohnsto@indiana.edu

Bruce W Garrod, MSL Librarian at Univ of Toronto, bruce.garrod@utoronto.ca

Cynthia L Prosser, Physical Science Librarian at University of Georgia Libraries.

Message from the Chair (cont'd)

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I invite you all to stick around Colorado for a while after the conference is done. We have a tour set up for historic Chamberlin Observatory at the University of Denver on Wednesday night, June 6th, and we are co-sponsoring a tour to the National Center for Atmospheric Research (<http://www.ncar.ucar.edu/>) and the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (<http://lasp.colorado.edu/>) on Thursday, June 7th.

Over the 12 years that I have been an SLA and a PAM member, I

have learned so much from my PAM colleagues. I wanted to give back to the Division that has given me so much – that is one of the main reasons I volunteered to be the Chair this year. If you would like an opportunity to become involved in the leadership of PAM, please contact either me (jokraus@du.edu) or the Chair of the Nominating Committee, David Stern (david.e.stern@yale.edu).

Hope to see you in Denver,
Joe

Winner of PAM International Membership Award

Nisa Bakkalbasi (nisa.bakkalbasi@yale.edu)

I am delighted to announce **Mr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya** as the 2007 recipient of the PAM International Membership Award. Muhammad is currently serving as a librarian at the School of Mathematical Sciences (SMS) at Government College University in Lahore, Pakistan.

SMS was established to promote mathematics and allied sciences in Pakistan and presently has 25 faculty members and approximately 70 Ph.D. students. In the upcoming months, Muhammad will prepare a short report on the state of scientific information in his country to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in June 2007. He will discuss the role of library associations in the development of the library profession in Pakistan and the development of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Digital Library and its role in the promotion of research, particularly in pure sciences.

The PAM International Membership Award, first given in 1999, provides an opportunity for a librarian from the developing world to be an active member of SLA and SLA-PAM. The purpose of the IRC committee is:

- To strengthen communication among PAM librarians worldwide through professional and personal contacts;
- To enable PAM librarians and information specialists to provide information in a timely manner;
- To promote equity of access to online resources for everyone, by informing publishers and other information providers of technological weaknesses especially in the developing world;
- To foster information exchange between SLA members and special librarians worldwide, especially those in the developing world.

For a listing of previous winners:

<http://www.sla.org/division/dpam/manual/awards/pamalist.html>

PAM thanks East View Information Services for sponsoring the 2007-2008 International Membership Award.

Pam Awards—Nominations Due March 1

Stella Ota (stella.ota@stanford.edu)

The PAM Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 2007 PAM Division Award and the 2007 PAM Achievement Award. **Nominations are due by March 1, 2007.**

The PAM Division Award honors an individual (or group) for work that benefits libraries or enhances the ability of librarians to provide service. The nominee(s) need not be a PAM member. Over the years, the award has recognized individual print publications, serials pricing studies, committee leadership, database development, and philosophical stances, just to note a few. The first recipient of the Division Award was D.A. Kempe in 1977 for the publication of *Astronomy and Astrophysics: A Bibliographic Guide*. The most recent honoree was *The Jahrbuch Project*.

The PAM Achievement Award recognizes PAM members who have made outstanding contributions to the division. In 1997, the first award went to four individuals: Ellen Bouton, Marlene Cummins, Sarah Stevens-Rayburn, and John W. (Jack) Weigel II. The most recent honoree was Kristine Fowler in 2005.

Help us shine the spotlight upon colleagues and champions who have made a difference in your professional life. Send in your nominations. Further award details, guidelines for nominations, and lists of previous winners are on the awards section of the PAM web site, at <http://www.sla.org/division/dpam/manual/awards/index.html>.

Astronomy News

Pete Banholzer (Gordon.S.Banholzer@nasa.gov)

Springer's (formerly Kluwer's) Astrophysics and Space Science Library, evidently has now been split into two series. The former ASSL will now be strictly monographs and there is now a new series, Astrophysics and Space Science Proceedings (ASSP) that will carry the proceedings titles that were formerly in ASSL. At least so far, Springer has not contacted standing order customers to ask if they wish to receive both series, but Sarah Stevens-Rayburn has been in touch with them.

On November 27th, **Michael R. Blake** joined the staff of the Wolbach Library & Information Resource Center at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics as Electronic Resources/Assistant Librarian.

Before coming to the Center for Astrophysics, Michael was Associate Director of the Library and a faculty member at Phillips Academy Andover. He has held positions at Ex Libris as Implementation and Project Librarian, at Harvard as a Reference Librarian in the Cabot Science Library, and the Countway Library of Medicine. He also worked at Massachusetts General Hospital's Treadwell Library and has held positions in the corporate libraries of Bain & Co. and Shell Oil Company. Michael started his professional career as a reference librarian at the Houston Public Library. He can be reached by email at mblake@cfa.harvard.edu, and by phone at 617-496-7601.

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Mathematics News

Hilary Davis (hilary_davis@ncsu.edu)

We are looking forward to the upcoming Mathematics Roundtable for Denver in 2007. Let's start brainstorming about topics, questions, and discussions that you would like to have at the Math Roundtable. Holly Flynn (flynnhol@msu.edu) will be moderating the Mathematics Roundtable in Denver in 2007 and I'm sure she will welcome your suggestions.



Journal News Roundup from PAMNET-L:

The former editors of Elsevier's *Topology* are starting their new journal in 2008 with the London Mathematical Society. The first issue of *Journal of Topology* is scheduled for January 2008. The quarterly issues will focus on topology, geometry and adjacent areas of mathematics. For more, see <http://www.lms.ac.uk/publications/jtop.html>.

Two more journals that were published by the American Mathematical Society are moving to Springer: *Doklady Mathematics* and the *Proceedings of the Steklov Institute of Mathematics* follow in the footsteps of a number of Maik Nauka physics journals. For more from PAMNET-L, check out the message on this topic.

NUMDAM (Numérisation de Documents Anciens Mathématiques) has increased their digitization of European mathematics journals and offers an open access to the metadata and articles published in mathematical journals. Retro-digitization has resulted in access to over 9,000 articles across 40 journals and seminar series.

A report from the previous distributors of *Acta Mathematica* and *Arkiv for Matematik* suggests that access to back issues of these two journals is available on the Springer website. For more on *Acta Mathematica*, see the journal website (<http://www.springerlink.com/content/1871-2509/>)

.New mathematics journals for January and February 2007:

- *Complex Analysis and Operator Theory* (1661-8254), Birkhäuser Verlag
- *Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Applications* (1661-7738), Birkhäuser Verlag
- *Logica Universalis* (1661-8297), Birkhäuser Verlag
- *Mathematics in Computer Science* (1661-8270), Birkhäuser Verlag
- *Journal of Mathematical Cryptology* (1862-2976), Walter de Gruyter
- *Journal of Mathematics and Music* (1745-9737), Taylor & Francis
- *Journal of Mathematics and the Arts* (1751-3472), Taylor & Francis
- *Mathematics and Financial Economics* (1862-9679), Springer-Verlag
- *Optimization Letters* (1862-4472), Springer-Verlag
- *International Journal of Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations* (1752-3583), Inderscience

Databases update:

As reported on PAMNET, the Mathematics Genealogy Project now integrates papers in MathSciNet to individual mathematicians with the potential to include links from MathSciNet to the Mathematics Genealogy Project. Check it out at

<http://genealogy.math.ndsu.nodak.edu/>.

Astronomy News (cont'd)

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And as recently announced on PAMnet, **Jill Lagerstrom** has been selected to become the new chief librarian at the Space Telescope Science Institute. At the time of this appointment she worked at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center as a Science Reference Librarian and was previously employed as the Science/Technology Librarian at Catholic University in Washington DC. She is experienced in many areas that are important for the maintenance and advancement of the ST library and is a member of the SLA and PAM.



There will be two round-table sessions in Denver: one that will focus on vendor/publisher issues and the other topics of interest to astronomy librarians. Please send your suggestions and ideas for specific discussion topics to Sara Gonzalez (sargonz@uflib.ufl.edu).



New from AIP in 2007!

Physics Today Offers Online Access to Institutions

Physics Today institutional subscribers have the option to access an online backfile with their 2007 subscription for an additional US\$200. Access will go back to 2000 and will include all but the most recent 12 months of the magazine; current contents remain a benefit to member subscribers. The *PT* backfile is included in the AIP Archival and AIP Archival Plus combination packages, and as a separate online-only subscription. AIP plans to digitize all Issues back to the magazine's launch in 1948.

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