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Letter from the Chair

By Daran Bishop

Greetings PER Division Members!

The SLA Annual Conference is quickly approaching and we are finalizing the Petroleum & Energy Resources Division's slate of programs. Here are some highlights:

We plan to kick off events with the Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast. Tickets are \$10. This is the Division's major planning event. Please take advantage of this special opportunity to interact with your colleagues and share your ideas on what you want from your Division. Remember, the Division's strength lies in the unique experiences and ideas of its members. As we continue our on-going rebuilding effort, we depend on the input of our members to guide our Division's growth -- so make your voice heard! DPER gives a big "thank you" to NERAC for their support. NERAC's sponsorship helps keep our ticket prices low.

There have been some recent changes to the Energy Resources Roundtable. This year's Roundtable will focus entirely on the 2005 National Energy Policy Act (EPACT). Scott Minos, Public Information Specialist in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Public Affairs, will provide an overview of EPACT and its effect on Department of Energy policy and programs. Angela Santamaria, Library Manager at Washington State University Energy Program, will discuss resources for further information on EPACT. This topic covers all aspects of the energy industry, including renewable energy, and has

become even more controversial following President Bush's remarks in his State of the Union address. Many thanks from DPER to Thomson Scientific for their sponsorship.

The PER Division's 40th Anniversary Reception will be the highlight of the Conference. The Reception will be held in the Babe Ruth Museum. Besides finding a great location in the Great Bambino's museum, planner Marlene Vogelsang hit one out of the park by putting together a very tasty menu featuring Baltimore's renowned local cuisine and seafood. For planning purposes, we need to know **by June 2, 2006** if you will attend the Reception. Please refer to the announcement on page 4 for RSVP contact details. Many thanks to the following vendors for their sponsorship: Pinpoint Documents, Wall Street Journal Online, Elsevier and EOS International.

For further information on PER Division conference programming, see the Schedule of Events located in this edition of the *PER Bulletin*. Please show your support for the Division by attending as many PER Division events as possible. Also, be sure to visit our sponsors' booths and let them know that we appreciate their support.

As always, we are constantly striving to increase participation and membership and welcome your involvement. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Baltimore!

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Conference Planner – DPER Events

Sunday, June 11, 2006

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Petroleum and Energy Resources Division Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Convention Center, Room 311

Monday, June 12, 2006

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

DPER 2006 Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast

Location: Convention Center, Room 323

Join the Petroleum & Energy Resources Division for breakfast and attend the Annual Business Meeting. Find out what's been happening in the PER Division and help us plan for the future.

Ticketed Event #515—Price: \$10 member

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11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Standards Update

Location: Convention Center, Room 339-340

The annual standards update (formerly the Standards Roundtable) will provide the information on what is happening in the standards world and the latest vendor news. Participants will have an opportunity to give feedback to standards developing organizations. There will be a question and answer session.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PER Anniversary Reception

Location: Babe Ruth Museum

The Petroleum and Energy Resources Division celebrates our 40th Anniversary of becoming a division (PER previously was a section of the Sci-Tech Division)! Join us at the Babe Ruth Museum to catch up with friends and colleagues, reminisce about our past and conjecture about our future. We invite you to be a part of this special event.

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Tuesday, June 13, 2006

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Energy Resources Roundtable

Join us for a lively discussion on the 2005 National Energy Policy Act (EPACT). Scott Minos, Public Information Specialist in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Public Affairs, will provide an overview of EPACT and discuss how it has impacted ongoing programs and generated new programs at the Department of Energy as well as other federal agencies. Angela Santamaria, Library Manager at Washington State University Energy Program, will address the information needs of librarians who need quick access to digital resources with more specific information on this legislation. This topic covers all aspects of the energy industry, including renewable energy.

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Update from the Networking Chair

By Gina Williamson

The PER web site has just been updated with the latest news. Go to "What's New" and find out about the PER blog, read a Letter from the Chair and get information on the 40th Anniversary Party! Click on the link below for all this and more.

<http://www.sla.org/division/dper/index.htm>

If members have ideas for website postings, please submit them via e-mail – simply click on the Webmaster e-mail address from the Web front page.

See you in Baltimore!



Join us in celebrating 40 years

Monday, June 12, 2006
6-8pm

The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum

The Babe Ruth Birthplace is located at 216 Emory Street, just three blocks west of Camden Station
(follow the 60 painted baseballs along the sidewalk).

*Sample some of Baltimore's famous culinary delights!
Visit the exhibits featuring the life and times of
Herman "Babe" Ruth!*

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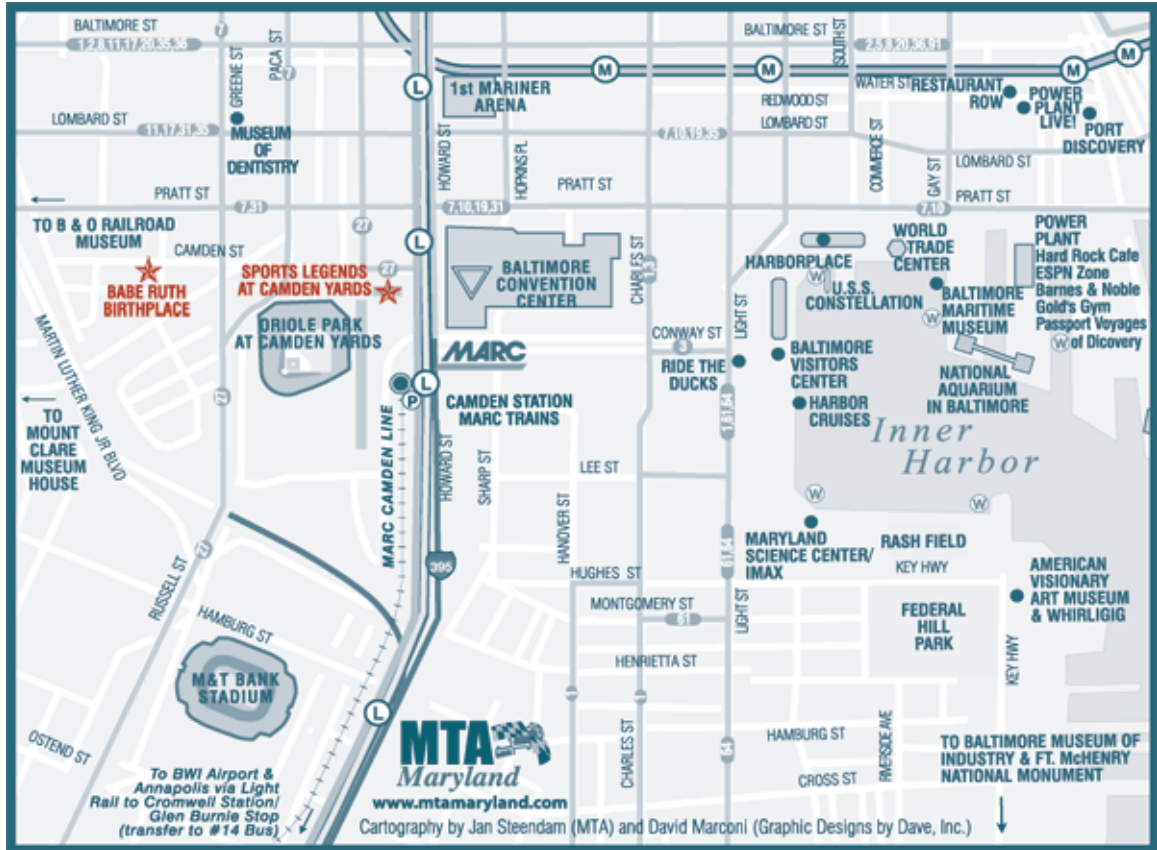
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PER Division Blog

By Amanda Robertson

Weblogs, or blogs, are a fast-growing type of online communication, helped along by the fact that they're easy to set up and easy to update. Bloggers range from teenagers to larger entities such as libraries, companies, or professional organizations. Companies who blog see it as a way to connect with their customer base more readily; it's an excellent PR measure. Companies can keep internal blogs as well, which can serve to keep employees informed of company-wide changes or new resources available to them. Libraries see it in a

similar way – blogs can be a great way to connect with younger patrons and ensure that they see that the library can be relevant to them. Professional organizations can use blogs to connect with their membership as well as promote the profession beyond those already in the field.

To that end, SLA has started offering its divisions and chapters the opportunity to develop their own blogs, focusing on issues and events within their groups or areas of expertise. I volunteered to set up one for the PER division, and there

are also blogs run by the Information Technology division, the Government Librarians division, and the Maryland, New York, and Hudson Valley chapters among others.

What can a divisional blog offer us? A number of things, beginning with another way to keep each other abreast of issues and events within our division and our field. We also plan to liveblog the PER sessions at SLA this summer, and possibly some other sessions as well; this would be an invaluable resource for members who are not able to attend in Baltimore. And of course, possibly most importantly, a PER blog offers us the opportunity to become a more active community.

Currently, I am the only contributor to our blog, and I would love it if other members in the division would like to take a stab at co-writing. The blog will be stronger with a number of authors, especially considering my own inexperience in the field – I'm currently in my first professional position, which I began in July 2005, and my knowledge of PER is still somewhat limited. Ideally, I'd like to see contributing authors with an array of experience. It's a great chance to share our different perspectives.

If you're interested in contributing, or simply learning more about it, please

don't hesitate to drop me an email at arobertson@nexant.com. And please drop by the site. The address is: <http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/per>

Government Relations By Camilla Walker

As Government Relations Chair, I'd like to let the membership know about SLA's Advocacy program which promotes the value of information professionals and the profession.

This program is designed to monitor and to shape legislation and regulatory proposals that affect SLA's membership. For a full listing of Public Relations Activities, such as press releases and other Association information, go to the [Press Room](#).

For the most recent activities in Public Policy, go to [Public Policy Connections](#).

For more information about the DPER Government Relations Committee, please contact me:

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Member News

Dennie Heye's new book has been published. Here are the details:

Characteristics of the Successful 21st Century Information Professional.

Oxford, UK : Chandos Publishing, 2006.

ISBN: 184334145X

Gilberto Morales, DPER Chair Elect 2006, attended the (Association of Records Managers and Administrators (ARMA) - Houston Chapter conference held at the Stafford Convention Center (Texas) during April 25-27, 2006.

The conference theme for ARMA Houston 2006 was "Best People - Best Practices". Gilberto attended seminars related to: 1) Energy Case Studies: Lessons learned from your peers who have walked these paths before, and 2) Successful RM/DM Systems Understanding the full life cycle of implementing Record Management and Electronic Documents Management Technologies - Planning, Design & Implementation.

For Gilberto, taking part of this event was a great and positive experience as he continues to develop his skills in the field of records management. He stated that the conference was a flashback of his reading the book: **Blur : The Speed of Change in the Connected Economy** by Stan Davis, as the book makes reference to technological change being too fast for most of us to comprehend

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