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## Chair's Message

By Gilberto Morales

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"Time flies when you're having fun" goes the old expression. This is very true to the test of my involvement in the SLA DPER Board during the last 2 years and 8 months. It is a commitment that I have yet to regret. I have benefited significantly during my tenure, especially by building a strong network of colleagues. Meeting and making friends in the US and the around the world has been most gratifying. I've connected with colleagues as far as the Netherlands and as near as Houston, TX.

However, the show must go on. I will be Past Chair, collaborating with the new Board as well as working on 2008 SLA & DPER events, already underway. With the hard work of our Chair-Elect, Mona Suarez, we have drafted the 2008 SLA DPER Program. Thank you, Mona. (See the 2008 SLA DPER Program of Events). Please remember to support or volunteer for DPER events before or while attending the Seattle 2008 SLA conference.



As part of the State of the Division report, I would like to mention that:

- The call for 2008 DPER Nominations has gone out. We presently have the vacant positions of **Chair-Elect** and **Secretary**. If you are interested in one of these positions please contact any of the nominating committee members:

**Aimee Pyle** ([aepy@chevron.com](mailto:aepy@chevron.com));

**Alicia Hawkings** ([alicia.hawkings@encana.com](mailto:alicia.hawkings@encana.com)); or

**Richard Todd** ([Richard.Todd@Halliburton.com](mailto:Richard.Todd@Halliburton.com)).

NOTE: Nominations will close on November 29th so that we can have elections during November 30th - December 21st, and promote the results soon after.

I think I am in order to give **Marlene Volgesang**, out-going Secretary and present Fundraising Committee Chair; a big **THANK YOU** for her excellent work as secretary of our division.



*Special Thanks to Marlene Vogelsang, outgoing Secretary and present Fundraising Committee Chair.*

## Chair's Message (cont.)

- DPER Membership is presently standing at 224 members strong. We continue to promote DPER aggressively worldwide through the efforts of Dennie Heye, International Relations Chair; Candy Keller-Raber, Membership Chair; and Gilberto Morales, DPER Chair.

Dennie recently drafted the promotional sheet "**TOP REASONS TO JOIN SLA DPER**" which was sent to peer information professionals in Europe, Middle East, India and Russia. Here is a link to one of the postings: <http://mlis->

[kw.blogspot.com/](http://kw.blogspot.com/)

During the month of December 2007, Dennie plans to promote our division within the London 2007 Online Information Conference.

- We also continued to place a strong emphasis on the co- sponsorship of events with the Transportation, Government, Engineering, and Technology divisions.

**THANK YOU** all at DPER and SLA for your support and let's continue to promote, market, and strengthen our Division.

## Notes from the Chair-Elect



By Mona Felicia Suarez  
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The holidays are quickly approaching which means that we are getting closer to the 2008 SLA Conference. As an early holiday gift to you this year, I will be providing you with a glance of SLA DPER topics and speakers.

In return, I would like to ask that all DPER members participate in making suggestions for the **2009** SLA DPER topics and speakers. We'll be looking for three relevant industry topics, and speakers for each topic.

I will announce topic winners on November 1, 2008. If your topic is selected, you will win a \$50.00 gift card.

Finally, I would like to thank our DPER officers for continuing to do an outstanding job; I appreciate your willingness to lead us to the 2008 SLA Conference.

DPER members -- I hope to hear from you soon!

Have a safe and happy holiday!

## Call for 2008 DPER Officer Nominations

Members of the SLA Petroleum and Energy Resources Division:

The terms of two officer positions within our division expire at the end of our fiscal year- December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. The Nominating Committee would like to solicit nominees for the offices of Chair-Elect, and Secretary for 2008. Below are the officer descriptions from the DPER Bylaws.

The term of office of Chair, Chair-elect, and immediate Past Chair shall be one year. For the Secretary the term of office shall be two years with election in alternate years.

The **Chair-elect** shall assist the Chair in the performance of assigned duties; with the Chair, shall represent the Division at meetings of the Division Cabinet during the Association Year in which the office is held; and in the event of the absence or withdrawal of the Chair, shall assume all the duties and obligations of the Chairman. The Chair-elect shall serve as Chair of the Projects Committee if a committee is appointed. The Chair-Elect also serves as the program planner for Annual Conference. The 2008 Chair-Elect will plan DPER's 2009 conference program.

The **Secretary** shall record and distribute minutes of the Division's business meetings, including the annual business meeting. Minutes are a record of the proceedings of a meeting. They should contain a record of actions taken at the meeting. Minutes are to be kept not only for the annual business meeting, but also for all Executive Board and Advisory Board meetings of the Division.

If you haven't served before this is a great opportunity to make new acquaintances and learn more about the behind the scenes operations of an organization like SLA. Interested parties should contact a member of the Nominating Committee by Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

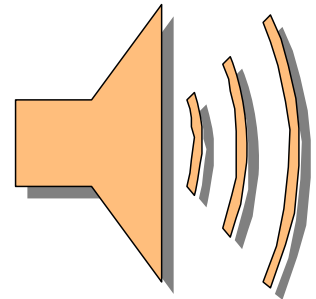
To make a nomination contact any of the Nominating Committee members:

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Aimee Pyle - [aepy@chevron.com](mailto:aepy@chevron.com)

Thank you!



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***Nominations are due Thursday, November 29, 2008.***

## 2008 Seattle Conference Preview

Here is a look at what your DPER conference planners are considering for our meeting in Seattle.



**Conference dates:  
June 15-18, 2008**

**Sunday, June 16, 2008**

**Time: 1:00 pm–2:30 pm**

**Title: [Petroleum & Energy Resources Division Board of Directors](#)**

**Monday, June 17, 2008**

**Time: 8:00 am–9:30 am**

**Title: [Petroleum & Energy Resources Division Business Meeting](#)**

**Time: 11:30 am–1:00 pm**

**Title: [Standards Update](#)**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2008**

**Time: 9:00 am–10:30 am**

**Title: [Energy Issues: “Energy Security and Oil: Current State and Prospects for Alternatives and Renewables”](#) **Speakers:****

Foster Mellen, Strategic Analyst, Oil & Gas, Center for Business Knowledge, Ernst & Young; and Sharon E. Siessseger, Strategic Analyst, Clean Technology, Industrial Products & Chemicals, Center for Business Knowledge, Ernst & Young

**Description:** This presentation discusses the current state of oil supply and energy security, as well as the potential for growth of alternative and renewable fuels.

**Time: 2:00 pm–3:30 pm**

**Title: [A Collaborative Approach to Knowledge Offshoring](#)**

**Speakers:** Ellen Sartorius. Assistant Director, Ernst & Young Center for Business Knowledge

Lynn Kemp. Associate Director, Ernst & Young Center for Business Knowledge  
**Description:** The presentation explores Ernst and Young's collaborative approach to developing a captive knowledge services group in India, based on the principle of integrated virtual teaming. The addition of India-based colleagues has expanded the capacity of the North America based researchers and analysts, and is creating

opportunities to change the way individuals work and deliver value to customers.

**Wednesday, June 19, 2008**

**Time: 8:00 am–9:30 am**

**Title: [“Using the Power of Visualization Techniques and Technologies”](#)**

**Speaker:** Dennie Heye, Information Scientist, Shell International Exploration & Production BV (The Netherlands); Dennie is a winner of the InfoStar 2007 award and the author of the book *Characteristics of the Successful 21st Century Information Professional*, intended for professional Library and Information Services (LIS) staff and LIS students who want to be more successful in their career paths.

**Description:** Dennie will demonstrate the power of visualization techniques, such as mindmapping, to facilitate discussions, enhance problem solving, and structure presentations. He will also talk about how Shell is using visualization technology to help staff find information faster and with greater precision.

**Time: 2:00 pm–3:30 pm**

**Title: [Energy Issues: “Renewable Energy Initiatives Worldwide”](#)**

**Speakers:** TBD

**Description:** A panel of energy experts from around the world (US, Europe, Asia, Africa, others) will present their respective countries'/continents' renewable energy and green operations projects and projections.

**Thursday, June 20, 2008**

**Time:** TBD

**Cost:** TBD

**Title:** TBD [“Energy Tour”](#)

**Description:** TBD

## Book Review

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### Online databases and other internet resources for earth sciences – Pillarisetty

Venkataramana ISBN 1-84334-239-1 (Chandos Publishing, 2007)

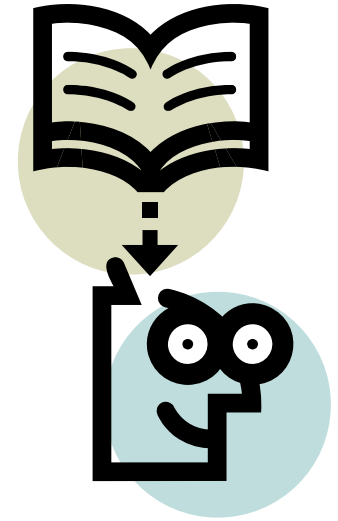
This book aims to provide an exhaustive list of links to earth science databases and other freely available information sources on the web. The author starts with an introduction to earth science information sources: bibliographic information sites, specific search engines and portal. Each entry in this introduction is listed with name, URL and a short description. For information professionals, this offers a quick overview on generally available sources, but unfortunately the lists in this introduction section are not alphabetized.

The main section of the book offers a guide to web resources categorized by earth sciences topics (geochemistry,

geophysics, marine sciences and paleontology). Each major topic is split into sub topics, making it easy to find relevant sources for a particular topic. The author has captured the name, URL, host organization and a short content description per entry. An alphabetical index of all entries is available, so it is quite easy to look up a particular source.

The author holds a PhD in geochemistry and petrology from the Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore, India). He worked as a professional geologist for 22 years in the Geological Survey of India. The book clearly shows the knowledge of the author in the topics presented.

I can recommend this book to information professionals and others who are interested in a guide to the vast amount of earth science information available on the web. The web does change quickly, but as this book was published quite recently, I am sure it will be of value for quite a while.



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*I recommend this book to information professionals ...*

## Bulletin Editor Needed

Do you have an interest in editing the 2008 DPER Bulletin? E-mail Mona Suarez at [Mona.Suarez@ey.com](mailto:Mona.Suarez@ey.com)

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## Geoscience Information Society 2007 Annual Meeting Highlights

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***DPER Participants included  
Claudette Cloutier,  
John Hunter and  
Sharon Tahirkheli.***

The Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) annual meeting is held in conjunction with the Geological Society of America (GSA) annual conference. Here are a few highlights from the recent meeting I attended from October 27- 31 2007 in Denver, Colorado.

For those of you not familiar with GSIS, the annual meetings have several components. The organization sponsors a pre-conference one day seminar "Geoscience Libraries 101", an annual business meeting, special forums, as well as paper and poster presentations at the GSA conference.

Kudos go to DPER's own **Claudette Cloutier**, who organized GSIS Topical Session T#144 - "Geoscience Information: Making The Earth Sciences Accessible For Everyone." This outstanding session included numerous contributed papers, including "Georef and Google Scholar -- Similarities and Differences" by DPER member **Sharon Tahirkheli**. Another paper of special petroleum interest was "Managing an Oil Shale Legacy Collection"

presented by Heather L. Whitehead, Arthur Lakes Library, Colorado School of Mines.

All the session abstracts are available on GSIS website: <http://www.geoinfo.org/2007mtq/2007Abstracts.html>

At the Collection Development Forum, DPER member **John Hunter** participated in a lively panel discussion on implementing e-books.

"USGS Library: Looking Forward" was a special afternoon session presented by the new U.S. Geological Survey National Library Coordinator, Richard Huffine. His dynamic discussion of program plans was excellent. Richard's outlook is ambitious and includes some exciting initiatives. It is also interesting to note that Richard is a very active member of SLA.

The 2008 GSIS conference will be held in Houston, Texas, USA October 5-9.

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## Editor's Note

You may have noticed a new look to the DPER *Bulletin*.

I'd like to extend a very special thank you to Kate Rogge and Julie Meiers of the **The Heart of America Chapter of the Special Libraries Association** for generously sharing their *Bulletin* template with me.

I couldn't have updated the DPER *Bulletin* style without you!!

-- Jan Heagy

## Calendar

### January 2008

SLA Leadership Summit  
23 - 26 January 2008  
[Louisville, KY USA](#)

### February 2008

South Atlantic Regional Conference  
The Surreal Landscape ~  
Information Professionals  
Mastering the Challenges  
of Time & Space

SARC IV  
February 27-29, 2008  
Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon  
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St. Petersburg, FL

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