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#### **NEWS FOR LIBRARIANS**

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Welcome to the 20th issue of **Librarian Insider**, our quarterly newsletter dedicated to you. If you or your colleagues would like to be notified about future issues, please e-mail **sheleen.woodey@iop.org** 

# **NEWS**





# 2010 Journal Catalogue and Pricing Bulletin available now

IOP Publishing's 2010 Journal Catalogues and Pricing Bulletins are now available online (http://ej.iop.org/ecatalogue/2010.htm).

This year we have introduced an interactive digital catalogue to help navigate around the content. Please let us know what you think of our digital catalogue by e-mail, at librarian@iop.org.

# It's time to renew your journal subscriptions

Remember to renew early to ensure seamless access to your IOP journals in 2010.

If you do not receive your invoice in the near future, please contact us at **subqueries@iop.org**. If you would like to change your subscriptions from the print plus free electronic access to the electronic-only version, please notify us at **info@ioppubusa.com** (for North, South and Central America) or **subqueries@iop.org** (for ROW).

We are pleased to announce that, with effect from 2010, both print and e-only subscriptions will include continued access to the subscribed year.



# Smart Materials and Structures – one of the most influential journals in its field



Smart Materials and Structures (SMS) has been named one of the most influential journals in the field of engineering in 2009, as recognized by ScienceWatch.com from Thomson Reuters.

Recent analysis by Essential Science Indicators highlighted SMS's significant impact, which places it among the most highly cited journals in its field. SMS's current record includes 1,719 papers cited a total of 10,240 times between January 1, 1999 and April 30, 2009, proving it to be a top publication choice for authors.

In recognition of this achievement, ScienceWatch.com has featured SMS for August 2009 and conducted an interview with the journal's publisher Natasha Leeper to provide a close-up look at the journal's success. To read the interview with Natasha in full, visit <a href="http://sciencewatch.com/inter/jou/2009/09augSmrtMatStr/">http://sciencewatch.com/inter/jou/2009/09augSmrtMatStr/</a>.

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# **EVENTS**

#### **VOEB/ODOK**

September 15-18, 2009 Graz, Austria

#### **LSC Annual Conference**

October, 2009

## **EBSCO Open Day Lisbon**

October 1, 2009 Lisbon, Portugal

#### Frankfurt Bookfair 2009

October 14-18, 2009 Frankfurt, Germany

#### **HEAL-LINK 2009**

November 5-6, 2009 Patras, Greece

## XXIX Annual Charleston

Conference

November 4-7, 2009 Charleston, SC

#### eIFL 2009

November 18-22, 2009 Alexandria, Egypt

#### **CAS Annual Conference**

November, 2009 China

#### Online 2009

December 1-3, 2009 London, UK

# **LISA VI: Focusing on 21st Century Astronomy Librarianship**

Submitted to Librarian Insider by Sally Bosken, U.S. Naval Observatory Library

Every several years a group of astronomy librarians convene an international conference called Library and Information Services in Astronomy (LISA) to share information, attend talks about astronomy library problems, and network.

The LISA VI organizers have announced that their next conference will be held February 14 - 17, 2010 in Pune, India.

A wide variety of topics will be covered, centered on the theme "21st Century Astronomy Librarianship: from New Ideas to Action". Topics will include: Future of librarianship; Web 2.0/3.0; Use, access and metrics; Preservation, archiving and the virtual observatory.

The conference Keynote Speaker will be Professor Jayant V. Narlikar, Founder and Director of the IUCAA. In addition to his scientific research, Narlikar is well known as a communicator of science through his books, articles, radio and television programs. He was honored in 1996 by UNESCO with the Kalinga Award. He received the Indira Gandhi Award of the Indian National Science Academy in 1990. India's second highest civilian honor, Padma Vibhushan, was awarded to him in 2004 for his scientific research.

Kerry Kroffe from IOP will speak on publishing in astronomy. We are honored to have Kerry as well as other prestigious speakers on our agenda.

More information about LISA VI (including registration) is available at http://libibm.iucaa.ernet.in/conf/.

The Friends of LISA Committee hopes to assist astronomy librarians in resource-poor institutions to attend this conference by collecting sufficient funds to cover their hotel and travel expenses. IOP is one of our major supporters. In the past, generous contributions from IOP and other organizations helped give scholarships to dozens of librarians. Those librarians were both grateful and enriched by the conference experience and upon their return home were able to share their newly acquired knowledge with other colleagues. Readers who would like to support librarians' attendance at LISA VI should contact the author at sally.bosken@usno.navy.mil.



# **SLA photos now on IOP Librarian Forum**

Remember to visit our Facebook page, IOP Librarian Forum (facebook.com) to view the "SLA 2009" album full of photos taken at SLA, Washington, DC, June, 2009. Have you spotted yourself yet?

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**





# Free high interest papers from Turpion journals

IOP Publishing is delighted to announce free online access to recent papers of high interest published by Turpion. Featured articles from Sbornik: Mathematics

(http://www.iop.org/EJ/abstract/1064-5616/200/4/A07) and Russian Chemical reviews (http://www.iop.org/EJ/abstract/0036-021X/78/4/R01) are now free to read.

Featured articles from other journals will follow soon. For more information contact **anastasia.ireland@iop.org**.

# **Promote your library on our homepage**



Would you like to take part in our exciting "Librarian 60 Seconds" feature and tell us about yourself and your institution, and what you are doing to support the science community?

By taking part in this feature, you will have front page coverage on our Electronic Journals homepage to promote your library and faculty services.

We can also add links to help promote future events, features or openings that are taking place at your institute.

All you need to do is answer the following questions and send your answers, along with your photo, to **anna.coombs@iop.org** and we will send you a tailored goody pack of materials for your library.

- 1) If you weren't a librarian, what would you be?
- 2) What is the last book you read? And what book would you recommend reading?
- 3) Name one place that you would like to go back to?
- 4) If you could pick one celebrity to portray your life story in a movie, who would it be, and why?
- 5) How do you like to relax after work?
- 6) Is your institution available on Facebook or Twitter?
- 7) Can you highlight three qualities of your institution?

You can visit http://journals.iop.org/sixty/prev to see who has taken part previously.

Please contact **anna.coombs@iop.org** if you wish to take part.

# IOP Publishing and CLOCKSS - preserving digital content for the future



IOP Publishing is one of a number of scholarly publishers who have joined forces with top research libraries to build a community-governed global dark archive called CLOCKSS

(Controlled Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe). This collaboration has focused on creating a cooperative organization, with publishers and libraries managing the archive together.

CLOCKSS and other dark archive services are designed to offer access to electronic journals after a trigger event such as:

- A publisher ceases operation
- A journal ceases publication and is no longer accessible online.

Within the past year, CLOCKSS experienced three trigger events and responded by releasing the triggered content, making it free to all.

Libraries around the world are invited to join CLOCKSS and help shape the future of digital preservation policies and practices. For more information, please visit http://www.clockss.org.

# **MARKETING YOUR LIBRARY**

# **Librarian 60 Seconds Feature**

Sally Bosken, Librarian, U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO), USA



#### If you weren't a librarian, what would you be?

A Broadway singing star - no, I was always going to be a librarian, just like my mother was. As a little girl, I would play 'library' with my dolls; I would hang out in the school library; I also volunteered in the public library. I am a librarian and there is nothing else I would rather be.

## What is the last book you read?

My book club voted to read Proust's *Remembrance of Things Past* over the summer. We always read a classic because we have so much time to read it. Furthermore, when the summer started I visited the SLA conference and read Neil deGrasse Tyson's *Death by Blackhole*. Following this, I went to ALA and read Pat Conroy's *South of Broad*. I also read *Before the Big Bang* by Brian Clegg. Book club is soon, so I had better get back to Proust as I have around 500 pages to read.

#### What book would you recommend reading?

I would recommend *The Sleepwalkers* by Arthur Koestler. He gives a poetic telling of the history of cosmological thought. The old astronomers come to life. A great read!

#### Name one place that you would like to go back to?

Childhood. Sitting at the end of the dock on the lake in Michigan with my grandmother, watching the Perseid meteor shower. It opened up a new world and the sky to me.

## How do you like to relax after work?

Working on my new passion which involves volunteering with other astronomy librarians on a conference in Pune, India. The event is due to take place February 14, 2010 and is called 'Library and Information Services in Astronomy (LISA)'. This will be the 6th gathering of this group. I am seeking donations for scholarships for librarians who would otherwise not be able to attend. It has been a great experience as I have heard from generous librarians all over the world. Here is the website to learn more about LISA VI <a href="https://www.libibm.iucaa.ernet">www.libibm.iucaa.ernet</a>. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact me directly at <a href="mailto:boskenjj@yahoo.com">boskenjj@yahoo.com</a>. Every dollar counts!

#### Can you highlight three qualities of your institution?

- 1. We have everything. In the 166 year history of the USNO library we have collected all astronomy works and have not thrown a single thing away. We are the largest astronomy library in the United States. Thank heavens we have had people working here who didn't know how to weed!
- 2. The historical knowledge of our collection lingers on. My co-worker, Gregory Shelton knows every book in the collection and remembers where it is. My predecessor, Brenda Corbin and I enjoy talking and love to meet for lunch. I have my own personal mentor who is the authority on astronomical librarianship. How lucky am I? Also, it is wonderful for the Navy to benefit from librarians and a free library.
- 3. It is a beautiful place to work. The American architect Richard M. Hunt designed our building and the library. He worked for the Vanderbilt family and designed the Breakers in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as the Biltmore in Ashville, North Carolina. We have a rotunda with a fountain in the middle. Vice President Joe Biden is our neighbor and comes by to use the library as a backdrop for his early morning news appearances. He says, "It is a great, great library." I agree!

To find out more about the U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO), please visit the website **www.usno.navy.mil/USNO**. For further information on the LISA VI conference please refer to page 2 of this newsletter.

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