

ARL ACTIVITIES

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ARL AND CARL MEMBERSHIPS CONVENE IN OTTAWA

One hundred and ten ARL member representatives attended the 148th Membership Meeting of ARL, May 17–19, in Ottawa. The meeting was held in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL). ARL President Brian E. C. Schottlaender (California, San Diego) and CARL President John Teskey (New Brunswick) introduced the program on the “International Dimension of Digital Science and Scholarship.” Meeting participants were also hosted for a reception and tours by the Library and Archives Canada in the Gatineau Preservation Centre and by the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, in association with the Library of Parliament, in the Canadian Parliament. Papers and slides from the well-received speakers are posted on the ARL Web site <http://www.arl.org/arl/proceedings/148/>.



The Presidents and Executive Directors of ARL and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) gather during the 148th ARL Membership Meeting. Left to right: Tim Mark, Executive Director, CARL; Brian E. C. Schottlaender, University of California, San Diego, and ARL President; John Teskey, University of New Brunswick and CARL President; and Duane Webster, Executive Director, ARL.

Introductions & Salutes of ARL Directors

At this meeting colleagues introduced the newest ARL member library representatives: Silvie Delorme (Laval), Vickie Williamson (Saskatchewan), and Ian Wilson (Library and Archives Canada). In addition, the following directors were saluted by colleagues as this was their last meeting as a ARL member library representative: Camila Alire (New Mexico), Lynn O’Leary-Archer (Southern California), David Bishop (Northwestern), Stella Bentley (Kansas), Claude Bonnelly (Laval), Althea Jenkins (Florida State), and Linda Mathews (Emory).

The Politics of Research Library Leadership Addressed by Research Library Leadership Fellows

Librarians who participated in the ARL Research Library Leadership Fellows program drew on their recent experience to lead lively discussion sessions on the “Politics of Research Library Leadership: Mission, Identity, Constituency.” The fellows led discussions on the following four topics: Creating Value: Society, University, Library; Inside Out: Measuring Success for the Research Library; The International Imperative; and Restrategizing the Provision of Bibliographic Services. Background

papers for each of the sessions appear on the ARL Web site as part of the meeting proceedings.

RLG & OCLC Discuss Their Coming Together

A report on the highlights of the Membership Meeting would not be complete without thanks to the leadership of RLG and OCLC for agreeing to participate in a briefing on the plans for the coming together of those two important organizations. Jim Neal (Columbia) and Jim Michalko (RLG) and Betsy Wilson (Washington) and Jay Jordon (OCLC) described the goals of the respective Boards, the timelines for next steps, and responded to questions from the assembled community.

October 2006 Membership Meeting & Forum

Mark your calendars for the next ARL Membership Meeting to be held in Washington, DC, October 17–19, 2006. The meeting will be followed by an optional one-day forum on Friday, October 20, on the theme “Responses to The Privatization of Scholarship: Policy Issues and Practical

Strategies.” Save the dates and watch for more information on plans for both events.

ARL RECRUITS FOR TWO KEY POSITIONS

ARL is recruiting to fill two key positions. The first is a new senior-level position—Program Director for Research, Teaching, and Learning. A key element of ARL’s new strategic plan is a commitment to promote and facilitate new and expanding roles for ARL member libraries to engage in the changes affecting research, teaching, and learning. This is a stellar opportunity for a talented and creative person who brings relevant experience and a commitment to collaborative leadership. A position description is on the ARL Web site at <http://www.arl.org/rtl/positiondir.html>.

The second recruitment is to fill the position of Program Officer for Information Technology Services. This position creates, manages, and expands the Information Technology Support (ITS) capability and supports the computing needs of the Association. A position description is on the ARL Web site at <http://www.arl.org/arl/ITposition.html>.