

been concerned with the improvement of academic research library services in less developed countries. During the period 1986-1991 the specific concentration of the University Libraries Section will be on:

1. the evaluation of the effects of financial and other resource constraints on university library services;

2. the development of standards criteria for academic libraries with special reference to developing countries;

3. a study of the treatment and use of official publications in academic libraries;

4. the identification and evaluation of relevant models for the collection of university library statistics as indicators of performance;

5. the study of managerial problems associated with the continuing acquisition and availability of research materials in the context of networks, and cooperation at the local, regional and national and/or subject level;

6. the study and evaluation of the relationship between resource sharing and local collection building;

7. the study of the relationship between preservation methods and collection development;

8. the examination of preservation programs (including the contribution of new technology) and their influence on methods of resource sharing.

While the depth of work on any one project depends on a complex international cooperation, sometimes progress is speeded by one or the other members preparing a draft document which can be amended and approved at an annual IFLA meeting as the Section's position. An example of such a

draft would be "Standards for University Libraries," prepared by a Working Group led by Dr. Beverly Lynch and stressing local, analytic statements on a university library's purposes, administration, services, collections, staffing, financing, etc. If the Section's studies and positions are endorsed, they can be useful not only to a particular library, but also in efforts to move national and international bodies towards greater awareness of research library needs and purposes.

Much of the day-to-day section work falls on the shoulders of its chair, Anthony J. Loveday (SCONUL, London), and secretary, G. Gattermann (University Library, Düsseldorf). There is also a Standing Committee for the Section: from the United States, Richard Dougherty (University of Michigan), Shirley Echelman (ARL), Beverly Lynch (University of Illinois at Chicago), Peter Spyers-Duran (Wayne State), Robert Maloy (Smithsonian), and Joseph Nitecki (SUNY-Albany).

The 51st IFLA Council and General Conference will be held at Chicago's Palmer House on August 18-24, 1985. Its theme will be "Libraries and the Universal Availability of Information." Invited speakers at the plenary sessions include Daniel J. Boorstin, U.S. Librarian of Congress; Octavio Paz, Mexican diplomat and writer; V.S. Lesokhina, U.S.S.R. Ministry of Culture; and P.B. Mangla, the University of Delhi. Simultaneous translation services will be available in English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish.

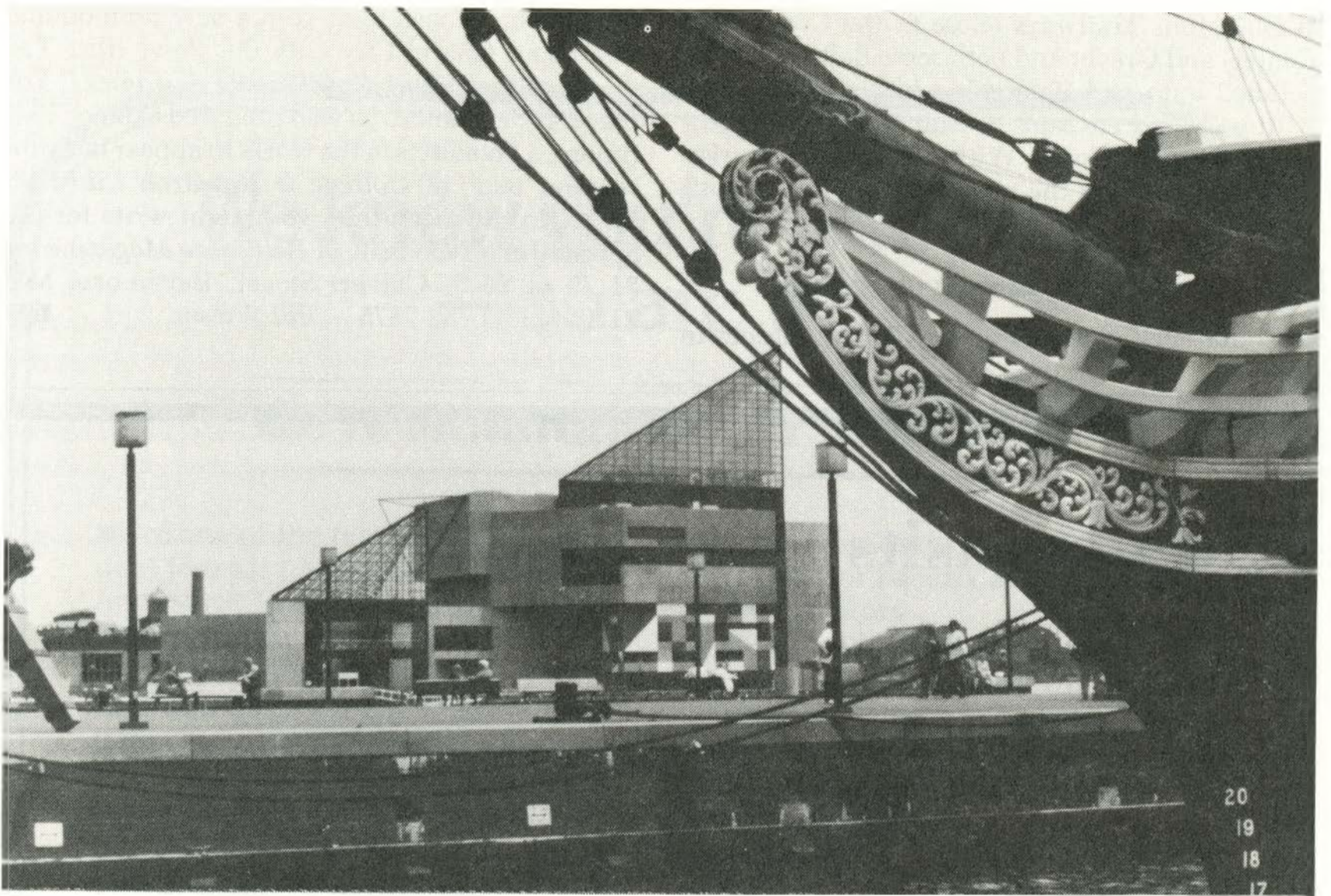
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Baltimore '86

A progress report on ACRL's 1986 National Conference.

The program for the Fourth ACRL National Conference, "Energies for Transition," is taking shape. Librarians in and around Charm City are

setting the stage to welcome you to Baltimore April 9-12, 1986. Theme speakers will stimulate your thinking. They will include representatives from



The prow of the U.S.S. Constellation, with the National Aquarium in the background, in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

the academic community, the publishing world, and the private sector explaining the difficulties we face in coping with and managing change.

Contributed papers

Three types of contributed papers will be featured: research reports (descriptions of studies utilizing rigorous research methodology), position papers (identification of problems and proposed solutions) and idea briefs (new concepts and programmatic concerns to stimulate discussion). Completed manuscripts were due to Danuta A. Nitecki, contributed papers chairperson, by July 8. It is hoped that these authors will explore such issues as new information technologies, networking, special services, automation, changing management techniques, bibliographic instruction, collection development, funding, and bibliographic control.

Exhibits featured

Participants will be able to visit over 200 exhibits of publishers, audio-visual producers, new information technologies, equipment and materials suppliers, wholesalers and jobbers, networks and consortia—among the largest group of library/information exhibitors in the nation. *New Products Seminars* will feature discussion by exhibitors of new products introduced within the last year.

All ACRL members will automatically receive a packet of the Conference program, hotel information, and registration materials shortly after De-

ember 1. Others who would like to attend the Conference or prospective exhibitors who have not received an invitation to rent exhibit space please write or call: Energies for Transition, ACRL/ALA, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611; (312) 944-6780.

How to get to Baltimore

Ideally situated on the mid-Atlantic coast, Baltimore is 35 miles from Washington, 100 miles from Philadelphia, and 185 miles from New York City. The newly expanded Baltimore-Washington International Airport is located 10 miles from center city. About 20 airlines provide direct daily service from 135 cities in the United States and Canada. Taxis and buses provide easy access to downtown. Baltimore's recently refurbished Pennsylvania Station is located a five-minute taxi ride from center-city hotels. Amtrak service provides rapid transportation along the entire Northeast corridor, including Montreal, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington and points South, with indirect routes from Chicago, New Orleans, and the West Coast.

Highway access

Baltimore is conveniently linked by the Interstate system in four directions from the Beltway (I-695) that surrounds the city: I-70 to Frederick and the West, I-83 to Harrisburg and the North, and I-95 Northeast to New Jersey and Southwest to

Washington. Trailways (close to the Convention Center) and Greyhound both serve Baltimore. For detailed auto and sightseeing information about Baltimore and environs consult the ten-page section in the *AAA Guide*. Within Baltimore, tourists are well served by the new Metro, public transit buses, and taxis.

“Baltimore...shining on the sea”

Conference planners and ACRL attendees in

Chicago have been treated to a new promotional film about Charm City with the above title. The theme of that film is “participate and relax.” For readers who want to be well prepared to enjoy Baltimore, a booklist is in the works to appear in a subsequent issue of *College & Research Libraries News*. In the meantime, you might write for the Special June 1985 issue of *Baltimore Magazine* for \$1.75 at 26 S. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; (301) 752-7375.—*Bill Wilson*. ■■

Chapter visits

The ACRL Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director report on Chapter meetings in Florida, New England, and Wisconsin.

Florida. The Orlando Hyatt was the setting for the Florida Library Association Annual Conference on May 30. ACRL's Florida Chapter convened jointly with its parent group, featuring a program on networking, a reception and presentation from ACRL Headquarters, and business meetings.

The morning program featured three speakers and an audience of 200! JoAn Segal addressed networking at the national level and presented material on the history and development of networks and a variety of trends. Dale Canelas's paper on the Research Libraries Group described the history and activities of this networking activity, now being introduced in Florida. Marlene Heroux, of the SOLINET staff, described the services of that network—both those derived from OCLC and those originating at SOLINET. Peter Malanchuk served as moderator.

The elegant reception in the afternoon was sponsored by Ebsco Subscription Services. Chapter members and guests heard Segal talk about ACRL, its activities, staff, physical accommodations, plans, and hopes. In addition to the formal interac-

tion, there were the hoped-for opportunities to share a moment during dinner, over a drink, or beside the pool.

Plans for future activities dominated the business meetings. With many good ideas, lots of energy, and very good leadership, the Florida ACRL Chapter is in excellent shape!—*JoAn Segal*.

New England. The New England Chapter convened at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, on April 30–May 1 to consider “Politics and the Workplace.”

The theme of politics was traced in relation to the nation at large, the higher education community, the campus, and the library. ACRL Executive Director JoAn Segal brought greetings to the chapter as the sessions began on Tuesday afternoon. Featured speakers on Thursday afternoon were: Martin Nolan, editor of the *Boston Globe* editorial page, who highlighted the national political scene; Mortimer Appley, past president of Clark University, who took faculty members to task for their failure to appreciate the administrator's point of view of academic politics; and Hugh Atkinson, who presented some interesting ideas about the li-