

The time to lead

ACRL seeks nominees for office

Would you like to seek office in an ACRL section? Would you like to nominate anyone else for one of these positions? If the answer is yes, here is what you need to do.

ACRL section officers

Candidates for vice-chair/chair-elect of ACRL sections are selected by the Nominating Committee of each section. If you would like to nominate someone or be nominated for vice-chair of an ACRL section, contact the chair of the Nominating Committee for the appropriate section prior to the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Other section officers, including secretary and member-at-large, may also be under consideration for this term of office, which will begin in the summer of 1999.

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Apply for ACRL preconferences

Learn more about advocacy, instruction, or special collections by attending one of ACRL's three preconferences at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Details about the following preconferences may be found on the ACRL Web page at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/annconf.html> and in the March 1999 *C&RL News*:

- "Advocacy training for academic librarians: From ivory towers to halls of power," June 24-25, 1998.
- "Learning to Teach: Workshops on Instruction" sponsored by ACRL's Instruction Section, June 26, 1998.
- "Getting Ready for the Nineteenth Century: Strategies and Solutions for Rare Book and Special Collections Librarians," sponsored by ACRL's Rare Books & Manuscripts Section, June 23-26, 1998.

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the form of "Learning Development Reports," which are completed at the end of the students' final year. In this report, students come to a full realization that ". . . the ability to reflect upon one's own development is seen as a desirable quality in modern professionals."

Clive Cochrane, a lecturer at Queens University of Belfast in Northern Ireland, presented "Information Professionals and the Learning Society," in which he characterized and described the Learning Society in terms of economies in rural markets and the impact of this on society, the educational training and business sector recognition of the significance of learning, and the role of library and informational professionals and learning in the Learning Society. Cochrane managed very well a discussion of the overall transition from ". . . a society where education is important to a society where learning permeates life."

One of the last presentations made during the symposium was by lecturer Pieter Penning of the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Penning spoke about future roles of information professionals with specific reference to the role of the information intermediary in South Africa. In his remarks, he assessed Africa's access to and resulting participation in the information society. He offered the fundamental hypothesis that current initiatives to stimulate Africa's participation in the Information Society focus primarily on access to information through technological infrastructures and do not take the accessibility of that information content into account. He argued that "the accessibility of information content is the pivotal point that will ensure or negate success of current and future development initiatives in Africa."

BOBCATSSS '99

BOBCATSSS '98 was a very well organized symposium, and credit for this must be given to the BOBCATSSS team. Plans are already well underway for BOBCATSSS '99, which will take place in Bratislava on the Danube River in Slovakia. It is being organized as a project of students from the Fachhochschule Darmstadt and the Hochschule fuer Bibliotheks- und Informationswesen Stuttgart. Further information can be obtained at <http://www.fh-darmstadt.de/BOBCATSSS/conf99.htm>. ■