

Yale to investigate migration of data files

Yale University is planning a pilot project to preserve selected machine-readable numeric data, together with the paper documentation necessary for use of the files. The project is designed to investigate migration of numeric information from computer tape to a system-independent format, to digitize deteriorating paper documentation, to restructure the resulting digital files, and to create metadata. The test files will be selected from the University Library's Social Science Data Archive, which was begun in 1972. The files have been copied digitally in the past, as compatibility with mainframe computer technology required, but will need considerable restructuring before they can be used in a distributed computing systems environment. Yale plans to produce a project report describing the model developed, which should help other institutions undertaking similar projects.

The Commission on Preservation and Access has provided financial support for this investigation.

ARL publishes preservation statistics

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has published *ARL Preservation Statistics, 1994-95*, a 76-page report containing data about staffing, expenditures, and conservation, preservation and microfilming activities at 115 ARL-member libraries. It has three major sections: summary data tables, analysis of core data for all reporting libraries, and analysis based on size of collections.

Among the facts that emerge are: 1) the reporting libraries spent a total of \$79,164,226 on preservation, 13% of which was provided by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and 2) preservation microfilming production increased by nearly 50,000 volumes over the previous year, for an annual total of 173,646 volumes.

The report is available for \$65 to nonmembers, or \$35 to members, from ARL Publications, Department #0692, Washington, DC 20073-0692; phone: (202) 296-2296; fax: (202)



872-0884. Prepayment is required for nonmembers. For more information contact: Martha Kyrillidou (martha@cni.org) or Jutta Reed-Scott (jutta@cni.org).

CCI mounts new homepage

The Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI), which is a Special Operating Agency of the Department of Canadian Heritage, has announced creation of a

homepage. As of this writing, it includes information about publications, products, services, internships, coming events, selected conservation treatments, and research projects. CCI has long been noted for its excellent and reasonably priced publications. Full text of the CCI newsletter and the latest annual report is mounted, along with ordering information for CCI notes, the technical bulletins, and special publications. The URL is <http://www.pch.gc.ca/cci-icc>.

SOLINET mounts new homepage

Preservation Services of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) has also created a homepage. It includes descriptions of their services (audiovisual loan, microfilming, and information/referral), workshop information, a reference question of the month, a list of publications for sale, and the full text of free leaflets and bibliographies. The "What's New" page has a section for news from members, where short articles about preservation may be posted.

The URL is <http://www.solinet.net/presvtn/preshome.htm>. If you are a SOLINET member and would like to contribute an article, you may contact Sharla Richards or Christine Wiseman at SOLINET, 1438 W. Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955; phone: (800) 999-8558; e-mail: sharla_richards@solinet.net or christine_wiseman@solinet.net. ■

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