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*College Libraries Committee
Commission on Preservation and Access*

Commission on Preservation and Access Receives Hewlett Grant

The Commission on Preservation and Access announced receipt of a three-year, \$450,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The grant will support a number of the commission's national and international preservation/access programs.

Cons DistList membership continues to grow

Walter Henry's online forum for preservation/conservation practitioners, Cons DistList, now has approximately 300 members and would welcome more. Membership is free, but does require access to the Internet or Bitnet. Members receive a copy of the Cons DistList approximately once a week, the opportunity to participate in the discussion, a copy of the membership directory, and access to the FileList, a collection of text files on preservation/conservation-related topics. If you would like to join, send an e-mail request for the membership directory questionnaire to whenry@lindy.stanford.edu (on the Internet) or xb.k98@stanford.edu (on Bitnet). You can also reach Walter at (415) 725-1140 (on the NetofLastResort).

ICI announces winners of conservation awards

Information Conservation, Inc., has announced the winners of its "Prize for a Plan" competition. The competition awarded ICI's conservation services to institutions as well as cash prizes to the individuals who authored the proposals. The Uni-

versity of Oregon (UO) won first prize—\$3,000 worth of ICI's conservation services—and Normandy Homer, author of UO's proposal, won \$200 in cash. The University of Florida, Gainesville, (author John Freund), the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, (author Elizabeth Kwater), and the Jefferson County Public Library, Lakewood, Colorado, (author Karen Jones) received honorable mentions of \$1,500 in ICI services to the institutions and \$100 in cash to the authors.

ICI, intending to augment scarce preservation resources, originally designed a single prize competition in which libraries could submit short proposals describing how they would use \$3,000 worth of conservation services. The 70 responses it received from 40 states and every type of library convinced it to increase the number of prizes and more than double the amount awarded.

Sharlane Grant, preservation officer of the Arizona State Library; Eleanor Stewart, conservation officer for Stanford University; and Don Etherington, vice president of ICI, evaluated the proposals. All entries were judged on the basis of the stated rationale for choosing the materials to be treated and the suitability of the proposed treatment for their future use. The evaluation process was described as very difficult because so many of the proposals were exceptionally good.

ICI management was pleased with the response to the competition and plans to offer it again next fall.

Items for this column are welcomed and can be submitted via: Internet JHEDBERG@LUCY.WELLESLEY.EDU; fax: (617) 239-1139; phone: (617) 235-0320, x2103; or write: Jane Hedberg, Wellesley College Library, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02181-8275. ■ ■

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