

ACRL's 12th National Conference, held April 7–10 in Minneapolis, was a resounding success. With a record-breaking total attendance of nearly 4,000 people and more than 300 sessions to choose from, not to mention a vibrant show floor, how could it have been anything else? In addition, the first-ever virtual conference, which allowed participation through live Webcasts, discussion boards, and access to conference materials, offered a new way for face-to-face and virtual conference goers alike to experience a National Conference. A wrap-up of events appears in the article on page 439; reports of individual conference sessions are available in the online version of the magazine.

Also included in this month's issue are articles focusing on instruction and assessment. "The MAPIT and GETIT approach to introductory instruction sessions" presents a method for covering the basics described in

the "Information literacy standards for higher education" when limited to a 50-minute instruction session. "Asking better questions," discusses ways in which librarians can use easy-to-access library statistics as a means of assessing their effectiveness and informing ongoing work.

Job of Lifetime highlights the work of the ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy's copyright specialist, Carrie Russell.

The final version of "Guidelines for borrowing and lending special collections materials for exhibition," approved by the ACRL Board at its Midwinter Meeting, are published in this issue, as well. This update replaced the original 1990 document.

Congratulations to Pamela Snelson, ACRL's newly elected vice president/president elect. Information about Snelson and complete election results are on page 474.

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