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Just back from the Fiesole Retreat in Lund, Sweden where I saw many great people. The vivacious Martha Whittaker was one of them. As we all know, Martha is now Director of Marketing for Serials Solutions. She says she is going to be able to live out her life-long fantasy of living downtown in a big city (Seattle, WA).

And guess who else is working for Serials Solutions? The young and vibrant Anne Lenzini, Becky Lenzini's younger daughter! Just graduated from University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Hoo hah!

And, speaking of U. of Puget Sound, I remember when the astute Desmond Taylor, Library Director, was one of ATC's first subscribers! Hoo hah again!

Well, the traveling Charles Lowry <clwry@umd.edu> could not be in Charleston this year. Why? At the advanced age of 30 and precisely at the time of the Conference, Charles' wife's nephew has decided to get married. Oh well ... Next year?

Have been talking to Susan Peterson, the newly appointed CEO of Blackwell Book Services, <susan.peterson@blackwell.com> and, boy, is she a pistol! We are looking forward to an upcoming interview in the next few weeks.

And we forgot to tell you that Gary Raatenstrach, once of Blackwell's Book Services, has surfaced at AMS in San Diego, California. I heard he is now the CEO of AMS, Advanced Marketing Services. www.admvmt.com

Speaking of interviews. We have several in the pipeline and ready to run. Coming soon are interviews with Lorcan Dempsey (OCLC), Zoitam Papp (Academia Kiado), Susan Peterson (Blackwell Book Services) (we told you about her above), Chris Warhock (earby), Hazel Woodward (Cranfield University) and several others.

And speaking of Blackwell Book Services, had a delightful time talking to the informed Jay Henery <jhenery@blackwell.com> about the virtual approval plan and eNotes (New Titles Email Announcement Service). And followed up with the perfect John Laraway <john.laraway@blackwell.com> who helped the competent Shirley Jeffries, our order Librarian, understand the process.

Another bit of good news. Jill Emery is now Head Librarian, Serials and Electronic Resources at the University of Texas Libraries at Austin. And I was just reading the intriguing “guru interview” with Jill by Arnaud Pelle in Emerald Insight. www.emeraldinsight.com/info/librarians/Management_Resources/nan_gurney.jsp

Speaking of the Fiesole Retreat in Lund, just got a notice from the inimitable Chris Beckett <chris@scholinfo.com> that the rather large (and funny!) PowerPoint file of his presentation in Lund is available at www.scholinfo.com/presentations/2006/8/10/the-new-world-order-in-collection-development-next-the-commercial-perspective.html

And speaking of the papers from the Fiesole Retreat, visit the Casalini Website at http://digital.casalini.it/retrieval/. Plans for future Retreats are in the works. Looks like the 2008 Retreat will be in Hong Kong. The dates are not yet set but we hope to announce them in Charleston in November. The 2009 Fiesole Retreat will be in Fiesole, Italy itself, near the palatial Casalini headquarters. digital.casalini.it/retrieval/

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