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I sort of know what it must be like to be a sales rep I have been doing so much travel lately! And my favorite trip was to Dallas where I met my new granddaughter (Georgia Helen, named for my mother) and was reunited with my son (Raymond who is a Major in the Army) and who was allowed to come home from Iraq for two weeks to meet his new daughter. What a joy! Stayed with the in-laws and saw a friendlier side of Dallas which up until now had just been a sometimes-frustrating airport-changing experience. Georgia Helen (pictured here with her father) is gorgeous and very active and gurgling up a storm. Son is happy and looks great. Lindsay, wife, is holding up well and brother, Trifon, is very attentive and gentle with his new sister. Can you believe that he is already two and a half years old?

Still, back at ATG headquarters, we were working away to get the June issue out for ALA Annual in Washington. What a great issue! Guest edited by the incomparable Ann Okerson, this issue is on the Continuing Saga of the Google Book Settlement. There are articles from many perspectives by Ivy Anderson, James O’Donnell, Jonathan Band and Tricia Donovan (actually a chart), Pamela Samuelson, Paul Whitney, and Stuart Hamilton. The Op Ed is by Fred Kameny and is about documenting sources in the electronic environment. We have three special reports this time and our interviews are with Rich Rosy, Michael Cairns, and Helmut Schwarzer. Biz of Acq is about Byte 181 (technology, of course), From the University Presses revisits Open Access, 590 Local Notes is about Sustainable Libraries. Plus there is much more!

Well, gotta go! Seems that there is a big sale at the Citadel Bookstore and there are all sorts of knock-knacks that I can buy 75% off for the grandkids! Here I go! Happy spring and Happy ALA and see y’all next time!  

With much love, Yr. Ed. 🌻

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: Against the Grain, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the ATG Homepage at http://www.against-the-grain.com.

Dear Editor:

I have the Special ERM issue (ATG v.22#2, April 2010) on my desk — it’s beautiful! However, I do have one question for you:

Elizabeth Lorbeer is not mentioned as the co-guest editor in the TOC on page 4. If you post any articles from the ERM section online, can you be sure to include her name as co-guest editor? I did mention her in the introduction to the issue article, as she did serve as the co-guest editor and library expert.

Thanks, Heather Klusendorf  
(Media Relations Coordinator, EBSCO Corporate Communications) <hlkusendorf@ebsco.com>

Dear Heather. Our sincere apologies to you and Liz for this oversight. We did not purposely leave out Liz’s name. We have corrected the error in the online version of the TOC and are printing notice of our error here in this issue. Please forgive us! — Yr. Ed. 🌻

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Rumors from page 1

a-trick Don Hawkins, information technology and database consultant at Information Today and his lovely wife Pat attended the 2009 Conference. Check it out!

The OCLC Global Council elected a new member to the OCLC Board of Trustees and new leaders for next year during its first ever meeting April 19–22 in Dublin, Ohio. Delegates representing libraries from 17 countries heard presentations and participated in discussions about the focus and shared values of the OCLC cooperative. Global Council elected Brian E. C. Schottlaender, The Audrey Geisel University Librarian, University of California, San Diego Libraries, to the OCLC Board of Trustees. Mr. Schottlaender will be seated on the Board in November. He has been University Librarian at UC San Diego since September 1999. Prior to joining UCSD, his 20-plus year career in libraries has included positions at the California Digital Library; UCLA; the University of Arizona; Indiana University; and Firma Harrassowitz in Wiesbaden, Germany. And guess what? Brian is one of our keynote speakers at the 2010 Charleston Conference! www.oclc.org/

More news about elections the OCLC Board of Trustees. James G. Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University, has been elected to the OCLC Board of Trustees. A librarian for more than 35 years, Mr. Neal served as the Dean of University Libraries at Indiana University and Johns Hopkins University, and held administrative positions in the libraries at Penn State, Notre Dame, and the City University of New York before his appointment at Columbia. Mr. Neal was elected to a four-year term by the OCLC Board of Trustees on April 19. The OCLC Board of Trustees is made up of 13 to 17 members elected by OCLC Global Council and by the Board itself. With the election of Mr. Neal, 10 of the 16 trustees currently serving on the Board are librarians. www.oclc.org

Don’t want to leave a key member of the OCLC Board of Trustees off here. The wonderfully awesome Tony Ferguson! As always, Tony has his Back Talk in this issue! It’s about the hot topic of cloud computing, p. 86.

Just learned that the awesome Alicia Wise, CEO of the Publishers Licensing Society which is co-owned by ALPSP and the Periodical Publishers Association will be leaving after five years. Her part-time secondment (that’s British for temporary transfer) to The Publishers Association as its Head of Digital Publishing will also come to an end at that time. Alicia is joining Elsevier in June to take the newly-created post of Director of Universal Access. Nick Fowler, Director of Strategy at Elsevier, noted: “Elsevier is committed to achieving the goal of sustainable universal access to published journal articles and to other content that is vital for our many stakeholders to achieve their desired outcomes. Given Alicia’s background, her enthusiasm continued on page 12

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