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CALL FOR PAPERS CALL FOR WORKSHOPS CALL FOR DISCUSSION GROUP LEADERS

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an organization committed to serving the interests of all members of the serials information chain, will hold its sixth annual conference from June 14-17, 1991, at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas. NASIG's annual conference provides a forum in which serials librarians, publishers, vendors, educators, binders, systems developers, and other specialists exchange views, present new ideas, and discuss matters of current interest. The proceedings are published and distributed to a wide audience.

This is a call for PAPERS treating any aspect of serials activities such as administration, acquisitions, cataloging, automation, binding, budgeting, union listing, publishing, and future developments. Topics addressing interrelationships between the various NASIG constituencies are of special interest, as are presentations on new developments and new paradigms for the dissemination and control of the serials literature.

This is also a call for abstracts from individuals interested in leading a WORKSHOP at the conference. Workshops are sessions designed to develop ideas and techniques for managing any aspect of serials work. Related to workshops, NASIG is also calling for DISCUSSION GROUP topics and leaders to stimulate lively exchanges, particularly about links between librarians, publishers, and vendors.

Submission from all members of NASIG and the serials community are welcome. Topics and speaker suggestions from the information community at large are also welcome. Titles and abstracts, to a maximum of 100 words, must be submitted by October 1st to:

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experienced in dealing with the outside world; vendor relations, especially in the form of contract negotiations, will take on added significance.

The Concurrent Sessions

The welter of concurrent sessions could easily have overwhelmed attendees' ability to absorb information, not to mention their patience. About 30 papers were presented altogether, anywhere from two to four papers at each of the morning and afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday sessions on the separate topics of acquisitions, budgets, and collections. Fragmentation could have occurred easily, but didn't thanks largely to a relatively high degree of overlap.

It was good overlap! Attendees reported being pleased that the separate sessions addressed many of the same issues from varying perspectives. They indicated it was possible to get a feel for the issues being addressed, without having to attend every session. Also, there were many fresh perspectives from relative newcomers.

Organizational, workflow and conceptual issues tended to dominate the papers, providing a very refreshing and insightful dose of practicality. Some examples of these "how to" papers included:

— "How to" create separate collection development and acquisitions units out of a single order department.

— "How to" make dual role reference/collection management librarians happier and more productive.