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2009 Theme — There's a Whole Lot of Changin' Goin' On!

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 — Preconferences and Vendor Showcase
Thursday-Saturday, November 5-7, 2009 — Main Conference
Francis Marion Hotel & Embassy Suites Historic District, Charleston, SC

If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating a lively lunch, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The **Charleston Conference** prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us. We'll probably love it...

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Rumors

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to you last year in connection with **materials budgets funding formulas**. And, guess what, **Matthew** has sent us some very useful and enlightening information about the **American University in Cairo** which was founded by Americans overseas to offer an American style of English language education. See this issue, p.81.

For those sports nuts who followed the NCAA basketball final four, I have to tell you that as an old-timer Tarheel, I am excited that **UNC-CH** won the tournament. I remember the **Dean Smith** days fondly (when we used to wrap all the trees in toilet paper and I even have a **Dean Smith** autograph somewhere). But I was also happy to see that **Michigan State** did so well! Noticed this article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "The **University of Michigan Press** is being restructured as an academic unit under the aegis of **Paul N. Courant**, the university's dean of libraries." **Philip Pochoda**, the press's director, is encouraged by the news because it "relieves the press of pressure to be financially self-sustaining." See "University of Michigan Press Reorganizes as a unit of the library," by **Jennifer Howard**, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 27, 2009.

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www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6647076.html

And more about the **University of Michigan Press** which will take its print book operation and shift it largely to digital. In two years, the press is expected to produce 50 of its nearly 60 book titles in digital format. "Digital publishing helps the **U-M Press** to adopt a business model more consistent with the university research goal to disseminate information as widely and freely as possible," says **Provost Teresa Sullivan**. "In addition, the change aligns with the university's ongoing effort to digitize its library collection, enhances **U-M Press's** print on demand capacity, and increases the range and means of expression of published ideas and authors." A new **U-M press** board will be created by July 1. See — "U-M redefining scholarly publications in the digital age," by **Frank Provenzano**, March 16, 2009, www.ur.umich.edu/0809/Mar16_09/35.php. Also — "Farewell to the printed monograph," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 23, 2009. www.chronicle.com/

I am sure that we have all seen the **International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) Statement on the Global Economic Crisis and its Impact on Consortial Licenses** (January 19, 2009). This statement is adopted

in principle by member representatives of consortia of **ICOLC**. Updated to adopters of the statement are poster periodically at:

www.library.yale.edu/consortia

www.library.yale.edu/consortia/icolc-econcrisis-0109.htm

Speaking of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the budget crisis, I was interested to see that at the recent **ACRL conference**, libraries urged publishers to keep their prices relatively stable given the current economy. See — "Publishers face pressure from libraries to freeze prices and cut deals," by **Jennifer Howard**, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 27, 2009.

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The **H.W. Wilson Company** has appointed the supremely capable **John Regazzi** to the newly created position of **Chief Strategy Officer**, reporting to **H.W. Wilson President** and **CEO Harold Regan**. **Mr. Regazzi** will focus on a broad range of initiatives, including new products, product enhancements, business development, and marketing. From 1981 to 1988, **Mr. Regazzi** was **H.W. Wilson's Vice-President of Computer Services**, overseeing the company's conversion from print to electronic publishing. He currently serves (and will continue on) as a full professor in the **College of Information and Computer Science** at the **C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University**. In 1988, **Mr. Regazzi** was

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