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**Call For Papers, Ideas, Conference Themes, Panels, Debates, Diatribes, Speakers, Poster Sessions, Preconferences, etc. ...**

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 — Preconferences and Vendor Showcase  
Thursday-Saturday, November 6-8, 2008 — 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...

The Conference Directors for the **2008 Charleston Conference** include — **Beth Bernhardt**, Principal Director (UNC-Greensboro) <beth\_bernhardt@uncg.edu>, **Glenda Alvin** <galvin@Tnstate.edu>, **Cris Ferguson** (Furman University) <cris.ferguson@furman.edu>, **David Goodman** <dgoodman@princeton.edu>, **Chuck Hamaker** <cahamake@email.unc.edu>, **Heidi Hoerman** <hoerman@sc.edu>, **Ramune Kubilius** (Northwestern Health Sciences Library) <r-kubilius@northwestern.edu>, **Heather Miller** (SUNY-Albany) <hmiller@uamail.albany.edu>, **Jack Montgomery** (Western Kentucky University) <jack.montgomery@wku.edu>, **Audrey Powers** (UFS Tampa Library) <apowers@lib.usf.edu>, **John Perry Smith** (Total Information Inc.) <jps@totalinformation.com>, **Anthony Watkinson** (Consultant) <anthony.watkinson@btopenworld.com>, **Katina Strauch** (College of Charleston) <kstrauch@comcast.net> or [www.katina.info/conference](http://www.katina.info/conference).

Send ideas by **July 31, 2008**, to any of the Conference Directors listed above.

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### Rumors

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served as a member of the Board of Directors from October 2004 until August 10, 2007, the effective date of HCC's recent recapitalization, and has served as HCC's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since January 1998. From 1995 to 1998, **Mr. Crecca** served as Executive Vice President—Finance of the **Marvel Comics Group**, an operating division of **Marvel Entertainment Group, Inc** from 1995 to 1997. From 1985 to 1995, Mr. Crecca served as Chief Financial Officer of **Dun & Bradstreet International**, a division of the **Dun & Bradstreet Corporation**. Prior to 1985, **Mr. Crecca** was an audit manager with **Ernst & Young LLP**. **Peter J. Quandt**, former Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, has resigned from all officer and director positions with HCC. **Mr. Quandt** has been Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of HCC since its founding. Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, HCC is an educational and library publisher dedicated to creating books, audio products, periodicals, software, and online services, for K-12 supplemental education, public library, and school publishing, audio books, and medical continuing education publishing.  
[www.haighscross.com](http://www.haighscross.com).

Just heard that **Martha Whittaker** (of **CARL**, **Blackwell Book Services**, and **SerialsSolutions**) is taking the summer off. Why? Well, her son is getting married soon and she wanted to be around for the big event in Colorado! Sounds like a plan. Best wishes to the happy couple, **Martha!**

We were so sorry to learn of the death of **Peter Banks** in July. I remember **Peter** at the conference several years ago giving an impassioned talk regarding open access. Be sure and read **Greg Tananbaum's** tribute to **Peter**, this issue, p. 8.

**Symyx Technologies, Inc.** (Nasdaq: SMMX) has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire certain content and software products of **MDL Information Systems** for \$123 million in cash (subject to a working capital adjustment) from **Elsevier Inc.** **Symyx**, based in Santa Clara, CA, provides electronic lab notebook (ELN), automation and scientific decision-support software, automated lab systems (workflows) and collaborative research services. **MDL**, based in San Ramon, CA, provides technical R&D software solutions to more than 1,000 life sciences companies. **MDL's** integrated informatics and content solutions for discovery chemistry and biology include its **ISIS** and **Isestris** platforms, and such industry standards as **MDL Draw**, **MDL Direct**, **Available Chemicals Directory (ACD)** and **DiscoveryGate**. With this solution set, **Symyx** will be able to accelerate its customers' move toward paperless labs by integrating content, collaborative desktops, automation and information management for users, workgroups and the enterprise. The transaction is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2007 and is subject to customary closing conditions and documentation, including clearance under applicable antitrust laws. **Thomas Weisel Partners LLC** acted as exclusive financial advisor to **Symyx** and provided a fairness opinion to the **Symyx Board of Directors**.

[www.library.yale.edu/~llicense/ListArchives/0708/msg00047.html](http://www.library.yale.edu/~llicense/ListArchives/0708/msg00047.html)

All of us think frequently of **JOHN SECOR**. What is he doing? What happened to him? Well, I have a semi-clue. I heard from his son, **Glen** <gsecor@lawandinfo.com> who wants to catch up with the industry. **Glen** says he is a voice from the past and is hoping to re-engage, probably in some consulting capacity. He wants back issues of **ATG**. Well, guess what? I have them. Send me your orders! <kstrauch@comcast.net/>

Speaking of old friends, I picked up my cell phone the other day and who should be on the line but **PHIL MAY!** Remember the amazing **Phil** from **Mumford Library Services** in Jacksonville, Florida? Anyway, **Phil** was coming to Charleston to see us at the **Addlestone Library**, of course, but also to donate a letter **John Bennett** (1865-1956) had written to the wife of **Lancelot Harris** (a professor of Languages at the **College of Charleston** many years ago) and a relative of **Phil's**. How exciting to see **Phil** who is doing very well!

More old friend news! Heard from **Alix Vance** <avance@cqpress.com> who has resigned her position at **EBL** to become the new **Director of Library Reference Publishing** and **CQ Researcher Division** at **CQ**. **Alix** says she will be at the **Charleston Conference**. An announcement from **EBL** regarding her replacement is forthcoming. For any **EBL** inquiries, contact **Kari Paulson** <kari.paulson@eblib.com> or **Alison Morin**, <alison.morin@eblib.com>. Congratulations, **Alix**, and see you soon!  
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There was a fantastically thorough write up of the **Ninth Fiesole Collection Development Retreat** in Hong Kong April 13-14, 2007 in

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