Against the Grain

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BORN AND LIVED: Place of Birth: Iran; Living in the U.S. since 1974.
EARLY LIFE:  Lived in Florida during the 1970s through the early 1980s.  Received a BBA and MS from the University of Miami, MBA from Florida Institute of Technology; and a Doctorate in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES:  On the Faculty of the Business School at Penn State Harrisburg from 1982-2000 as an Associate Professor of Information Systems.  Founded IGI Global, an international academic reference publisher in 1988.  IGI Global provides comprehensive research publications (books, journals, encyclopedias, cases, proceedings, and databases) on information technology applied to education, social science, library science, healthcare, business management, public administration, and computer science.  Offering premier, peer-reviewed publications to international researchers, librarians, and academics, IGI Global actively publishes under five imprints — Information Science Reference, Business Science Reference, Medical Information Science Reference, Engineering Science Reference, and IGI Publishing.

IN MY SPARE TIME: I like to run, swim, read, listen to music, scuba dive, and fly.

FAVORITE BOOKS:  Limits to Growth by Donella H. Meadows; The Sands of Time by Sidney Sheldon; and The World is Flat by Thomas L Friedman.

PETS: I love my two beautiful girls (cats), Basha and Anar.

PHILOSOPHY: My formula for success is (Success = Intelligence + Hard Work + Determination + Commitment).


GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW:  To obtain my Professional Pilot License.

HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS:  Although one might assume that technological innovations will completely change knowledge dissemination, in my opinion, the pace of this change will be slower than the pace of forthcoming technological changes.  However, we will notice a much stronger move toward the utilization of mobile systems for accessing knowledge by knowledge seekers, as well as much greater utilization of specialized aggregated databases in academic libraries worldwide.

Rumors

Rebecca even has a full time job at the U. of Alabama School of Law as communications manager. She sent me two pictures of her children, Ella and Connor. Watch for them in a future issue of ATG!

One person I wish I could get to Charleston some day is Lynne Riener. Apparently there is some upcoming event that has the nerve to conflict with the